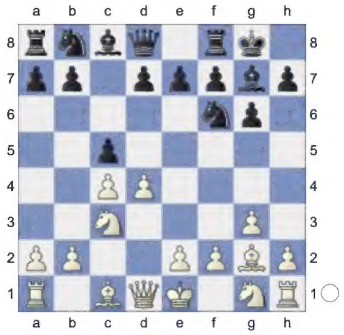
King's Indian Trends 225 Annotated Games 2025

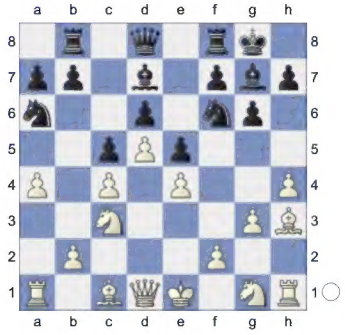
Chess Notes 2025

1 **E60**
□ **Stockfish Dev** **3673**
■ **LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2**
TCEC 25 Superfinal 2023 (84.1) 12.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

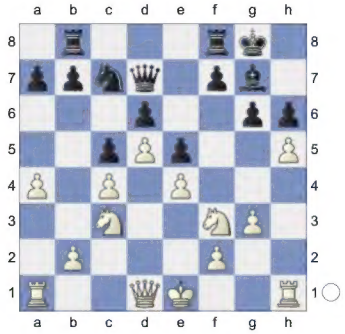
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 c5



6.d5N
[6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4
A) 7...Nc6 8.0-0 *(8.Nc2 Ng4 9.Bd2 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.h3 Nge5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.b3 d5 14.Nxb5 Ba6 15.a4 Bxb5 16.axb5 Rxa1 17.Nxa1 Na7 18.Bb4 d4 19.f4 Nd7 20.Qd3 Qb6 21.Rc1 Nxb5 22.Rc6 Qb8* Donner,J-Fischer,R Bled 1961 Tournaments [ChessBase] ½-½ (38) *)* 8...Ng4 9.e3 d6 *(9...Nge5 10.b3 d6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Nde2 Nb4 13.e4 f5 14.f4 Qb6+ 15.Kh2 Ned3 16.a3 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Nc6 18.e5 Be6 19.exd6* ½-½ (19) Berndt,K (2609)-Chapter Part (2544) USSR 46/179 2020 Excelling at Tech Chess [Von Gottschall]*)* 10.b3 Nxd4 11.exd4 Nh6 12.Bb2 Nf5 13.d5 Bd7 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Ne4 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 b5 19.Bf1 bxc4 20.bxc4 Rc7 21.f3 Ne3 22.Be2 Chitrit,N (2663)-Hamoushi,M (2583) Amsterdam 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [CCYB 11\229] (67);
B) 7...Qc7 8.Ncb5 Qd8 9.0-0 a6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.h3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 d6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Be3 Be6 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Qa7 Qd7 17.Qxb7 Bxc4 18.b3 Be6 19.Qxa6 Bxh3 20.Na4 Bxg2 Kalantarian,N-Wicklund Hansen,R 2BL 1940 CR97-94 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (42)]
6...e5 7.e4 d6 8.h4 Na6 White is slightly better. **9.Bh3 Rb8 10.a4 Bd7**



11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.h5 Bg7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Nf3 Nc7



16.Nh4 Kh7 17.Ng2 Ne8 18.Qf3 Bf6 19.Kd1 Be7 20.Kc2 Ng7

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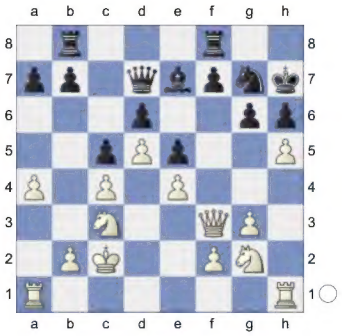
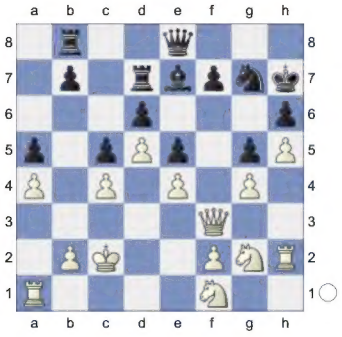
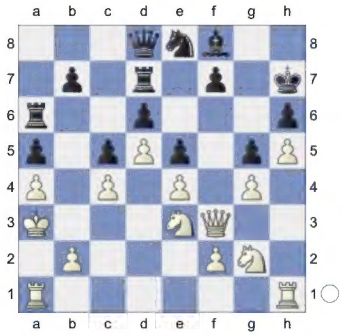


21.Rh2 g5 22.g4! Against f5 **22...a5** 1.68/22
[22...a6± 1.17/20]
23.Nd1 0.68/21
[23.Nb5+- 1.68/22]
23...Rfd8 1.68/23
[23...Ra8!± 0.68/21 24.Nc3 Kg8]
24.Nde3
[24.Qxf7? Rf8 25.Qg6+ Kg8∓]
24...Qe8 25.Nf1 Rd7

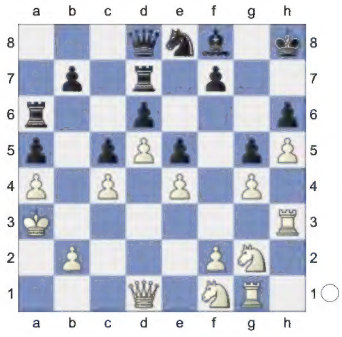


26.Kb3 Qd8 27.Ka3
[27.Qxf7? Qb6+ 28.Kc2 Rf8 29.Qg6+ Kg8∓]
27...Ra8 28.Rh3
[28.Qxf7 Qb6 29.Nge3 *(29.Ka2? Rf8-+)* 29...Rf8 30.Qg6+ Kg8 31.Qxh6 *(31.Ka2? Rf6∓)* 31...Rf6 32.Qxg5 Qb4+ 33.Ka2 Rf3=]
28...Bf8 29.Rh1 Ra6 30.Nfe3 Ne8

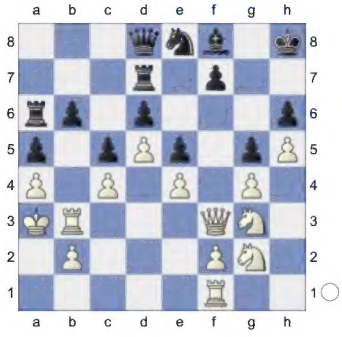
(Diagram)



31.Raf1 Qf6 32.Qd1 Qd8 33.Rfg1 Kh8 34.Nf1 Ra7 35.Rh3 Ra6

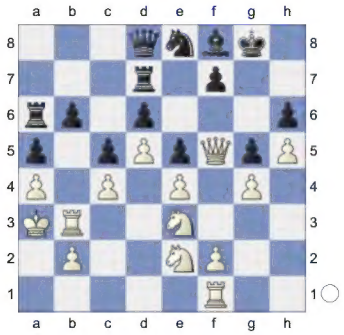


36.Rb3 b6 1.75/20
[36...Rb6± 1.44/20 37.Nge3 Kh7 38.Rxb6 Qxb6]
37.Qe2 Be7 38.Ng3 Bf8 39.Rf1 Ng7 40.Qf3 1.01/20
[40.Rh1+- 1.81/22]
40...Ne8 1.82/20
[40...Ra8± 1.01/20 41.Ka2 Ne8]

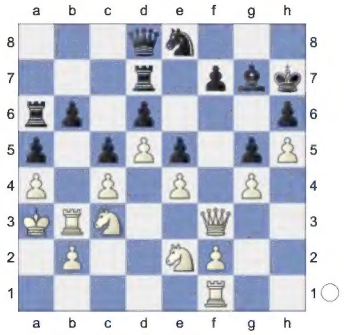


41.Qc3 Ng7 1.82/21
[41...Nf6± 1.49/18]
42.Ne2+- Be7 43.Qf3 Bf8 44.Ne3 Ne8 45.Qf5? 0.01/23
[45.Rh1+- 1.83/20]

45...Kg8? 1.81/21
[45...Ng7!= 0.01/23 46.Qf3 Kg8]



46.Rb1 Kh8 47.Rf1? -0.01/32
[47.Rh1+- 1.76/21]
47...Kg7? 1.80/21
[47...Kg8= -0.01/32]
48.Qf3? 0.01/19
[48.Rh1+- 1.80/21]
48...Kh8!= 49.Nd1 Kh7 50.Ndc3 Bg7



51.Ng3 Bf8 52.Nb1 Ra8 53.Qf5+ 1.35/22
[53.Rh1+- 1.73/20]
53...Kg8 1.72/22
[53...Kg7± 1.35/22 54.Nc3 Rb7]
54.Qf3? 0.01/19
[54.Rh1+- 1.72/22]
54...Kh7! 55.Qf5+ -0.01/20
[55.Ka2+- 1.71/21]
55...Kh8? 1.72/21
[55...Kg8= -0.01/20 and Black stays safe.]

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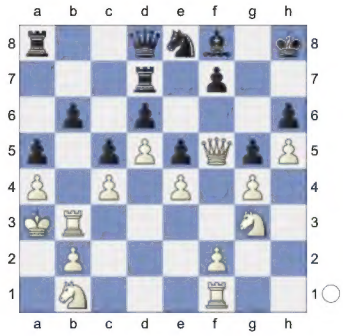
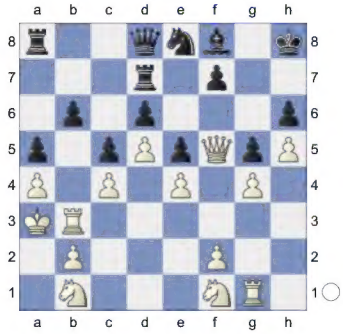
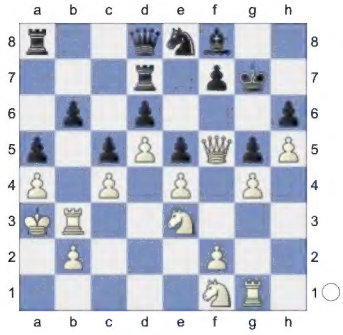


56.Rh1 Kg7 57.Nf1 Ra6 58.Qf3 Kh7 59.Rg1 Ra8 60.Qf5+ Kh8 1.84/20
[60...Kg7± 1.07/20 61.Ne3 Nf6]

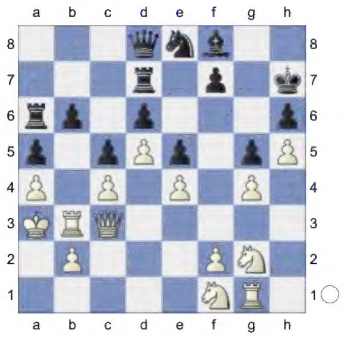


61.Nc3 Kg7 62.Nb5 1.02/20
[62.Nd1+- 1.82/21]
62...Kh8 1.78/21
[62...Nc7± 1.02/20 63.Nxc7 Qxc7]
63.Nc3? -0.01/21
[63.Rbg3+- 1.78/21]
63...Kg7! 64.Nd1 Raa7 65.Nde3 Ra8

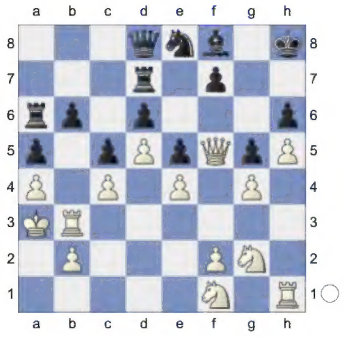


66.Ng3 Rda7 67.Ng2 Rd7 68.Nf1 Kh8 69.Qf3 1.27/19
[69.Rh3+- 1.76/21]
69...Ra6 1.75/20
[69...f6± 1.27/19 70.Nge3 Rb8]

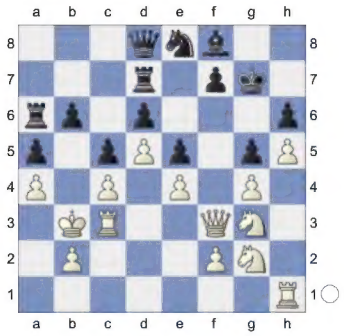
70.Qc3 1.36/17
[70.Qh3+- 1.75/20]
70...Kh7 1.77/21
[70...Nf6± 1.36/17]



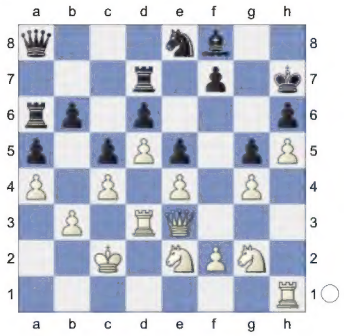
71.Rh1 Qc7 72.Qf3 Qd8 73.Qf5+ Kh8 0.95/22
[73...Kg8+- 1.78/22 74.Nge3 Rb7]
74.Ne1 1.57/20
[⌓74.Ng3 0.95/22]
74...Kg7 75.Ng2? -0.01/19
[75.Nc2+- 1.73/22]
75...Kh8!



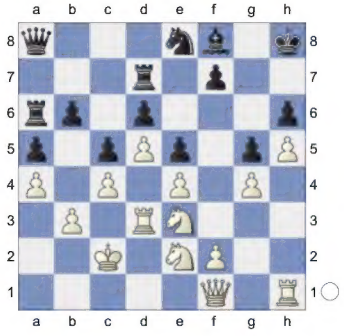
76.Ng3 Kg7 77.Qf3 Kh7 78.Ka2 Rb7 79.Rc3 Rd7 80.Kb3 Kg7



81.Kc2 Qc8 82.Rd3 Kh8 83.b3 Qa8 84.Qe3 Kg8 85.Ne2 Kh7



86.Qc1 Kg7 1.84/20
[86...Nf6± 1.53/20 was worth a try.]
87.Ne3 0.84/17
[87.Nc3+- 1.84/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
87...Kh7 1.85/20
[87...Qb8± 0.84/17 might work better. 88.Nc3 Nc7]
88.Kd1 Kg7 89.Kc2? -0.01/19
[89.Nc3+- 1.83/19]
89...Kh7! 90.Qf1 Kh8



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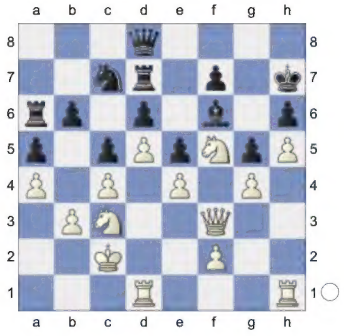


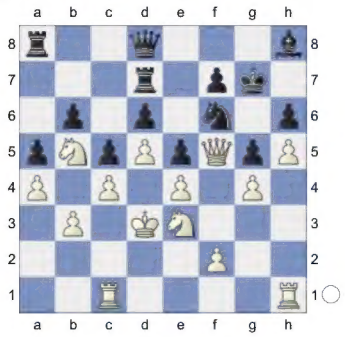
96.Rc1 Ra8 97.Ne3 0.72/18
[97.Rh3+- 1.84/20 has better winning

chances.]

97...Bh8 1.85/20

[97...Qe7± 0.72/18 was called for. 98.Nf5 Qd8]

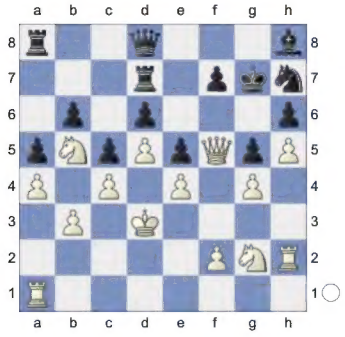
98.Kd3 Kg7 99.Nb5 Ne8 100.Qf5 Nf6



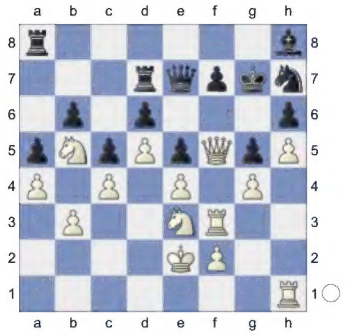
101.Ra1 Ng8 102.Qf3 Nf6 103.Rh2 Kh7 104.Qf5+ 1.21/20

[104.Rh3+- 1.82/24]

104...Kg7± 105.Ng2 Nh7



106.Rh3 Ra6 107.Rf3 Qe7 108.Rh1 Ra8 109.Ke2 Qe8 110.Ne3 Qe7



111.Ra1 Qe8 112.Nf1 Qe7 1.33/22

[112...Kg8+- 1.82/25 113.Rd3 Bg7]

113.Na3 1.84/21

[113.Rg3± 1.33/22]

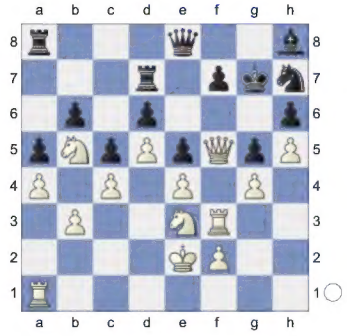
113...Qd8 114.Nb5? 0.01/19

[114.Rg3+- 1.78/23]

114...Qe7!= 115.Ne3? 0.01/22

[115.Nc3+- 1.82/24]

115...Qe8!



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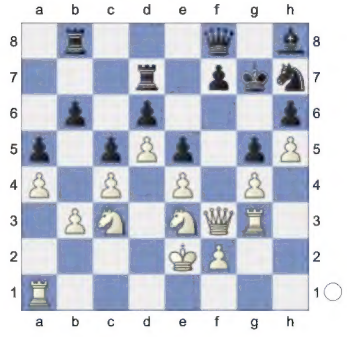


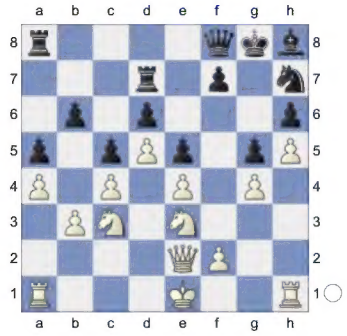
121.Kd2 Kg8 122.Qe2 Re8 123.Rgg1 Ra8 124.Rh1? -0.01/21

[124.Kc2+- 1.76/21]

124...Ra6? 1.60/20

[124...f6= -0.01/21 125.Nf5 Bg7]

125.Ke1 Ra8



126.Kf1 Kg7 127.Nf5+ Kg8 128.f3 Rb7 129.Nb5 Rd7 130.Qd1 Rad8

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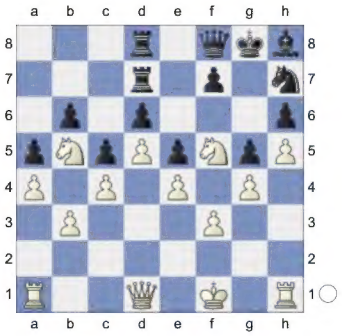
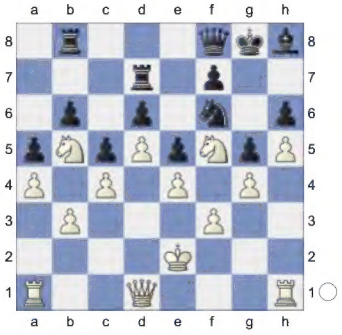
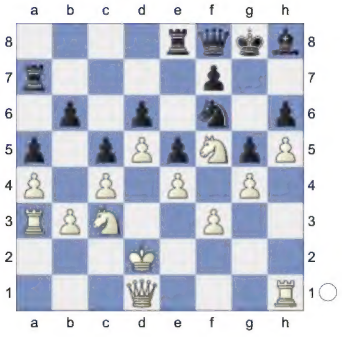


131.Ke2 Nf6 132.Nc3 0.31/18
[132.Kd2± 1.57/21]
132...Re8 1.53/22
[132...Kh7!± 0.31/18]
133.Kd3 Ra8 134.Nb5 Rad8 135.Ke2 Rb8



136.Kf2 Rbd8 137.Nc3 Re8 138.Ra3 Rc7 139.Ke3 Rd7 140.Kd2
Active counter play! **140...Ra7**



141.Nb5 Rd7 142.Ke2 Ra8 143.Ne3 Rad8 144.Kd2 Re8 145.Nf5 Ra8

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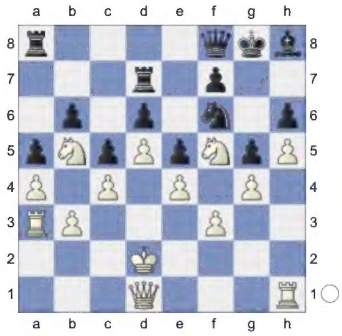
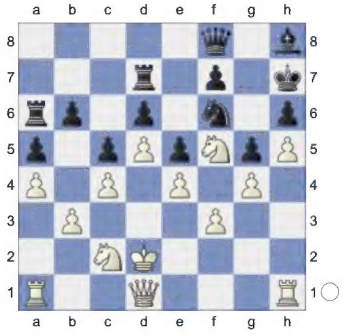
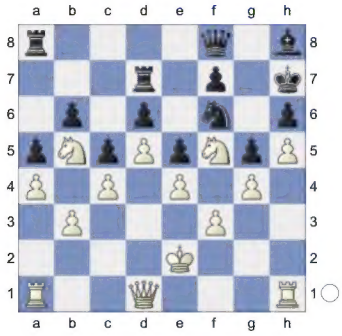


146.Ra1 1.23/19
[⌓146.Qe2 1.57/23]
146...Rb8 1.55/23
[⌓146...Nh7 1.23/19 147.Kc3 Nf6]
147.Na3 Re8 148.Ke2 Ra8 149.Nc2 Ra6 150.Kd2 Kh7

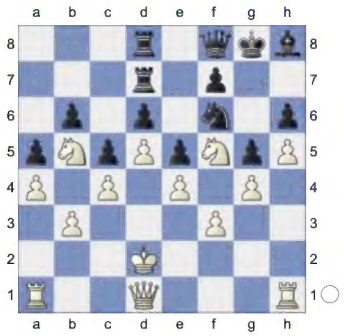


151.Kc1 Qa8 152.Na3 Qf8 153.Nb5 Ra8 154.Kd2 Kg8 155.Ke2? 0.01/34
[155.Qf1+- 1.65/20]
155...Kh7? 1.57/21
[155...Rad8= 0.01/34]

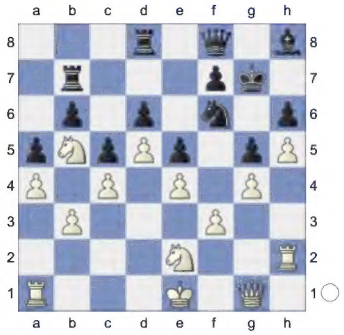


156.Kf1 Kg8 157.Nc3? 0.00/20
[Better is 157.Na3± 1.58/23]
157...Rc7? 1.57/22
[157...Ra6!= 0.00/20]

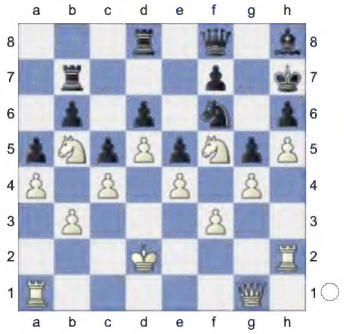
158.Ke2 Rd7 159.Kd2 Re8 160.Nb5? -0.01/37
[160.Rh3± 1.60/20]
160...Red8? 1.65/20
[160...Ra8= -0.01/37 and Black has nothing to worry.]



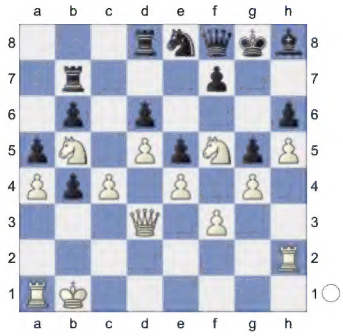
161.Qg1 Rb7 162.Ke1 Kh7 163.Rh2 Kg8 164.Ng3 Pair of Knights! **164...Kh7 165.Ne2 Kg7**



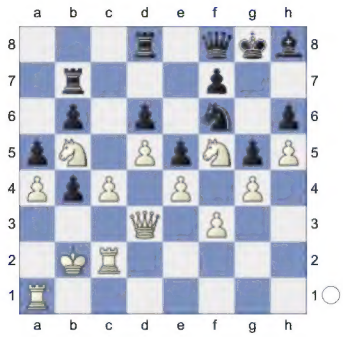
166.Kd2 Ng8 167.Nbc3 Ne7 168.Ng3 Ng8 169.Nf5+ Kh7 170.Nb5 0.79/19
[⌓170.Qg2 1.18/19]
170...Nf6



171.Kc2 Ne8 172.Qe3 aiming for Rah1. **172...Kg8** 0.64/17
[172...Bf6= 0.19/20 deserves consideration.]
173.Kb1 0.01/22
[173.Rg1!± 0.64/17]
173...Nf6 174.Qd3 Rh1 is the strong threat. **174...Ne8 175.b4** -0.33/22
[175.Kc2= 0.01/19 might be stronger.]
175...cxb4∓

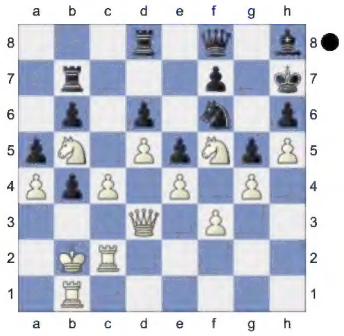


176.Rc2 Nf6 177.Qd1 Rbd7 178.Kb2 -1.35/20
[178.Kc1= -0.06/18]
178...Rb7 -0.01/18
[178...Ne8!∓ -1.35/20]
179.Qe2? -1.55/16
[179.Kb1= -0.01/18]
179...Bg7 -0.20/20
[179...Nh7∓ -1.55/16]
180.Qd3 Bh8 -0.01/19
[180...Nd7∓ -0.36/21]

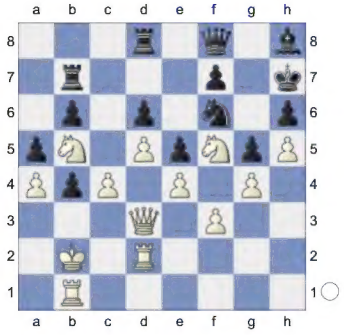


181.Re1 -0.88/16
[181.Qe2= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]
181...Bg7 -0.01/18

[181...Ne8∓ -0.88/16]
182.Rd2 -0.52/19
[White should try 182.Ra1= -0.01/18]
182...Bh8 0.01/19
[Black should play 182...Nd7∓ -0.52/19]
183.Rc2= Kh7 184.Rb1 -0.88/20
[184.Qe3= -0.30/19]

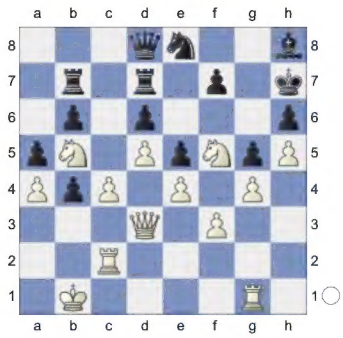


184...Ne8 -0.28/18
[184...Nd7!∓ -0.88/20 185.Re2 *(185.Nfxd6? Nc5-+)* 185...Nc5]
185.Rd2 Nf6 -0.01/18
[185...Rc8!∓ -0.49/19]

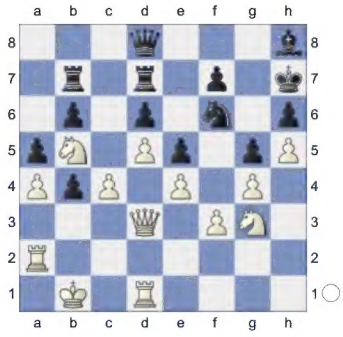


186.Rc2 Rdd7? -0.16/19
[186...Nd7-+ -3.10/16 187.Re2 *(187.Nfxd6? Nc5-+)* 187...Nc5]
187.Ne3 Qd8 188.Rg1 Kg7 -0.01/21
[188...Qb8∓ -0.32/20]
189.Nf5+ Kh7 190.Kb1 Ne8

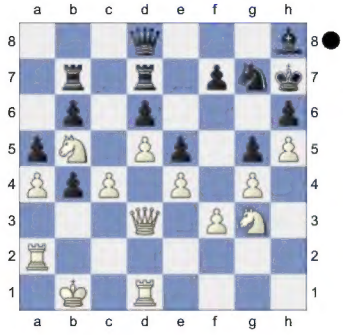
(Diagram)



191.Rd1 Rb8 192.Qe3 Rbb7 193.Ra2 Nf6 194.Qd3 Ne8 195.Ng3 Nf6

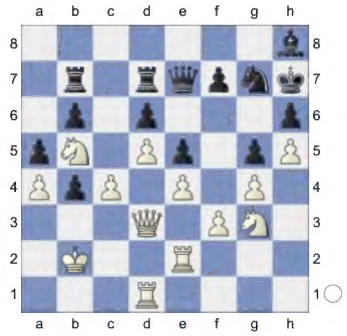


196.Re2 Ne8 197.Rc2 Ng7 198.Ra2 -1.36/16
[198.Rh1= -0.07/21]

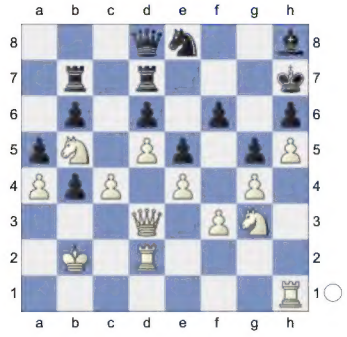


198...Qf8 -0.05/22
[198...Rb8!∓ -1.36/16]
199.Re2 Qe8 200.Kb2 Qe7

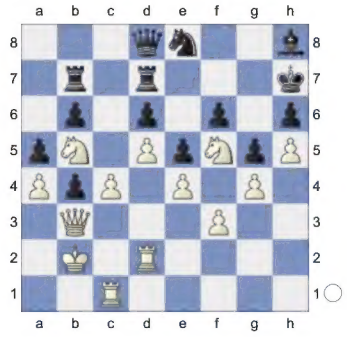
(Diagram)



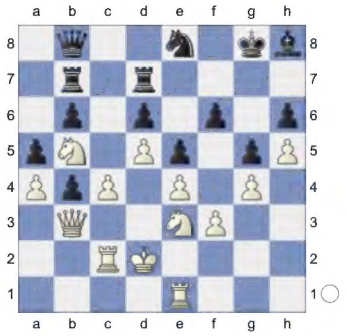
201.Rf1 Qd8 202.Rd2 -0.81/19
[202.Kb3= -0.08/22]
202...Kg8 -0.25/17
[202...Qg8∓ -0.81/19]
203.Kc1 Kh7 204.Rh1 -0.34/21
[204.Kb2= 0.01/20 is superior.]
204...f6 -0.01/20
[204...Qf6∓ -0.34/21]
205.Kb2 Ne8



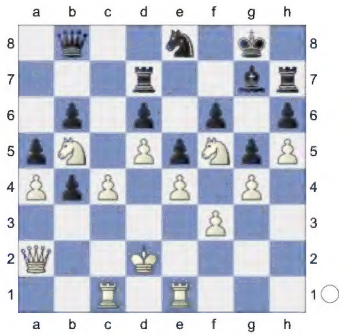
206.Rc1 0.01/21
[206.Nf5∓ -0.62/18]
206...Re7 207.Nf5 Rf7 208.Qb3 Rfd7 209.Kb1 Bg7 210.Kb2 Bh8



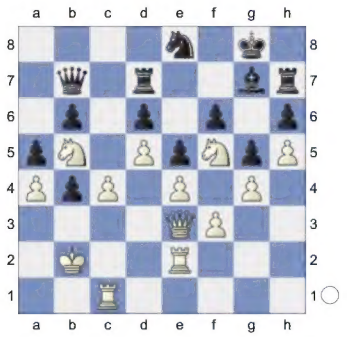
211.Rdc2 Qb8 212.Ne3 Kg7 213.Re1 Kg8 214.Kc1 Kf7 215.Kd2 Kg8
(Diagram)



216.Ke2 Kf7 217.Rcc1 Kg8 0.01/17
[⌓217...Qd8 -0.30/20]
218.Qa2 Rh7 219.Nf5 Bg7 220.Kd2 Rd7



221.Kc2 -1.24/16
[221.Ke2= -0.23/19 remains equal.]
221...Bh8 0.01/19
[221...Kf7∓ -1.24/16]
222.Kb2 The position is equal.
222...Qc8 223.Qb3 Bg7 224.Qe3 Qa6 225.Re2 Qb7



226.Qb3 Qc8 227.Rf2 Qd8 228.Qe3 Bh8 229.Qd2 Kf8 230.Ra1 Kg8

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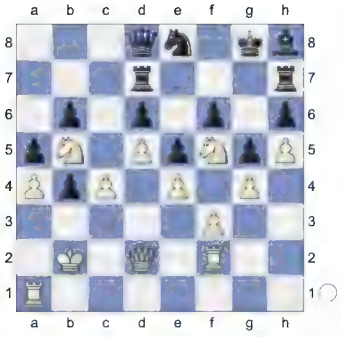


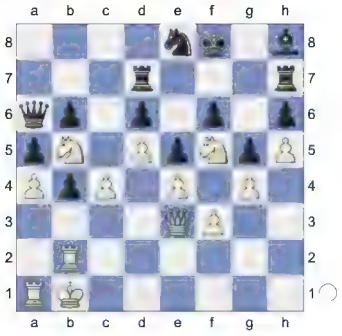
231.Rff1 Qb8 232.Kb1 Qc8 233.Rf2 Kf8

[233...Qxc4? 234.Kb2 Qc8 235.Rc1+-]

234.Qe3 Qb7

[234...Qxc4? 235.Rc2 Qf1+ 236.Kb2+-]

235.Rb2 Qa6

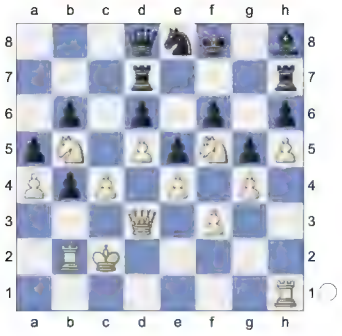


236.Qe2 Qa8 237.Kc2 Qd8 238.Rh1 Qc8 239.Qe3 The board is on fire.

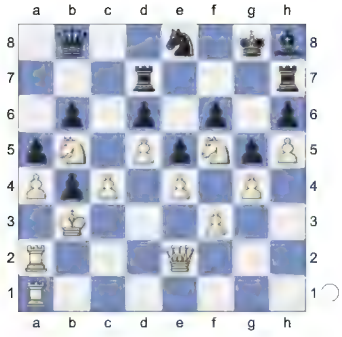
239...Qb8

[239...Qxc4+? 240.Kd2 Qc5 241.Rc1 Qxe3+ 242.Kxe3+-]

240.Qd3 Qd8



241.Kb3 Bg7 242.Ra1 Qc8 243.Qe3 Qb8 244.Rba2 Bh8 245.Qe2 Kg8



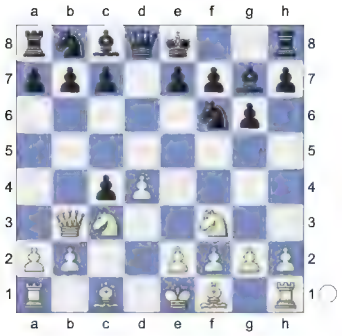
246.Kc2 Kf8 247.Rb2 Qd8 248.Qd3 Kg8 249.Rbb1 Bg7

Game shortened because chessbase doesn't like games over 250 moves. 300 moves of this nonsense were played. White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

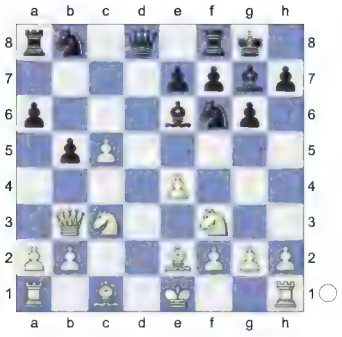
2 **D97**
□ **tomlesspit** **3165**
■ **RaspFish** **3119**
Rapid 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 6min+5sec
D97: Grünfeld: Russian System: 7 e4, replies other than 7...Bg4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4

(Diagram)



6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.Qb3 b5 9.Be2 c5 10.dxc5 Be6



11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Rd1 b4 0.16/19

[13...Qa5! -0.18/20 should be considered.]

14.Nd5= Bxd5 15.exd5 Strongly threatening c6. **15...Nxc5**

16.0-0

[16.Bxc5 Qa5∓]

16...a5 17.Rfe1

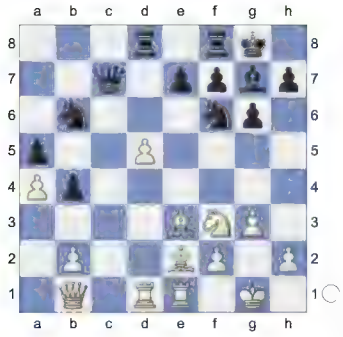
[Of course not 17.Bxc5 Nd7=]

[17.Bc4 Qd6 *(17...Nce4 18.Qe2 Nd6 19.Ba6 Ra8 20.Ne5 Qe8 21.Rfe1 Nfe4 22.Nc6 Qd7 23.f3 Nf6 24.Bb5 Nxb5 25.Qxb5 Rfe8 26.Bd4 h5 27.b3 h4 28.h3 Rac8 29.Qxa5 Qxd5 30.Qxd5 Nxd5 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Na7* Molenda,M (2406)-Melaa,S (2231) Stavanger 2023 0-1 (51)) 18.Bd4 Ncd7 19.Qe2 Ng4 20.Rfe1 Rfe8 21.Ba6 Ra8 22.Bb5 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Ngf6 24.h3 Rab8 25.Ba4 Red8 26.Qxe7 Nb6 27.Bd1 Rbc8 28.Qa7 Ra8 29.Qb7 Rdc8 30.Qe7 Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Nfxd5 Gelfand,B (2733)-Mamedyarov,S (2772) Kazan 2011 CBM 143 [Krasenkow,Michal] ½-½ (59)]

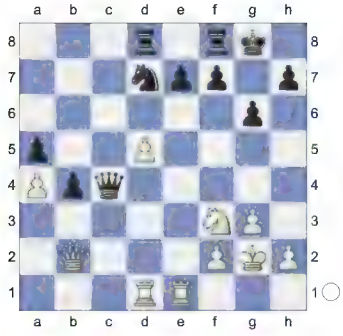
17...Ncd7 Pair of Knights! **18.Qb1 Qc7N**

[18...Nb6 19.Ba6 Ra8 20.Qd3 Qb8 21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.Bc4 Ra7 23.Ne5 Rc7 24.b3 Ne8 25.Nc6 Bf6 26.Qg3 Nd6 27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Bf1 Rfc8 29.Rd3 h5 30.h3 h4 31.Rf3 Nf5 32.Bd3 Nd4 33.Nxd4 Chapter-Games Game 6 (52)]

19.g3 Rcd8 20.a4 Nb6



21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.Bc4 Qc5 23.Qa2 Nd7 24.Kg2 Bxb2 25.Qxb2 Qxc4



26.Rxe7 Qc3 0.32/22

[26...Nb6= 0.01/20 deserves consideration. 27.Ne5 Qc5]

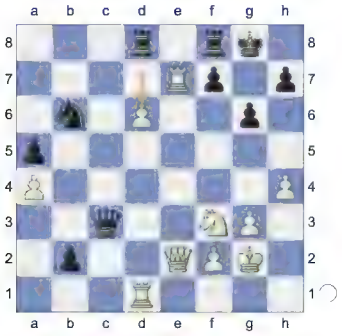
27.Qe2± b3 28.h4 -0.37/20

[28.Re3!± 0.52/21 Qb4 29.Qb2]

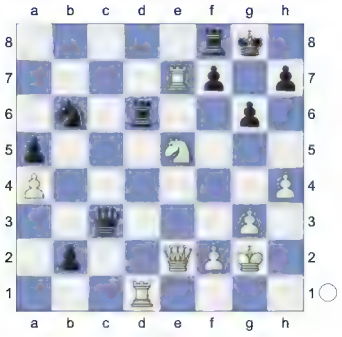
28...Nb6 -0.01/19

[28...Nc5∓ -0.37/20 29.Rc7 Rc8 30.Rxc8 Rxc8]

29.d6= The position is equal. **29...b2**



...Rxd6! is the strong threat. **30.Ne5! Rxd6**



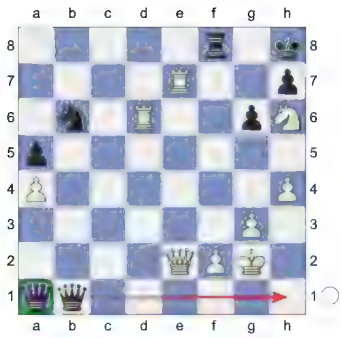
31.Rxd6 b1Q 32.Nxf7! aiming for Nh6+. Really sharp! **32...Qca1**

[32...Rxf7 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Rxf7+ Kh6 35.g4 *(35.Qe7 Qc6+ 36.Rf3 Qbe4∓; 35.Qe7 Qc6+ 36.Rf3 Qbe4∓)*]

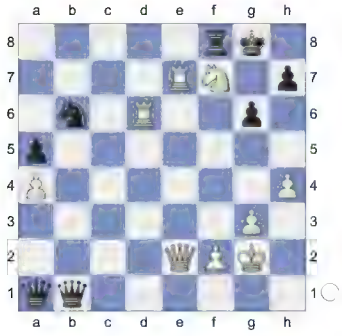
[32...Nxa4? 33.Nh6+ Kh8 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nxd8 Qxg3+ 37.fxg3+-]

33.Nh6+ Kh8 34.Nf7+ Kg8! 35.Nh6+ Kh8

(Diagram)



36.Nf7+ Kg8!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

3 **E71**

□ **tomlesspit** **3132**

■ **BotAlexMl** **2753**

Rapid 27.02.2025

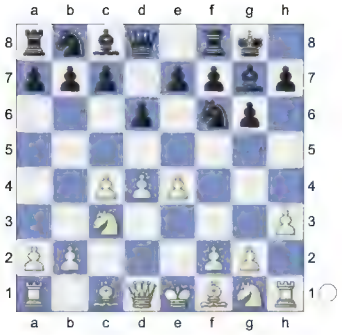
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 9min+1sec

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3

Inf 7/598 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0**

(Diagram)



6.Be3 c6 7.Nf3 a6 8.Bd3 e5N
[8...b5 9.0-0 Nbd7 *(9...bxc4 10.Bxc4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 d5 12.Bd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.Qa4 Bd5 16.Bg5 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Re8 18.Rae1 Ra7 19.b3 Bf8 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.d5 Ra6 22.Rc4 Qb5 23.Qxb5 cxb5 24.Rc7* Ionescu,C (2480)-Nanu,C (2420) Calimanesti 1999 CBM 070 [Hazai,Laszlo] ½-½ (51) *)* 10.Rc1 *(10.e5 Ne8 11.exd6 exd6 12.c5 Ndf6 13.Qd2 Be6 14.cxd6 Nxd6 15.Bh6 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.Qf4 Rcd8 20.Re5 Bc4 21.Bb1 Bd5 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.b3 Rc8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8* 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6... f5_42692 (2704)-Jones,B (2577) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] 1-0 (104) *)* 10...e5 11.d5 bxc4 12.Bxc4 c5 13.Nd2 Ne8 14.Qe2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 g5 17.Bh2 f4 18.g3 Ne5 19.gxf4 gxf4 20.Qh5 Nf6 21.Qg5 Bxh3 22.Rxf4 Nfg4 23.Qxd8 Book,E-Gufeld,E Tallinn 7/598 1969 Informant 007 [Gufeld,E] 0-1 (34)]
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Na4 Qa5+

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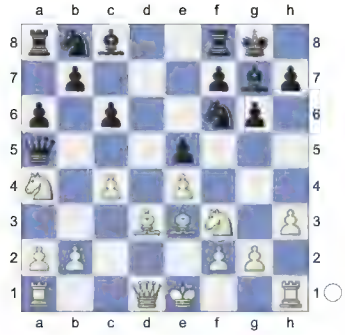
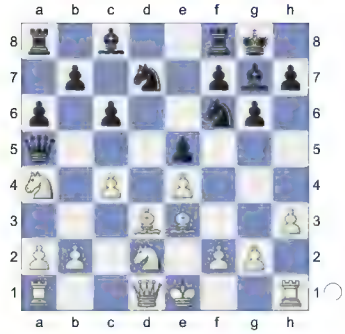
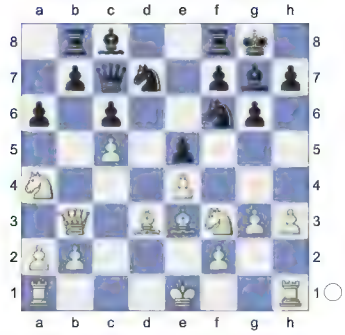


White is slightly better. **11.Nd2 Nbd7**
[11...Rd8? 12.Bb6! Qxa4 13.Qxa4+-]



Against Nb6 **12.c5! Nh5 13.g3** 0.53/18 Inhibits Nf4.
[13.0-0± 0.86/17]
13...Qc7 14.Nf3 Nhf6 15.Qb3 Inhibits Nd5. **15...Rb8**



16.0-0-0 Qd8 1.10/20
[Black should play 16...Re8 0.72/19]
17.Rd2± Qe7

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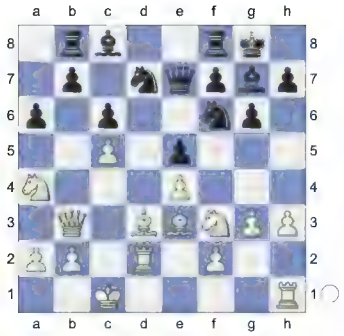
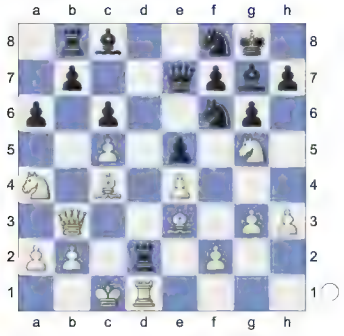


18.Rhd1! Rd8 19.Ng5 Black must now prevent Nxf7! Hoping for Nxf7! **19...Nf8 20.Bc4 Rxd2**



21.Rxd2
[21.Bxf7+ Kh8 22.Bxd2 *(22.Rxd2 h6∓)* 22...h6=]
21...Be6 22.Bxe6
[22.Nxe6 looks sharper. Nxe6 23.Bxe6 Nxe4 24.Bc4]
22...fxe6
[22...Nxe6 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Nc3±]
23.Qd3 0x0.001cd1732636dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
23...h6 24.Nf3 Nd5 25.Nb6
[25.exd5?! exd5 26.Nb6 Rd8±]
25...Nxe3

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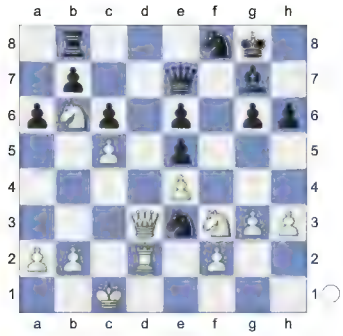
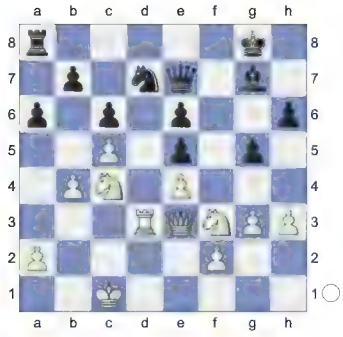
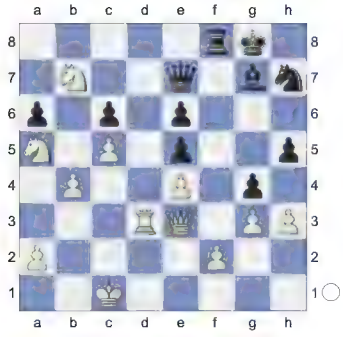


26.Qxe3 g5 27.Nc4 Nd7 28.b4 Ra8 29.Rd6 Qf7 30.Rd3 Qe7



31.Na5 Nf8 32.Nd2 Nh7 33.Ndc4 Rf8 34.Nd6 h5 2.97/21
[34...Rb8 2.00/20 was worth a try. was necessary. 35.Nac4 Nf8]
35.Ndxb7+-
[35.Naxb7?! g4+-]
35...g4



36.h4! Qc7 37.Nd6 Nf6 38.a3 Kh7 39.Kc2 Bh6 40.Qe2 Bg7

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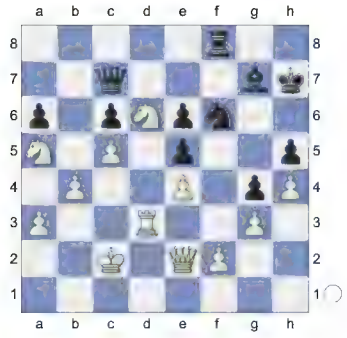


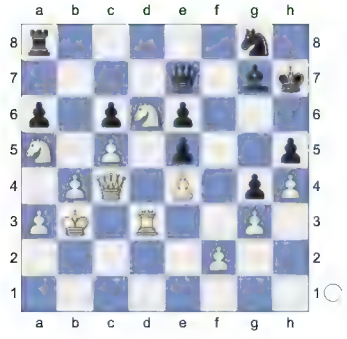
41.Kb3 Nd7 42.Ka4 Nf6 43.Qa2 Qe7 44.Qc4

[And not Inferior is 44.Nxc6 Qd7 45.Qc4 *(45.b5? axb5+ 46.Kb4 Qxc6-+)* 45...Qxc6+ 46.Kb3 Nd7∓]

44...Ra8 45.Kb3

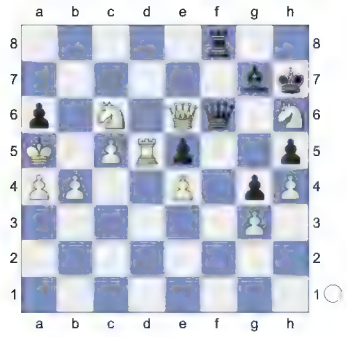
[Weaker is Less strong is 45.Nxc6 Qd7±]

45...Ng8

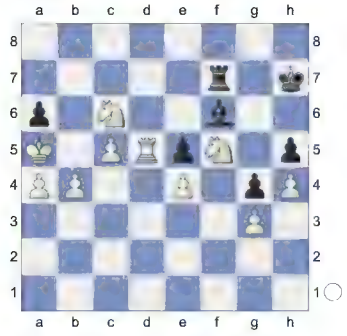


46.Nxc6 Pair of Knights! **46...Qf6 47.Ka4 Qxf2 48.Qxe6 Nh6 49.Ka5 Rf8 50.Ne7** Threatens to win with Qg6+. **50...Bf6**

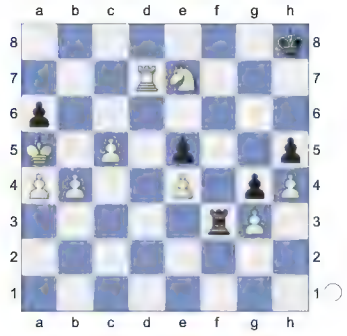
51.a4 Strongly threatening Ndf5. Threatens to win with Ndf5. **51...Qf1 52.Rd5 Ng8 53.Nc6** And now Nf5 would win. Strongly threatening Nf5. **53...Bg7 54.Nf5 Nh6 55.Nxh6 Qf6**



56.Qxf6 Bxf6 57.Nf5 Rf7

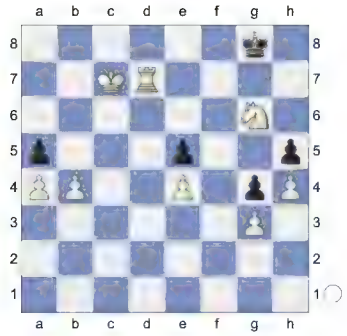


58.Nce7! Bxe7 KRB-KRN Endgame KRB-KRN **59.Rd7 Kh8 60.Nxe7** KRN-KR **60...Rf3**

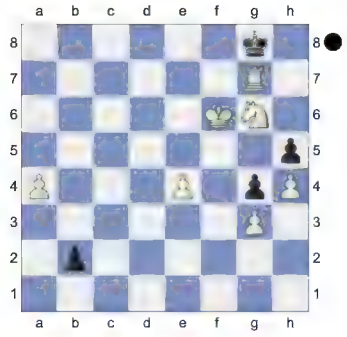


61.c6 Rf1 62.c7 Rc1 63.Kb6 Threatening mate with Nc6. **63...Rxc7 64.Ng6+ Kg8 65.Kxc7** Intending Kd6 and mate. Kd6 would kill now. **65...a5**

(Diagram)



66.Kd6 White mates. **66...axb4 67.Kxe5 b3 68.Kf6 b2 69.Rg7#**



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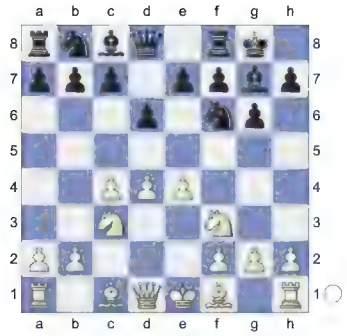
4 **E90**
□ **ttBOT** **3119**
■ **BotAlexGrandMaster** **2723**
Rapid 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.e4 0-0

(Diagram)

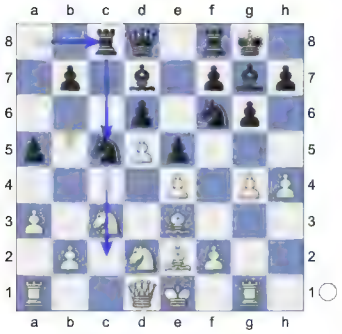


6.h3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Be3 Na6 9.g4 Nd7 10.a3 Nac5

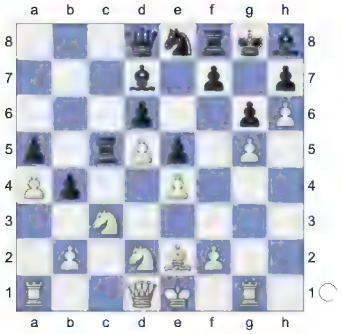
11.Rg1 c6 White has an edge. **12.Nd2 Nf6N**
[12...a4 13.Qc2 Nb6 *(13...Qa5 14.0-0-0 Nf6 15.Be2 cxd5 16.exd5 Bd7 17.g5 Bf5 18.Qxf5 Nfe4 19.Qxe4 Nxe4 20.Ndxe4 Rfd8 21.Nb5 Bf8 22.h4 Rac8 23.Kb1 Be7 24.h5 Kg7 25.Rdf1 Rd7 26.f4 Qa6 27.f5 gxf5 28.Rxf5* Lei,T-Assaubayeva,B Astana 2019 FS King's Indian Defence [Andrew Martin] 1-0 (34) *)* 14.0-0-0 *(14.g5 f5 15.f3 Bd7 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Kb1 cxd5 18.cxd5 Rac8 19.h4 Qd8 20.Be2 Qe8 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.h5 gxh5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Nde4 Nbd7 25.Ka2 Nb3 26.Rce1 Ndc5 27.Nb5 Rd7 28.Nbxd6 Rxd6* Chapter-Games Game 3 (40)*)* 14...Bd7 15.Kb1 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rc8 17.Bb5 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Qd7 19.Nc3 Bf6 20.g5 Bd8 21.h4 Na8 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Qxa4 Qc8 24.Rc1 Nb6 25.Qd1 Qh3 26.Qf3

Qd7 27.Qd3 Sebag,M (2519)-Zhu,C (2488) Nanjing 2009 CBM 132 Extra [ChessBase] 1-0 (41) Kg7 28.Rc2 f6 29.gxf6+ Rxf6 30.h5 Rxf2 31.hxg6 h6 32.Nd1 Rxc2 33.Nxf2 Rc8 34.Ng4 Bg5 35.Nf3 Nc4 36.Nxg5 hxg5 37.Ne3 Nxe3 38.Qxe3 Qa4 39.Qxg5 Qxe4+ 40.Ka1 Re8 41.Rc1 1-0 (41) Carlsen,M (2772)-Topalov,V (2813) Nanjing 2009 CBM 133 [Krasenkow]]

13.Be2 Bd7 14.h4 cxd5 15.cxd5 Rc8

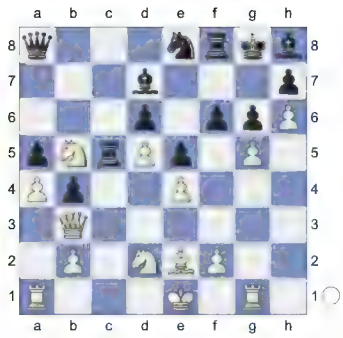


16.h5 b5 17.h6 Bh8 18.Bxc5 Rxc5
19.g5↑ White fights for an advantage.
19...Ne8! 20.a4!
[20.Nb3 Rc8=]
20...b4

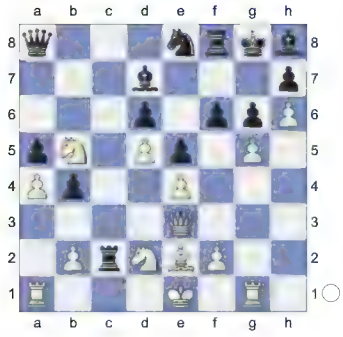


21.Nb5 Qa8 1.15/21
[21...f6± 0.51/21]
22.Qb3 0.57/19
[Better is 22.Rc1± 1.15/21]
22...f6 1.23/21
[Black should play 22...f5 0.77/22]

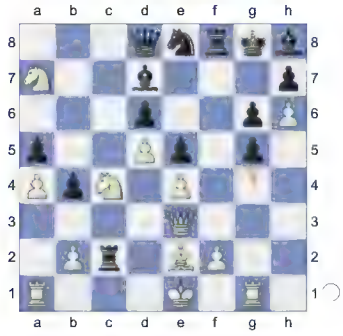
(Diagram)



23.Qe3!± And now Nxd6! would win.
23...Rc2



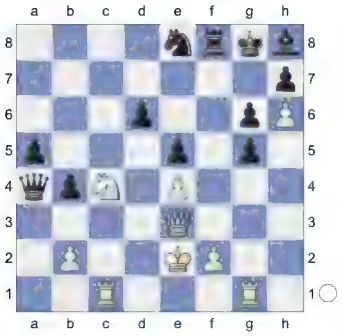
24.Nc4! Qd8 1.50/22
[⌓24...Rxc4 0.79/21 25.Bxc4 fxg5]
25.Na7!↑ White is really pushing. Pair of Knights! **25...fxg5**



26.Nc6! Qc7 27.Kd1
[27.N4xa5?! Rf4=]
[27.Ne7+?! Kf7 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.dxc6 Qxc6±]
27...Rxe2 28.Kxe2 0.81/20
Really sharp!
[28.Qxe2+- 1.66/22 and White stays clearly on top. Rf4 29.Rxg5 *(29.N4xa5 Nf6±)*]
28...Bxc6 29.dxc6 Qxc6 30.Rac1

Black must now prevent Rgd1. Active counter play! Threatens to win with Rgd1. Active counter play! **30...Qxa4** 1.88/21

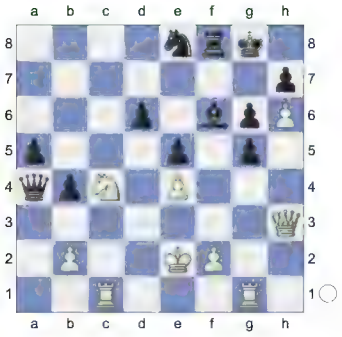
[30...Rf4± 0.81/19 keeps fighting. 31.f3 *(31.Rxg5? Rxe4 32.Qxe4 Qxe4+-+; 31.Nxa5 Qa6+ 32.Nc4 d5±)* 31...Qxa4]



31.Qh3!+- aiming for Rgd1. Strongly threatening Rgd1.

[Inferior is Worse is 31.Rxg5 Bf6=]

31...Bf6



32.Rgd1! Qb5 3.08/21

[32...g4 2.05/22 was necessary. 33.Qxg4 Qb5]

33.Ke1 Qb7 34.Qe6+ Qf7 35.Qxf7+ Kxf7

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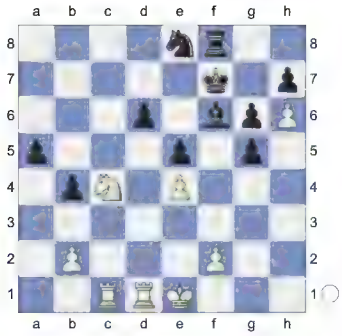
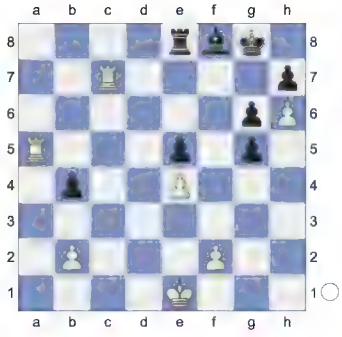


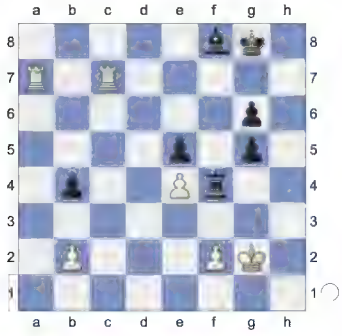
36.Nxd6+ Nxd6 3.53/21

[⌓36...Kg8 2.46/23 37.Nxe8 Rxe8]

37.Rxd6 Endgame KRR-KRB **37...Re8 38.Rc7+ Be7 39.Ra6 Kg8 40.Rxa5 Bf8**



41.Raa7 Bxh6 42.Rxh7 Bf8 43.Kf1 Re6 44.Rhc7 Rf6 45.Kg2 Rf4

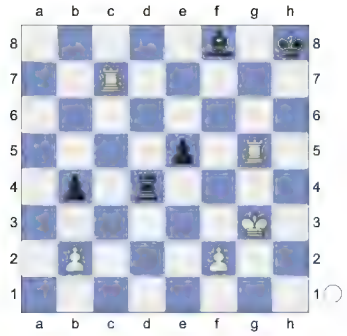


46.Ra6 Rg4+ 6.68/25

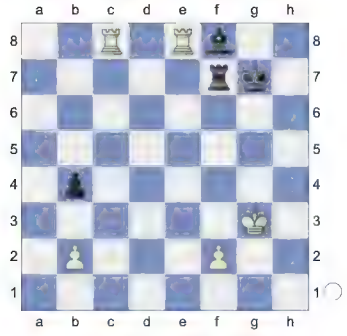
[⌓46...Rxe4 4.73/29 47.Rxg6+ Kh8 48.Rxg5 Bd6]

47.Kf3 Rf4+ 48.Kg3 Rxe4 49.Rxg6+ Kh8 50.Rxg5 Rd4

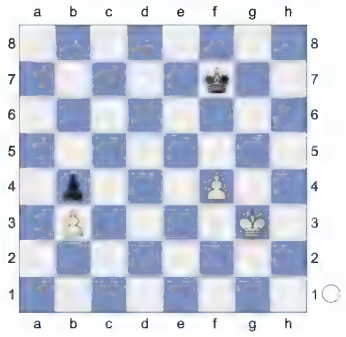
(Diagram)



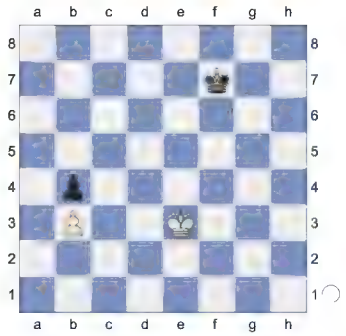
51.Rh5+ 4.53/25
[⌓51.Rc8 10.12/24 Rf4 52.Rxe5]
51...Kg8 52.Rg5+? -0.01/24
[52.Rh4+- 4.05/22]
[Weaker is 52.Rxe5 Bd6 53.Rce7 Rd2=]
[52.Rb7+- 3.60/22]
52...Kh8= Black cannot hold the game after this. This costs Black the game.
⌓53.Rc8 5.85/23 Against Rd8 **53...Rf4 54.Rxe5 Rf7 55.Ree8 Kg7**



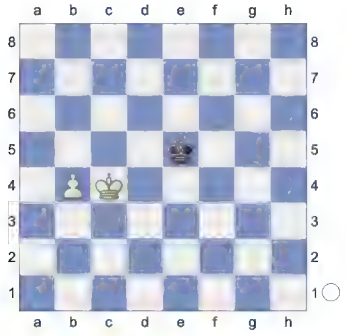
56.Rxf8! Rxf8
[56...Re7 57.Rb8]
[56...Rd7 57.Rfd8]
57.Rxf8 Kxf8+- KPP-KP **58.f3** 19.34/35
[⌓58.Kf4 #20/32 Kf7 59.b3 Kg6 60.Ke4 Kg7 61.Kd5 Kf7 62.Kc4 Ke6 63.Kxb4]
58...Kf7 59.b3 #22/32
[59.Kf4+- 19.44/31 Kf6 60.Ke4 Kf7 61.Kd5 Kf6 62.Kc4 Ke5 63.Kxb4 Kd4 64.f4]
59...Ke6 White mates. **60.f4** 10.32/36
[⌓60.Kg4 #21/30 Ke5 61.f4+ Ke6 62.Kg5 Kf7 63.Kf5 Ke7 64.Kg6 Ke8 65.Kg7]
60...Kf7



61.f5 Kg7 White mates. **62.Kf4 Kf6 63.Ke3 Ke5 64.f6 Ke6 65.f7 Kxf7**



KP-KP **66.Kd4 Ke7 67.Kc5 Ke6 68.Kxb4** KP-K **68...Kf5 69.Kc4 Kf4 70.b4 Ke5**



71.Kc5 Kf6 72.b5 Ke6 73.b6 Kd7 74.Kb5 Kd8 75.Ka6 Kc8

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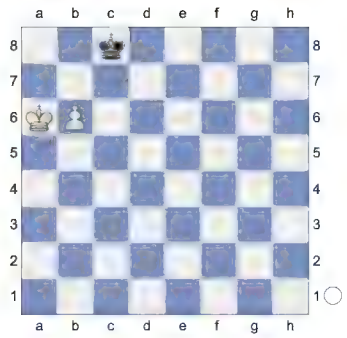
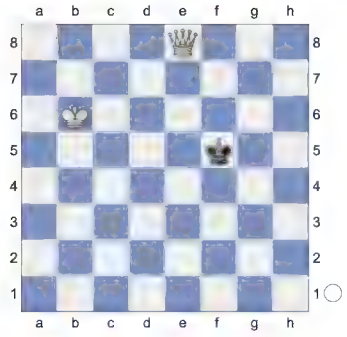
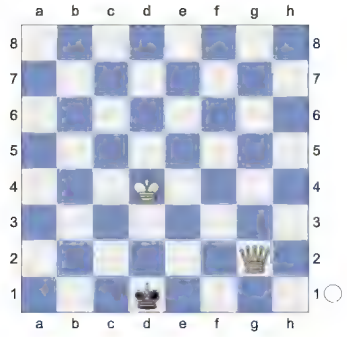


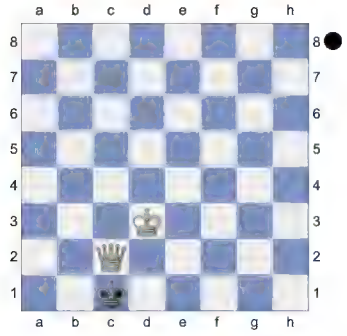
76.Ka7 Kd7 77.b7 Ke6 78.b8Q Kf5 79.Qe8 Kf4 80.Kb6 Kf5



81.Kc5 Kg4 82.Qe4+ Kg3 83.Kd4 Kf2 84.Qg4 Ke1 85.Qg2 Kd1



86.Kd3 Kc1 87.Qc2#



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5 **D85**
□ **ArasanX** **3110**
■ **RaspFish** **3116**
Rapid 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Zezulkin,J: 'Inf 56/545' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.cxd5 Nxd5**

6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+

11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5 Bg4N 0.59/19
[13...e6= 0.06/16]
[13...a4 14.d5 *(14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Bd6 Rxe4 16.Rc1 Nc6 17.Bc4 Qb2 18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nxe4 Qxd4 22.Qe2*

Be6 23.Rxb7 Bc4 24.Qc2 Bd5 25.Ng5 Qf6 26.Ne4 Qd4 27.Ng5 ½-½ (27) Bohak,J-Caliguire,J email 2001 *)* 14...a3 15.Rb4 b5 16.Bxb5 Ba6 17.Qd3 Bxb5 18.Rxb5 Rc8 19.Bxe7 Rc3 20.Qd1 Qc4 21.Rc5 Qxe4 22.Re1 Qxe1+ 23.Qxe1 a2 24.Rb5 Rc8 0-1 (24) Kopjonkin,G (2300)-Zezulkin,J (2440) Nyiregyhaza 1992 CI1-130 [Zezulkin,Jurij]]

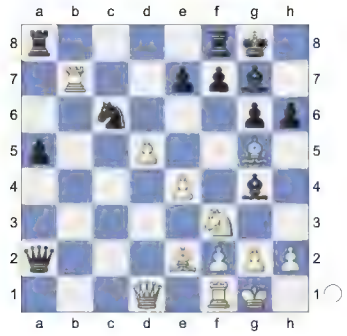
[13...h6 14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Rc1 Qe6 16.Ba3 Qxe4 17.Bb5 Rd8 18.Re1 Qf5 19.Bd3 Qh5 20.Be7 Re8 21.Bf6 Rf8 22.Be7 Re8 23.Bf6 Rf8 24.Be7 ½-½ (24) Molaei,M (2650)-Jonsson,M (2590) Moscow 1997 Mega2023 Update 43 [Dressel]]

[13...Qa3= 0.12/18 is superior.]

14.Rxb7±

[14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Rxb7 Nc6=]

14...Nc6 15.d5 h6!

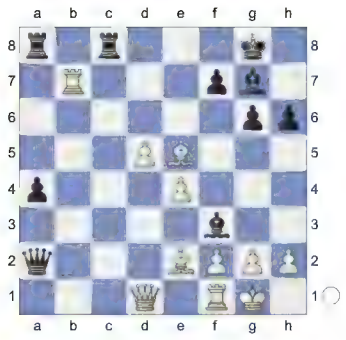


And now ...Nd8 would win. White is better. [#] Hoping for ...Nd8. White is slightly better. **16.Bh4 Ne5 17.Bxe7 Rfc8 18.Bd6** 0.51/21

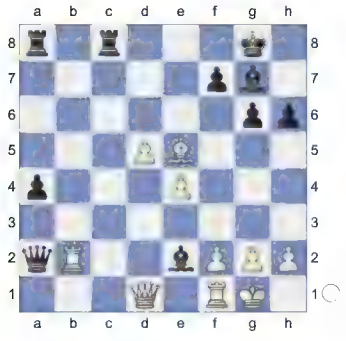
[18.h3± 0.86/21 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 *(19.gxf3 Rc2=)*]

18...a4 19.Bxe5 Bxf3

(Diagram)



20.Rb2 Bxe2



21.Rxe2

[21.Rxa2? loses. Bxd1 22.Rxd1 *(22.Bxg7? Bb3-+)* 22...Bxe5-+]

[Of course not 21.Qxe2 Qc4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7±]

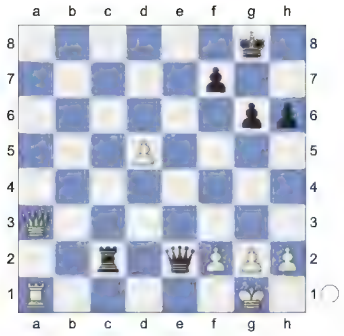
21...Qc4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qa1+ Kg8 24.Rfe1 &Bianco is more active. **24...a3 25.Ra2 Qb3**

26.Rb1 0.22/22

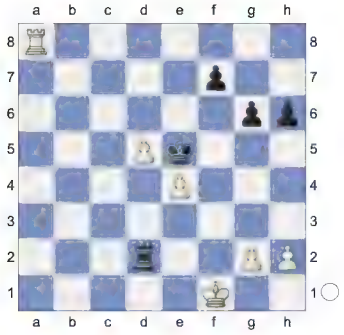
[26.d6± 0.56/19]

26...Qd3= 27.Rd1 Qxe4 28.Rxa3 Rxa3 29.Qxa3± Endgame KQR-KQR **29...Qe2! 30.Ra1 Rc2**

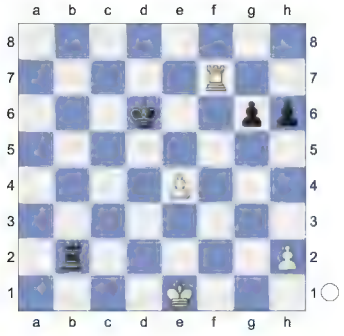
(Diagram)



The position is equal. **31.Qe3 Qxe3**
[31...Qd2 with more complications. 32.h4 Qxd5 33.Qe8+ Kg7]
32.fxe3= KR-KR 32...Rd2 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.e4 Kf6 35.Kf1 Ke5

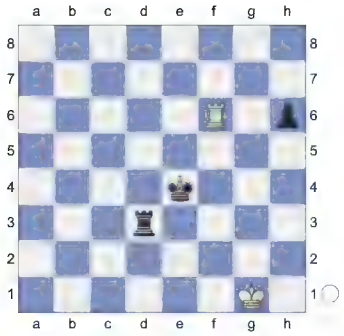


36.Ra4 Kf4 37.Ke1 Rxg2 38.d6 Rb2 39.Ra7 Ke5 40.Rxf7 Kxd6

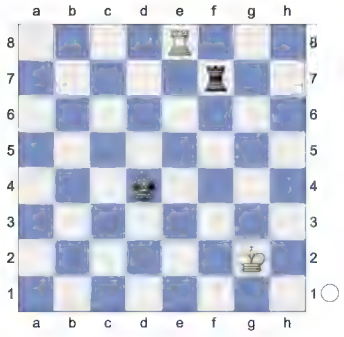


Threatening ...Ke5. Black wants to play ...Ke5. **41.Rf6+ Ke5 42.Rxg6 Rxh2 43.Kf1 Kxe4 44.Kg1 Rh3 45.Rf6 Rd3**

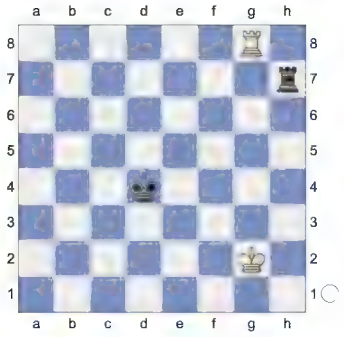
(Diagram)



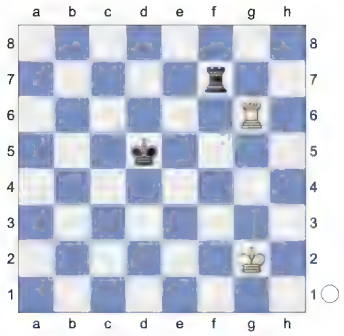
46.Rxh6 Rf3 47.Kg2 Rf5 48.Rc6 Ke3 49.Re6+ Kd4 50.Re8 Rf7



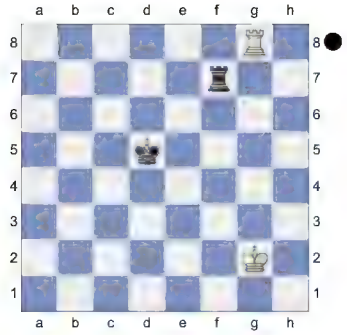
51.Rg8 Kc5 52.Kg3 Kd5 53.Kg2 Rh7 54.Rd8+ Kc4 55.Rg8 Kd4



56.Rc8 Kd5 57.Rg8 Rd7 58.Kf2 Rf7+ 59.Kg2 Rf5 60.Rg6 Rf7



61.Rg8



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6 **D85**
□ **TheMatrix2025** **3108**
■ **RaspFish** **3123**
Rapid 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+

(Diagram)

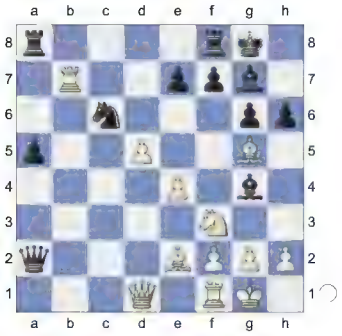
11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5 0.07/16
[13.Qc1⩲ 0.38/17]
13...Bg4N 0.63/19
[Black should play 13...e6= 0.07/16]
[13...a4 14.Bxe7 *(14.Re1 Bg4 15.Bxe7 Re8 16.Ra1 Qe6 17.Ba3 Qxe4 18.Ng5 Qf4 19.Bc4 Nc6 20.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Bxd4 22.Bc1 Qf6 23.Nh6+ Kh8 24.Nxg4 Bxf2+ 25.Qxf2 Qxa1 26.Qb2+* Gruenfeld Indian-12.00 a5 13. ♗g5 a4 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Leko, Ftacnik] *)* 14...Re8 15.Bd6 *(15.Rc1 Qe6 16.Ba3 Qxe4 17.Re1 Bd7 18.d5 Qf4 19.Rc4 Qf6 20.Rc7 Bf8 21.d6 Bc6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.Rd1 Bg7 24.Bc4 Rad8 25.Ng5 Rf8 26.Re1 Ne5 27.Ba2 Rd7 28.h3 h6 29.f4 Nd3* Lim,R (2620)-Logan,T (2630) Schweiz 39/(14) 1996 CBM 095 [Dressel] 0-1 (40)*)* 15...Rxe4 16.Rc1 Nc6 17.Bc4 Qb2 18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nxe4 Qxd4 22.Qe2 Be6 23.Rfe1 a3 24.Bxa3 Rxa3 25.Ng5 Bd5 26.Qe8+ Bf8 27.Nxh7 Kxh7 28.Qxf8 Bellmann,H (2396)-Raessler,A (2097) BdF 1999 Kommentierte Partien2024 [HB] 1-0]
[13...h6 14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Bd6 Rxe4 16.Rc1 Bf5 17.Bc4 Qb2 18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Bd5 Nd7 20.Rb3 Rxd4 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Rxb7 Rc8

23.Qxd4 Bxd4 24.h3 h5 25.Rd1 Gruenfeld Indian-12.00 a5 13. ♗g5 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Leko, Ftacnik]]

14.Rxb7

[But not 14.Bxe7?! Re8 15.Rxb7 Nc6=]

14...Nc6 15.d5 h6



Strongly threatening ...Nd8. White is slightly better. **16.Bh4 Ne5 17.Bxe7** 1.00/20

[17.Re1± 0.57/18 is superior. Bxf3 18.Bxf3]

17...Rfc8 18.Nd4

[18.Bd6 is interesting. Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rc3 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Re7]

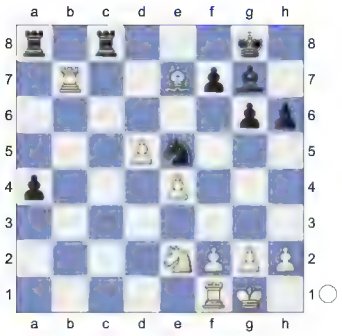
[18.h3!? Bxf3 19.Bxf3± *(19.gxf3 Rc2=)*]

18...Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Qxe2 0.01/18

[19...Qc4± 0.39/22 20.Rd1 a4]

20.Nxe2= d6 is the strong threat. **20...a4** 0.66/20

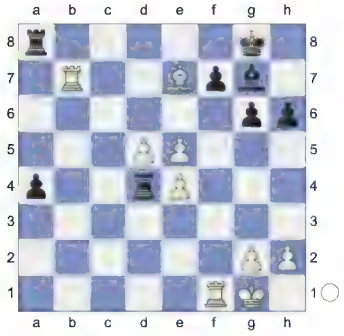
[⌓20...Rc2 0.34/20 21.Nd4 Rd2]



White must now prevent ...a3. **21.f4±** **Rc2** 0.83/21 **22.Nd4±**

[Don't play 22.fxe5 Rxe2 23.Bd6 a3=]

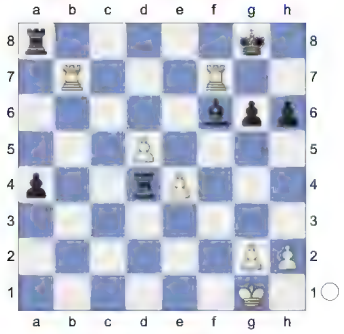
22...Rd2 23.fxe5 Rxd4



24.Rxf7! 0.35/23 0x0.001cd1732636dp-1022s more active pieces. &Bianco is much more active.

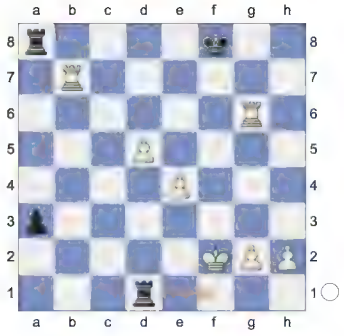
24...Bxe5± 25.Bf6 Bxf6 0.87/20

[25...Rd1+± 0.31/26 26.Kf2 Bxf6 27.Rxf6 a3]



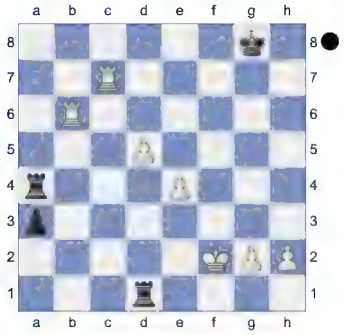
26.Rxf6± Endgame KRR-KRR

26...Rd1+ 27.Kf2 a3! 28.Rxg6+ Kh8 29.Rxh6+ Kg8 30.Rg6+ Kf8!



...Rf1+! is the strong threat. **31.Rf6+** -0.01/27

[31.Rh7± 0.31/25 Ra4 32.Rd6]
[31.Rbg7± 0.36/25 Ra4 32.h4 *(32.Rg8+ Ke7=)*]
31...Kg8= 32.Rg6+ Kf8! 33.Rh7 White is slightly better. **33...Ra4** aiming for ...a2. **34.Rb6 Kg8 35.Rc7**



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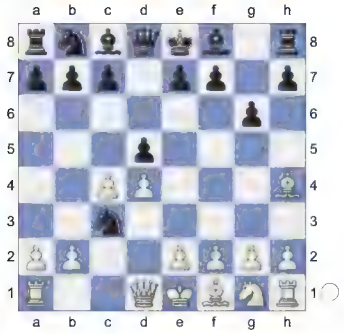
7 **D80**
□ **ArasanX** **3102**
■ **RaspFish** **3119**
Rapid 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

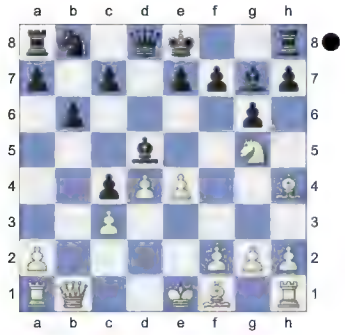
Blitz 10min+3sec
D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Qb1 White has compensation. **9...b6**

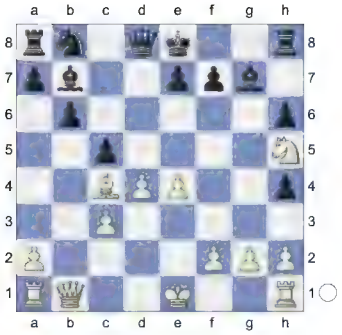
10.Ng5 Bd5

11.e4

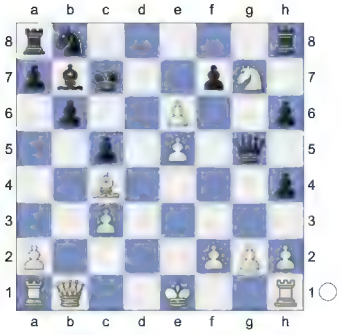


h6! 12.Nh3 Bb7 13.Bxc4 c5 aiming for ...0-0.
[13...0-0 14.0-0 Nd7 15.e5 Kh7 16.e6 fxe6 17.Bxe6 Nf6 18.Qb3 Nd5 19.Rae1 g5 20.Bxg5 hxg5 21.Nxg5+ Kg6 22.h4 Nf6 23.Qc2+ Kh6 24.Nf7+ Rxf7 25.Bxf7 Be4 26.Rxe4 Nxe4 27.Qxe4 Qd6 28.g4 Senft,S (2054)-Ebrahimi Herab,H (2412) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]
14.Nf4 g5 15.Nh5N
[15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.Qb3+ Bd5 17.exd5 Qd6 18.0-0 Nd7 19.Rfe1 Nf8 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Bg3 gxf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4 23.d6+ e6 Chapter-Games Game 1]
15...gxh4

(Diagram)

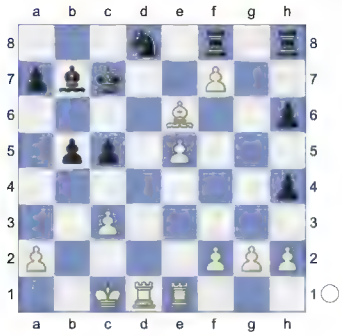


16.e5 e6 0.40/17 **17.Nxg7+± Kd7**
[17...Kf8 18.Nxe6+ fxe6 19.Qg6=]
18.d5
[18.dxc5? Qg5 19.Nf5 *(19.c6+? Nxc6 20.Qd3+ Kc8-+)* 19...Qxf5-+]
18...Qg5 19.dxe6+ Kc7!

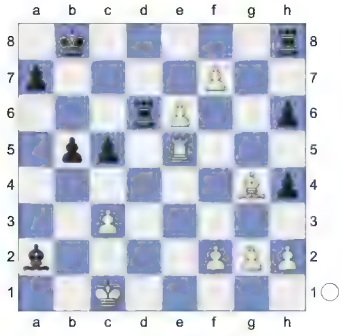


20.Qf5 The board is on fire. **20...Qxg7**

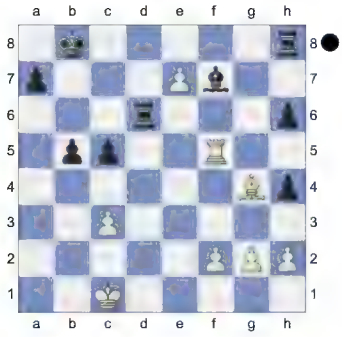
21.Qxf7+ -0.29/18
[21.exf7 0.02/20 feels stronger. Rd8 22.Rg1 *(22.Rd1? Nc6-+)*]
21...Qxf7= 22.exf7 Hoping for 0-0-0.
22...b5
[22...Bxg2?! 23.Rg1 Bf3 24.Be2 *(24.Rg8? Nc6-+)* 24...Bxe2 25.Kxe2∓]
23.Be6 Nc6! 24.0-0-0 Black must now prevent Rd7+. **24...Raf8 25.Rhe1 Nd8!**



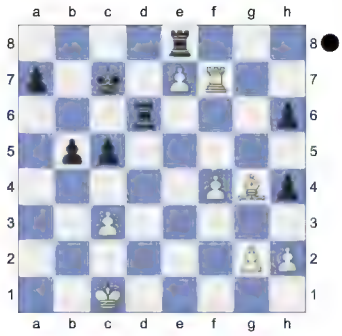
26.Rd7+ Kb8 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Bg4 Bd5 29.e6 Bxa2 30.Re5 Rd6



31.e7 Bxf7 32.Rf5!



Kc7! 0.03/19 **33.Rxf7** Endgame KRR-KRB **33...Re8 34.f4**



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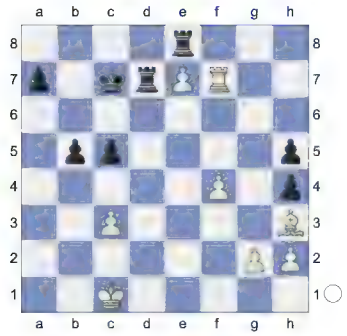
[34...Rd7!∓ -0.33/23 35.Bxd7 Kxd7]

35.Bh3! Rd7



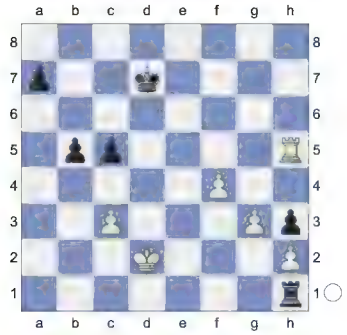
36.Bxd7 Kxd7 KR-KR **37.Rf5 h3 38.g3**

[38.gxh3 keeps more tension. Kd6 39.Rf6+ Kd5 40.Rf5+]

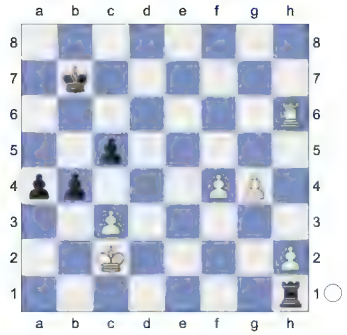
38...Rxe7 39.Rxh5

[Reject 39.Rxc5 Re2 40.Rxh5 *(40.Rxb5 h4∓)* 40...Rxh2∓]

39...Re1+ 40.Kd2 Rh1



41.Rxh3 a5 42.Rh7+ Kc6 43.Rh6+ Kb7 44.g4 a4 Threatens to win with ... a3. **45.Kc2 b4**



46.cxb4 cxb4 47.g5 -0.46/20

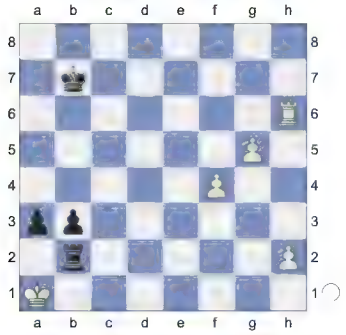
[47.Rh3= 0.00/23]

47...a3∓ Strongly threatening ...a2.

48.Kb3 Rb1+ 49.Ka2 Rb2+ -0.81/5

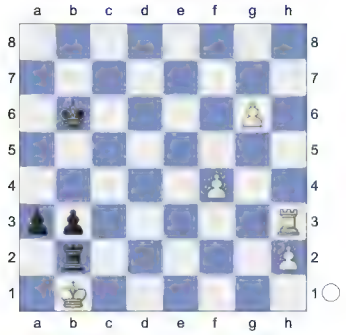
[Black should try 49...Rg1= -0.01/23 50.Kb3 Rb1+ 51.Ka2 Rg1 52.Rh7+ Kb6]

50.Ka1∓ b3



The position is equal. **51.Rh3! Ra2+ 52.Kb1 Rb2+ 53.Ka1 Kb6 54.g6** Rxb3+! is the strong threat. **54...Ra2+ 55.Kb1⇄** White is fighting back

55...Rb2+



56.Ka1 And now Rxb3+! would win.

56...Kc5 (-> ...Kb4) **57.Rg3 Ra2+ 58.Kb1 Rb2+**

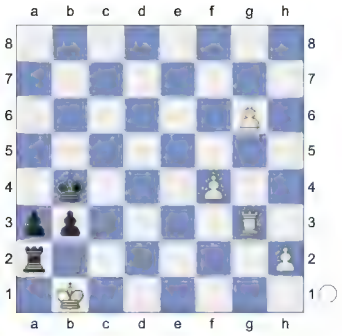
[58...Kb4!? 59.g7 Rb2+ 60.Ka1 Ra2+ 61.Kb1 Rb2+ 62.Ka1 Ra2+ 63.Kb1=]

59.Ka1 Ra2+

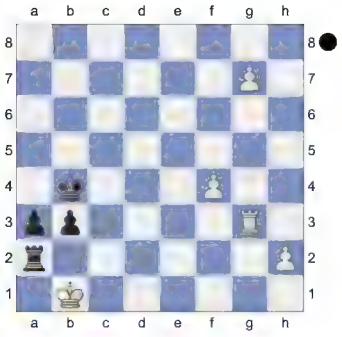
[59...Kb4!? 60.g7 Ra2+ 61.Kb1 Rb2+ 62.Ka1 Ra2+ 63.Kb1 Rb2+ 64.Ka1=]

60.Kb1 Kb4

(Diagram)



61.g7! Rb2+ 62.Ka1! Ra2+ 63.Kb1 Rb2+ 64.Ka1! Ra2+ 65.Kb1



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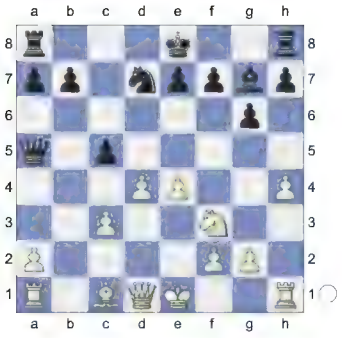
8 **D85**
☐ **TheMatrix2029** **3091**
■ **RaspFish** **3126**
Rapid 17.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Azmaiparashvili,Z: 'Inf 86/(448)' Marin, M: 'Inf 97/(337)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

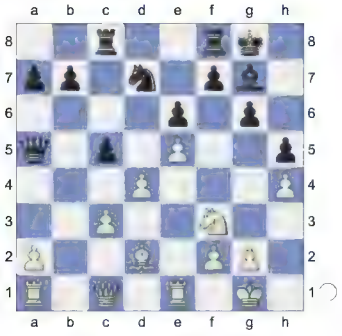
(Diagram)

6.bxc3 c5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.h4N White is slightly better.
[10.0-0 0-0 *(10...b5 11.a4 bxa4 12.Qxa4 0-0 13.Bf4* D 85/32 *)* 11.Rb1 *(11.Bg5 Qa5 12.Qb3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxg5 15.Ne6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Rf7 17.Qxd7 e5* Hernando Rodrigo,J (2440)-Marin,M (2544) Sants 97/(337) 2006 CI1-130 [Marin,Mihail]*)* 11...b6 *(11...Qc7 12.Bg5 Rfe8 13.Qd2 e5 14.d5 Nb6 15.Qe2 f5 16.Bc1 fxe4 17.Qxe4 Qf7 18.Rd1 Rad8* Papaioannou,I (2587)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2666) Bled 2002 CI1-130 [Azmaiparashvili,Zurab]*)* 12.Bg5 *(12.Be3 Rc8 13.Qa4 Qc7 14.Rfc1 Qb7 15.d5 Nf6 16.Qc2 c4 17.Nd4 e6 18.Nb5 Rfd8 19.Bg5 exd5 20.e5 Ne4 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.f3 Nc5 23.f4 Nd3 24.Rf1 Bf8 25.Qe2 Qd7 26.h3 Bc5+* 10.cd5 ed5 11.e3 ♖e8 (1924)-Hume (1781) USSR 41/202 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson] 1-0 (64)*)* 12...Re8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Bh6 Rad8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rbd1 Nb8 17.d5 Nc6 18.c4 e5 19.Ne1 Nd4 20.Nd3 f6 21.f4 exf4 22.Rxf4 g5 23.Rg4 h6 24.Rf1 Qd7 Chapter Puzzles-Game Game - 38 (43)]
10...Qa5

(Diagram)



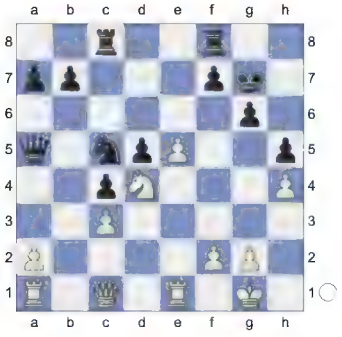
Strongly threatening ...cxd4. **11.Bd2 h6 12.0-0 0-0 13.e5 e6 14.Qc1 h5 15.Re1 Rac8**



16.d5 c4 17.Bh6 exd5 The position is equal. **18.Bxg7**

[Don't play 18.e6 Nc5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7∓]

18...Kxg7 19.Nd4! Nc5



20.Nf5+! gxf5

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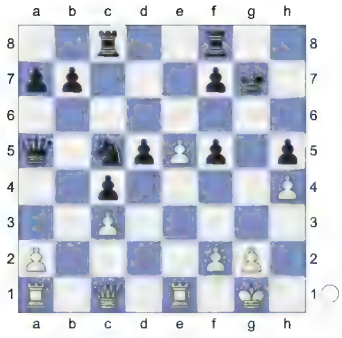
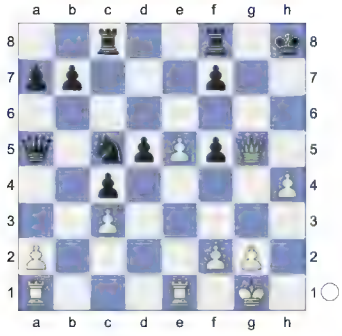
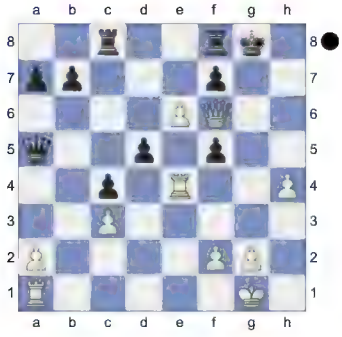


21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 And now ...Qb6 would win. **24.Qxh5+ Kg7** ...Rc6 is the strong threat. **25.Qg5+ Kh8**



26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 Hoping for ...Rc6. **28.Qf6+ Kg8** aiming for ...Rc6. **29.e6** Threatens to win with Re3. **29...Ne4 30.Rxe4**



Remove Defender **30...dxe4**

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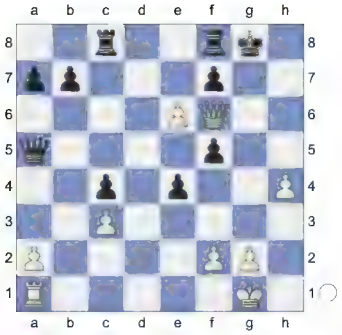
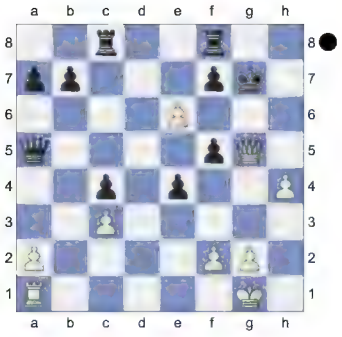


31.Qg5+ Kh7 32.Qh5+ Kg7 33.Qg5+ Kh7 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.Qg5+



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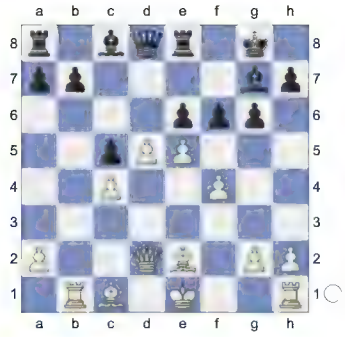
9 **D85**
□ **caissa-x** **3086**
■ **RaspFish** **3050**
Blitz 10.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Ftacnik,L: 'Inf 35/(568)' **1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nxc3**

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.e4 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5

11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bg7 14.c4 Re8 15.e5 f6



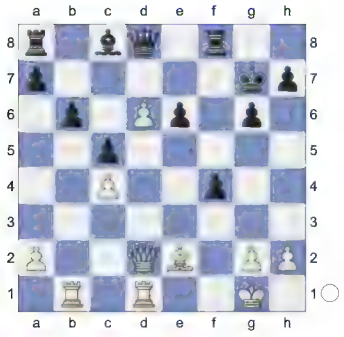
16.d6 fxe5 17.Bb2 exf4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.0-0! Rf8 20.Rfd1N
White has compensation.
[20.Rxf4 Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Qf6 22.Qxf6+ *(22.Qe3 b6 23.Qe4* ½-½ (23) Tal,M-Vaganian,R USSR (ch) 35/(568) 1983 CI1-130 [Ftacnik, Lubomir]*; 22.Qe4 Rb8 23.Rf1 Qd4+ 24.Qxd4+ cxd4 25.c5 Bd7 26.Bf3 Rc8 27.Rb1 b6 28.c6 Bxc6 29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rxc8 Bxc8 31.Bc6 Kf6 32.d7 Bxd7 33.Bxd7 Ke5 34.Kf2*

Kd5 35.Ke2 e5 36.Bc8 b5 Lamb,F (2639)-Mikhailov,S (2556) Bucuresti 11/248 2009 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311] 0-1 (55); *22.Qd2 b6 23.Bf3 Rb8 24.d7 Ba6 25.Rd1* Granfeld Defense Grünfeld Defense *)* 22...Kxf6=]

[20.Rbd1!?]

20...b6 -0.01/19

[20...Qd7± 0.38/19 was preferrable.]



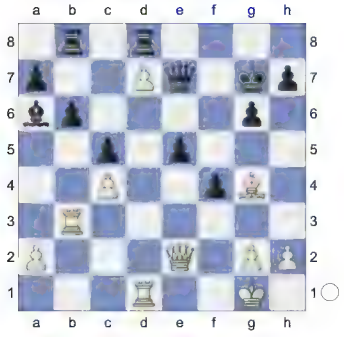
21.Bf3= Rb8 22.d7 Ba6! 23.Qe2 Qe7 0.66/20 Against Rd6

[23...Qf6= 0.22/20 is superior.]

24.Rb3± Rfd8 25.Bg4 0.33/21

[25.Ra3± 0.76/20 Bb7 26.Rxa7 Bxf3 27.gxf3]

25...e5

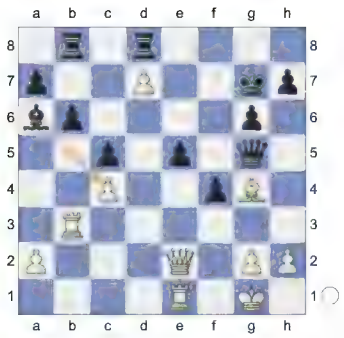


26.Re1!

[26.Ra3 Bb7 27.Qb2 *(27.Rxa7 h5∓)* 27...Qf6 28.Rxa7 h5∓]

26...Qg5!

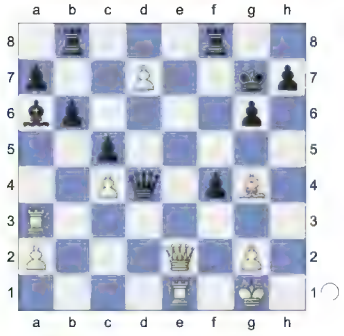
(Diagram)



aiming for ...Bxc4! **27.h4** 0.01/21

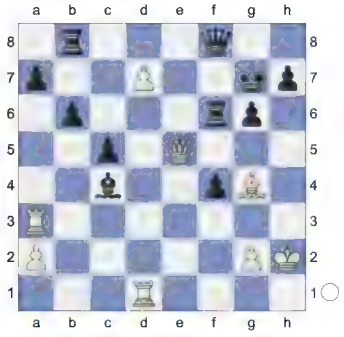
[White should play 27.Bh3!± 0.64/20]

27...Qxh4= 28.Qxe5+ Qf6 Hoping for ... Qxe5. **29.Qe2 Rf8! 30.Ra3 Qd4+**



31.Kh2 Bxc4 32.Qe7+ Rf7 33.Qe8 Rf8!

[33...Qd6 34.Rd1 Qf8 35.Qe5+ *(35.Qxb8 Qxb8 36.d8Q Qe5±)* 35...Rf6

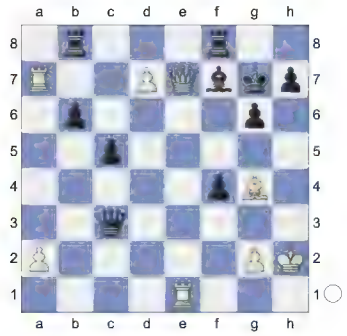


36.Qxb8!! Qxb8 37.d8Q Qxd8 38.Rxa7+ *(38.Rxd8 a5±)* 38...Rf7 39.Rxf7+ *(39.Rxd8? Rxa7 40.Bf3 Rxa2-+)* 39...Kxf7 40.Rxd8+-]

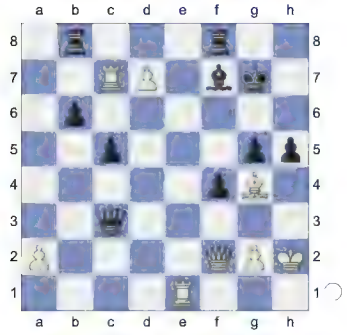
34.Rxa7 Bf7!

[34...Rfxe8? 35.dxe8Q+ Kh6 36.Qxb8 Qf6 37.Re4 Kg5 38.Rxc4

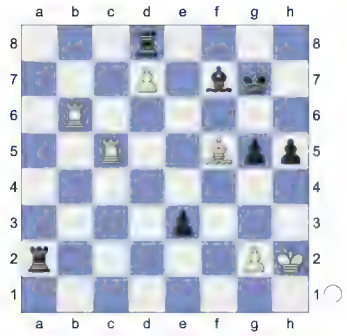
Kxg4 39.Rxh7+-]
35.Qe7 Qc3!



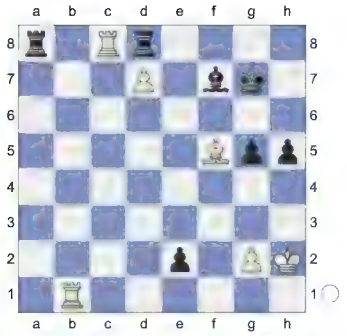
And now ...Qg3+ would win. **36.Kg1** Active counter play! **36...Qd4+ 37.Kh2 Qc3!** White must now prevent ...Qg3+. **38.Qh4** Prevents Qg3+. **38...h6 39.Rc7 g5 40.Qf2 h5**



41.Bf5 Ra8 42.Re6 Rg6+! is the strong threat. **42...Rfd8! 43.Rxb6 Rxa2 44.Rxc5 Qe3** 0.56/19
[44...Rxf2= 0.00/21 45.Rxc3 Bd5 46.Rg6+ Kf7 47.Rxg5 Kf6 48.Rxh5 Rxg2+ 49.Kh3 Rg1]
45.Qxe3± Really sharp! White is slightly better. **45...fxe3**



46.Rc8! e2 47.Rb1 Ra8!



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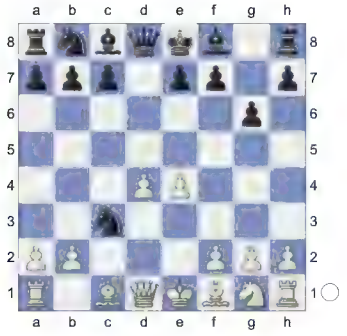
10 **D85**
□ **TheMatrix2029** **3084**
■ **RaspFish** **3118**
Rapid 15.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

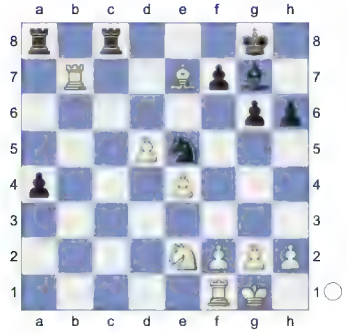


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+

(Diagram)

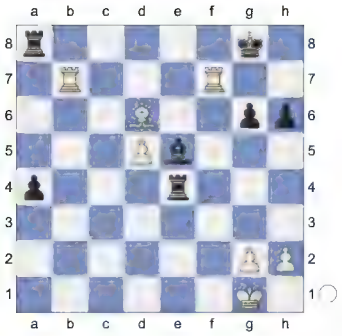
11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5 Bg4N 0.61/20
[13...Qa3= 0.21/19 might be stronger.]
[13...a4 14.Bxe7 *(14.Re1 Bg4 15.Bxe7 Re8 16.Ra1 Qe6 17.Ba3 Qxe4 18.Ng5 Qf4 19.Bc4 Nc6 20.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Bxd4 22.Bc1 Qf6 23.Nh6+ Kh8 24.Nxg4 Bxf2+ 25.Qxf2 Qxa1 26.Qb2+* Gruenfeld Indian-12.00 a5 13. ♗g5 a4 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Leko, Ftacnik] *)* 14...Re8 15.Bd6 *(15.Rc1 Qe6 16.Ba3 Qxe4 17.Re1 Bd7 18.d5 Qf4 19.Rc4 Qf6 20.Rc7 Bf8 21.d6 Bc6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.Rd1 Bg7 24.Bc4 Rad8 25.Ng5 Rf8 26.Re1 Ne5 27.Ba2 Rd7 28.h3 h6 29.f4 Nd3* Lim,R (2620)-Logan,T (2630) Schweiz 39/(14) 1996 CBM 095 [Dressel] 0-1 (40)*)* 15...Rxe4 16.Rc1 Nc6 17.Bc4 Qb2 18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nxe4 Qxd4 22.Qe2 Be6 23.Rfe1 a3 24.Bxa3 Rxa3 25.Ng5 Bd5 26.Qe8+ Bf8 27.Nxh7 Kxh7 28.Qxf8 Bellmann,H (2396)-Raessler,A (2097) BdF 1999 Kommentierte Partien2024 [HB] 1-0]
[13...h6 14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Bd6 Rxe4 16.Rc1 Bf5 17.Bc4 Qb2 18.Rb1 Qc3 19.Bd5 Nd7 20.Rb3 Rxd4 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Rxb7 Rc8 23.Qxd4 Bxd4 24.h3 h5 25.Rd1 Gruenfeld Indian-12.00 a5 13. ♗g5 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Leko, Ftacnik]]
14.Rxb7±
[14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Rxb7 Nc6=]
14...Nc6 15.d5 h6

White is slightly better. **16.Bh4 Ne5 17.Bxe7 Rfc8 18.Nd4** -0.01/22
[18.h3± 0.65/20 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 *(19.gxf3 Rc2=)*]
18...Bxe2= 19.Qxe2 Qxe2 20.Nxe2 next d6 is good for White. **20...a4**

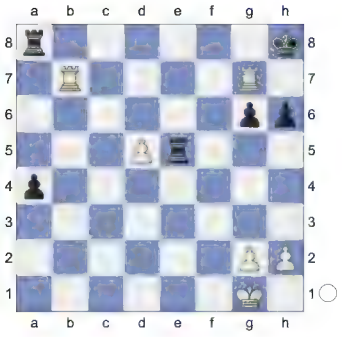


...a3 is the strong threat. **21.f4↑** White has good play. **21...Rc2** 1.10/24
22.Nd4±
[22.fxe5?! Rxe2 23.Bd6 a3=]
22...Rd2 23.fxe5 Rxd4 24.Bd6 Rxe4 25.Rfxf7 &Bianco is much more active.
25...Bxe5

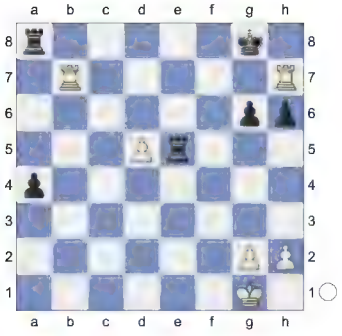
(Diagram)



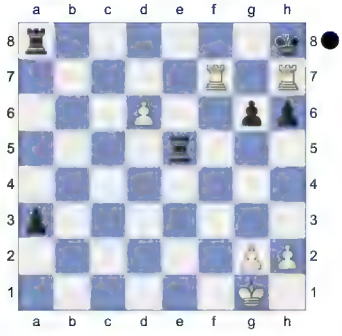
26.Bxe5 Rxe5 Endgame KRR-KRR
27.Rg7+ Kh8



28.Rh7+!
[28.Rxg6?! a3 29.Rxh6+ Kg8 30.Rg6+ Kh8 31.Rh6+ Kg8 32.Rg6+ Kh8 33.Rh6+=]
28...Kg8 29.Rbg7+
[Reject 29.Rxh6?! a3 30.Rxg6+ Kh8 31.Rh6+ Kg8=]
29...Kf8 30.Rb7? 0.01/21
[30.Rxg6± 1.58/23 Black must now prevent d6. Rxd5 31.Rh8+ *(31.Rgxh6 Rda5=)* 31...Kf7 32.Rxa8 Kxg6 33.Rxa4]
30...Kg8=



31.Rbg7+ Kf8 32.Rf7+ 0.01/24
[White should try 32.Rxg6± 0.60/26 Rxd5 33.Rh8+ *(33.Rgxh6 Rda5=)* 33...Kf7 34.Rxa8 Kxg6 35.Rxa4]
32...Kg8! 33.Rhg7+ Kh8 34.d6
Threatens to win with Rh7+. **34...a3!**
35.Rh7+



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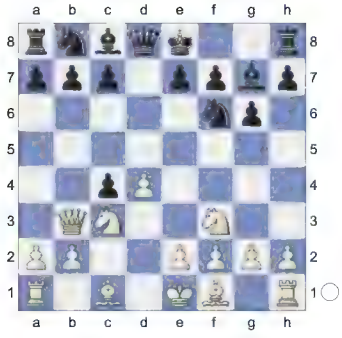
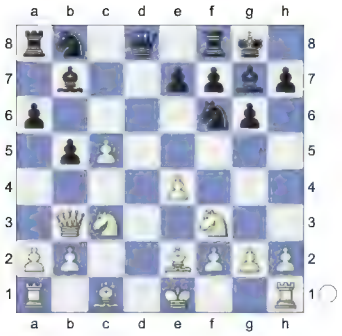
11 **D97**
□ **tomlesspit** **3079**
■ **ArasanX** **3022**
Blitz 13.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

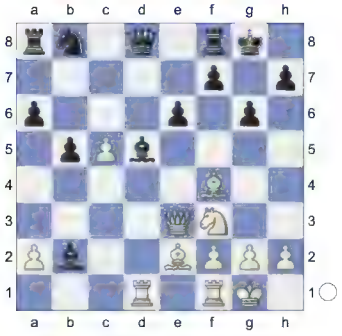
Blitz 3min
D97: Grünfeld: Russian System: 7 e4, replies other than 7...Bg4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4



6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.Qb3 b5 9.Be2 c5 10.dxc5 Bb7
(Diagram)



11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bf4 Bd5 14.Qe3 Bxb2 15.Rad1 Qd2 is the strong threat. The position is equal. **15...e6**



16.Nd4

[16.Bd6 Nc6 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.Ng5 Bf6 19.Ne4 Be7 Russian 7 e4 a6 8 Be2-& Intro ChessPub Guide 2024 Daring Defences [ChessPublishing.com]]

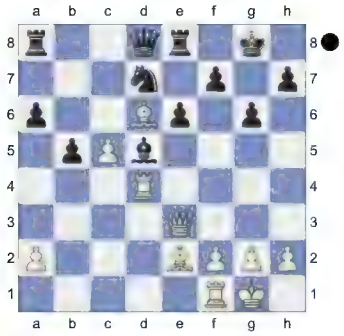
16...Nd7N 0.48/21

[16...Bxd4= 0.01/19 17.Rxd4 Nc6 18.Rd2 Qf6 19.Rc1 Rfe8 20.h3 e5 21.Bg5 Qe6 22.Bg4 f5 23.Bd1 f4 24.Qc3 Nd4 25.Bxf4 Bxa2 26.c6 Bc4 27.c7 Qd6 28.Bg3 Re7 29.Qa5 Rc8 30.Bg4 Rcxc7 31.Rcd1 Nb3 32.Rxd6 Nxa5 10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2_13770 (2729)-13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14. b3_22709 (2668) Sao Paulo 2003 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 1960/125] 0-1 (77) 33.Bh4 Rf7 34.Rxa6 Nc6 35.Rd6 Nb4 36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.Bg3 Nd3 38.Rxd3 Bxd3 39.Bxe5+ Kh6 40.Rd8 Rce7 41.Bd6 Re1+ 42.Kh2 Bf5 43.Bb4 Re6 44.Bd1 Rc6 45.Bb3 Be6 46.Bd2+ Kg7 47.Bxe6 Rxe6 Bareev,E (2707)-Lautier,J (2687) Wijk aan Zee 2002 CI1-130 [Bareev,Evgeny] 1-0 (77)]

17.Bd6 -0.01/19

[17.c6!± 0.48/21 e5 18.Bg5 Bxd4 19.Bxd8 Bxe3 20.Rxd5]

17...Re8 18.Rd2 Bxd4 19.Rxd4

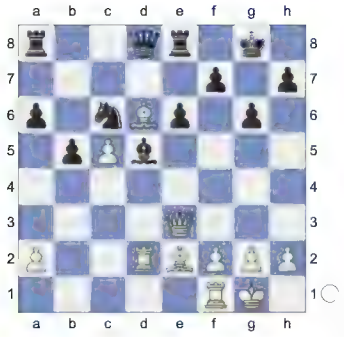


Nb8 0.11/20

[19...Nb6!∓ -0.42/19]

20.Rd2 White has compensation.

20...Nc6



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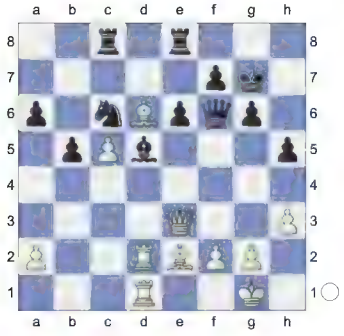
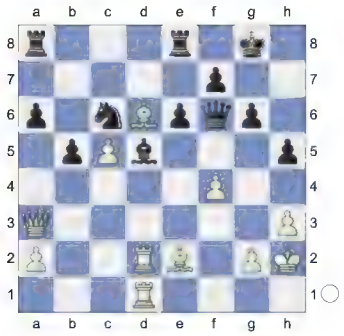
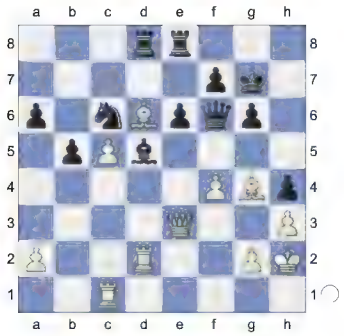


26.Qa3 Qg5 27.Bf1 Ra8 28.f4

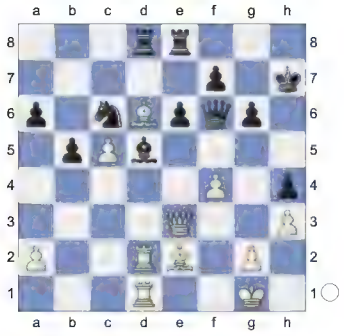
Dancing on a razor blade. **28...Qf6 29.Be2 Kh7 30.Kh2 Kg8**



31.Qg3 h4 32.Qf2 Rad8 33.Bg4 Kg7 34.Rc1 Rg8 35.Qe3 Rge8



36.Be2 Kh7 37.Bg4 Kg7 38.Kg1 Kh7 39.Rcd1 Na5 40.Be2 Nc6



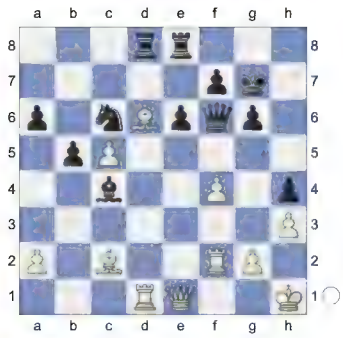
41.Bd3 Kg8 42.Qe1 Qd4+ 43.Kh1 Strongly threatening Bxb5! **43...Qf6 44.Rf2 Kg7 45.Bc2** -1.09/17

[45.Qe3= 0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

45...Bc4 0.14/20

[45...Bxa2?! 46.Bxg6! Qxg6 47.Rxa2=]

[45...Kh7!∓ -1.09/17]



46.Rdd2 Bd5 47.Qe3 Kg8

[47...Bxa2 48.Be5 Nxe5 49.fxe5±]

48.Be5 Qe7 49.Bb2 Kh7 50.Qc3 f5

51.Rd1 Bxa2

[51...e5 52.Rfd2 Qf7 53.Qe3±]

52.Ra1 -0.56/20

[52.Rd6= 0.01/24 Bd5 53.Re2]

52...b4! 0.01/21 **53.Qe1=**

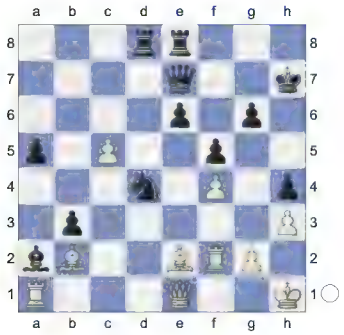
[53.Qf6 b3 54.Bd1 Qxf6 55.Bxf6 Rd3∓]

[53.Qe3 Bc4]

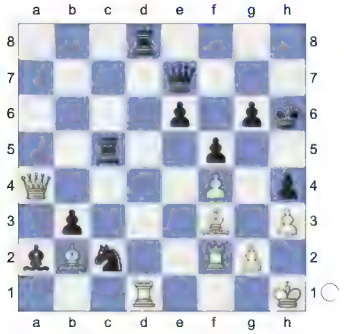
53...b3 54.Bd1 a5 White must now prevent ...Nb4.

[54...Qxc5? 55.Rc2!! Qe7 56.Rxc6+-]

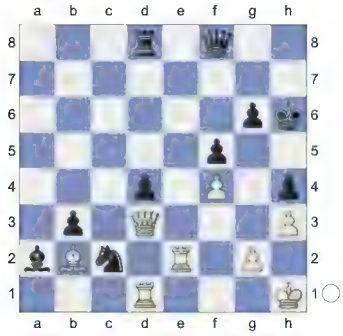
55.Be2! Nd4 0.01/22
[55...Qxc5∓ -0.90/18 56.Rc1 Qb4!]



Against Bb5 **56.Qxa5** 0.66/22
[White should try 56.Bc4= 0.01/22]
56...Rd5 57.Rc1 0.01/20
[57.Qa4!± 0.54/22 Red8 58.c6]
57...Nc2⇄ Black puts up resistance
58.Bf3 A strong pair of Bishops.
58...Rxc5
[58...Qxc5 59.Qa4 Qb5 60.Qxb5 Rxb5 61.Bc6±]
59.Qa4 Rd8 Prevents Rd2. aiming for ... Qd7. **60.Rd1** Inhibits Qd7. **60...Kh6** 1.77/24
[60...Rxd1+± 1.07/22 61.Bxd1 Kg8]



61.Rfd2!+- Rcd5
[61...Rxd2? 62.Rxd2 Nd4 63.Qa8+-]
62.Bxd5 exd5 63.Qb5
[63.Rxd5? Rxd5 64.Rg1 *(64.Rxd5 Qe1+ 65.Kh2 Ne3)* 64...Rd8-+]
63...d4 64.Re2
[64.Bxd4?! Nxd4 65.Rxd4 Rxd4 66.Rxd4 Qe1+ 67.Kh2 Qg3+ 68.Kh1 Qe1+ 69.Kh2 Qg3+ 70.Kh1 Qe1+=]
64...Qb4 1.65/21
[64...Qc7± 1.09/21 was necessary.]
65.Qd3
[Resist 65.Qxb4?! Nxb4 66.Re7 *(66.Bxd4? Nc6-+; 66.Rxd4 Rxd4 67.Bxd4 Nd3±)* 66...Nc2±]
65...Qf8



66.Re5 Qd6 67.Qe2 Rc8 68.Re6 Qxf4? 7.61/21
[68...Qd5 2.61/23 69.Qa6 Rg8]

69.Qa6! Rg8 70.Bc1

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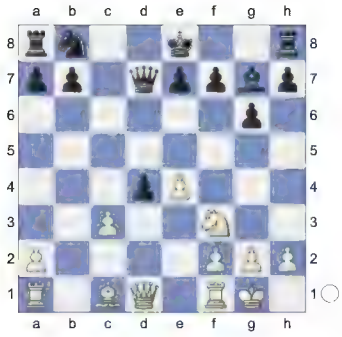
1-0

12 **D85**
□ **TheMatrix2029** **3078**
■ **RaspFish** **3108**
Rapid 05.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 c5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.0-0 cxd4



11.cxd4
[Don't play 11.Nxd4 Nc6=]
11...Nc6 12.Bb2N
[12.Be3 0-0 13.d5 *(13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.d5 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.h3 h5 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.e5 Qf5 22.d6 exd6 23.exd6 Qd7 24.Bd4 Bxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Rd8 26.Kh2 Qe6 27.Qxe6 fxe6* Naundorf,H (1908)-Traut,W (2049) BdF 2023 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Stockfish 15.1] ½-½ *)* 13...Bxa1 *(13...Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bd4 Qd6 16.Bxe5* ½-½ (16) Gyorkos,L-Zakharov,V (2510) corr ICCF 1991 UltraCorr3a [CCYB 11\302] *)* 14.Qxa1 Na5 15.Bh6 f6 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Rc1 b6 19.h4 Nb7 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.Nc6 Qd7 22.Qd4 e5 23.Qe3 Qg4 24.Nxa7 Nc5 25.f3 Qxh4 26.Nc8 Nd7 Gruenfeld Indian-6.bc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Ftacnik,L] 27.Nd6 h5 28.Qc3 Nc5 29.Nc4 g5 30.Ne3 g4 31.Nf5 Qg5 32.Qe3 gxf3 33.Qxg5+ fxg5 34.gxf3 Kf7 35.Kf2 Kf6 36.Nd6 Na4 ½-½ (36) Hrbek,M (2590)-Milicevic,M (2570) Hastings 1994 CBM 094 [Dressel]]
12...f5 13.Re1 fxe4 White is slightly better. **14.Rxe4 Qd5 15.Qe2 0-0**

16.h4 Rac8 17.Rd1 -0.01/17
[17.a3± 0.42/17]
17...Rcd8 0.41/17
[17...Qxa2= -0.01/17 is superior. 18.Ng5 Qd5]
18.Rd2 -0.01/19
[18.a3± 0.41/17 might be stronger.]
18...Bf6 19.a4 Na5 0.66/19
[19...Rfe8= 0.10/16]
20.Ne5± Nc6

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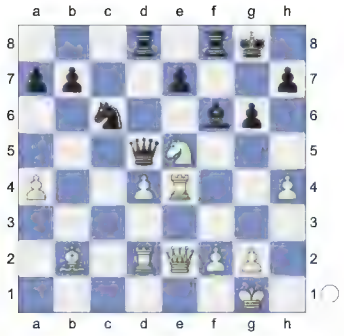
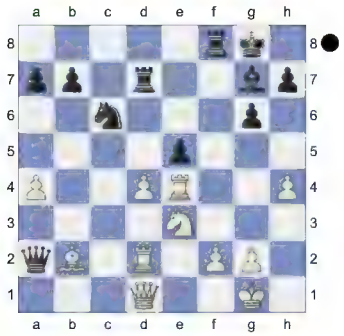
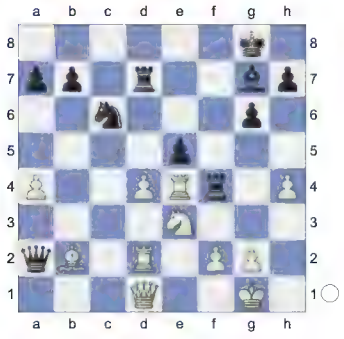


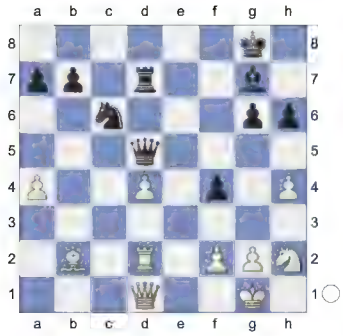
21.Ng4 Bg7 22.Qd3 Rd7 23.Ne3 Qa2 24.Qe2 d5 is the strong threat. **24...e5**
[But not 24...Qxa4 25.h5=]
25.Qd1



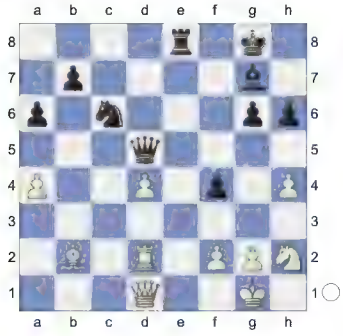
aiming for d5. **25...Rf4**



26.Rxf4
[26.Ba1 feels hotter. Qf7 27.Rxf4 Qxf4 28.Qb3+]
26...exf4 27.Ng4 Black must now prevent d5! **27...Qd5 28.Nh2 h6**
[28...Nxd4? 29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Nf3 Bxf2+ 31.Kh1 Qxd2 32.Nxd2+-]
[28...Bxd4? 29.Nf3+-]
29.Qb1 Qf5 30.Qd1 0.01/18
[30.Qa1± 0.39/19]
30...Qd5=



31.Qb1 -0.01/18
[White should play 31.Nf3± 0.52/18]
31...Qf5! 32.Qc1 Qd5
[32...Nxd4? 33.Bxd4 Bxd4 34.Qc4+ Qf7 35.Rxd4+-]
[32...Bxd4? 33.Qc4+ Qf7 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Nf3+-]
33.Qe1 Re7
[33...Bxd4? 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Nf3+-]
[33...Nxd4? 34.Bxd4 Bxd4 35.Nf3 Bxf2+ 36.Qxf2+-]
34.Qf1 a6
[34...Nxd4? 35.Bxd4 Bxd4 36.Nf3+-]
[34...Bxd4? 35.Nf3+-]
35.Qd1 Re8



36.Nf3 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Ne5 Rd8
[Much less strong is 38...Nxd4 39.Bxd4 Bxe5

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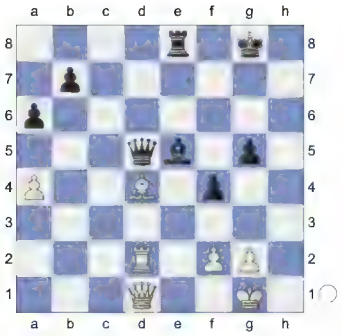
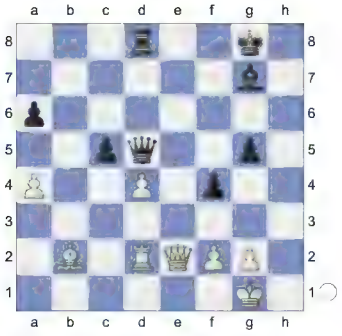
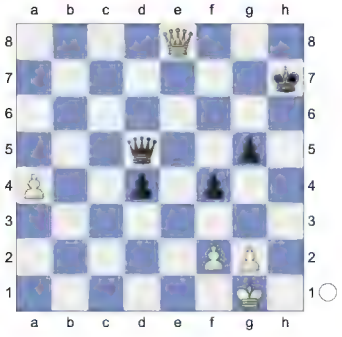


40.Qh5!±]

39.Nxc6 bxc6 40.Qe2 The position is equal. **40...c5**



41.Qxa6 White wants to play Qg6.
41...Re8 Hoping for ...Re1+. **42.Re2** Against Re1+ **42...Rxe2 43.Qxe2** With the idea a5. **43...Bxd4 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Bxd4 cxd4**



46.Qe7+ Kh6

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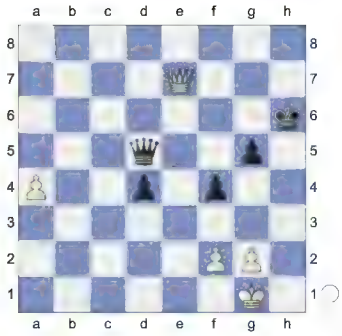

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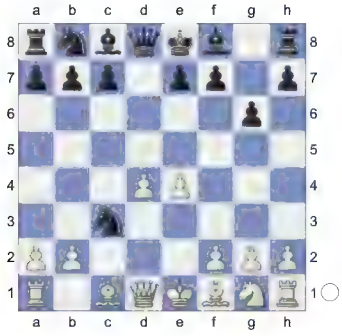
½-½

13 **D85**
□ **TheMatrix2025** **3074**
■ **Stockfish161Pro** **3048**
Blitz 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Bg4 10.0-0 cxd4

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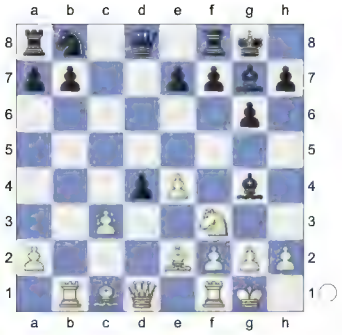
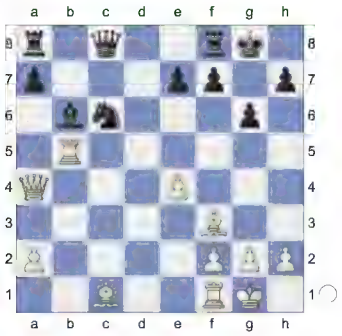
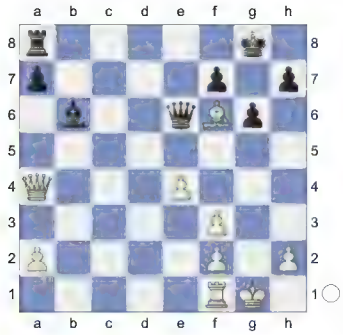


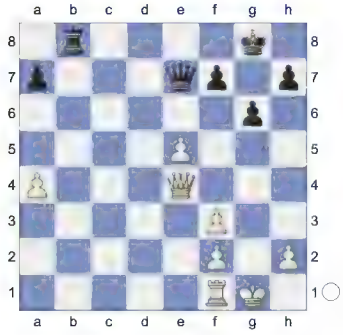
11.cxd4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Bxd4 13.Rxb7 Nc6 14.Qa4 Qc8 15.Rb5N
[15.Rb3 Qe6 16.e5 Rac8 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxd4 Qxc1 19.Rb7 *(19.e6 f6 20.Rb7 Rfe8 21.Rxa7 Qc6 22.Qe3 Ra8 23.h3 Rxa7 24.Qxa7 Qxe6 25.a4 Rd8 26.a5 Rd6 27.Qb8+ Kg7 28.Qb4 Kf7 29.Re1 Rd4 30.Qc3 Rd3 31.Qc1 Qd6 32.Qc8 Rd1 33.Rxd1 Qxd1+* Model Games - Aleksandra Goryachkina Davi,M Forst 2023 ½-½ (63) *)* 19...e6 20.Rxa7 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Rxc5 22.f4 Rd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rf2 Rcc2 25.Rxd2 Rxd2 26.a4 Ra2 27.a5 h6 28.a6 g5 29.fxg5 hxg5 Sonmez,Y (2414)-Billing,A (2498) Romania 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson] 1-0 (36) 30.h4 gxh4 31.gxh4 Kg7 32.Ra8 f6 33.Ra7+ Kg6 34.h5+ Kxh5 35.Ra8 Kg4 36.exf6 1-0 (36) Schmidek,E (2414)-Thybo,J (2498) Germany 2022]
15...Bb6



16.Bh6 Nd4 17.Bxf8 A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Nxb5 18.Bxe7**
[18.Qxb5 Qxf8 19.Rc1 Rb8∓]
18...Nd4 19.Bf6! Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qe6



21.e5 Bd8 22.Qe4 Rc8 23.Bxd8 Rxd8± Endgame KQR-KQR **24.a3 Qe7 25.a4 Rb8**



26.Re1 Rb4 27.Qc6 Kg7 28.e6 fxe6! 29.Re5
[29.Rxe6 Rb1+ 30.Kg2 Qg5+ 31.Kh3 Qh6+ 32.Kg2 Qg5+ 33.Kh3 Rg1 34.Qc7+ Kh6 35.Qe5 Qg2+ 36.Kh4 Qxf2+]
29...Qf6 30.Ra5 &Bianco is more active.
[30.Rxe6? Rb1+ 31.Kg2 Qg5+ 32.Kh3 Rg1 33.Qc3+ Kf7 34.Qc7+ Kxe6-+]
30...Kh6

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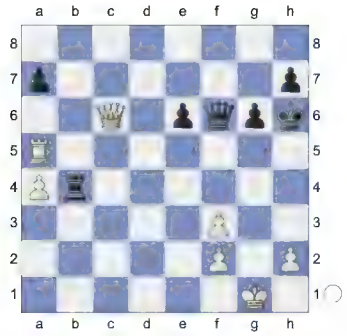
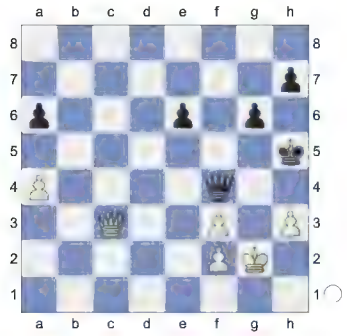
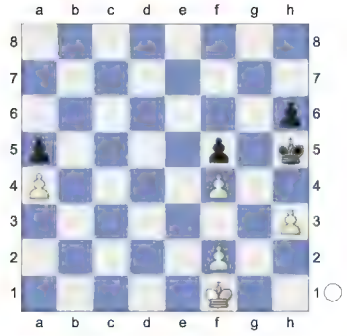


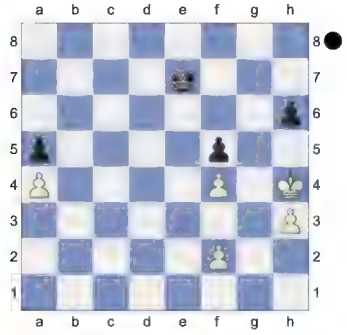
31.Kg2! Rh4 32.h3 0.41/23
[32.Qc1+± 0.78/23 g5 33.Qc7]
32...a6 0.77/21
[32...Rh5± 0.41/23 33.Qc1+ Rg5+ 34.Kf1 Qd8]
33.Qc1+±
[Reject 33.Qxa6 Rxh3 34.Qe2 *(34.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.Kh1 Qf3+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 38.Kg2 Qg4+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+=)* 34...Rh4=]
[Of course not 33.Rxa6 Qg5+ 34.Kh2 *(34.Kf1 Rxh3 35.Ke2 Qe5+ 36.Qe4 Qb2+ 37.Kd3 e5∓)* 34...Qf4+ 35.Kg2 Qg5+ 36.Kh2 *(36.Kf1 Rxh3 37.Ke2 Qe5+ 38.Qe4 Qb2+ 39.Kd3 e5∓)* 36...Qf5 37.Qc1+ Kh5=]
33...Qf4 34.Qc3 0.01/22
[White should play 34.Qxf4+± 0.78/25 Rxf4 35.Rxa6]
34...Rh5!= The position is equal.
35.Rxh5+
[35.Rxa6 keeps more tension. Qf5 36.Kf1 Qb1+ 37.Qe1]
35...Kxh5



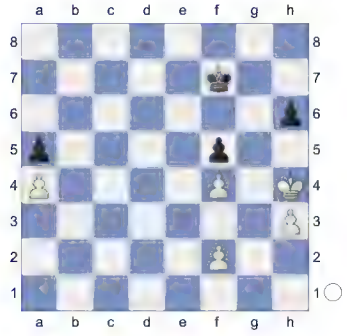
KQ-KQ **36.Qc6 Qg5+ 37.Kf1 a5 38.Qxe6 Qf5! 39.Qxf5+ gxf5** KP-KP
40.f4 h6
[40...Kh4!? 41.Kg2 h5=]



41.Kg2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Kf6 43.Kf3 Ke6 44.Kg3 Ke7 45.Kh4



And now Kh5 would win. **45...Kf7**



46.Kh5 Kg7 47.Kh4 Kf7 48.Kh5 Kg7 49.f3 Kh7 50.h4 Kg7

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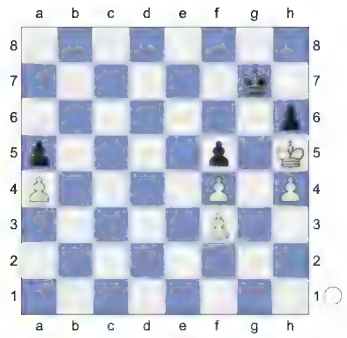

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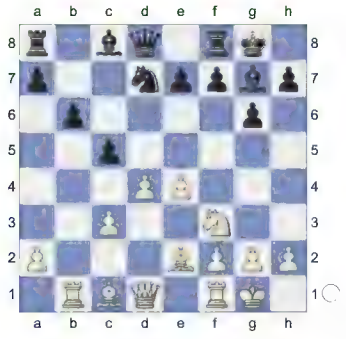
½-½

14 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3074**
■ **BotAlexMI** **2761**
Blitz 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

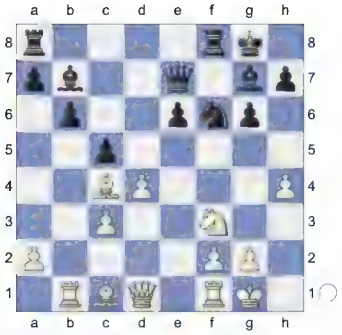
Blitz 3min+2sec
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Nd7
[10...Bb7 11.d5 *(11.Qd3 Ba6 12.Qe3 Qd7 13.d5 Qa4 14.Rb3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 e6 16.c4 Re8 17.e5 Nd7 18.Ra3 Qb4 19.Re3 b5* Exchange-8 Rb1 with ...b6 ChessPub Guide 2021 Daring Defences [Glenn Flear] *)* 11...Bxc3 12.Bc4 Bg7 13.Qe2 Qc8 14.Bb2 Bxb2 15.Rxb2 Ba6 16.e5 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 e6 18.d6 Nd7 19.h4 h6 20.Re1 Qc6 21.Nh2 Kg7 22.h5 Qd5 23.Qc3 Qd4 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.hxg6 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 _53147 (2638)-Sethuraman,S (2787) Obrenovac 107/261 2008 Mega2023 Update 39 [Michalczak] ½-½ (56)]

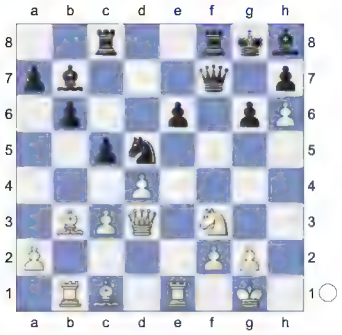


11.e5 Bb7N
[11...e6 12.Ng5 Bb7 13.Bf3 Qc7 14.Ba3 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Ne4 Bf8 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.exd6 cxd4 20.cxd4 Qd5 21.Rfd1 Rc4 22.Rb4 Rdc8 23.Rxc4 Qxc4 24.Qxc4 Rxc4 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Bxc1 Poulain,Y (1740)-Le Pen,S (2024) Sautron 2017 EXT 2020 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (47)]
12.h4 e6 White is slightly better. **13.Bd3** 0.11/16
[13.h5± 0.45/16]
13...f6 0.66/17
[13...Rc8= 0.11/16]
14.Bc4± &Bianco is more active.
14...Qe7 15.exf6 Nxf6

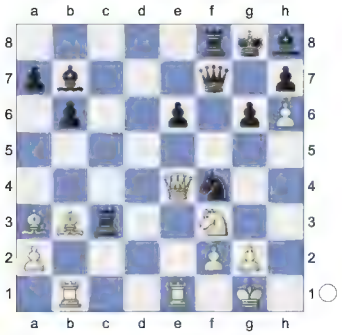
(Diagram)



16.Re1 Nd5 17.h5
[Don't play 17.Bg5 Qd6=]
17...Rac8 18.h6 Bf6
[18...Nxc3? 19.Qd3 Bxd4 20.Nxd4+-]
19.Qd3 Qf7 20.Bb3 Bh8 1.39/19
[⌓20...cxd4 1.01/18 21.cxd4 Nc7]

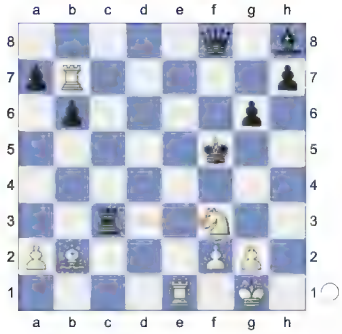


21.dxc5± Rxc5 22.Ba3! Rxc3 23.Qe4 Nf4? 6.16/24
[23...Rxb3 2.08/21 24.Rxb3 *(24.axb3 Nf4±)* 24...Nf4]

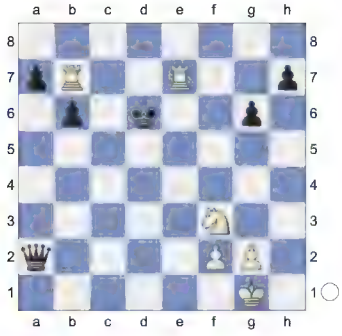


24.Qxf4!!+- D e f l e c t i o n **24...Qxf4 25.Bxe6+ Rf7**
(Diagram)

26.Rbd1! Qxh6 27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 28.Rd7+ Kf6 Black cannot hold the game after this. **29.Bb2 Kf5 30.Rxb7 Qf8**

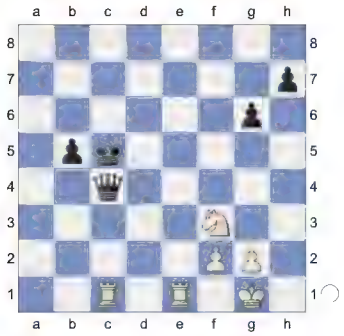


Prevents Rf7+. **31.Bxc3**
[Weaker is 31.Rxh7 g5 32.Ree7 *(32.Bxc3 Bxc3 33.Re3 Qc8±)* 32...Qc8±]
31...Bxc3 32.Re3 Black must now prevent Nd4+! Really sharp! **32...Qg8** 7.52/19
[⌓32...Qh8 4.45/22 33.Rf7+ Bf6 34.Nd4+ Kg4]
33.Rxc3 Qxa2 Threatens to win with ... Qa1+. **34.Rcc7 Ke6 35.Re7+ Kd6**

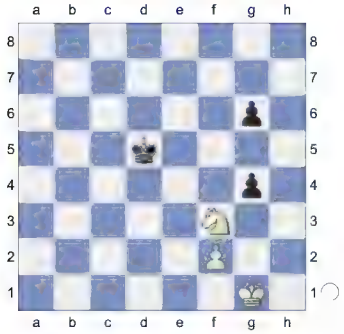


36.Rxa7 Qb1+ 37.Re1 Qc2 38.Raa1

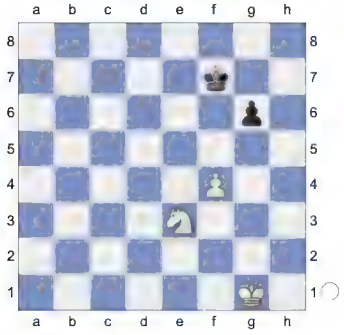
Qc4 39.Rad1+ Kc5 40.Rc1 b5



41.Rxc4+ bxc4 42.Rc1 h5 43.Rxc4+ Kxc4 Endgame KN-KPP **44.g3 Kd5 45.g4 hxg4**

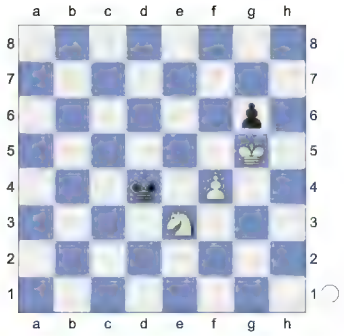


46.Nh2 Ke5 47.Nxg4+ KN-KP **47...Kd5 48.f3 Kd6 49.f4 Ke6 50.Ne3 Kf7**

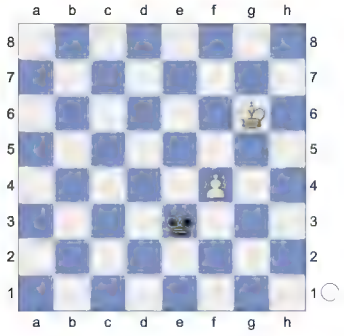


51.Kf2 Ke6 52.Kf3 Kd6 53.Kg4 Kc5 54.Kg5 Kd4

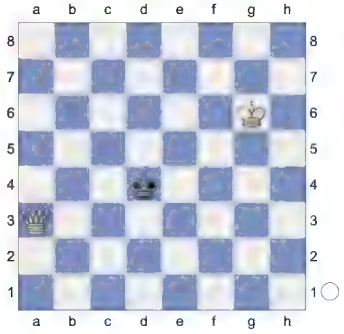
(Diagram)



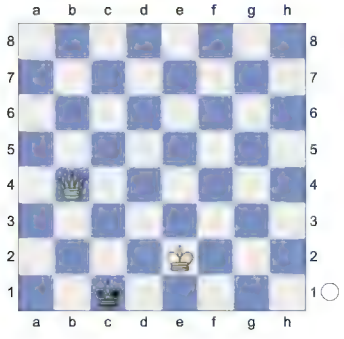
55.Kxg6! Kxe3



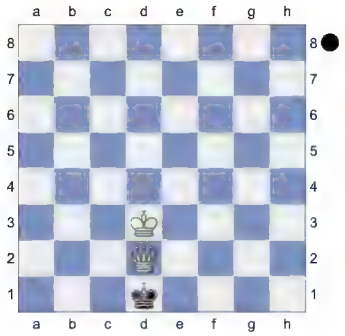
KP-K **56.f5 Kd2 57.f6 Kc3 58.f7 Kb3 59.f8Q Kc4 60.Qa3 Kd4**



61.Qb4+ Ke3 62.Kg5 Ke2 63.Kf4 White threatens Qc4+ and mate. **63...Kd3 64.Kf3** White mates. **64...Kc2 65.Ke2 Kc1**



66.Kd3 Kd1 67.Qd2#



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15 **D97**

□ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3070**

■ **Nimfish** **2777**

Blitz 19.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min+6sec

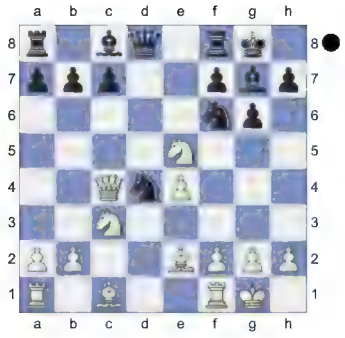
D97: Grünfeld: Russian System: 7 e4, replies other than 7...Bg4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qb3 dxc4

6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Nc6 8.Be2 e5 9.d5

[And not 9.Nxe5 Nxd4 10.0-0

(Diagram)



Nxe4! 11.Nxe4 Be6∓]

[9.dxe5 feels hotter. Ng4 10.Nd5 Ngxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Be3]

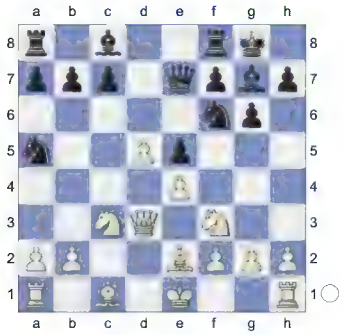
9...Na5N

[9...Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 c6 12.Qc4 *(12.Qd1 cxd5 13.exd5 b5 14.Bxb5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qa5+* 38. Russian System 4.Nf3 Bg7 - Russian System 8.Be2 â 1 *)* 12...b5 13.Qxc6 Bd7 14.Qd6 Re8 15.f3 *(15.e5 Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.h3 Ne5 18.0-0 Nf7 19.Qa3 exd5 20.Bf3 d4 21.Ne4 Bc6 22.Ng5 Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Qd5 24.Rd1 Nd6 25.Qd3 Rac8 26.a4 b4 27.Be3 Nc4 28.Rab1 Nxe3 29.fxe3 b3* Duda,J (2743)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/163 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Arsovic,Goran] ½-½ (65) *30.exd4 Rc2 31.Rd2 Qc4 32.Qxc4+ Rxc4 33.Rd3 Rxa4 34.Rxb3 Bxd4+ 35.Nxd4 Rxd4 36.Rb7 Rd2 37.Rc1 Rf8 38.b3 Rf7 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Rc7+ Kf6 42.Rxa7 Rb2 43.Rb7 h5 44.h4 Rc2* Duda,J (2724)-Kazakouski,V (2522) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (65)*)* 15...Nh5 16.Be3 f5 17.Bd3 Be5 18.Qa6 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 fxe4 20.fxe4 Qh4+ 21.Kd2 Nf6 38. Russian System 4.Nf3 Bg7 - Russian System 8.Be2 â 1]

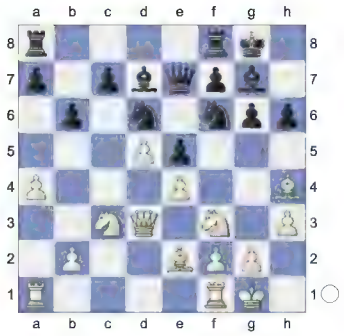
10.Qd3 0.22/18

[10.Qa4± 0.56/18 b6 11.Qc2]

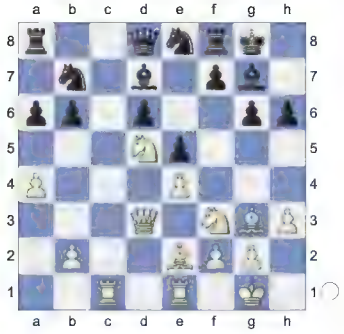
10...Qe7 0.54/16
[10...c6= 0.22/18 might be stronger.]



White is slightly better. **11.0-0± b6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Bd7 14.h3 Nb7 15.a4 Nd6**



16.Rfe1 a6 17.Bg3 Nfe8 18.Rac1 0.31/17
[⌓18.a5!? 0.68/17]
18...Nb7 19.d6 cxd6 20.Nd5 Qd8



21.Qe3 0x0.001cd1732636dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **21...Nc5**

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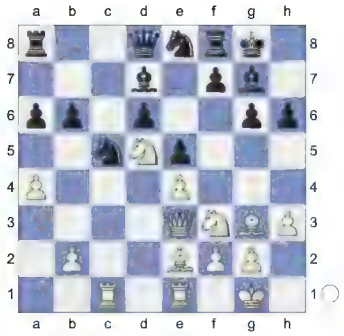
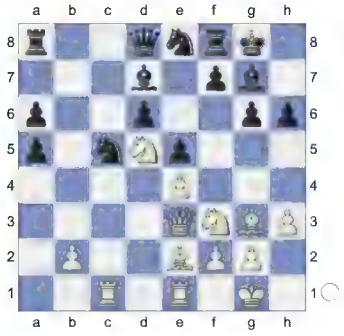
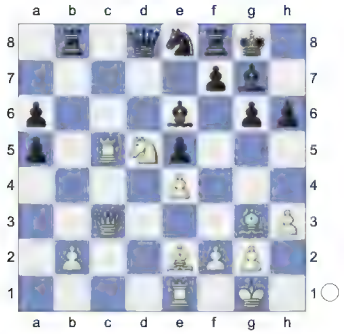


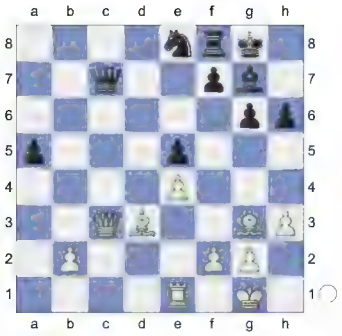
22.a5! bxa5



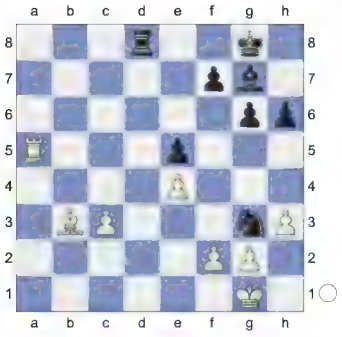
23.Nxe5! dxe5 24.Rxc5 Rb8 0.97/20
[24...a4± 0.65/19 is more appropriate.]
25.Qc3± &Bianco is much more active.
25...Be6



26.Bxa6
[26.Bxe5 with more complications. Bxe5 27.Qxe5 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Qc7 29.Rxa5 Rxb2 30.Bxa6 Rc2 31.Bd3]
26...Bxd5 27.Rxd5 Qb6 28.Rb5
[Weaker is Worse is 28.Qxa5 Nc7 29.Qxb6 Rxb6∓]
28...Qc7 29.Rxb8 Qxb8 30.Bd3
A strong pair of Bishops. **30...Qc7**



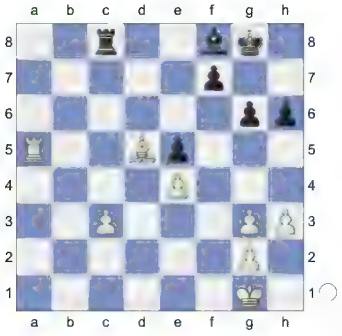
31.Ra1 Qxc3 32.bxc3 Nf6 33.Rxa5 Rd8 34.Bc2 Nh5 35.Bb3 Nxg3



36.fxg3± Endgame KRB-KRB Endgame And now Ra7 would win. KRB-KRB **36...Bf8 37.Bd5**

[Resist 37.Rxe5 Rb8 38.Ba2 Ra8±]

37...Rc8



38.c4 Bc5+ 39.Kf1 h5 40.Ke2 Rc7

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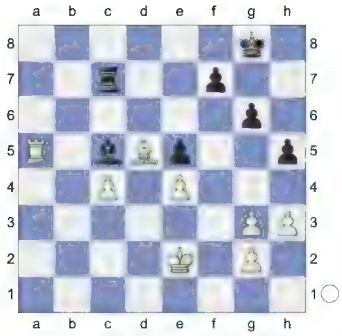


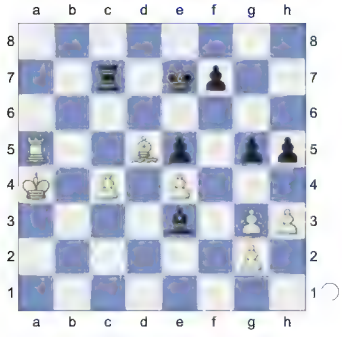
41.Kd3 Kg7 42.Kc3 Kf8 43.Kb2 Ke7 44.Kb3 g5 1.46/21

[Black should play 44...Be3 1.01/19]

[Black should play 44...Bf2 0.88/19]

45.Ka4 Be3 1.65/22

[45...Bf2± 1.27/22]



46.Ra8+- Ra7+ 1.81/29

[46...Bf2± 1.42/21 was worth a try. 47.Kb5 h4]

[46...Kf6 1.66/22 is a better defense. 47.Kb5 Rc5+ 48.Ka6 Rc7]

47.Rxa7++- Bxa7 KB-KB **48.Kb5** Strongly threatening c5. **48...Kd6** Prevents c5+. Against c5+ **49.Bxf7** 1.44/30

[Better is 49.h4+- 1.82/31]

49...h4± 50.gxh4 gxh4

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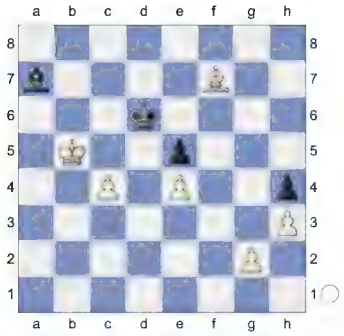
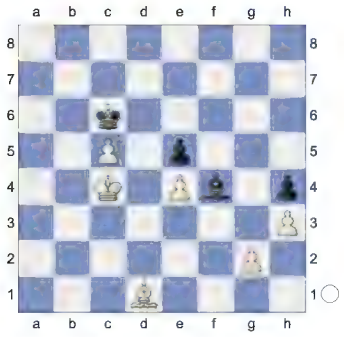
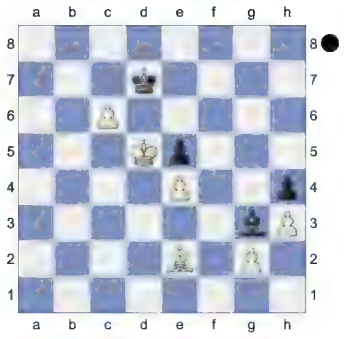


51.Bh5 Be3 52.Bf3 Bg5 2.57/31
[52...Bc5± 1.43/32 53.Bg4 Be3]
[52...Bf2± 1.47/33 53.Bh5 Bd4]
53.c5++- Kc7 54.Kc4 Threatens to win with Kd5. Kd5 is the strong threat.
54...Kc6 55.Bd1 Bf4



White is clearly better. **56.Ba4+ Kc7 57.Kd5 Bh2 58.Bd1 Bg3 59.Be2 Kd7 60.c6+**



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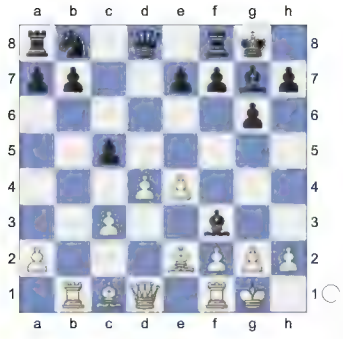
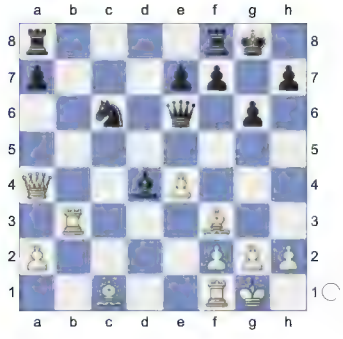
16 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3062**
■ **TLE-OF-WATER** **2978**
Blitz 21.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

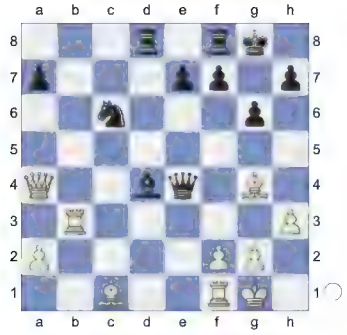
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Bg4 10.0-0 Bxf3



11.Bxf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.Rxb7 Nc6 14.Qa4 Qc8 15.Rb3 And now e5! would win. **15...Qe6**

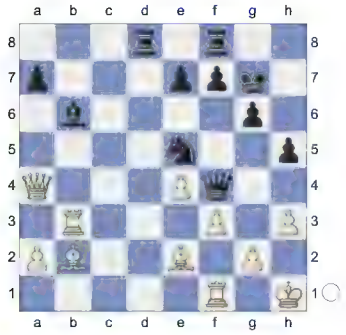


16.h3 0.14/20
[16.e5± 0.56/20 Rac8 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxd4 Qxc1 19.Rb7 *(19.Qxa7 e6±; 19.e6 f6 20.Rb7 Rfe8 21.Rxa7 Qc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5* 16) Exchange Variation 7.Nf3 -9.Be2 Bg4 #6 Forst 2023 *)* 19...e6 20.Rxa7 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Rxc5 22.f4 Rd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rf2 Rcc2 25.Rxd2 Rxd2 26.a4 Ra2 27.a5 h6 28.a6 g5 29.fxg5 hxg5 30.h4 gxh4 31.gxh4 Kg7 32.Ra8 f6 33.Ra7+ Kg6 34.h5+ Schmidek,E (2414)-Thybo,J (2498) Germany 2022 1-0 (36)]
16...Rad8!= 17.Bg4 Qf6
[17...Qxe4?

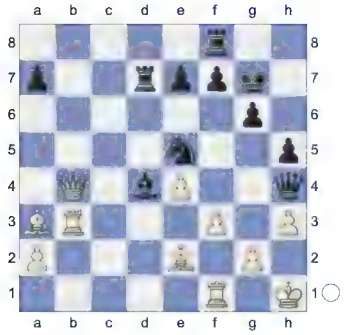


18.Re3! Qd5 19.Bf3+-]
18.Bh6⇄ White has counterplay
18...Rfe8N 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Bc1
A strong pair of Bishops. **20...Ne5**

21.Be2 Hoping for f4. **21...h5**
[21...Qxe4 22.Bb5 Rf8 23.Bh6±]
[21...Bxf2 22.Bb2 f6 23.Rb7±]
22.f3 Prevents Ng4. **22...Kg7 23.Bd2 Bb6 24.Bc3** 0.20/22
[24.Bb4± 0.58/19]
24...Qf4 25.Bb2
[25.Bb5!? Rh8 26.Bb2±]
25...Rf8 0.42/20
[25...Kh7= -0.01/19]

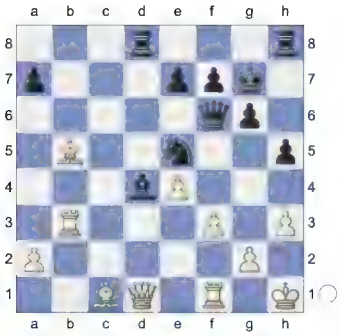


26.Qb4± Rd6 27.Bc1 Qh4 28.Qb5! Bd4 29.Ba3 aiming for f4. **29...Rdd8 30.Qb4 Rd7**

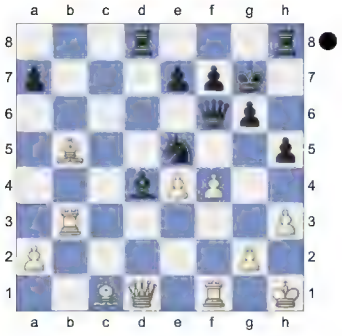


31.Bc1 0.01/19
[31.Bb5± 0.32/21 is superior. Rb8 32.Qa5 *(32.f4 Ng4∓)*]
31...Rh8!= 32.Qd2 Rdd8 0.51/20
[32...Bb6= 0.01/20 33.Qc2 Rhd8]
33.Bb5 0.01/19
[33.Rb7± 0.51/20]
33...Qf6 The position is equal. **34.Qe2 Rc8 35.Qd1 Rcd8**

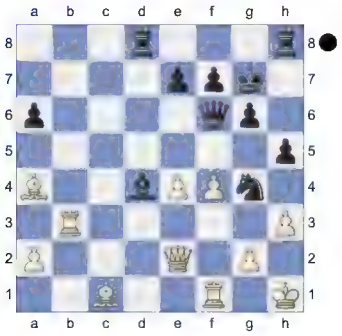
(Diagram)



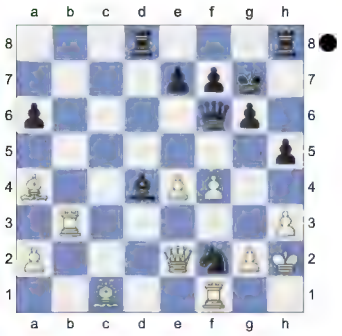
36.f4



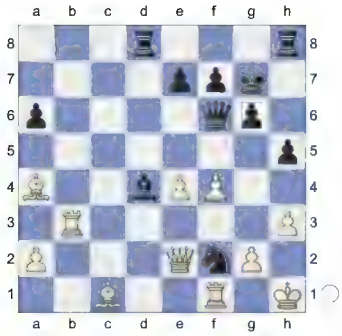
Ng4 ...Nf2+ is the strong threat. **37.Qe2**
Against Nf2+ **37...a6 38.Ba4**



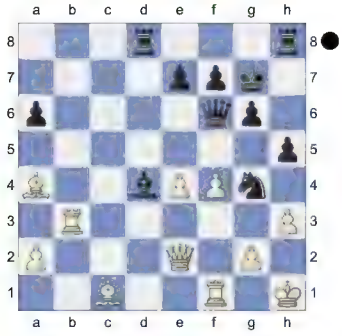
Nf2+! 39.Kh2
[But not 39.Rxf2 Bxf2 40.Rc3 Bd4∓]



39...Ng4+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+



41.Kh2
[Of course not 41.Rxf2 Bxf2 42.Rc3 Bd4∓]
41...Ng4+ 42.Kh1



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17 **E90**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3059**
■ **BotAlexMI** **2786**
Blitz 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0-0

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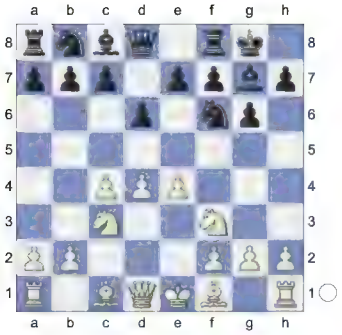

6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.Be3 Na6 9.a3 f5 10.b4 Nb8

[10...Kh8 11.Rc1 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Be2 fxe4 14.Nxe4 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Rxc5 Bb7 19.0-0 Rac8 20.Ra5 Ba8 Flear,G (2510)-Cvitan,O (2575) Bern 1993 CI1-130 [RR]]

[10...Nf4 11.g3 Nh5 12.Bd2 c6 13.Bg2 cxd5 14.cxd5 Nc7 15.0-0 f4 16.g4 Nf6 17.Qb3 h6 18.Rfc1 Nh7 19.a4 h5 20.gxh5 gxh5 21.a5 Rf7 22.Kh2 Bd7 23.b5 Ne8 24.b6 a6 25.Qd1 Bierkens,P (2480)-Olape,B (2569) Reggio Emilia 2021 CBM 03 [Adly,Ahmed] 0-1 (39)]

11.Rc1 White is slightly better. **11...a5N**

[11...Nd7 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Ng5 Ndf6 14.Be2 Qe8 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 f4 17.Bd2 e4 18.Bxh5 Nxh5 19.Nd5 e3 20.Bc3 f3 E 90/34 Survey 2008]

12.c5 axb4 13.axb4 Nf4 14.g3 fxe4 15.Nd2 Nd3+

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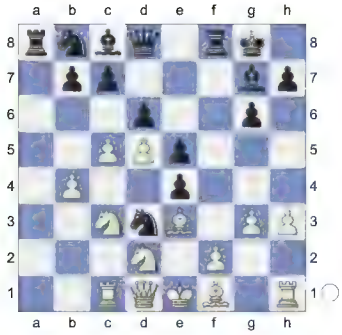


16.Bxd3 exd3 17.Nde4 dxc5 18.bxc5 Ra3 19.0-0 Bf5 0.96/18

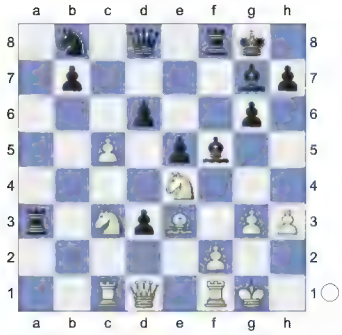
[19...Bxh3± 0.54/19 feels stronger. 20.Re1 Na6]

20.d6 0.13/19

[20.Qxd3± 0.96/18 And now Qc4 would win. Nc6 21.Qc4]

20...cxd6=

[20...Bxh3? 21.Nb5 Bxf1 22.dxc7+-]

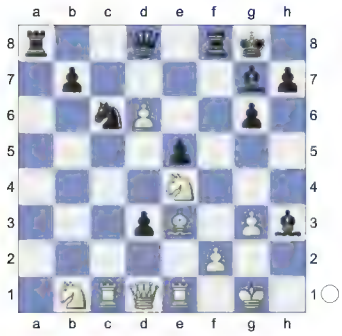


21.cxd6 White wants to play g4.

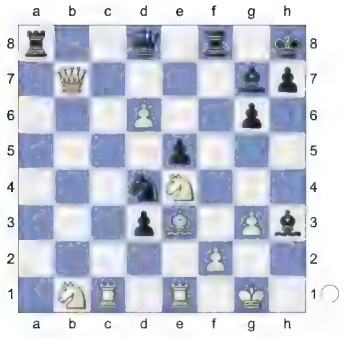
21...Bxh3 0.77/21

[21...Rxc3= 0.01/19 22.Nxc3 Qxd6]

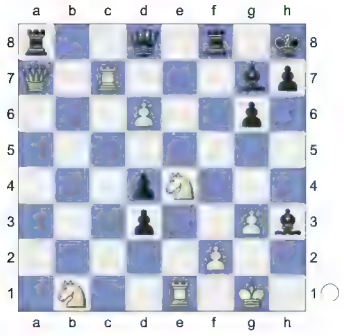
22.Nb1!± Pair of Knights! **22...Ra8 23.Re1 Nc6**



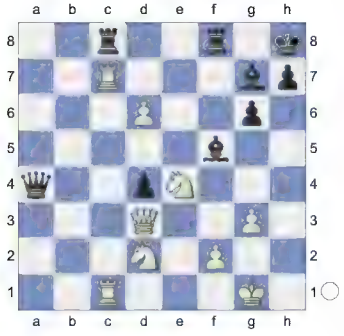
24.Qb3+! Kh8 25.Qxb7 Nd4



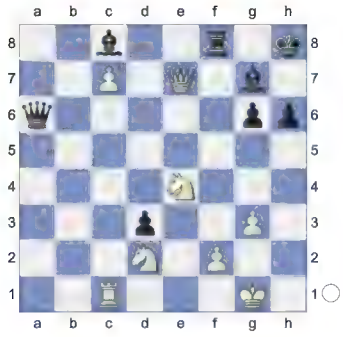
26.Bxd4 exd4 27.Rc7 Rb8 28.Qa7 White has strong compensation.
28...Ra8 29.Qb7 -0.01/17
[29.Qc5± 0.80/22]
29...Rb8= 30.Qa7 -0.01/16
[White should try 30.Qd5± 0.79/20 Qe8 31.Nbd2]
30...Ra8



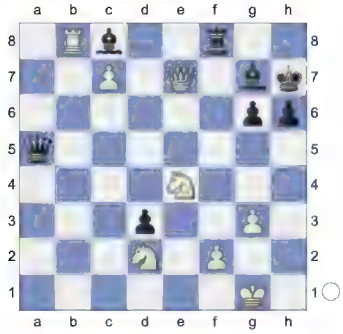
31.Qc5 Bd7 32.Nbd2 Qe8! 33.Qc4 Rc8 34.Rc1 Bf5 35.Qxd3 Qa4



36.Qf3 Rxc8 is the strong threat. &Bianco is much more active. **36...Qa6**
37.Qf4 d3 1.85/20
[37...h6± 0.98/19 was worth a try.]
38.Qh4→ Hoping for Rxc8. White wants a kill. **38...h6** 2.05/22
[38...Rxc7± 1.54/18 39.dxc7 *(39.Rxc7 Bxe4 40.Nxe4 Qa1+ 41.Kg2 Qd4=)* 39...Qa3]
39.Qe7+- Rxc7 40.dxc7
[Don't do 40.Rxc7?! Qa1+ 41.Kg2 Qe5±]
40...Bc8 2.06/20
[40...Kh7± 1.53/20 was necessary. 41.Qd6 Qxd6 42.Nxd6 Bc8]



41.Rb1 Qa5 42.Rb8 Kh7



43.Qxf8!! The board is on fire. **43...Bxf8**
44.Rxc8 g5
[44...Qf5? 45.Re8+-]
45.Kg2 Black must now prevent Nc4.
[Don't take 45.Rxf8 Qxc7 46.Kg2 Qc2+-]
45...Qe5
[45...Qf5? 46.Re8+-]

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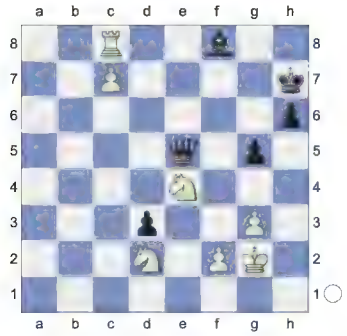
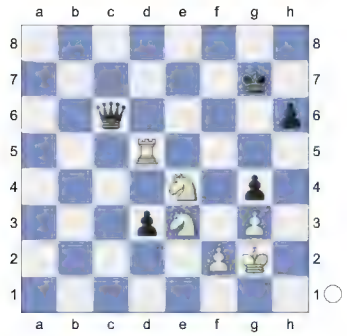
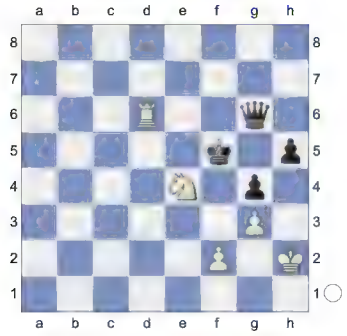


46.Rxf8 Qxc7 47.Rf5 g4 4.57/23
[47...Qb7 3.24/21 was called for. 48.Rf3 Kg7 49.Rxd3 g4]
48.Rd5 Qc2 49.Nf1 Qc6 50.Ne3 Kg7



51.Kh2 h5 52.Nf5+ Kf7 53.Rxd3 Qg6 10.32/30
[⌓53...Qa8 4.56/21 54.Nfd6+ *(54.Rd7+ Ke6∓)* 54...Ke7]
54.Rd4 5.11/23 **Ke6** 10.13/27
[⌓54...Qc6 5.11/23 55.Rd8 Qg6 56.Nfd6+ Ke7]
55.Rd6+ Kxf5



56.Rxg6 Kxg6 Endgame KN-KPP **57.f3 Kf5 58.fxg4+ Kxg4** KN-KP **59.Kg2 Kf5 60.Nf2 Kf6**
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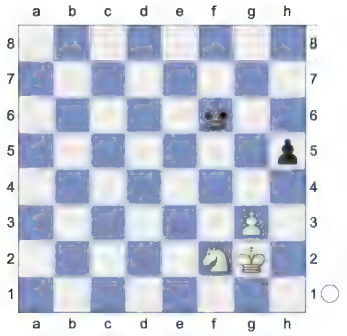
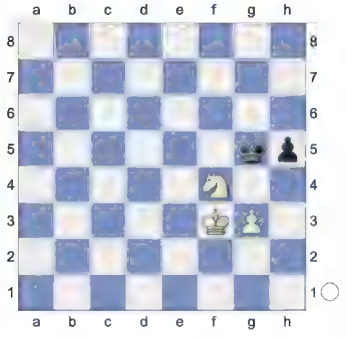
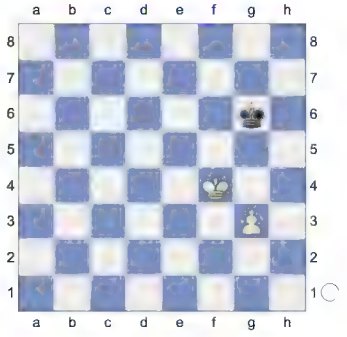


61.Nh3 Kf5 62.Kf3 Kf6 63.Nf4 12.99/28
[⌓63.Kf4 #18/27 Kg6 64.Ke5 Kf7 65.Nf4 Kg7 66.Kf5 h4 67.g4 Kg8 68.Kf6]
63...Kg5



64.Nxh5! 10.32/30 **Kxh5** KP-K **65.Kf4 Kg6**



66.Kg4 Kh7 67.Kg5 Kg7 68.g4 Kh7

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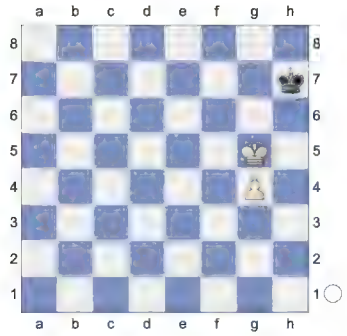
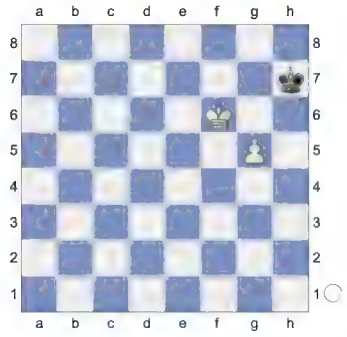
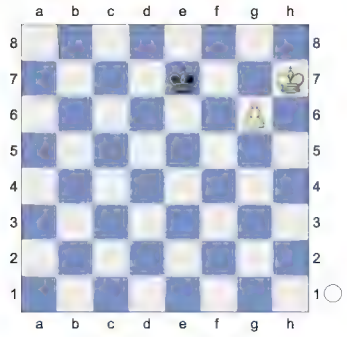


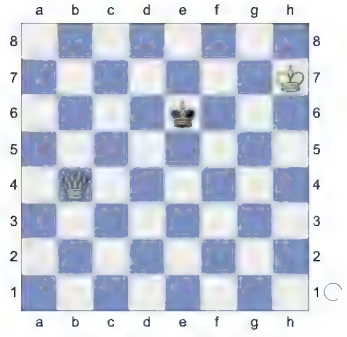
69.Kf6! Kh6 70.g5+ Kh7



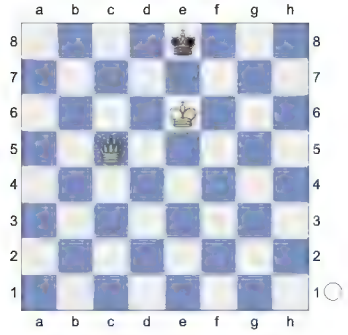
71.Kf7 g6+ would kill now. **71...Kh8**
72.Kg6 White wants to mate with Kf7.
72...Kg8 73.Kh6 White mates. **73...Kf7 74.g6+ Kf8 75.Kh7 Ke7**



76.g7 Kd6 77.g8Q Kc5 78.Qb3 Kd4 79.Qa4+ Kd5 80.Qb4 Ke6



81.Qc5 Kd7 82.Kh6 Ke6 83.Kg7 Kd7 84.Kf6 Kd8 85.Ke6 Ke8



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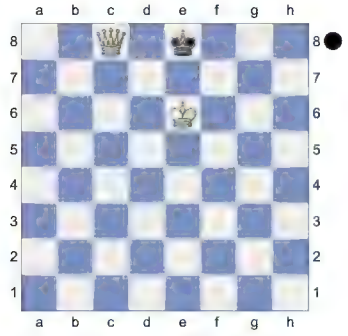

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18 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3055**
■ **Endogenetic-Bot** **3007**
Blitz 25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

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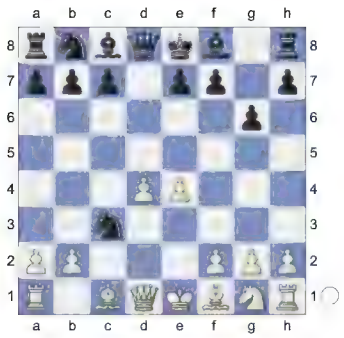
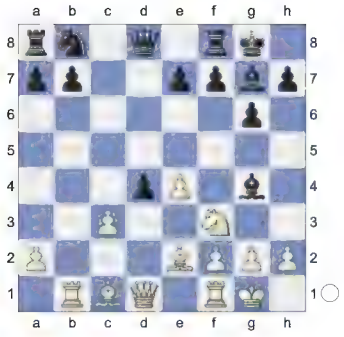
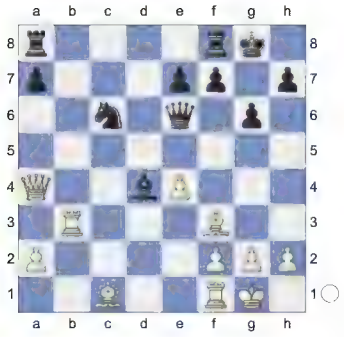


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Bg4 10.0-0 cxd4



11.cxd4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Bxd4 13.Rxb7 Nc6 14.Qa4 Qc8 15.Rb3 Qe6



16.h3

[16.e5!? Rac8 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxd4 Qxc1 19.Rb7± *(19.Qxa7 e6±; 19.e6 f6 20.Rb7 Rfe8 21.Rxa7 Qc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5* 16) Exchange Variation 7.Nf3 -9.Be2 Bg4 #6 Forst 2023 *)* 19...e6 20.Rxa7 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Rxc5 22.f4 Rd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rf2 Rcc2 25.Rxd2 Rxd2 26.a4 Ra2 27.a5 h6 28.a6 g5 29.fxg5 hxg5 30.h4 gxh4 31.gxh4 Kg7 32.Ra8 f6 33.Ra7+ Kg6 34.h5+ Schmidek,E (2414)-Thybo,J (2498) Germany 2022 1-0 (36)]

16...Rad8! White is slightly better.

17.Bg4 Qf6

[17...Qxe4? 18.Re3! Qd5 19.Bf3+-]

18.Bh6 Rfe8N 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Bc1 This bishop pair is nice. **20...Ne5**

21.Be2 h5

[Don't play 21...Qxe4 22.Bb5 Rf8 23.Bh6±]

[Don't do 21...Bxf2 22.Bb2 f6 23.Rb7±]

22.f3 Inhibits Ng4. **22...Kg7** 0.45/20

[22...Bb6!= -0.01/19]

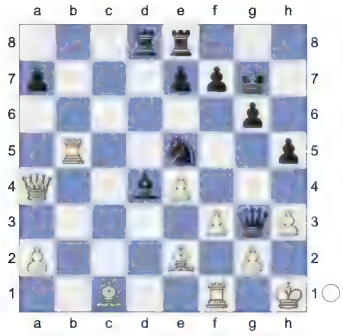
23.Rb5± Qg3 0.72/21

[23...e6= 0.20/20 keeps the balance.]

24.Rb3 0.01/18

[White should play 24.Rd5± 0.72/21 Strongly threatening Qxd4. Bb6 25.Bb5]

24...Qh4!= 25.Rb5 Qg3

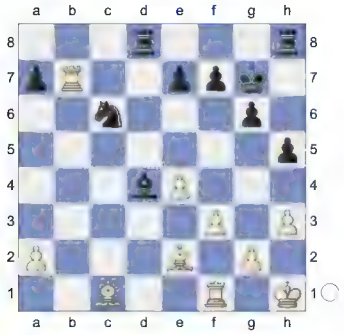


26.Qc2 0.14/19

[26.Rd5± 0.61/21 feels stronger. Bb6 27.Bb5]

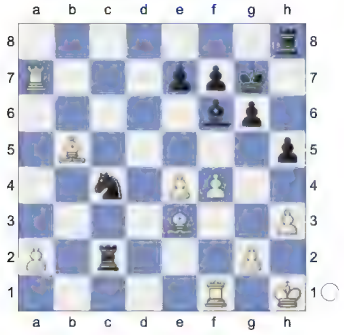
26...Rh8 0.48/19

[26...Bb6= 0.14/19]
27.Rb3 Black must now prevent f4.
27...Qh4 28.Rb7 Qf6 29.Qa4 Qc6 0.67/20
[29...e6= 0.24/19]
30.Qxc6± Nxc6



31.Bb5! Rc8 32.Rd7 Bf6 33.Be3 Against Nd4 **33...Ne5 34.Rxa7** &Bianco is more active. **34...Rc2!**

35.f4 0.34/21
[35.Rd1!± 1.06/19]
35...Nc4



36.Bxc4 Rxc4 37.e5 Bh4 38.Rf3 e6! 39.g3 Bd8 40.h4 Bc7

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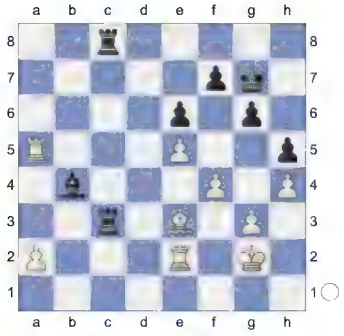
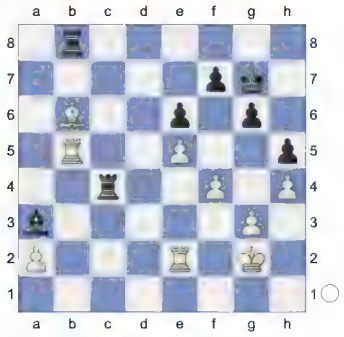
41.Ra3 Prevents Rc3. **41...Rc8 42.Kg2 Bd8 43.Rf2 Be7 44.Ra5 Rc3 45.Re2 Bb4**



46.Rb5 Ba3 47.Ra5 Bb4! 48.Rb5 Ba3 49.Bd4 R3c4 50.Bb6 Rb8



51.Rb3 Ra8! Inhibits Ba5. **52.Kh3 Bc5 53.Bxc5 Rxc5=** Endgame KRR-KRR **54.a3 Rca5 55.Ra2 R5a7**

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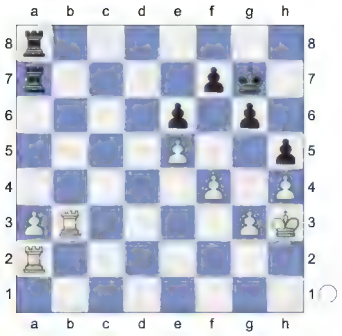
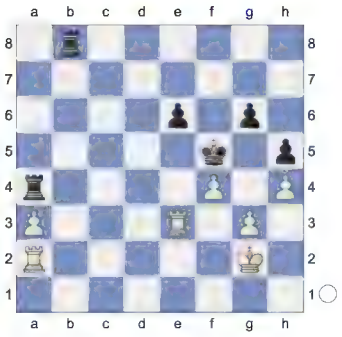
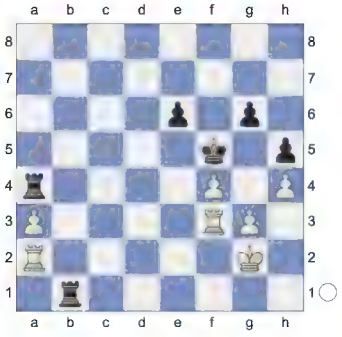


56.Kg2 f6 0.37/19
[56...Ra4= 0.01/24]
57.exf6+ 0.01/27
[57.Rf2± 0.37/19]
57...Kxf6 58.Ra1 Ra4 59.Ra2 Kf5 60.Re3 Rb8



61.Rc2 Ra6 Inhibits Rc6. **62.Re5+ Kf6 63.Ra2 Ra4 64.Re3 Rb1 65.Rf3 Kf5**



66.Rc3 Kf6 67.Re3 Kf5 68.Rae2 aiming for Re5+. **68...Ra6 69.Ra2 Ra4 70.Rd3 Kg4**

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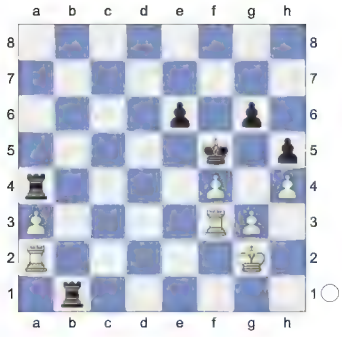
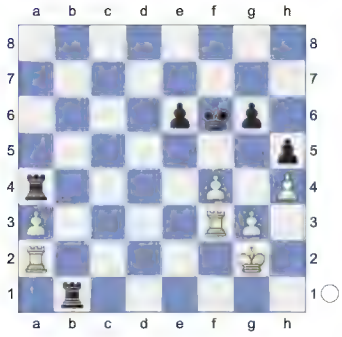
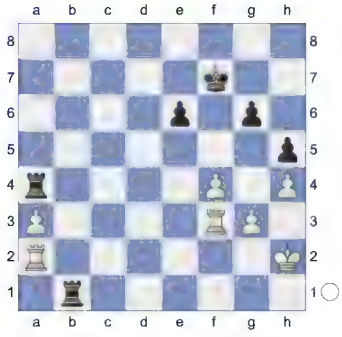
71.Rc3 Kf5 72.Rc5+ Kf6 73.Rc3 Kf5 74.Re3 Kf6 75.Rf3 Kf5



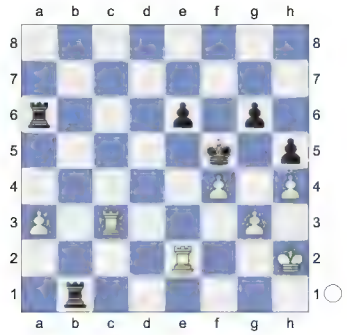
76.Rc3 Kf6 77.Rd3 Kf5 78.Re2 Ra6 Against Rd6 **79.Ra2 Ra4 80.Rf3 Kf6**



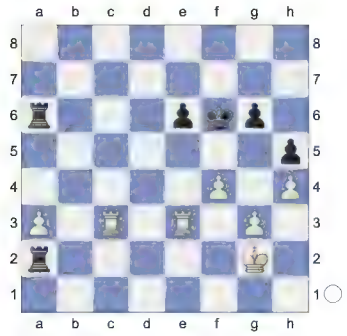
81.Kh2 Kf5 82.Rc3 Kf6 83.Re2 next Rc6 is good for White. **83...Ra6** Against Rc6 **84.Ra2 Ra4 85.Rf3 Kf7**



86.Re3 Kf6 87.Rc3 Rb6 88.Rf3 Rb1 89.Rc3 Kf5 90.Re2 Hoping for Rc5+. **90...Ra6**

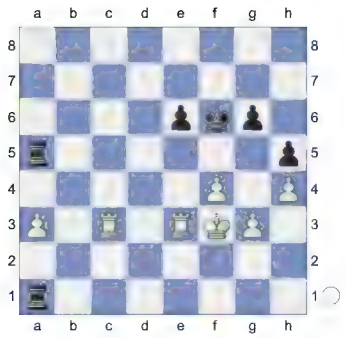


91.Ra2 Ra4 92.Re2 Threatens to win with Rc5+. **92...Ra6 93.Kg2 Ra1 94.Re5+ Kf6 95.Ree3 Ra2+**

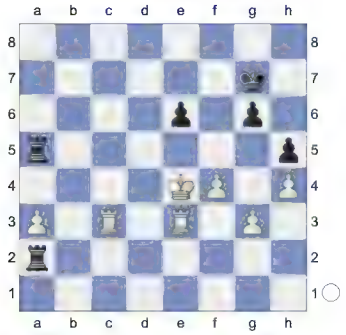


96.Kf3 Ra7 0.31/29
[96...Kg7= -0.01/26 is more appropriate.]
97.Red3 -0.01/27
[97.Rc6± 0.31/29 might be stronger. R7xa3 98.Rcxe6+ Kf5 99.R6e5+ Kf6 100.Re6+ Kf5 101.R6e5+ Kf6 102.Re6+]
97...Kf5 98.Rc5+ Kf6 99.Rcc3 Ra5 100.Re3 Ra1 0.36/26
[100...Ra6= -0.01/28]

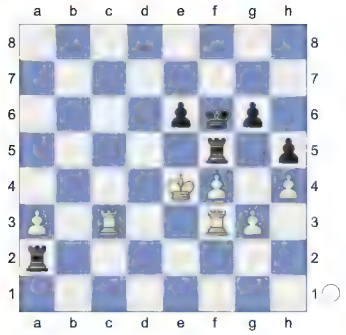
(Diagram)



101.Red3 -0.01/24
[101.Rc6!± 0.36/26 was preferrable.]
101...Ra4 102.Kf2 Kg7 103.Re3 Ra2+ 0.37/28
[103...Ra6!= 0.01/26 is superior.]
104.Kf3 0.01/27
[104.Re2± 0.37/28 R4xa3 105.Rxa3 Rxa3 106.Rxe6]
104...Ra6 The position is equal. **105.Ke4 Ra5**



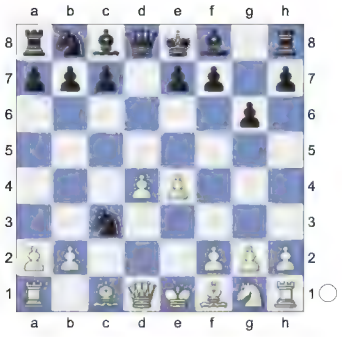
106.Red3 Kf6 107.Rf3 Rf5



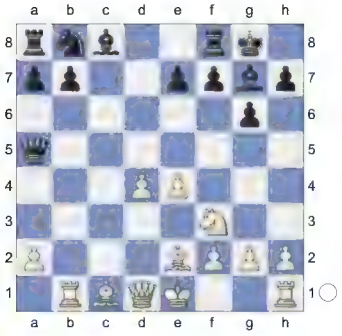
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

19 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3048**
■ **Nimfish** **2800**
Blitz 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

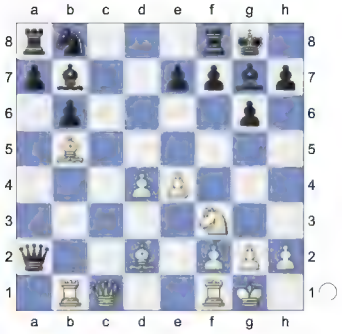
Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Ivanov,Se: 'Inf 49/541' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**



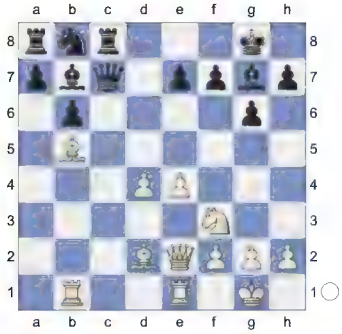
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+



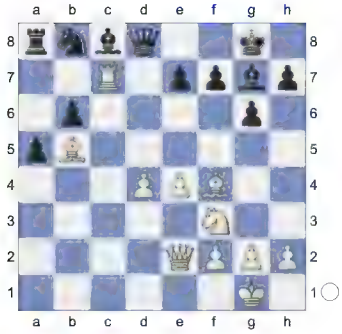
11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 b6 13.Qc1 Bb7 14.Bc4 Qa4 15.Bb5 Qa2



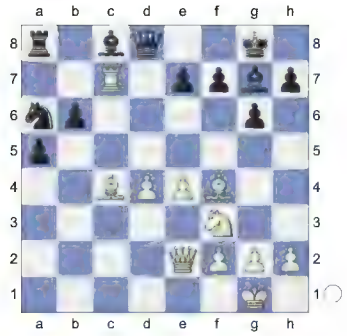
16.Bc4 Qa4 17.Bb5 Qa2 18.Re1 Rc8
19.Qd1! Qc2 20.Qe2 Qc7



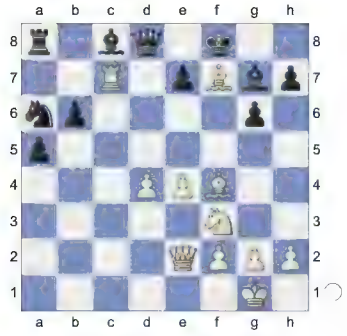
21.Rec1 Qd8 White is slightly better.
22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Rc1 Qd8 24.Bf4! Hoping for Rc7. **24...a5N**
[24...a6 25.Ba4 e6 26.Rc7 Bc8 27.Qc4 Bd7 28.Bxd7 Nxd7 29.Qc6 Nf8 30.Ng5 Qxd4 31.g3 Rd8 32.Rxf7 h6 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Nxe6 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Rf6 36.e5 Rf7 37.Qe8+ Bf8 38.Nxf8 Rxf8 39.Qxg6+ Jovanovic,S-Chapter Main Lines Israel 1990 CR97-74 [Lane, CCYB6] 1-0 (49) Kh8 40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.e6 Qd5+ 43.f3 Rxf4 44.gxf4 Qd2+ 45.Kg3 Qe1+ 46.Kg4 Qg1+ 47.Kf5 Qc5+ 48.Kf6 Qc3+ 49.Kf7 1-0 (49) Jovanovic,S (2460)-Chapter Main Lines Belgrade Invest 1990 Telechess CBM 89 [Handoko,E]]
25.Rc7 -0.01/21
[25.Bc7!± 0.48/19 is superior. Qc8 26.Bf4]
25...Bc8!=



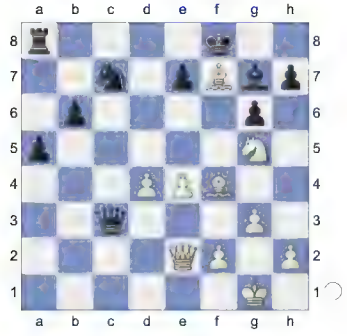
26.Bc4 Na6



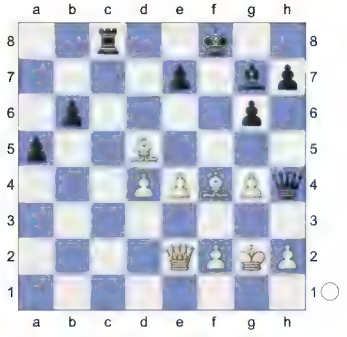
27.Bxf7+! Kf8
[27...Kxf7? 28.Qc4+ Kf8 29.Ng5+-]



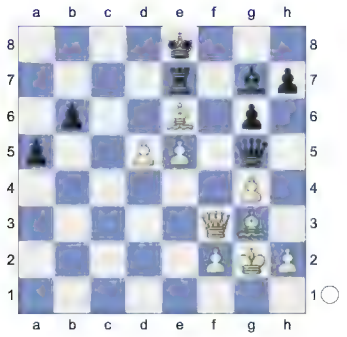
28.Rxc8 0x0.001cd1732636dp-1022s more active pieces. **28...Qxc8 29.Ng5 Qc3?** 2.44/19 White now steadily converts the win.
[29...Bxd4? 30.Bd5 Nb4 31.Bxa8+-]
[29...Nb4!± 0.45/19]
30.g3!+- Nc7



31.Bd5
[31.Bc4 Bxd4! 32.Kg2 e5∓]
31...Rc8 32.Bxc7 The board is on fire. A strong pair of Bishops.
[32.Nxh7+?! Ke8±]
32...Qc1+ 33.Kg2 Qxg5 34.Bf4 Qh5
35.g4 Qh4



36.Qf3 Threatens to win with Bg5+.
36...Ke8 10.31/21
[36...Qf6? 37.e5 Qf7 38.Bxf7+-]
[⌓36...Bf6 4.05/22 37.e5 *(37.g5 Qh5±)* 37...g5]
37.e5 e6 38.Bxe6 Rc7 39.d5 Intending d6 and mate. **39...Re7 40.Bg3 Qg5**



41.Qc3 Kf8 42.Qf3+? -0.01/16
[42.h4 #16/18 Rxe6 43.hxg5 Re8 44.d6 h5 45.d7 Rd8 46.Qc7 Ke7 47.Qd6+ Kf7 48.e6+ Kg8 49.e7]
42...Ke8= 43.Qc3 0.01/20
[43.Qe4+- 7.23/21 Qc1 44.d6! Rxe6 45.Qa8+ Kd7 46.Qb7+ Kd8 47.Bf4! *(47.Qxg7 Qc6+ 48.f3 a4±)* 47...Bxe5 48.Qxb6+ Ke8 49.Qb8+ Kd7 50.Qb7+ Kd8 51.Bxc1 Bxd6 52.Qf7]
43...Kf8 44.h4 Qh6

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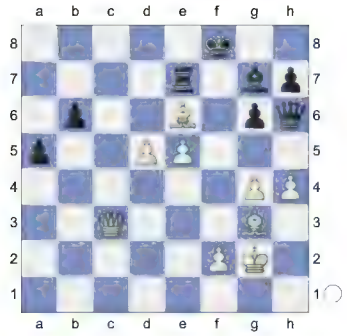
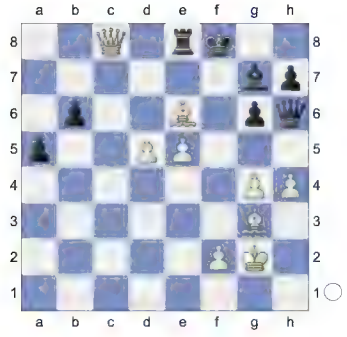
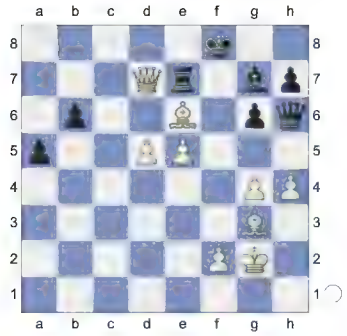


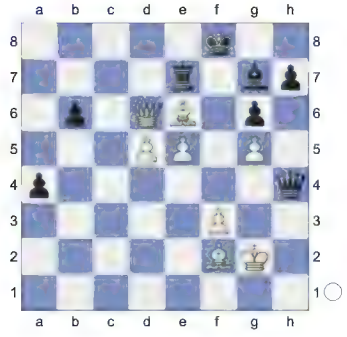
45.Qc8+ 7.17/5
[⌓45.d6! #15/20 Rxe6 46.Qc8+ Kf7 47.Qd7+ Kf8 48.Qxe6 g5 49.Qc8+ Kf7 50.d7]
45...Re8+-



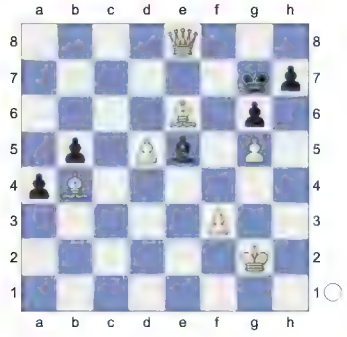
46.Qc7 Re7 Prevents Qf7+. **47.Qd8+** 4.59/5
[⌓47.Qb8+ #16/21 Re8 48.Qd6+ Re7 49.f4 Bh8 50.Qb8+ Re8 51.Qxb6 Qg7 52.Bf2]
47...Re8 48.Qc7 -0.01/5
[48.Qd6+ #15/21 Re7 49.f4 Bh8 50.Qxb6 g5 51.hxg5 Qg6 52.f5 Rb7 53.Qxb7]
48...Re7= 49.Qc8+ 0.01/5
[49.Qb8+ #16/19 mates Re8 50.Qd6+ Re7 51.f4 g5 52.hxg5 Bxe5 53.Qxe5 *(53.gxh6 Bxd6 54.Bh4 Bxf4∓)* 53...Qg7 54.Qb8+ Re8 55.Qxb6]
49...Re8 50.Qd7 8.78/21
[⌓50.Qb7 #17/20 Re7 51.Bd7 Kg8 52.d6 Rxd7 53.Qxd7 g5 54.e6 Qg6 55.e7]
50...Re7+-



51.Qd8+?→ 0.01/5 White mounts an attack.
[51.Qc6+- 9.34/23]
51...Re8= 52.Qd6+ Re7 53.g5 White mates. **53...Qh5 54.f3 a4 55.Bf2 Qxh4**



56.Bxh4 Bh8 57.Be1 Bxe5 58.Qd8+ Re8 59.Bb4+ Kg7 60.Qxe8 b5



61.Qg8#

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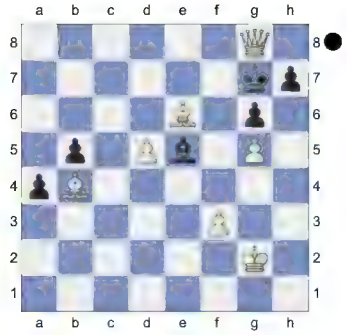

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1-0

20 **D85**
□ **ttBOT** **3045**
■ **Motor-0** **3015**
Blitz 20.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.cxd5 Nxd5

6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5

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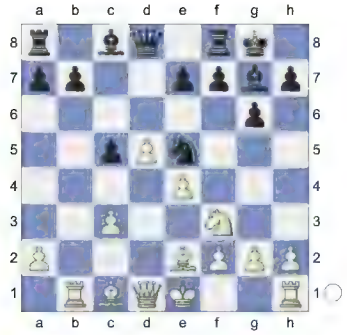
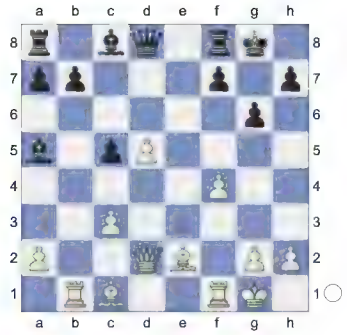


11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bc7 14.0-0 exd5 15.exd5 Ba5



16.d6 Rb8 17.Rb5 0.01/20
[17.Ba3!± 0.41/17]
17...Bd7!= 18.f5 Rxa5! is the strong threat. **18...Bxb5** The position is equal.
19.Bxb5 Qh4
[19...Qf6 20.fxg6 Qxg6 21.Rf3 Kh8 22.Qd5 Rg8 23.g3 Qb1 24.Rf1 Bxc3 25.Bd3 Qb4 26.Be3 Rg7 27.Rxf7 Qg4 28.Rf4 Qh3 29.Bf1 Qd7 30.Rc4 Bb2 31.Rxc5 Rd8 32.Bf4 Qf7 33.Bg2 Qxd5 34.Rxd5 Turaga,M (2334)-Anand,K (2186) ICCF 2019 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Anand, Anil] 1-0 (73)]
20.Rf4 Qg5

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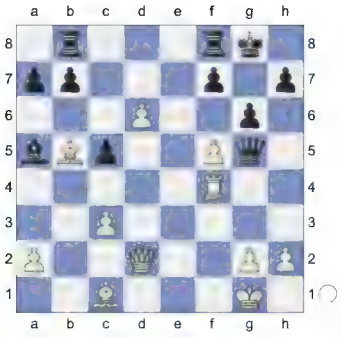
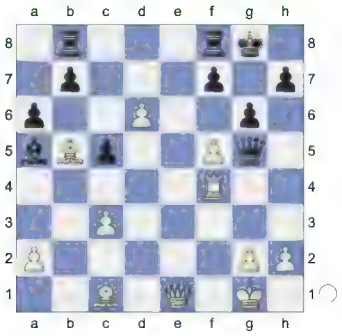


21.Qe1 aiming for Rf3. **21...a6N**
[21...gxf5? 22.Ra4 Qg6 23.Rxa5+-]
[21...Qd8 22.Qe5 Re8 23.Qd5 Re1+ 24.Kf2 g5 25.f6 h6 26.Qf5 Qxd6 27.Kxe1 Rd8 28.Kf2 Qd1 29.Bc4 Kh8 30.Rf3 Qxc1 31.Bd3 Qd2+ 32.Kf1 Qd1+ 33.Kf2 Qd2+ 34.Kf1 Qd1+ ½-½ (34) Preuss,S (2703)-Deslandes,P (2770) Veliko Gradiste SRB 2012 CBM 136 [Dressel]]



22.fxg6! Qxg6 23.Bd7↑ White fights for an advantage. **23...Kh8?** 1.70/19
[23...Qxd6= -0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.Bf5 Rbe8 25.Bxh7+ *(25.Qh4 h6=)* 25...Kxh7 26.Qh4+ Kg8 27.Rg4+ Qg6!]

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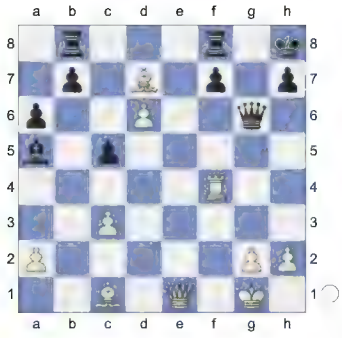
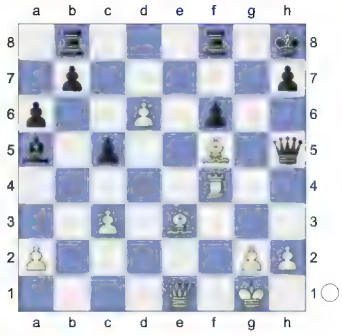
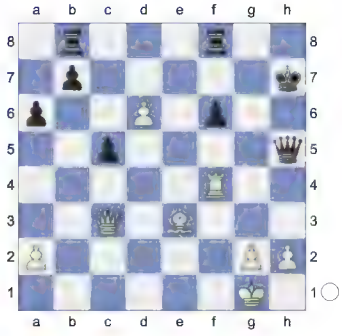


This costs Black the game. **24.Bf5!+-**
[24.Qe5+ f6 25.Qf5 Qxf5 26.Bxf5 Rfe8∓]
24...Qh5 2.14/19
[24...Qf6± 1.51/20 was called for.]
25.Be3 f6 3.16/21
[⌓25...Bb6 2.01/19]



26.Bxh7! This bishop pair is nice.
26...Bxc3
[26...Kxh7? 27.Rh4 Qxh4 28.Qxh4+ Kg7 29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Qh5+ Ke6 31.Qxc5+-]
27.Qxc3 Black must now prevent Bc2. The board is on fire. **27...Kxh7**

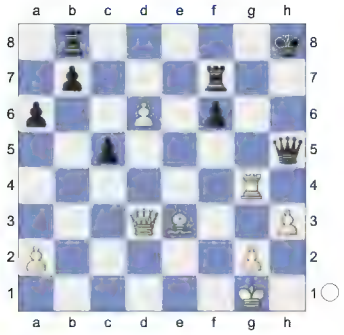


28.Qd3+

[Less strong is 28.Bxc5 Rf7±]
[Worse is 28.Qxc5 Qxc5 29.Bxc5 Rbc8∓]

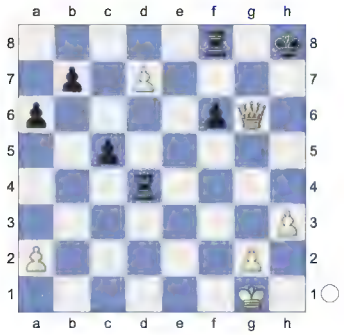
28...Kg7 29.h3 Rf7? 4.49/19
[29...b5 2.67/18 30.Rg4+ Kf7]

30.Rg4+ Kh8

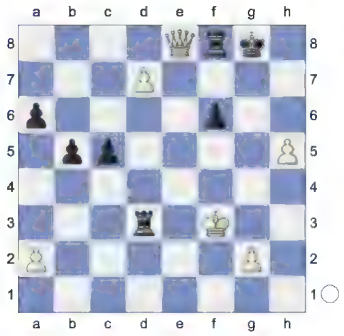


31.Bf2 Rh7 32.Bh4 Qxh4 33.Rxh4 Rxh4 Endgame KQ-KRR **34.Qg6 Rf8** 6.94/20
[⌓34...Rh7 4.02/23 35.Qxf6+ Kg8 36.Qe6+ Rf7]

35.d7 Rd4

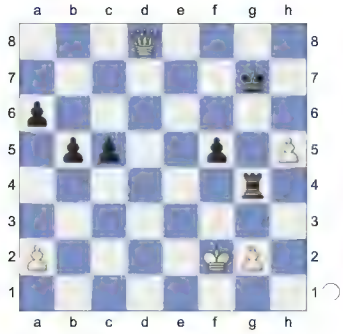


36.Qe8! Kg8 37.h4 b5 38.h5 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Rd2+ 40.Kf3 Threatening mate with Qg6+. **40...Rd3+**



41.Ke2 Rd4 42.Qe7 f5 43.Kf2 Rg4

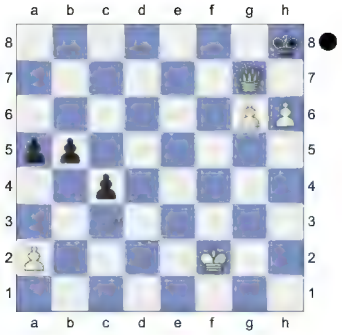
44.Qxf8+!! Remove Defender, Promotion **44...Kxf8 45.d8Q+** KQ-KR **45...Kg7**



46.Qd7+ Kh8 47.Qxf5 Rg7 48.g4 g5 would kill now. **48...c4 49.g5** White mates. **49...Kg8 50.g6 Rc7**

51.h6 a5 52.Qd5+ Rf7+ 53.Qxf7+ Kh8 54.Qg7#

(Diagram)



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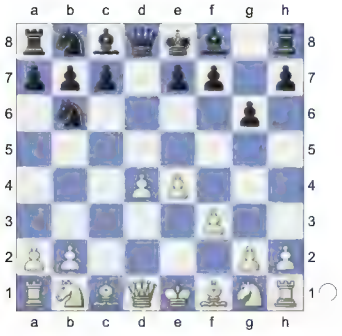
21 **D70**
□ **TheMatrix2029** **3043**
■ **ArasanX** **3075**
Rapid 04.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec
D70: Grünfeld: Unusual White 3rd moves (met by ...d5)
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6



6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 f5 0.53/18
[9...e5= -0.04/17 10.d5 Nd4]
10.e5 f4

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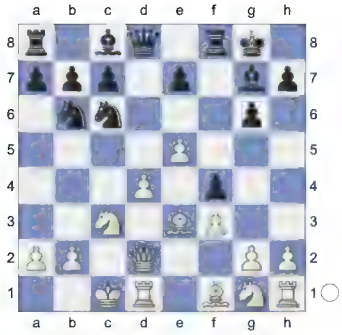

11.Bxf4 Qe8 White is slightly better.
12.Bh6 &Bianco is more active. **12...Nb4** 1.13/18
[⌓12...Be6 0.77/20]
13.a3± Black must now prevent Bxg7.
13...a5 14.Bxg7
[14.axb4 axb4 15.Bxg7 bxc3 16.Qxc3 *(16.Qh6 Ra1+ 17.Kc2 Qa4+ 18.Kd3 Rxd1+ 19.Ke3 Qxd4+ 20.Ke2 Rd2+ 21.Ke1 Qf2#)* 16...Kxg7∓]
14...Kxg7 15.d5 Prevents Qc6.
[15.axb4 axb4 16.Nb1 *(16.Ne4? Ra1+ 17.Kc2 Qa4+ 18.b3 Ra2+ 19.Kd3 Qxb3+ 20.Ke2 Nc4-+)* 16...Nd5]
15...Bf5

16.e6 0.93/19
[16.axb4? axb4 17.Nb1 Bxb1 18.Qxb4 *(18.Kxb1? Qa4-+)* 18...Bf5-+]
[⌓16.Qd4 1.41/18]
16...Kg8

(Diagram)

17.Qd4
[17.axb4? axb4 18.Nb1 Bxb1 19.Qxb4 *(19.Kxb1? Qa4-+)* 19...Bf5-+]
17...Bc2 2.09/20 **18.Re1+-**
[18.axb4 Bxd1 19.bxa5 *(19.Kxd1 axb4 20.Qxb4 Ra1+ 21.Ke2 Qd8=)* 19...Rxa5 20.Kxd1 *(20.Qxd1? Nxd5 21.Qxd5 Rxd5-+)* 20...Qd8=]
18...c5 19.Qh4
[19.Qxc5 N6xd5 20.Bb5 *(20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qxd5 Rc8±; 20.axb4 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Qa4=)* 20...Qd8 21.axb4 *(21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bd7 Bb3±)* 21...Nxc3 22.bxc3 *(22.Kxc2 axb4 23.Bd7 Rf5∓)* 22...axb4=]
19...N6xd5 2.19/20
[19...Bb3± 1.31/18 might work better.]
20.Nxd5
[20.axb4 Nxc3 21.b5 *(21.Kxc2 Qa4+ 22.Kxc3 axb4+ 23.Kd2 Qb3=; 21.bxc3? axb4 22.Kd2 b3-+; 21.bxc5 Nd5∓)* 21...Nxb5 22.Kxc2 a4 23.Bxb5 Qxb5=]
20...Nxd5

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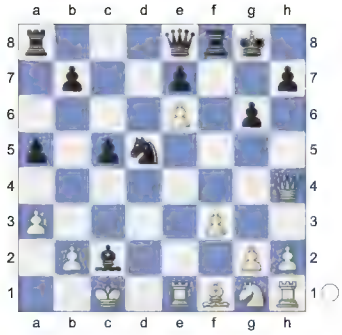
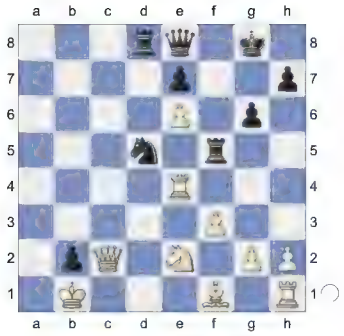


21.Qc4 b5 2.22/19
[21...Nb4 1.81/22 is a better defense.]
22.Qxc2 c4 23.Re5 1.11/20
[23.h4+- 2.36/19 has better winning chances.]
23...Rd8 1.77/19
[23...Qc6± 1.11/20 24.Ne2 Qd6]
24.Ne2 Rf5

25.Re4 And now Nd4 would win.
[25.Rxf5 Ne3 26.Rc5 Nxc2 27.Kxc2 b4 28.Rxa5 b3+ 29.Kc3 Qc6=]
25...Nf6

26.Rd4 b4 27.axb4
[27.Qxc4? Rc8 28.axb4 Rxc4+ 29.Rxc4 axb4 30.Rxb4 Qa8-+]

27...axb4 28.Kb1
[28.Qxc4? Rc8 29.Ng3 Rd5 30.Rxd5 Nxd5-+]
28...c3 29.Rxb4
[29.bxc3?! bxc3 30.Kc1 *(30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Nxc3 Rc5±)* 30...Rc5±]
29...Nd5 30.Re4
[30.bxc3 Nxb4 31.cxb4 Rb5-+]
30...cxb2



31.Nd4 Inhibits Qb5.
[31.Qxb2? Rb8 32.Qxb8 Qxb8+ 33.Kc2 Qc7+ 34.Kd3 Qb6-+]
31...Rc8 32.Bc4
[32.Qxb2? Nc3+ 33.Qxc3 Rxc3-+]
32...Rf8 3.12/20 This costs Black the game.
[32...Rh5± 1.52/19 was called for.]
33.Qb3
[33.Kxb2 Nb6 34.Nb3 *(34.Ne2? Nxc4+ 35.Rxc4 Qb5+ 36.Qb3 Qxc4-+)* 34...Rc6+-]
33...Nf6 34.Re2 Strongly threatening Bb5.
[Not 34.Kxb2 Nxe4 35.fxe4 Rf2+ 36.Kc3 *(36.Kb1 Qd8∓)* 36...Rxg2∓]
34...Rc5 35.Rxb2 Qd8

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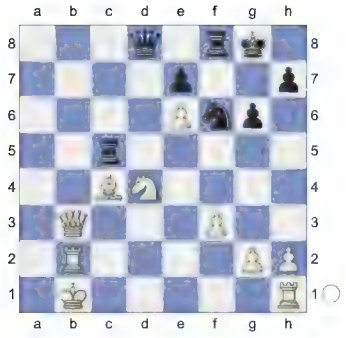
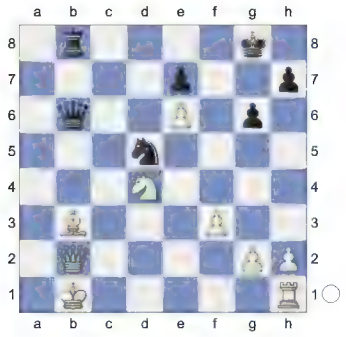


36.Qd3 Qc7 37.Bb3 Nd5 aiming for ... Nc3+. **38.Rc2 Rxc2 39.Qxc2** White is clearly winning.
[Less strong is 39.Nxc2 Nf4 40.Qc4 Qxc4 41.Bxc4 Nxg2+-]
39...Qb6 40.Qb2 Rb8



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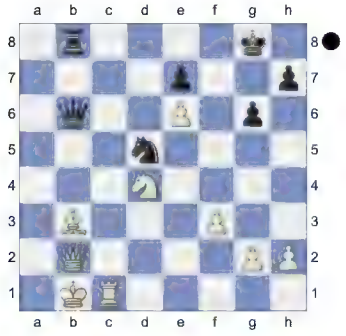

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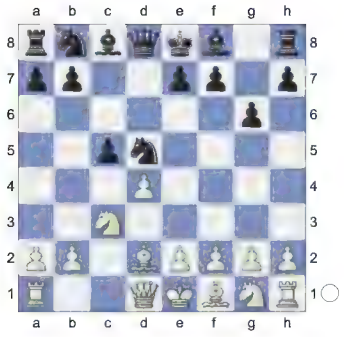
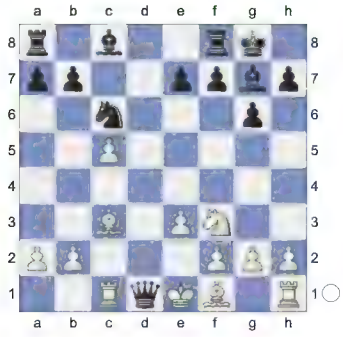
22 **D85**
□ **cutemouse83** **3041**
■ **hansi_flick** **2734**
Blitz 05.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

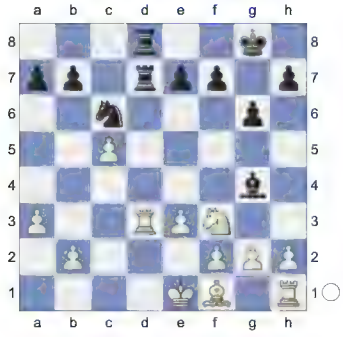
Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 c5



6.dxc5 Bg7 7.Rc1 Nc6 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.e3**
[9.Qa4 Be6 10.a3 a5 11.Nd1 Qd7 12.e4 Nc7 13.h3 Rfd8 14.Be2 Ba2 15.Nc3 Qe6 16.Nxa2 Qxa2 17.0-0 Bxb2 18.Qc2 Qxa3 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Rxb7 Ne6 21.Be3 Bd4 22.Bb5 Bxe3 23.Bxc6 Qxc5 Kosintseva,T (2608)-5. ♗e2 0-0-0 6. ♗e3 (2652) Sankt Peterburg 62/457 Khalif 2021 CBM 008 [Nedobora,M] 0-1 (41)]
9...Nxc3N 0.41/20
[9...Ndb4= -0.01/20 10.a3 Nd3+ 11.Bxd3 Qxd3 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ *(12...Bf5 13.e4 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Bg4 15.Be3 f5 16.h3 Bxf3+ 17.gxf3 f4 18.Bd2 Nd4+ 19.Kd3 Rad8 20.Rcd1 Nxf3+ 21.Kc2 Nd4+ 22.Kb1 Nb3 23.Bc1 Nxc5 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bxf4 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Nxe4 27.Kc2* Abdusattorov,N (2634)-Murzin,V (2505) chess24.com INT 2021 [Daniel Fernandez] 1-0 (39) *Nxf2 28.Re1 Nxh3 29.Bh6 Re8 30.Rd1 g5 31.Rd3 Nf4 32.Re3 Kf7 33.Bxg5 e5 34.c4 h5 35.Kd2 b6 36.Re1 Re6 37.Rf1 Rd6+ 38.Ke3 Rd3+ 39.Ke4 Ke6* 0-1 (39) Abdusattorov,N (2542)-Giri,A (2712) Yasnaya Polyana 2021 CBM 204 Extra [Giri,Anish]*)* 13.Kxe2 Rd8 14.Rhd1 Be6 15.Kf1 Bb3 11) Exchange Variation - Vari-6.Rc1 Nc6 #1 Forst 2023]
10.Bxc3± Qxd1+!



11.Kxd1 Rd8+ 12.Ke1 Bxc3+ 0.54/20
[12...a5= 0.20/20 might be stronger.]
13.Rxc3 Bg4 14.a3 0.24/21
[14.Be2± 0.57/20]
14...Rd7 0.61/20
[14...Rd5= 0.24/21]
15.Rd3 Rad8



16.Rxd7 Rxd7 1.09/21
[16...Bxd7± 0.53/22 17.Bd3 Be6]

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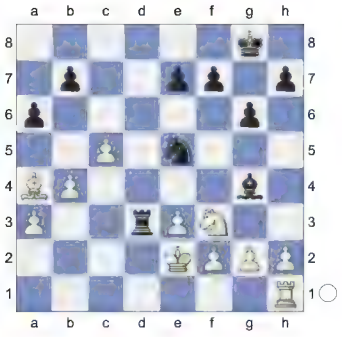
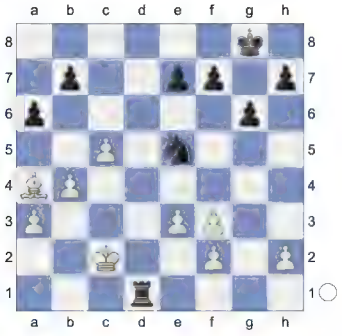
17.Bb5!± Rd5 18.b4 Ne5 19.Ke2 a6 20.Ba4 Rd3

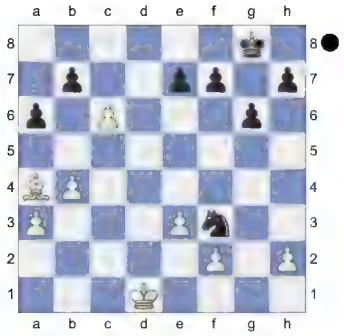


21.Ra1 Rc3 22.Kd2 Rd3+ 2.18/24
[⌓22...Rxa3 1.66/26 23.Rxa3 Nc4+ 24.Kd3 Nxa3]
23.Kc2+- Bxf3 24.gxf3 Endgame KRB-KRN **24...Rd8 25.Rd1 Rxd1**

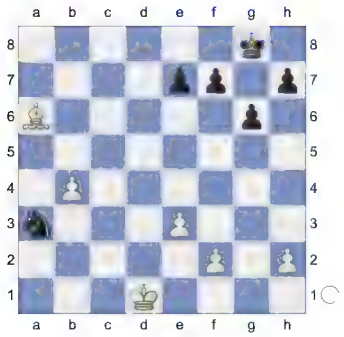


26.Kxd1 Nxf3 KB-KN **27.c6?** 1.66/20
[27.Bd7 4.29/22]

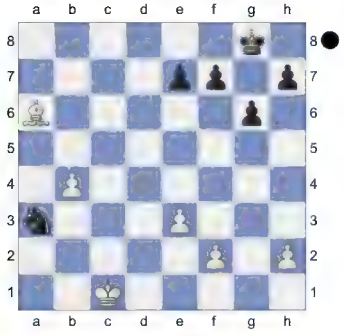
(Diagram)



27...bxc6 28.Bxc6 Ne5 3.00/23
[28...Nxh2± 1.43/22 keeps fighting. 29.a4 Ng4]
29.Bb7 Nc4? 4.67/24
[29...Kf8 2.63/21 was called for. 30.Bxa6 Ng4]
30.Bxa6 Nxa3 7.64/22
[⌓30...Nd6 4.28/23 31.b5 Nc4]



31.Kc1



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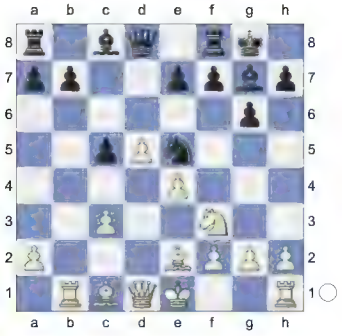
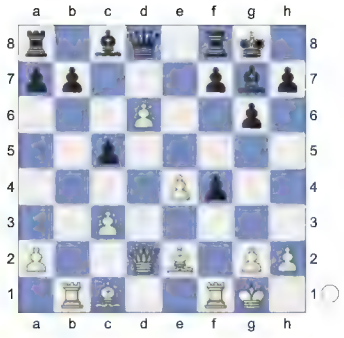
23 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3034**
■ **Endogenetic-Bot** **3000**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Van Wely,L: 'Inf 59/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5

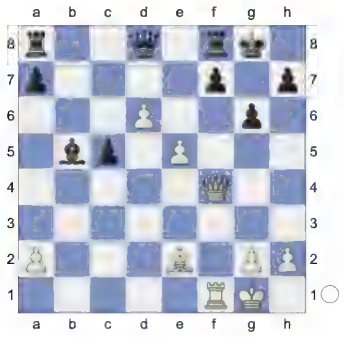


11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bg7 14.d6 e5
[14...b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.e5 f6 17.Qe3 fxe5 18.fxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Bxf1 Qh4 20.Bd2 Rf8 21.Be1 Qe4 22.Qxe4 Bxe4 23.Rd1 Bxe5 24.Bh4 Bc2 25.Rd2 g5 26.d7 Bf6 27.Bg3 Ba4 28.Bc4 Kf7 29.Bc7 Van Wely,L (2585)-Lutz,C (2605) Groningen 1993 CI1-130 [Van Wely,Loek] 1-0 (37)]
15.0-0 exf4
(Diagram)

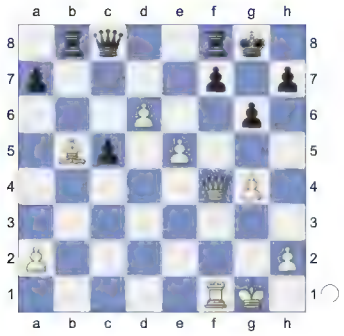


16.Qxf4 White is slightly better.
16...Bxc3N 0.65/18
[16...Qa5 0.33/19 feels stronger. 17.a3 *(17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.Qxg4 Qxc3 19.Rd1 Rad8 20.Bg5 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Rxd6 22.Be7 h5 23.Qe2 Rd7 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Rb3 Qa5 26.Rf1 Kg7 27.Rbf3 Qc7 28.Qc4 f6 29.g4 hxg4 30.Rg3 Be5 31.Rxg4 Rd2* Dolmatov,S (2615)-Iordachescu,V (2560) Linares 2000 CI1-130 [Dolmatov,Sergey] 1-0 (44)*)* 17...c4 18.Rd1 Be6 19.Rxb7 Qxc3 20.d7 Rad8 21.Qd6 Be5 22.Bd2 Qb2 23.Qxf8+ Kxf8 24.Rxb2 Bxb2 25.Bb4+ ½-½ (25) Folk,P-12.♘e5 BdF-Schachserver 1982 Telechess CBM 89 [Tzermiadianos,Andreas; Mihailidis,A]]
[16...f5 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.e5 Re8 19.Re1 Be6 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxb7 Qe8 22.Qh4 Rxe5 23.Re7 Rxe7 24.Rxe7 Qf8 25.d7 Rd8 26.Rxg7 1-0 (26) 9. ♗ f3 ♕ c7 10. ♗e3_70261-Zvezdogliad Copenhagen 1982 Telechess CBM 89 [Kapitaniak,T.]]
[16...Qe8 17.Bc4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qg3 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Qa4 21.Qd3 c4 22.Qd2 Rf8+ 23.Kg1 Bxc3 24.Qe2 Bd4+ 25.Be3 c3 26.h3 Qa6 27.Qe1 Qd3 28.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Kh1 c2 30.Rc1 Rf2 31.d7 Harzer,P-Duemmke,J Wangen 1991 EXT 2013

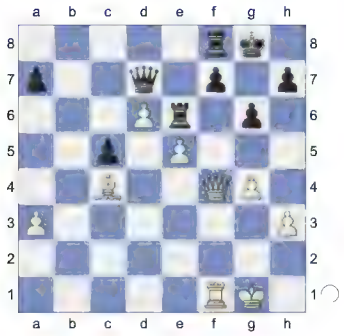
[Duemmke,Juergen] 0-1 (31)]
17.Bb2 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 b5 1.30/20 Against Bc4
[18...Qa5± 0.50/18]
19.Rxb5±
[19.Bxb5?! Qb6 20.Rff2 Be6]
19...Ba6 20.e5 Bxb5



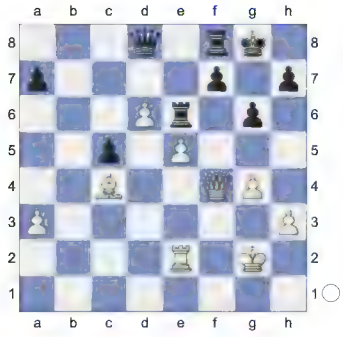
21.Bxb5 Qc8 22.g4 White has strong compensation. 0 x 0. 001731863e19dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **22...Rb8**



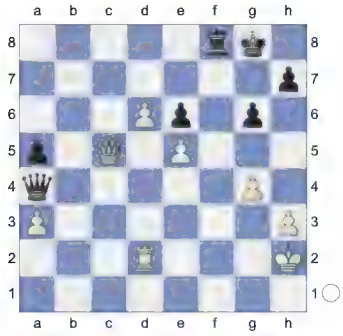
23.Bc4 Qd7 24.a3 Inhibits Rb4.
24...Rbe8 Threatens to win with ...Rxe5!
25.h3 Strongly threatening Qf6. **25...Re6**



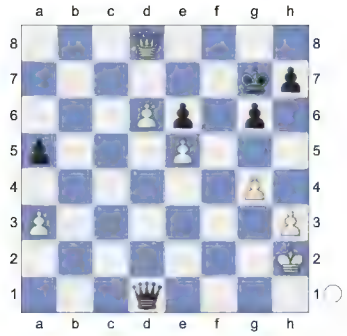
Inhibits Qf6. **26.Rf2 Qe8 27.Rd2↑** 0.86/18 White is in control.
[White should play 27.Re2 1.20/19]
27...Qd7 1.28/18
[27...Rxe5? 28.d7 Re1+ 29.Kf2+-]
[Better is 27...Kg7 0.86/18]
28.Kg2
[28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Qe3 *(29.Qc4 Qf7±)* 29...Qb7±]
28...Kg7 29.Rf2 Kg8 1.34/19
[⌓29...Rfe8 0.98/19]
30.Re2 Qd8



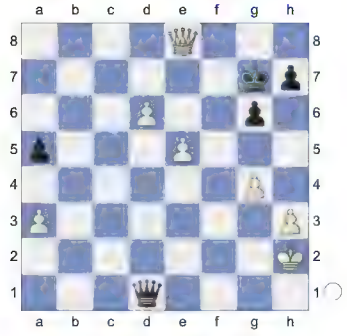
31.Kh2
[31.Bxe6 fxe6 32.Qe3 Qa8+ 33.Qe4 Qb8±]
31...a5 1.92/20
[31...Qd7± 1.32/19 was necessary. 32.Rd2 *(32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Qc4 Qf7±)* 32...a5]
32.Bxe6+- fxe6 Endgame KQR-KQR
33.Qc4 Qc8 34.Rd2 Hoping for d7.
34...Qd7 35.Qxc5 Qa4



36.Rf2 Prevents Qf4+. **36...Qd1**
37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 KQ-KQ **38.Qc8+ Kg7**
39.Qc7+ Kg8 40.Qd8+ Kg7
(Diagram)

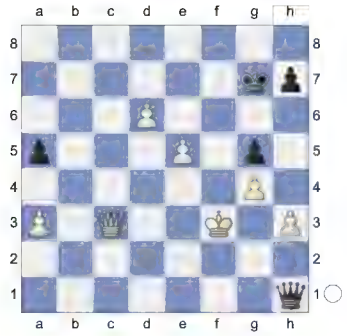


41.Qf6+ Kg8 42.Qxe6+ Kg7 43.Qd7+ Kf8 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ 1.99/5
[And not 45.e6 Qe2+ 46.Kg1 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qf2+ 48.Kh1 Qe1+ 49.Kh2 *(49.Kg2 Qe2+ 50.Kh1 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh1 Qf1+ 53.Kh2 Qf2+=)* 49...Qf2+ 50.Kh1 Qe1+ 51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kh1 Qf1+ 53.Kh2 Qf2+=]
[⌓45.Qd8+ 3.39/23 Kg7 46.Qc7+ Kg8 47.Qc3]
45...Kg7

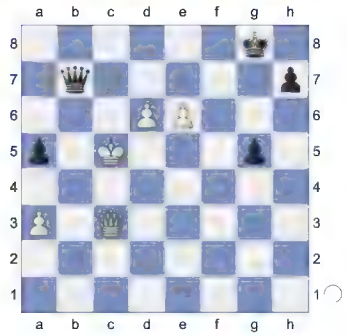


46.Qd7+? -0.01/18
[46.Qb5!+- 2.36/20]
46...Kf8= This costs Black the game.
47.Qc8+ Kg7 48.Qc3 And now e6+ would win. **48...g5?** 11.84/20
[48...Kf7 2.81/19 49.Qc4+ *(49.Qxa5 Qe2+ 50.Kg3 Qe3+ 51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kg1 Qe3+ 53.Kf1 Ke6±)* 49...Kg7]
49.Kg3 Qg1+ 50.Kf3 Qh1+

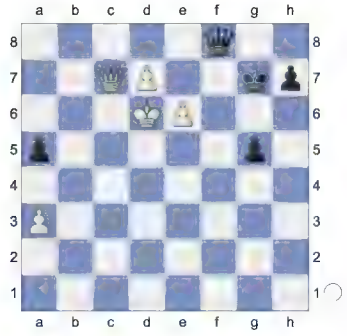
(Diagram)



51.Ke3 Qxh3+ 52.Kd4 Qxg4+ 53.Kd5 Kg8 54.e6 White wants to mate with d7.
54...Qg2+ 55.Kc5 White threatens d7 and mate. **55...Qb7**

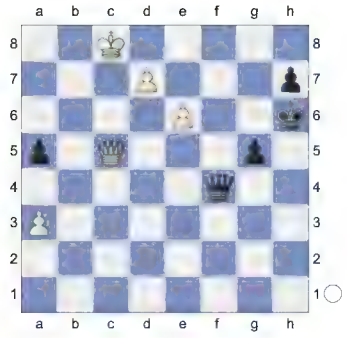


56.Qc4 Threatening mate with e7+.
56...Kg7 57.d7 Qc7+ 58.Kd5 Qb7+ 59.Kd6 Qb8+ 60.Qc7 Qf8+

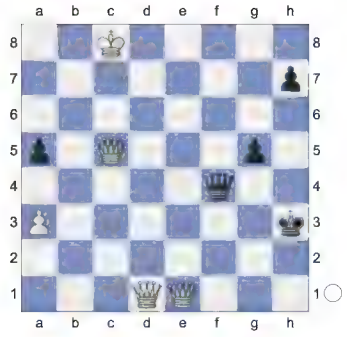


61.Kc6 Qf3+ 62.Kb6 Qf2+ 63.Qc5 Qf6 64.Kc7 Qf4+ 65.Kc8 White mates.
65...Kh6

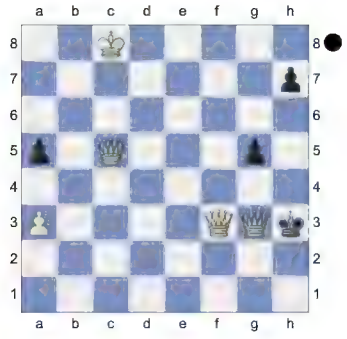
(Diagram)



66.e7 Kh5 67.e8Q+ Kg4 68.d8Q Kh4 69.Qe1+ Kg4 70.Qdd1+ Kh3



71.Qh5+ Qh4 72.Qf3+ Qg3 73.Qexg3#



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24 **E97**

Nikitosik-ai **3026**

GarboBot **2350**

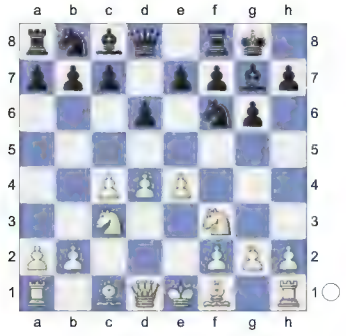
Blitz 24.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



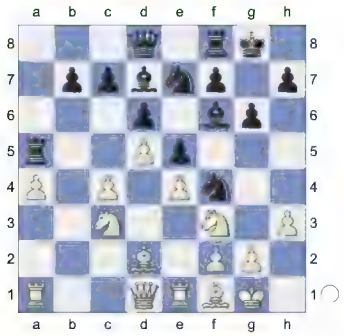
6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 a5

11.bxa5 Nf4 12.Bf1 Rxa5 13.a4 Bg4

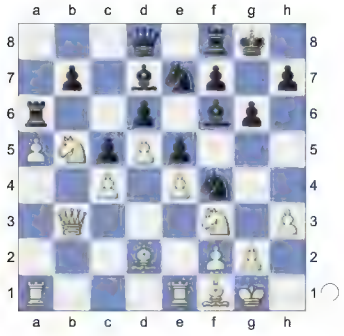
[13...c5 14.Ra3 h6 15.Nd2 Ra6 16.Nb5 Bd7 17.g3 Nh5 18.Bb2 Be8 19.Be2 Nf6 20.f4 Nd7 21.Qa1 f5 22.Kh1 g5 23.Rf1 Bg6 24.Bd3 g4 25.exf5 Nxf5 26.Qb1 exf4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Rxf4 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2740)-Agamaliev,D (2580) Kraljevo 1998 Magnus Force [Gretarsson,Helgi Ass] ½-½ (43)]

14.h3 Bd7 15.Bd2 Bf6N

[15...Ra8 16.a5 Bc8 17.c5 c6 *(17...dxc5 18.Be3 b6 19.axb6 Rxa1 20.bxc7 Qxc7 21.Qxa1* 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #5 *)* 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.e5 Qc5 21.d6 Qxc3 22.dxe7 Re8 23.Qd6 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #6]
[15...Qb8 16.Qc1 Ra8 17.a5 c5 18.Ra3 f5 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Ne4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Rb3 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #4]



White is better. **16.Qb3 Ra7** 1.87/18
[16...b6± 1.32/17]
17.a5+- c5 18.Nb5 Ra6



19.Nxd6 Rxd6 20.Bxf4 exf4

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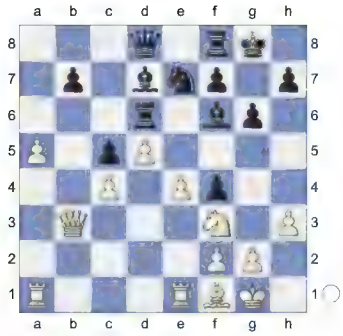
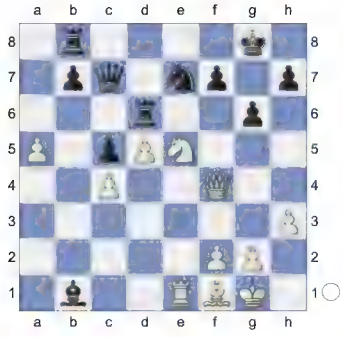
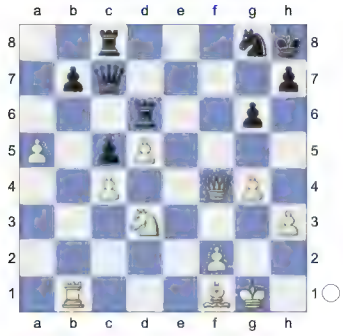


21.e5 Bxe5 22.Nxe5
[Don't play 22.Rxe5?! Bc8 23.Qa3 Qc7]
22...Qc7 23.Rab1 Rb8 24.Qf3 Bf5 25.Qxf4 Bxb1



26.Qxf7+
[Weaker is 26.Rxb1 Rf8±]
26...Kh8 27.Rxb1 aiming for Re1.
27...Rc8 28.g4 Ra6 29.Nd3 Rd6 30.Qf4 Ng8? 6.02/18
[30...Ra6 3.72/19 31.Qf7 Rd6]



31.Rb5 Rf6 32.Qxc7 Rxc7 33.Nxc5 h5 34.g5 Rf5 35.Ne6 Re7

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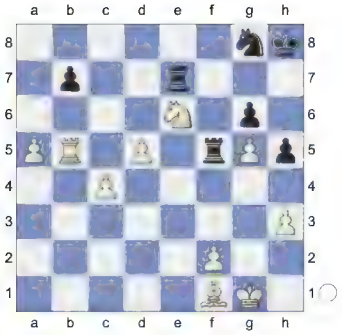
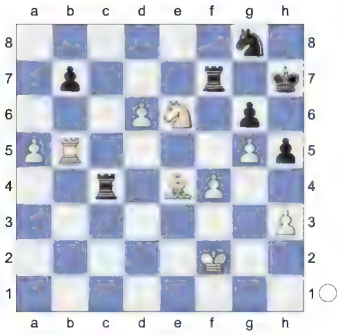
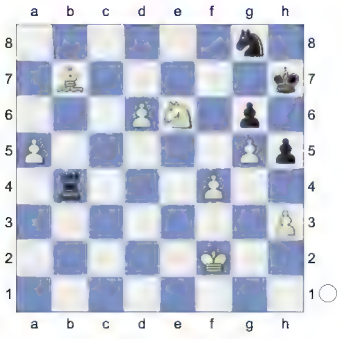


36.f4 Rff7 37.Bd3 Kh7 38.Kf2 Re8 39.Be4 Rc8 40.d6 Rxc4

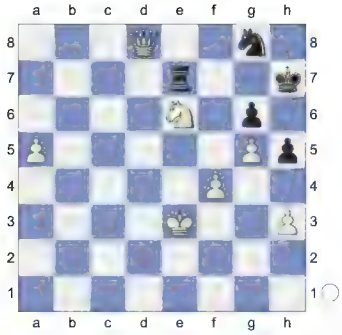


41.Rxb7! Rxb7 42.Bxb7 Endgame White wants to mate with d7. KRN-KBN **42...Rb4**



43.d7! Rb2+
[43...Rxb7 44.d8Q]
44.Ke3 Rxb7 45.d8Q White threatens a6 and mate. **45...Re7**

(Diagram)



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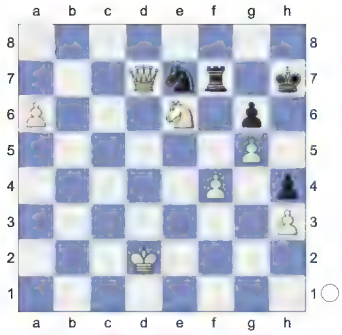
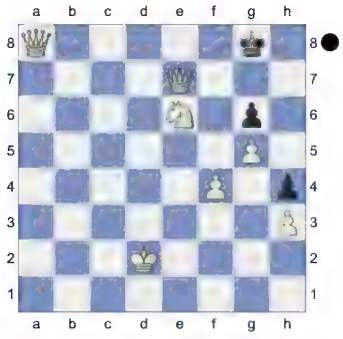


51.a7 Rg7 52.Nxg7 White mates. **52...Nc8 53.Ne6+ Ne7 54.Qxe7+ Kg8 55.a8Q#**



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.58
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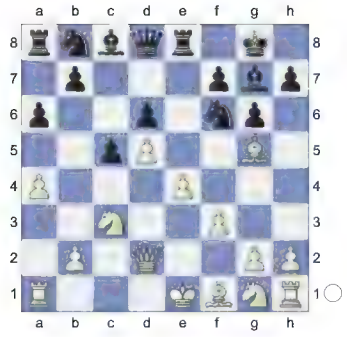
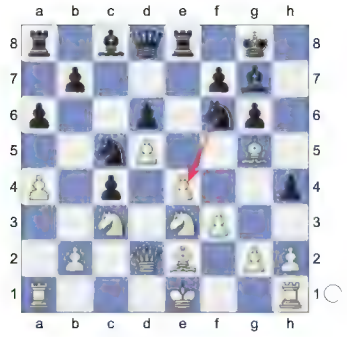
25 **E60**
□ **PetersBot** **3020**
■ **RaspFish** **3039**
Rapid 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]
3...c5N
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6
A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;
B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]
4.d5 e6 5.e4 Bg7

6.Nc3 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.a4 0-0 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8

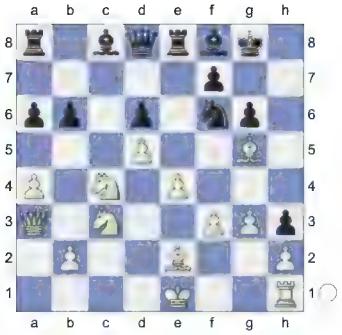


11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Be2 h4 14.Nf1 c4 15.Ne3 Nc5

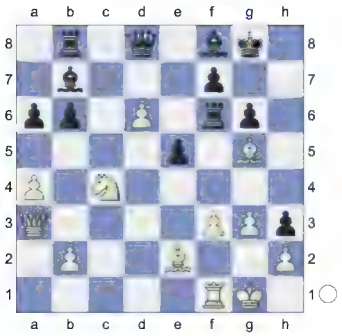


16.Nxc4 Threatens to win with Ra3.
16...Nb3 17.Qd1 Nxa1 18.Qxa1 h3 19.g3 White has compensation. **19...b6 20.Qa3 Bf8**

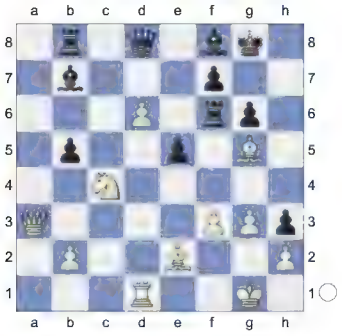
(Diagram)



21.0-0 Rb8 22.e5 -0.63/21
[22.Be3= 0.05/17]
22...dxe5∓ 23.d6 Re6 24.Ne4 Bb7 25.Nxf6+ Rxf6

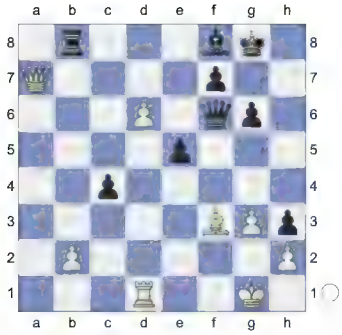


26.Rd1 Strongly threatening Qe3.
26...b5! 27.axb5 axb5

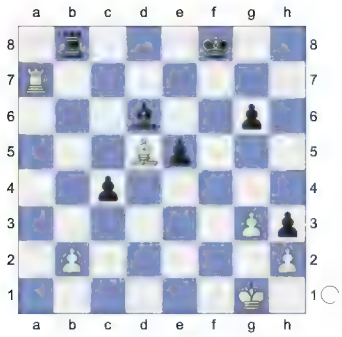


28.Qa7! Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Chess con chili.
[Don't play 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Qf2 *(30.Qxb8? Bxe2 31.d7 Qf3-+)* 30...bxc4∓]
29...bxc4 30.Bxf6 Qxf6

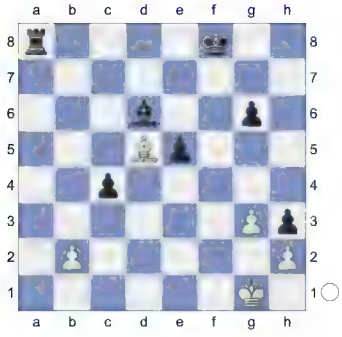
(Diagram)



31.Bd5 Rf1 is the strong threat.
31...Bxd6 The position is equal.
[31...Rxb2? 32.Rf1 Ra2 33.Qxa2+- *(33.Rxf6 Rxa7 34.Rxg6+ Kh7∓)*]
32.Rf1 Qe7 33.Rxf7 Qxa7+ 34.Rxa7+= Endgame KRB-KRB
[34.Kh1 with more complications. Qd4 35.Be6 Qe4+ 36.Rf3+]
34...Kf8

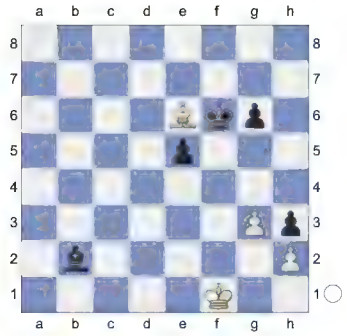


White must now prevent ...Bc5+.
35.Ra8! Rxa8

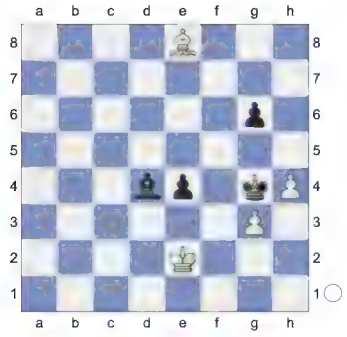


36.Bxa8 KB-KB **36...Bc5+ 37.Kf1 Bd4 38.Bd5 Bxb2 39.Bxc4 Kg7 40.Be6 Kf6**

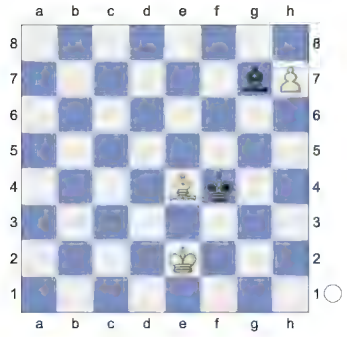
(Diagram)



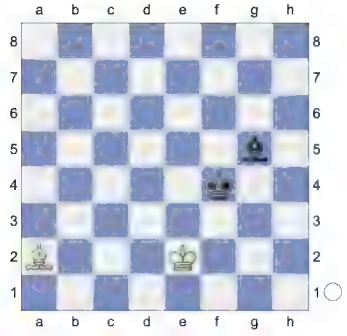
41.Bxh3 e4 42.Bd7 Kg5 43.h4+ Kh5 44.Ke2 Bd4 45.Be8 Kg4



46.Bxg6 Kxg3 47.Bxe4 Bg7 48.h5 Bf8 49.h6 Kf4 50.h7 Bg7

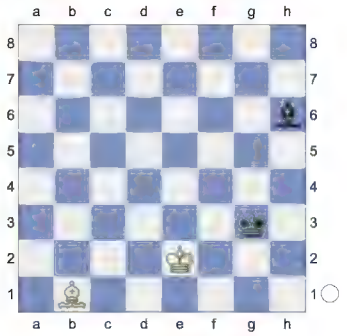


51.h8Q Bxh8 52.Bb1 Bf6 53.Ba2 Ke4 54.Bb1+ Kf4 55.Ba2 Bg5

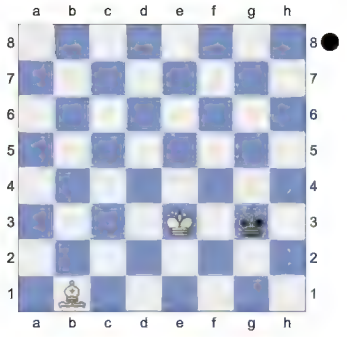


56.Bb1 Bd8 57.Ba2 Be7 58.Bb1 Bg5

59.Ba2 Bh6 60.Bb1 Kg3



61.Ba2 Bc1 62.Bb1 Be3 63.Kxe3



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26	**A65**
□ **PetersBot**	**3019**
■ **RaspFish**	**3036**
Rapid	10.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

Blitz 8min+1sec
A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6

6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]

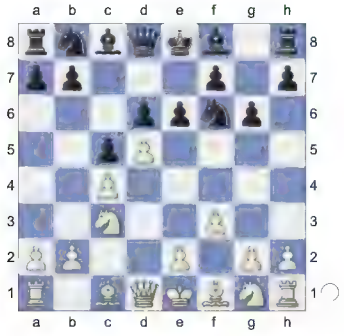
3...e6N

[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6

A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;

B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

4.Nc3 c5 5.d5 d6



6.e4 Bg7 7.Bg5 exd5 8.cxd5 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.Qd2 Re8

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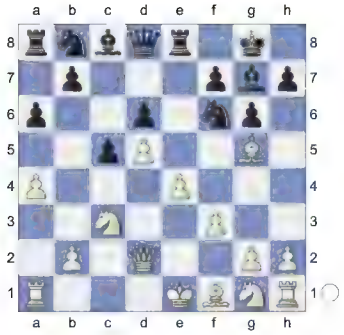
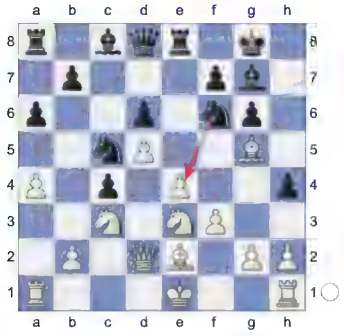
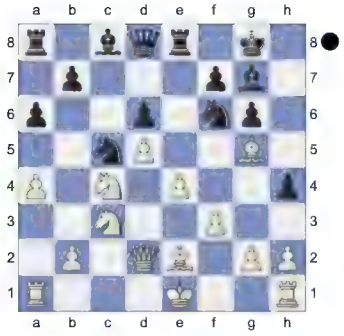


11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Be2 h4 14.Nf1 c4 White has an edge. **15.Ne3 Nc5**

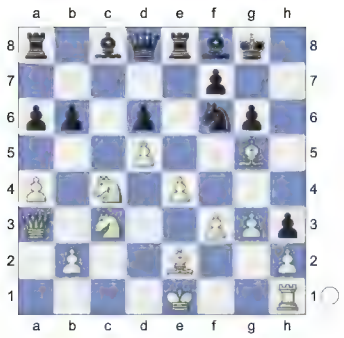


16.Nxc4

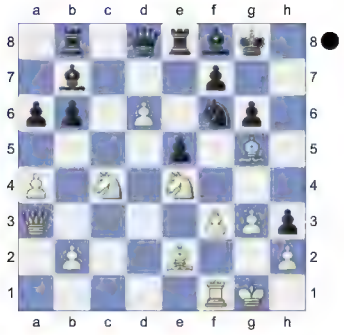


And now Qf4 would win. **16...Nb3 17.Qd1 Nxa1 18.Qxa1 h3 19.g3** White has compensation. **19...b6! 20.Qa3 Bf8**

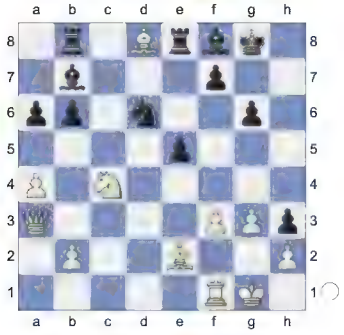
(Diagram)



21.0-0 Rb8 22.e5 -0.16/21
[22.Be3! 0.20/16 should be considered.]
22...dxe5= 23.d6 Bb7 Prevents Ne4. aiming for ...Re6. **24.Ne4!**

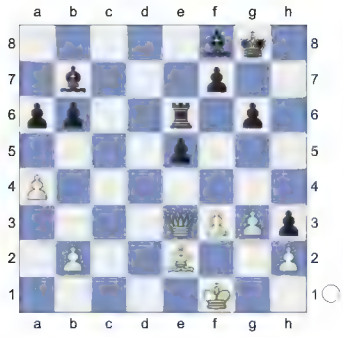


Nxe4 25.Bxd8 Nxd6!

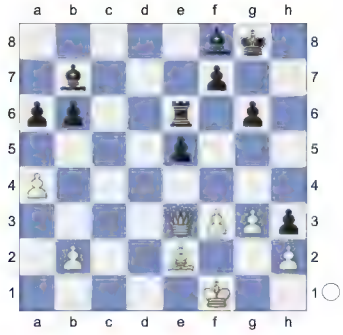


26.Nxd6 -0.72/21
[26.Qb3= -0.02/19 remains equal. Nxc4 27.Bxc4 *(27.Bxb6 Nd2=)* 27...Bc5+ 28.Kh1 Rexd8 29.Bxf7+ Kg7 30.Be6]
26...Rbxd8∓ 27.Rd1 Re6 28.Qe3 Rdxd6 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Kf1
[Avoid the trap 30.Qxe5? Re6 31.Qc7 Rxe2-+]
30...Re6

[30...e4!? 31.fxe4 Rf6+ 32.Bf3 a5=]



31.Bc4⇄ White is not holding back
31...Rf6 32.Be2 Re6 33.Bc4! Rf6 34.Be2 Re6



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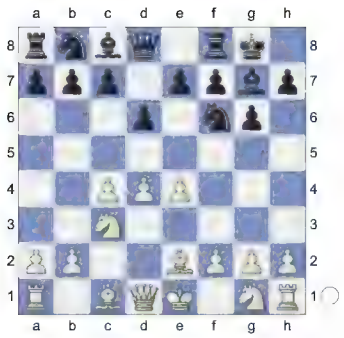
½-½

27	**E73**
□ **may6enexttime**	**3019**
■ **tkochess5**	**2706**
Blitz	28.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

(Diagram)



6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.Nd2 White is slightly better. **10...Bxe2**

11.Qxe2

[Don't play 11.Nxe2 Re8=]

11...Re8 12.0-0 Na6 13.Bf4N 0.01/18

[13.Rfd1± 0.48/15 is superior.]

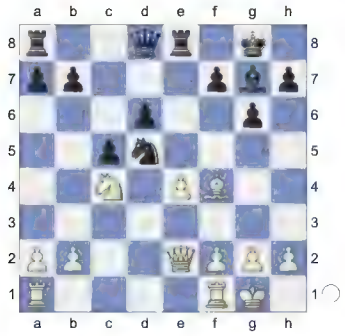
[13.h3 Nc7 14.a4

A) 14...a6 15.a5 *(15.Qd3 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Bf4 c4 19.Qf3 b4 20.Nd1 Qa6 21.g4 h5 22.g5 Nd7 23.Ne3 c3 24.bxc3 bxc3 25.Ndc4 Nb5 26.Kh1 Nd4 27.Qg2 Ne5 28.Bxe5 Bxe5 29.f4 Bg7* Sarana,A (2685)-Khandelwal,A (2205) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)*)* 15...Qe7 16.Rae1 Nd7 17.f4 b5 18.axb6 Nxb6 19.Qd3 Nb5 20.Bf2 Qd7 21.f5 Qe7 22.Nxb5 axb5 23.Qxb5 Rab8 24.b3 Nxd5 25.Qc4 Nb6 26.Qd3 Nd7 27.Bg3 Ne5 28.Qc2 Rb4 29.Kh1 Lefevre,B (2676)-Kopnicky,V (2621) Sochi 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Velasco,S] ½-½ (59);

B) 14...b6 15.Rae1 a6 16.Qd3 Nd7 17.f4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Nxb5 20.Qxb5 Nf6 21.Qd3 Ra4 22.b3 Rb4 23.Bf2 Nh5 24.g3 Qa8 25.Kh2 Bd4 26.Re2 Bxf2 27.Rfxf2 Rd4 3.♗g5 c5 4.e3 ♗e7_36274 (2524)-Brachtel,R (2695) Kladovo 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Patrici,N] ½-½ (49)]

[13.Kh1 Nc7 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nb5 16.f3 Nd4 17.Qd3 Nd7 18.f4 f5 19.Nc4 Nf6 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Ng4 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Qxd4 Rxe5 24.Qf4 Rc8 25.Nb6 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Re4 27.Qd2 Nxh2 Gill,S (2550)-8.♗e2 d6 9.0-0 a6_77277 (2440) Plovdiv 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Velasco,S] ½-½ (36)]

13...Nb4 14.Nc4 Nfxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5



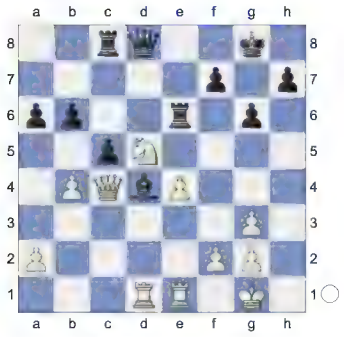
16.Bg3 Nf6 17.Nxd6 Re6 18.Rad1 Black must now prevent Nxf7! **18...Qe7 19.Rfe1** -0.31/20

[White should play 19.e5± 0.33/19 Ne8 20.Nc4]

19...Nh5∓ 20.Nb5 Nxg3

(Diagram)

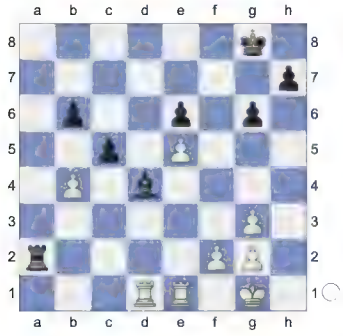
21.hxg3 a6 -0.13/20
[21...Re8∓ -0.47/20]
22.Nc3= Bd4 23.Nd5 Qd8 24.b4 b6 25.Qc4 Rc8 0.58/19
[25...Qg5= -0.10/19]



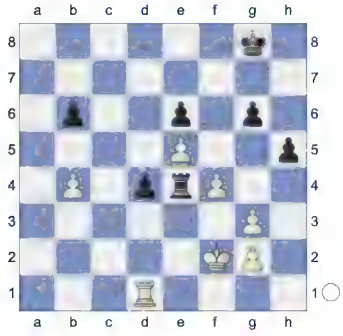
26.Qxa6± Ra8 27.Qc4 &Bianco is more active. **27...Qd7** 0.94/18
[27...Qg5± 0.47/16]
28.e5± aiming for Nf6+. **28...Qa4 29.Nc7**
[Of course not 29.Nf6+?! Kg7=]
29...Qxa2 30.Qxa2
[30.Rxd4 is interesting. cxd4 31.Qxd4 Rc8 32.Nxe6 Qxe6 33.Rd1]
30...Rxa2

(Diagram)

31.Nxe6 fxe6



32.Rxd4 cxd4 Endgame KR-KR
33.Rd1 Re2 34.f4 Re4 35.Kf2 Threatens to win with Re1. **35...h5?** 4.48/23
[35...g5= 0.29/23 and Black is okay.]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
36.Re1!+- Rxe1 37.Kxe1 KP-KP
37...Kf7 38.Ke2 Ke7 39.Kd3 Kd7 40.Kxd4 Kc6

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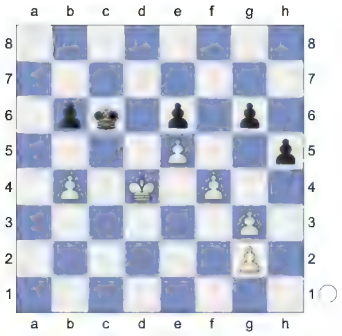
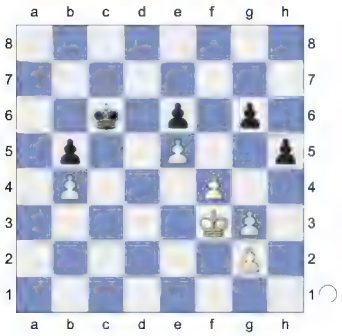
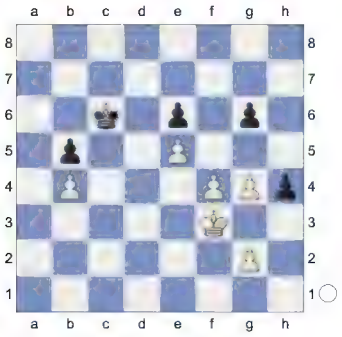


41.Kc4 b5+ 42.Kd4 Kb6 43.Ke4 5.74/28
[⌓43.Ke3 13.78/30 Kc6 44.Ke4]
43...Kc7 44.Kf3 Kc6

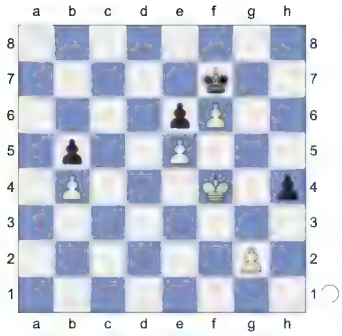


45.g4! h4

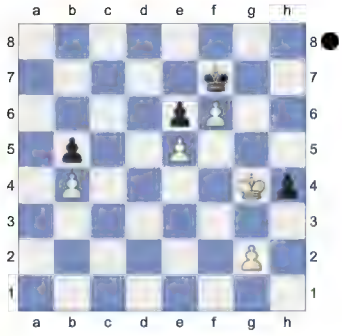


46.Ke4 Threatening mate with f5.
46...Kc7 47.f5 gxf5+ 48.gxf5 Kd7 49.f6 White mates. **49...Ke8 50.Kf4 Kf7**

(Diagram)



51.Kg4



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28	**A65**
□ **PetersBot**	**3018**
■ **ArasanX**	**3041**
Rapid	14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

Rapid 15min+5sec
A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3

Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]

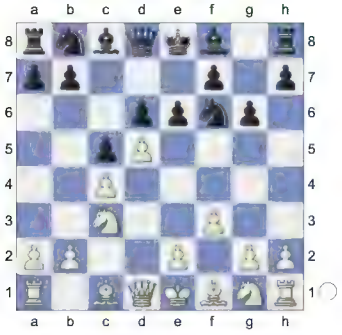
3...e6N

[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6

A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;

B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

4.Nc3 c5 5.d5 d6



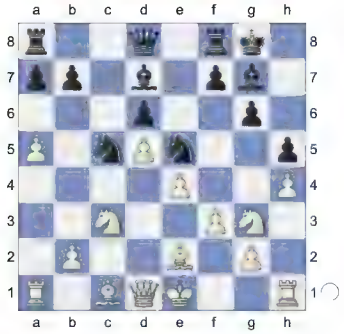
6.e4 exd5 7.cxd5 Bg7 8.a4 0-0 9.Nge2 Na6 10.Ng3 White is slightly better. **10...Nd7**

(Diagram)

11.Be2 h5 12.h4 c4

[12...Bf6 looks sharper. 13.Bh6 Bxh4 14.Kf2 Nb4]

13.Bxc4 Ne5 14.Be2 Bd7 15.a5 Nc5



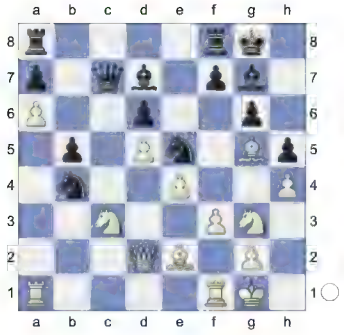
16.Bg5 Qc7 17.0-0 b6 18.a6! b5! 19.b4

[19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Bxb5 Qb6∓]

19...Ncd3 20.Qd2

[But not 20.Bxd3 Qxc3 21.Be2 Qxb4=]

20...Nxb4

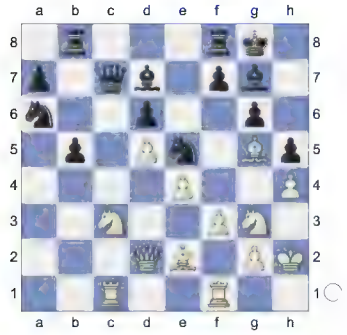


21.Kh2 -0.01/21

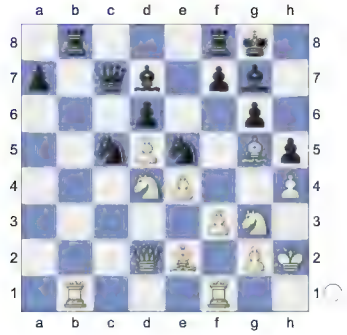
[Don't go for 21.Bxb5? Bxb5 22.Nxb5 Qc5+ 23.Kh2 Nc4-+]

[21.Nxb5± 0.44/21 feels stronger. Bxb5 22.Qxb4 Bxe2 23.Nxe2]

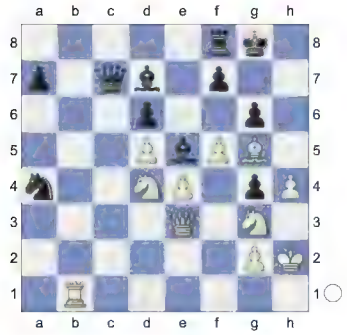
21...Rab8= 22.Rac1
[22.Rfc1!? Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Bh6=]
22...Nxa6 0.69/20
[22...Nc4= -0.16/21 23.Bxc4 bxc4]



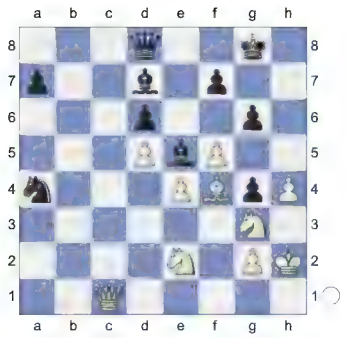
23.Nxb5!± Qb6 24.Nd4↑ White fights for an advantage. **24...Nc5 25.Rb1** Prevents Qb4. **25...Qc7**



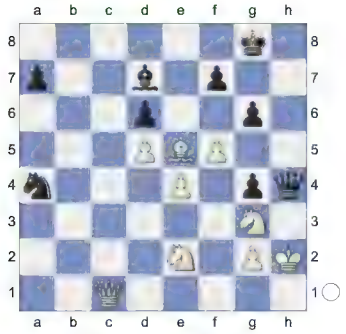
26.f4 Ng4+ 27.Bxg4 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 hxg4 29.f5 Be5 30.Qe3 Na4



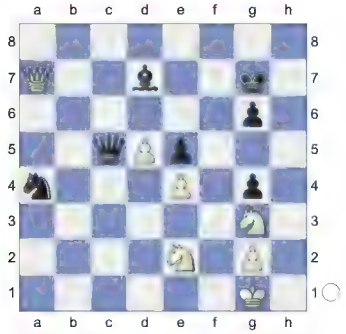
31.Nde2 Rb8! 32.Rxb8+ Qxb8 33.Bf4 Qb6 34.Qc1 And now Bxe5 would win.
34...Qd8 1.00/19
[34...Bb2± 0.45/20 35.Qc2 Bh8]



35.Bxe5 0.58/22
[White should play 35.h5!± 1.00/19]
35...Qxh4+

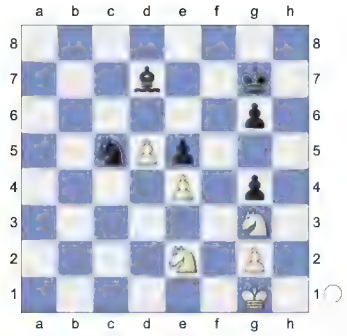


36.Kg1 dxe5 37.Qc7 Qe7 38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.fxg6 &Bianco is more active.
[Much weaker is 39.Qxa7 Qc5+ 40.Qxc5 Nxc5=]
39...fxg6 40.Qxa7 Qc5+

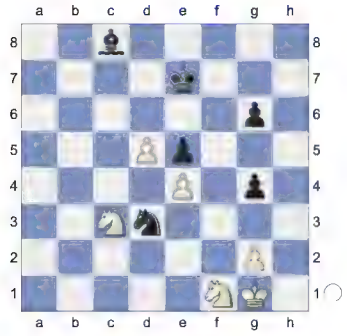


41.Qxc5 Nxc5 Endgame

(Diagram)

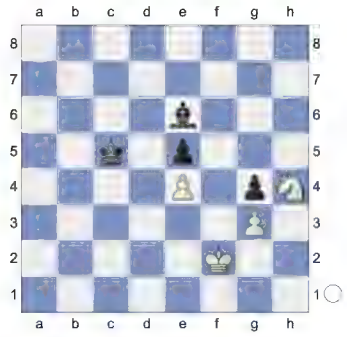


KBN-KNN **42.Nc3! Bc8 43.Kf2 Nd3+ 44.Kg1** 0.01/22
[44.Kf1± 0.40/24]
44...Kf6 0.50/23
[44...Nc5!= 0.01/22]
45.Nf1 0.16/25
[45.Nh1± 0.50/23]
45...Ke7=

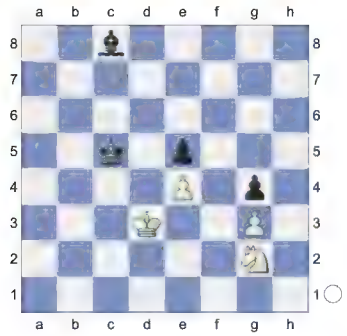


46.Nd2 Kd6! 47.Nb3 Ba6 Inhibits Nb5+. **48.g3 Nc5** The position is equal. **49.Nxc5 Kxc5** KB-KN **50.Kf2** Hoping for Na4+. **50...Kc4!**

51.d6! Bc8 52.Nd5 Nb6+ is the strong threat. **52...Kc5** Prevents Nb6. **53.Ne7 Be6 54.Nxg6** Threatens to win with d7!
[54.Ke3 is more complex. g5 55.Nf5 Kc6 56.Kd3]
54...Kxd6 55.Nh4 Kc5



56.Ke3 Kd6 57.Kd3 Bc8 58.Ng2 Kc5 59.Kc3 Bb7 60.Kd3 Bc8



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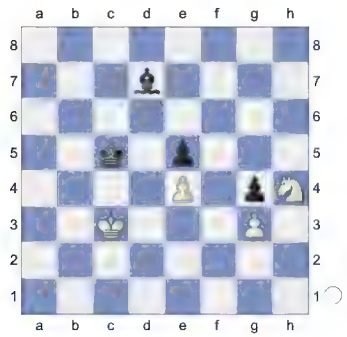
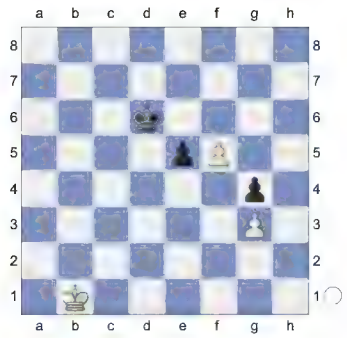
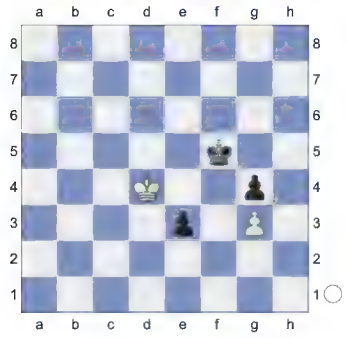


66.Nf5 Bxf5 67.exf5 KPP-KPP **67...Kd5 68.Kb2 Kd6** aiming for ...Ke7. **69.Kc2 Kc5**
[69...Ke7!? 70.Kd3 Kf7=]
70.Kb1 Kd6

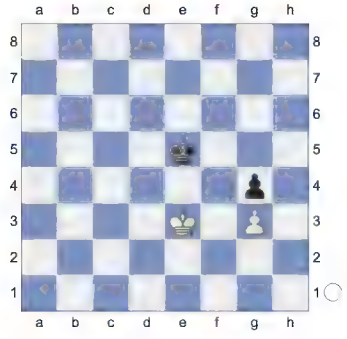
(Diagram)



71.Kc2 Kd5 72.Kb1 e4 73.Kb2 Ke5 74.Kc3 Kxf5 (-> ...e3). KPP-KP
[74...Kf6!?]
75.Kd4 e3



76.Kxe3 Ke5 77.Kd3! Kd5 78.Ke3 Intending Kf4 and mate. **78...Ke5 79.Kd3! Kd5 80.Ke3** Kf4 would kill now. **80...Ke5**



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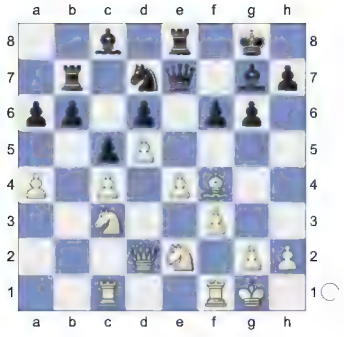
29 **E60**
□ **PetersBot** **3015**
■ **RaspFish** **3057**
Rapid 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]
3...c5N
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6
A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;
B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]
4.d5 d6 5.e4 e6

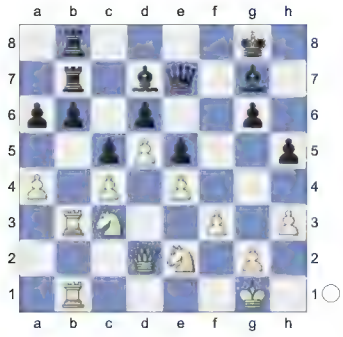
6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bg5 a6 8.a4 0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Be2 exd5

11.cxd5 Qc7 12.Be3 b6 13.b3 Qe7 White has an edge. **14.Rc1 Ra7 15.Bc4 Nbd7**

16.Nge2 Ne5 17.0-0 Nxc4 18.bxc4 Nd7 19.Bg5 f6 20.Bf4 Rb7



21.Rb1 h5 22.h3 Ne5 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.Rb3 Bd7 The position is equal. **25.Rfb1 Reb8**



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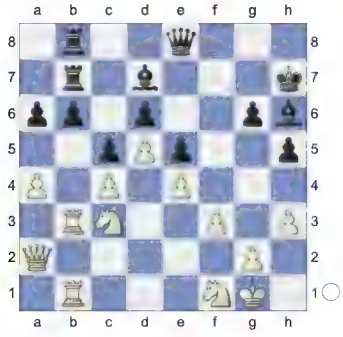

31.R1b2 Bf4 32.Qb1 Qd8 33.Ne2 Bh6 34.Nc3 Qc7 35.Qe1 Qd8

36.Rb1 Qe8 37.Ra3 Bg5 38.Rb2 Bh6 39.Qa1 Qd8 40.Rab3 Bf4

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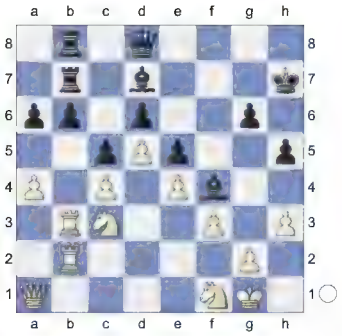
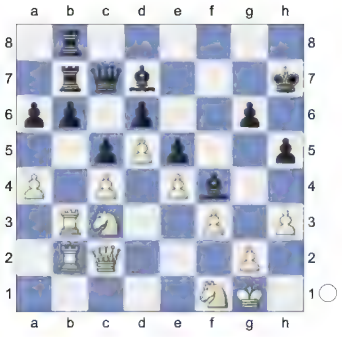
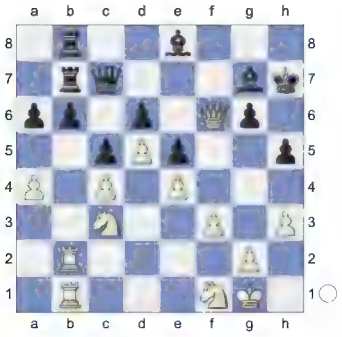


41.Qd1 Bh6 42.Qe2 Bc1 43.Ra2 Bg5 44.Rab2 Qc7 45.Qc2 Bf4



46.Rb1 Be8 47.Qf2 Bh6 48.Qh4 Bf4 49.Qf6 Bh6 50.R3b2 Bg7



51.Qh4 Qf7 52.Qe1 Bd7 53.Qe2 Qe8 54.Ra1 Bh6 55.Rab1 Qd8

[55...Bxa4 56.Nxa4 Qxa4 57.Ra2±]

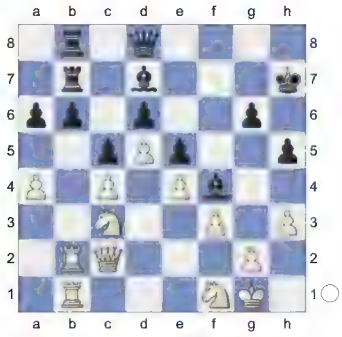
(Diagram)

56.Qc2 Bg5 57.Qd3 Qc7 58.Qe2 Qc8 59.Rb3 Bf4 60.Kh1 Qd8

61.Qc2 Qh4 62.Kg1 Qg5 63.Qf2 Qd8

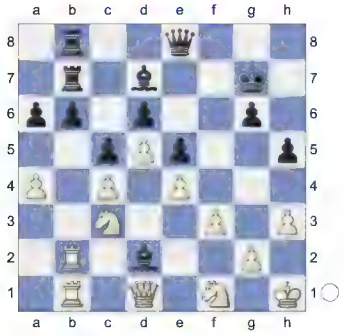
[63...Bxh3 64.Kh1±]

64.Qc2 Qe8 65.R3b2 Qd8



66.Qd1 Bh6 67.Qe2 Bg5 68.Kh1 Bh6 69.Qd1 Bf4 70.Kg1 Bh6

71.Qe2 Qe8 72.Kh1 Kg7
[Much less strong is 72...Bxa4 73.Nxa4 Qxa4 74.Ra2±]
73.Qd1 Bd2? 4.57/22



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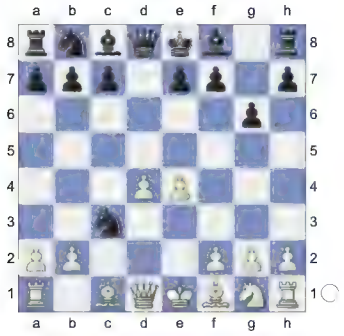
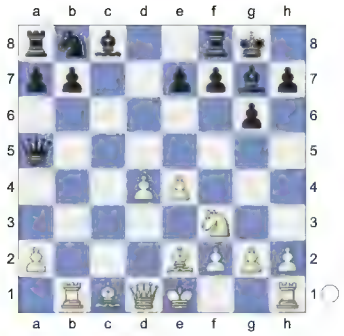
30 **D85**
□ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3014**
■ **RaspFish** **3032**
Rapid 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

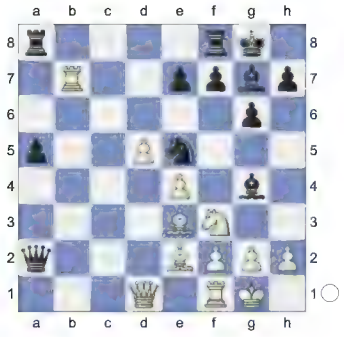


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+

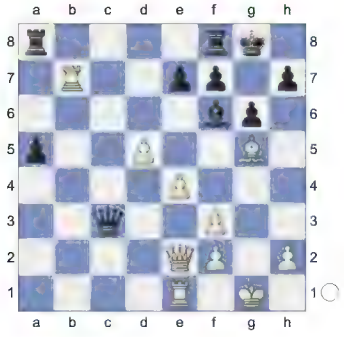
(Diagram)



11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Be3 Nc6 14.d5 Ne5 15.Rxb7 a5



16.Re1 Nxf3+ White is slightly better.
17.Bxf3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qc4
Against Bc5 **19.Qe2N**
[19.Rxe7 a4 2) Grünfeld: Modern Exchange-9.Be2 with 11.Bd2 #9]
19...Qc3 20.Bg5 Bf6



21.Rc1 Qd4 22.Be3 Qe5 23.Kg2 a4 24.Rc6 Qh5 25.Bf4 a3

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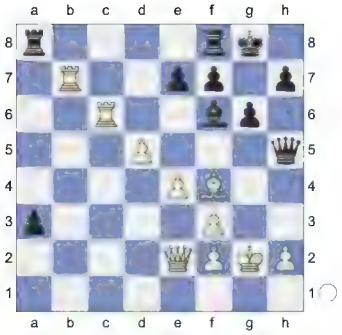
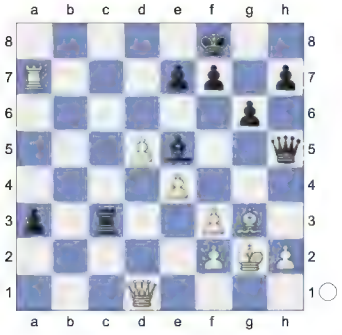
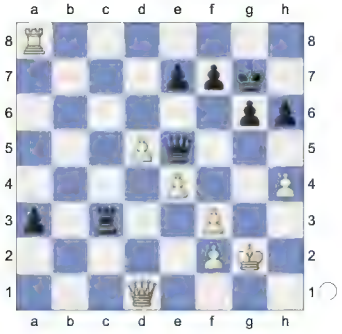


Threatens to win with ...a2. **26.Ra6 Be5 27.Bg3 Rfc8! 28.Rba7 Rxa7 29.Rxa7 Rc3** ...Bxg3 is the strong threat. **30.Qd1**
[30.Rxe7? Bxg3 31.fxg3 *(31.Re8+? Kg7-+)* 31...Rb3-+]
30...Kf8

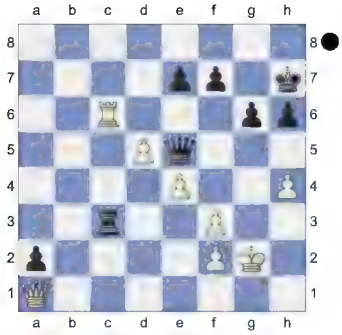


31.Ra8+ Kg7 32.Ra5 h6 33.Ra8
[33.h4 Bxg3 34.fxg3 Qe5∓]
33...Rc4 34.h4 Strongly threatening d6!
34...Rc3 35.Bxe5+ Qxe5=

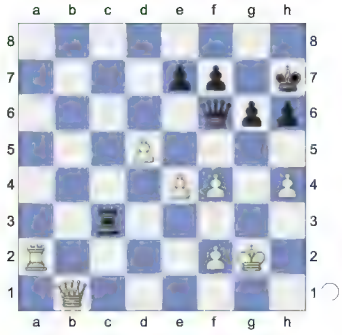


E n d g a m e K Q R - K Q R **36.Ra6** Prevents Qf6. **36...Kh7 37.Qa1 a2 38.Rxa2**
[Wrong is 38.Rc6?

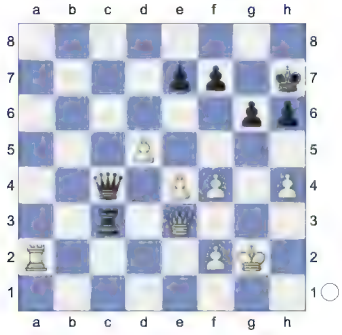
(Diagram)



Rxc6! 39.Qxe5 Rc1 40.Qxe7 a1Q-+]
38...Qf6! 39.f4 Qd4 40.Qb1 Qf6 0.34/22
[40...Qc4= -0.01/19 deserves consideration. 41.Qe1 Qd3]

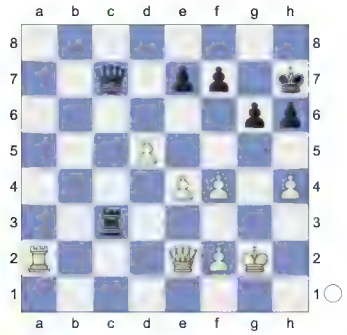


41.Qb2!± aiming for e5. **41...Qd4** The position is equal. **42.Qb1 Qf6 43.Qa1 Qd4 44.Qe1 Qd3** (-> ...Qh3+) **45.Qe3** Prevents Qh3+. And now Qxd3 would win. **45...Qc4⇄**



B l a c k i s f i g h t i n g b a c k **46.Qe2** With the idea Qxc4. **46...Qc7 47.Qe1 Rd3**
[Resist 47...Qc8 48.f3±]

48.Qe2 Rc3 49.Qe1 Rd3
[Don't play 49...Qc8 50.f3±]
50.Qe2 Rc3



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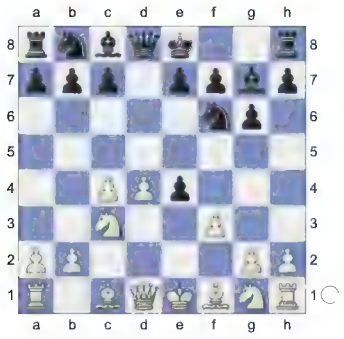
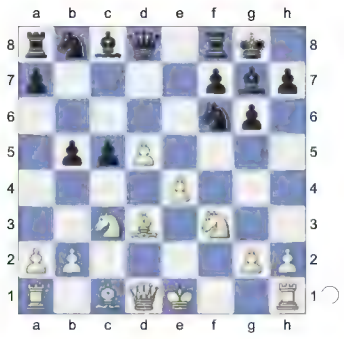
½-½

31 **E60**
□ **PetersBot** **3014**
■ **RaspFish** **3048**
Rapid 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]
3...Bg7N
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6
A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;
B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]
4.Nc3 d5 5.e4 dxe4

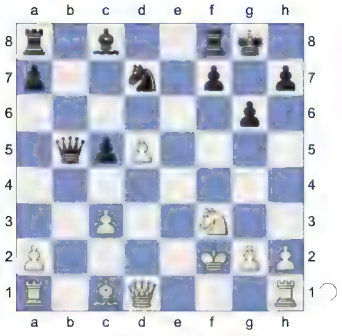


6.fxe4 c5 7.d5
[Much worse is 7.dxc5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Na6∓]
7...0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bd3 exd5 10.cxd5 b5

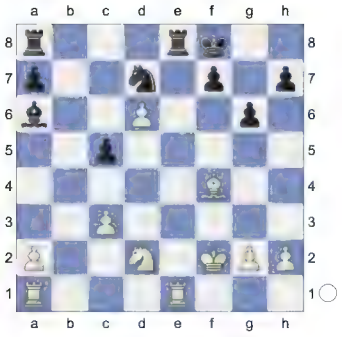


11.Bxb5 Nxe4! 12.Nxe4 Threatens to win with 0-0. **12...Qa5+ 13.Nc3! Bxc3+**

Remove Defender **14.bxc3** And now Qb3 would win. **14...Qxb5 15.Kf2 Nd7**

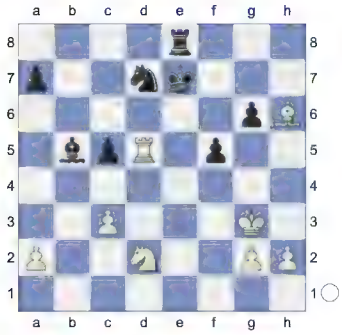


16.Re1 Prevents Re8. **16...Ba6 17.d6 Rfe8 18.Bf4** 0.17/17
[18.Kg1± 0.49/19]
18...Qb2+ 0.51/21
[18...Rxe1= 0.17/17 feels stronger. 19.Qxe1 Qb2+ 20.Kg1 Bc4]
19.Qd2± Qxd2+!
[19...Re2+? 20.Rxe2 Qxd2 21.Rxd2+-]
20.Nxd2 Kf8!

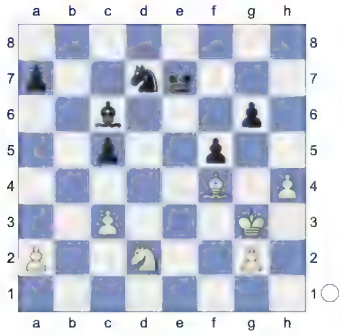


Against Re7 **21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Re7 Rxe7** 0.88/17
[22...Ne5± 0.52/22 is more appropriate.]
23.dxe7± Strongly threatening Rd1.
23...Re8 24.Re1 f5 25.Re6 Bb5

26.Bg5! &Bianco is more active. **26...Kf7 27.Rd6 Ne5** Against c4 **28.Kg3 h6⇄** Black is not holding back **29.Bxh6** Bg5 is the strong threat. **29...Kxe7 30.Rd5 Nd7**



31.Bf4 Kf6 32.Nf3 Against g5 **32...Re2 33.h4 Ke7 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Nxd2=** Endgame KBN-KBN **35...Bc6**



36.Be3 a5 37.Nb3 Bd5 38.Nxa5 Bxa2 39.Nb7 Ke6 40.Nxc5+ Nxc5

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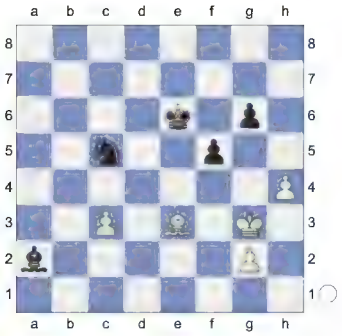
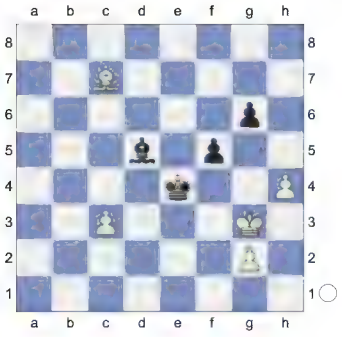
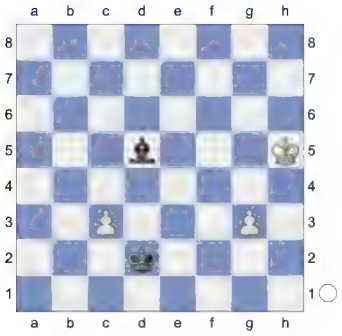


41.Bxc5 KB-KB **41...Ke5 42.Bb6 Ke4 43.Kf2 Bc4 44.Kg3 Be6 45.Bc7 Bd5**



46.h5 -0.01/29
[46.Bf4± 0.33/28]
46...gxh5 47.Kh4 f4 48.Bxf4 Kxf4 49.Kxh5 -1.16/29 KB-KPP
[49.g3+= -0.01/32 remains equal. Kf5 50.Kxh5]
49...Ke3 0.00/30
[49...Bxg2∓ -1.16/29 50.Kh6 Bh3]
50.g3 The position is equal. **50...Kd2**



51.c4 Bg8 52.g4 Kd3 53.c5 Ke4 54.g5 Bd5 55.c6 Ke5

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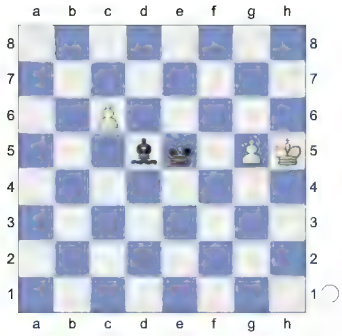
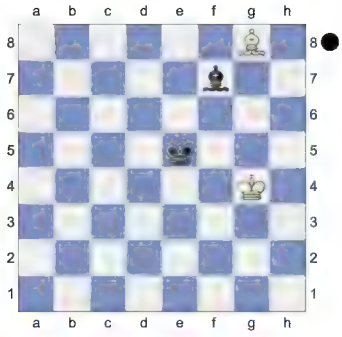


56.g6 Bxc6 57.g7 Be8+ 58.Kg4 Bf7 59.g8B



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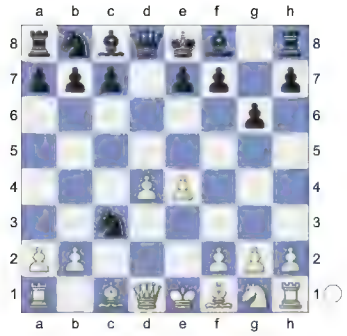
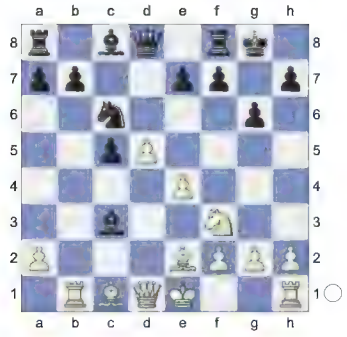
32 **D85**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3014**
■ **GarboBot** **2327**
Blitz 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

(Diagram)



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Bxc3+

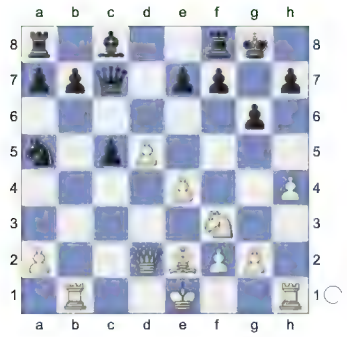


11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Na5 13.h4 0x0.001731863e19dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **13...Qc7N** 2.05/18

[13...Bg4± 0.72/17

A) 14.h5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 e5 16.d6 *(16.f4 exf4 17.Qxf4 Qe7 18.Rb5 b6 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Qh2 Rad8 21.Kf1 Rd6 22.Rb2 Rf7 23.Bg4 Nc4 24.Re2 Ne5 25.Qh3 Nxg4 26.Qxg4 Qe5 27.Qc8+ Kg7 28.Qh3 h5 29.Rg1 Rf4 30.Qe3 Rdf6* 9.♗g5 cd4 10.♘d4_82436 (2484)-13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14.b3_22709 (2697) Givatayim (rapid) 95/68 2002 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 0-1 (37)) 16...b6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qd5+ Kg7 19.Qxe5+ Qf6 20.Qh2 h5 21.Qg3 Nc6 22.Rd1 Nd4 23.Rxh5 Rh8 24.Rd5 Ne6 25.e5 Qf4 26.Qg4 Rh1+ 27.Bf1 Qxg4 28.fxg4 Nf4 Alvarez,R (2605)-Berdichesky,R (2633) email 1999 UltraCorr3a [Alvarez, Roberto G] 1-0 (53);

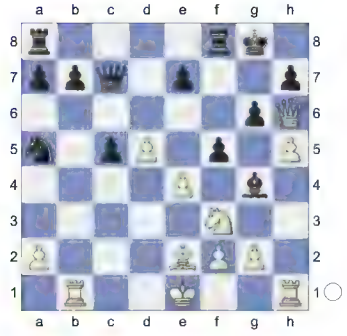
B) 14.Ng5 Bxe2 15.Kxe2 h6 16.Nf3 Kh7 17.Qc3 b6 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.h5 hxg5 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Rh8+ Kf7 22.Rh7+ Ke8 23.Qg7 Kd7 24.d6 Qe8 25.dxe7 Rg8 26.Qe5 Kc8 *(26...Nc6 27.Rd1+ Nd4+ 28.Rxd4+ cxd4 29.Qd5+ Kc7 30.Qxa8 Qb5+ 31.Kf3* Gruenfeld Indian-16.♘h3 ♔h7 17. ♕c3 b6 Survey 2013 Lexikon13 [Ftacnik,L] (31)) 27.Qd5 Nc6 28.Rbh1 Nd4+ Vaisser,A (2576)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2527) Chartres FRA 2005 [Glenn Flear] 1-0 (39)]



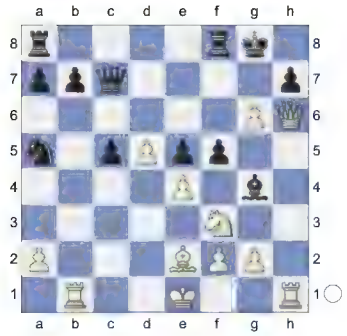
14.h5!+- Black must now prevent Qh6. **14...Bg4?** 9.95/21

[14...g5 2.03/20 15.d6 *(15.Nxg5 f6±; 15.Qxg5+ Kh8±)* 15...Qxd6]

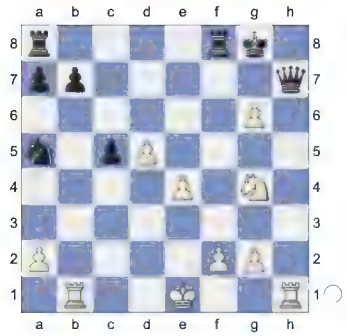
15.Qh6 Intending Ng5 and mate. White is clearly winning. **15...f5**



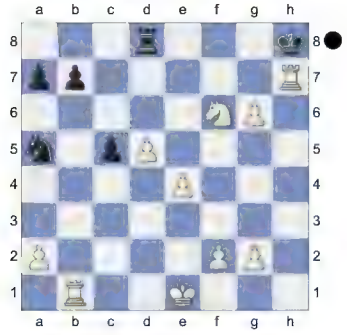
16.hxg6 e5



17.Nxe5! Kh8
[17...Qg7 18.gxh7+]
18.Bxg4 fxg4 19.Nxg4 Kg8 20.Qxh7+ Qxh7



21.Rxh7 White mates. **21...Rf7 22.Rxf7 Kh8 23.Nf6 Rd8 24.Rh7#**



Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.89
1-0

33 **D70**
□ **PetersBot** **3013**
■ **RaspFish** **3043**
Rapid 28.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
D70: Grünfeld: Unusual White 3rd moves (met by ...d5)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]
3...d5N
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6
A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;
B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

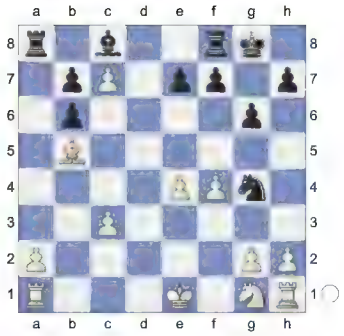
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6

6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 0.48/18
[7...0-0= 0.03/17 deserves consideration.]
8.d5± Ne5 9.f4 Ng4
[9...Nec4? 10.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3+-]
10.Bb5+! White is slightly better. **10...c6**

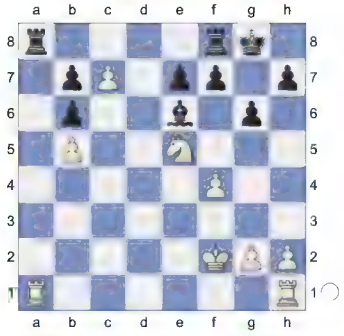
11.dxc6! 0-0 12.Qxd8 Rxd8

13.c7! Rf8 14.Bxb6 &Bianco is more active. **14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 axb6**

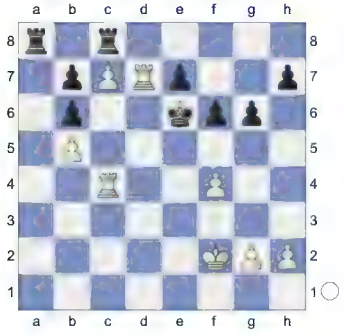
(Diagram)



16.Nf3 Nf6 17.a4 Nxe4 18.Ne5 Nxc3 19.Kf2 Nxb5
[19...Be6!?]
20.axb5 Be6!

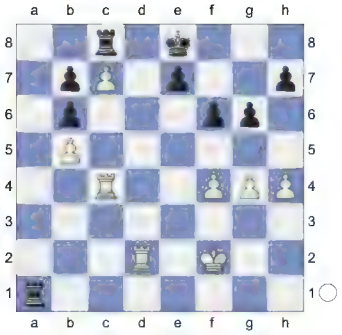


aiming for ...Rxa1. **21.Rac1** next Rhd1 is good for White. **21...f6! 22.Nc4! Bxc4 23.Rxc4=** Endgame KRR-KRR. The position is equal. **23...Kf7 24.Rd1** White has compensation. **24...Rfc8! 25.Rd7 Ke6**

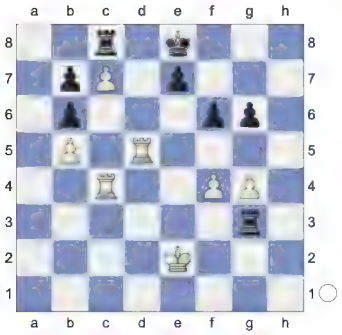


26.Rd2 Inhibits Ra2. Hoping for Re4+. **26...Kf7! 27.Rd7** And now Re4 would win. **27...Ke6 28.Rd2** Against Ra2. Re4+ is the strong threat. **28...Kf7! 29.g4 Ke8! 30.h4 Ra1**

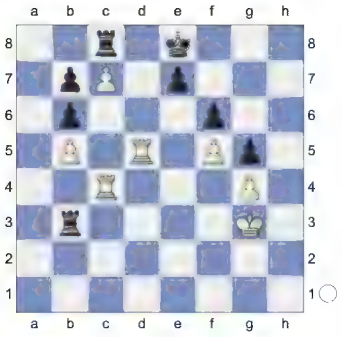
(Diagram)



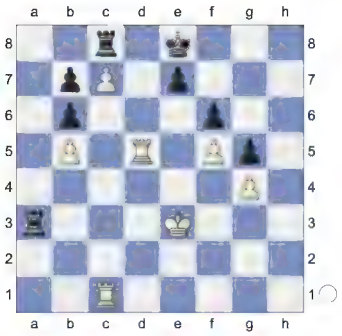
31.Rd5 Ra2+ 32.Ke3 Ra3+ 33.Ke2 Rh3 34.h5 Rg3 35.hxg6 hxg6



36.f5 g5 37.Kf2 Rh3 38.Rd1 Rb3 39.Rd5 Rb2+ 40.Kg3 Rb3+

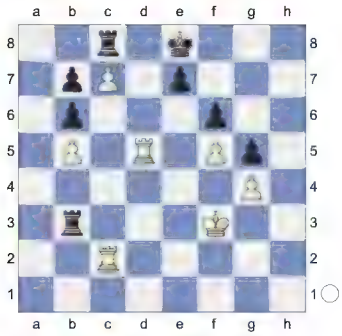


41.Kf2 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 Ra2 43.Rc1 Ra3+ 44.Ke2 Ra2+ 45.Ke3 Ra3+

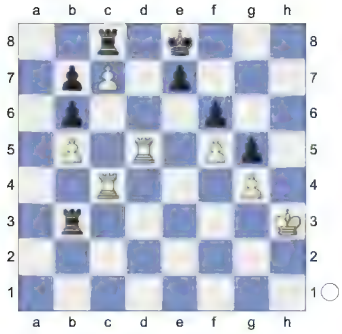


46.Kf2 Ra4 47.Kg3 Rb4 48.Rc2 Rb3+

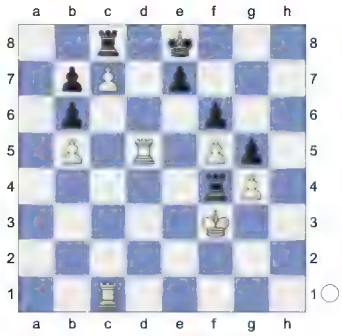
49.Kg2 Rb4 50.Kf3 Rb3+



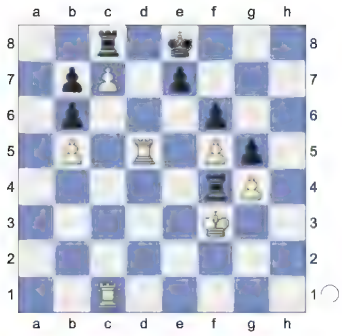
51.Kf2 Rb4 52.Kg3 Rb3+ 53.Kh2 Rb4 54.Kh3 Rb1 55.Rc4 Rb3+



56.Kg2 Re3 57.Rc1 Re4 58.Kf3 Rf4+ 59.Kg3 Ra4 60.Kf3 Rf4+



61.Kg3 Ra4 62.Kf3 Rf4+



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½-½

34 **E81**
□ **Tang,Andrew** **3013**
■ **Vestby-Ellingsen,Mads** **2338**
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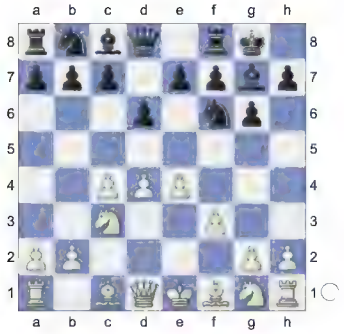
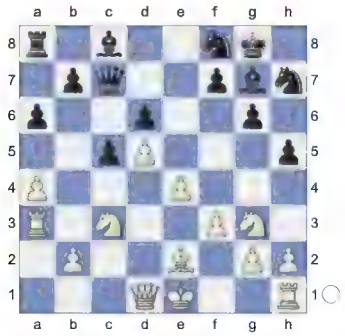
A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0



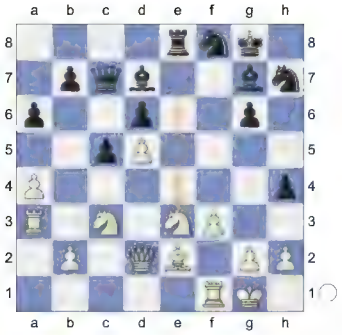
6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7

11.Be2 h5 12.Bg5 Qa5
[12...Qc7 13.0-0 c4 14.Qd2 Rb8 15.Rfc1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b4 Ne5 18.Be3 h4 19.Nh1 h3 20.g3 Bd7 21.Ra2 Ra8 22.Rca1 Rxa2 23.Rxa2 Nh7 24.Ra7 Qc8 25.Nf2 f5 26.Bd4 fxe4 27.Ncxe4 Ehsani,Y (2106)-Kocharin,T (2225) Biel 2023 0-1 (38)]
13.Ra3N
[13.0-0 Nh7 14.Be3 Re8 15.Nh1 Ne5 16.Nf2 Qb4 17.Bd2 Qd4 18.a5 Bd7 19.Ra3 Rab8 20.Rb3 b5 21.axb6 c4 22.Ra3 Qxb6 23.Ra2 Bb5 24.Qc1 Nf6 25.Be3 Qc7 26.Nxb5 axb5 27.b4 Ra8 Bohmgren,U (2320)-Olsen,J (2610) Polska 151/189 1997 CCYB 11 [Murshed,N] 0-1 (44)]
[13.Nf1 Re8 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Bh4 g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxh5 Qb4 19.Rb1 Ng6 20.Bf2 b5 21.axb5 axb5 ½-½ (21) Dreev,A (2698)-Timofeev,A (2611) Russia 2004]
[13.Qd2 b5 14.0-0 b4 15.Nd1 Re8 16.Ne3 Nh7 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Rac1 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 f5 21.Bd3 h4 22.Nh1 Bf6 23.Nf2 Qg7 24.Bh6 Qf7 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Qf4 Be5 27.Qxh4 Bxb2 Meissner,B (2305)-Werner,B (2145) Pforzheim 1998 EXT 2003 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (40)]
13...Nh7 14.Be7 White has an edge.
14...Qc7 15.Bxf8 Ndxf8

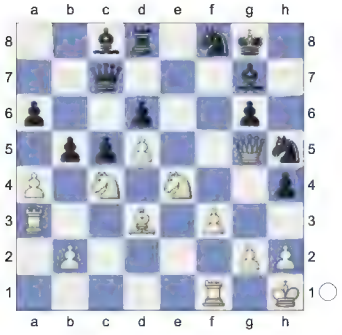


16.Qd2 h4 17.Nf1 f5 1.24/18
[⌓17...Rb8 0.71/17 18.Ne3 Qe7]
18.exf5± Bxf5 19.Ne3 Bd7 20.0-0 Re8

(Diagram)



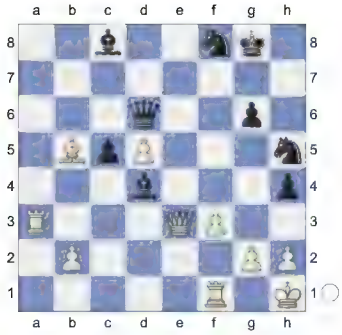
21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Bd3 Bc8 2.37/19
[22...c4± 1.17/19 keeps fighting.]
23.Ne4 Nh5? 3.11/19
[23...Qd8± 1.52/18 24.Nc4 Nxe4 25.fxe4 Qe7]
24.Nc4+- Rd8 25.Qg5 b5



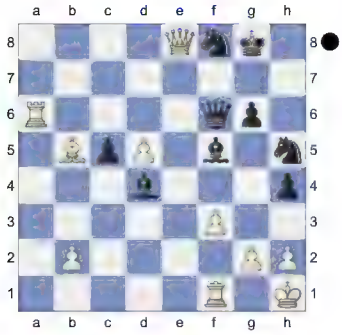
26.axb5 axb5 27.Ncxd6 Rxd6 28.Nxd6 Qxd6

29.Bxb5? 0.53/20
[29.Bxg6!+- 2.63/21 Nf4 *(29...Nf6 30.Ra7)* 30.Be8]
29...Bf6 1.16/21
[29...Bxb2± 0.53/20 30.Ra7 Bf6]
30.Qe3± Bd4

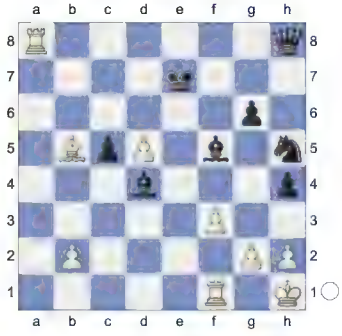
(Diagram)



31.Qe4 0.72/20
[White should play 31.Qe8 1.28/20 Bb7 32.Bc4]
31...Qf6? 2.93/19
[31...h3± 0.72/20 was necessary.]
32.Qe8+- Bf5 33.Ra6? -1.54/24
[33.Ra8+- 2.64/21]

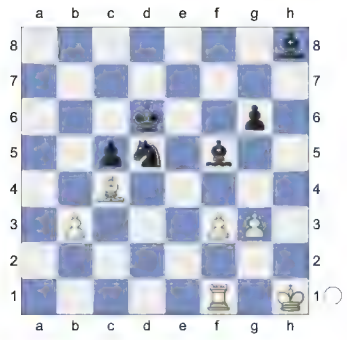


33...Qh8!∓ Chess con chili. **34.Qxf8+ Kxf8 35.Ra8+ Ke7**

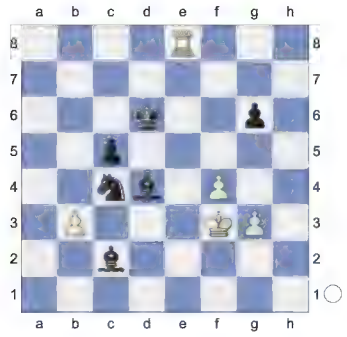


36.Rxh8 Bxh8 37.b3 Nf4 Black has strong compensation. **38.Bc4 Kd6 39.g3 hxg3 40.hxg3 Nxd5**

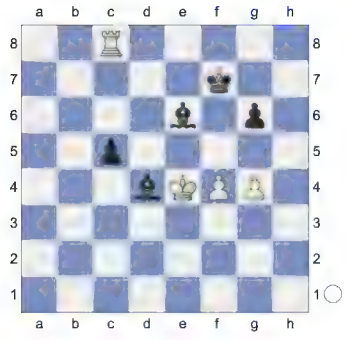
(Diagram)



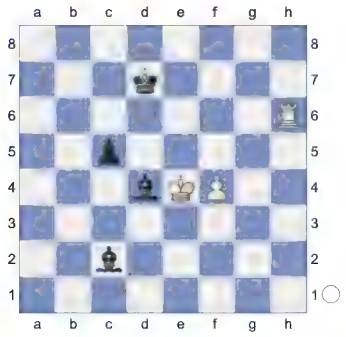
41.Re1 Be5 42.Kg2 Bc2 -0.96/24
[42...g5-+ -2.15/24 43.g4 Bg6]
43.f4 Bd4 And now ...Ne3+ would win. &Nero is more active. **44.Re8** -2.82/23
[44.Kf3∓ -1.14/22]
44...Ne3+-+ 45.Kf3 Nxc4



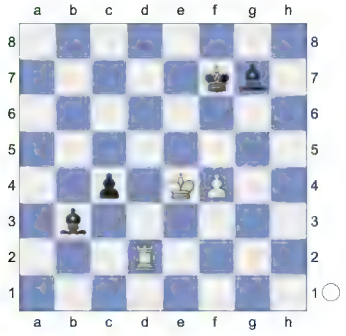
46.bxc4 Bd3 47.Rg8 Ke7
[Inferior is 47...Bxc4 48.Rxg6+ Kd5 49.Rg5+ Ke6 50.Ke4=]
48.g4 Kf7 49.Rc8 Bxc4 This bishop pair is nice. **50.Ke4** Prevents Bd3+.
50...Be6? -1.02/25
[50...Bb3-+ -2.60/24 51.Rb8 Bd1 52.Rb7+ Ke8]



51.Rc7+∓ Ke8 52.Rc6 -2.02/25
[52.f5∓ -0.89/26 was the only chance. Bf7 53.fxg6 Bxg6+ 54.Kd5]
52...Kd7
[Worse is 52...Bxg4 53.Rxg6 Bd1 54.f5∓]
53.Ra6 Bxg4 54.Rxg6 Bd1 (-> ...Bc2+) **55.Rh6 Bc2+**

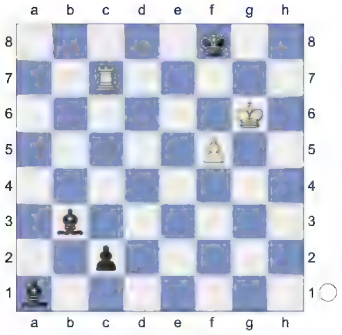


56.Kd5 Ke7 57.Rh2 Bb3+ 58.Ke4? -3.25/25
[58.Kc6∓ -1.51/26]
58...Bg7 59.Rg2 Kf7 60.Rd2 c4 -1.27/25
[60...Bf6-+ -2.73/25 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Ke6 is the strong threat. 61.Rd6 c4]

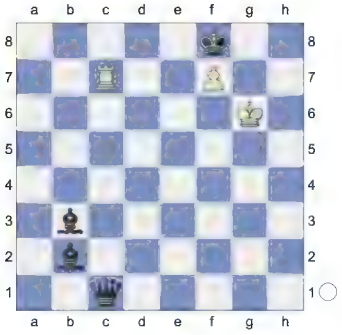


61.Rd7+ Kf8 White must now prevent ... Bb2. **62.Rc7?** -3.29/25
[62.Rb7∓ -1.34/24 might work better.]
62...Bf6? -1.29/24
[62...Bb2-+ -3.29/25 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Ke8. 63.Ke3 Ke8 64.Rc8+ Ke7 65.Rc7+ Ke6]

63.Kf5 Ba1 64.Kg6? -7.49/24
[64.Ra7∓ -1.22/24 Bb2 65.Rb7]
64...c3-+ Black is clearly winning. **65.f5 c2**



66.f6 Ke8 Threatens to win with ...Kd8.
67.Kf5 Bb2 68.f7+ Kf8 69.Kg6 c1Q



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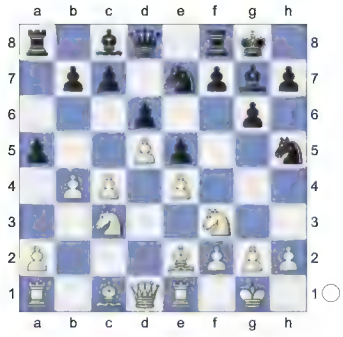
35 **E97**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3013**
■ **GarboBot** **2332**
Blitz 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Nf3 d6

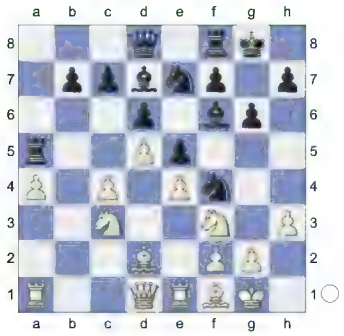
(Diagram)

6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 a5

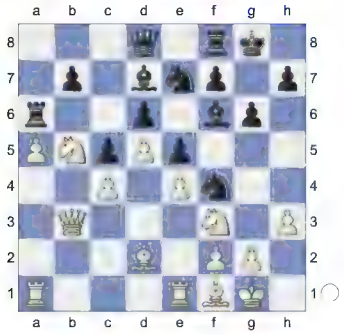


11.bxa5 Nf4 12.Bf1 Rxa5 13.a4 Bg4
[13...c5 14.Ra3 h6 15.Nd2 Ra6 16.Nb5 Bd7 17.g3 Nh5 18.Bb2 Be8 19.Be2 Nf6 20.f4 Nd7 21.Qa1 f5 22.Kh1 g5 23.Rf1 Bg6 24.Bd3 g4 25.exf5 Nxf5 26.Qb1 exf4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Rxf4 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2740)-Agamaliev,D (2580) Kraljevo 1998 Magnus Force [Gretarsson,Helgi Ass] ½-½ (43)]
14.h3 Bd7 15.Bd2 Bf6N 1.49/17
[⌓15...c5 0.87/16]
[15...Ra8 16.a5 Bc8 17.c5 c6 *(17...dxc5 18.Be3 b6 19.axb6 Rxa1 20.bxc7 Qxc7 21.Qxa1* 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #5 *)* 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.e5 Qc5 21.d6 Qxc3 22.dxe7 Re8 23.Qd6 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #6]
[15...Qb8 16.Qc1 Ra8 17.a5 c5 18.Ra3 f5 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Ne4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.Rb3 1) 9.b4 Nh5 10.

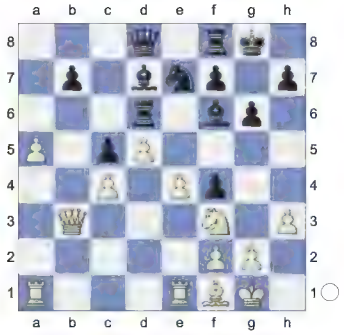
Re1 Nf4-12.ba5 Ra5 13.a4 Bg4 #4]



16.Qb3± Ra7 1.79/18
[16...Bc8± 1.34/15 was necessary.]
17.a5+- c5 2.20/20
[⌓17...b6 1.82/16 18.axb6 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 cxb6]
18.Nb5 Ra6

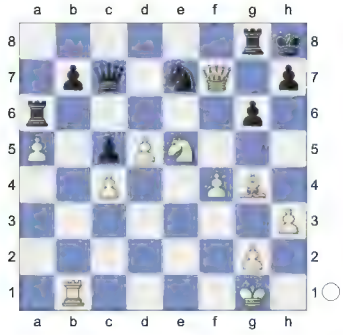


19.Nxd6! Rxd6 20.Bxf4 exf4

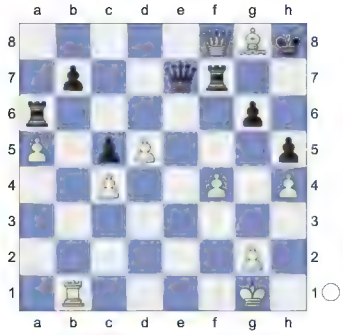


21.e5 Bxe5 22.Nxe5
[Don't take 22.Rxe5?! Bc8 23.Qa3 Qc7]
22...Qc7 23.Rab1 Rb8 24.Qf3 Bf5 3.61/20
[24...f6 2.37/21 was worth a try.]
25.Qxf4 Bxb1

26.Qxf7+
[Less strong is 26.Rxb1 Rf8±]
26...Kh8 27.Rxb1 Rc8 6.37/23
[⌓27...Rg8 4.01/20 28.Bd3 Ra6]
28.Be2 Bg4 is the strong threat. **28...Ra8**
29.Bg4 Rda6 30.f4 Rg8

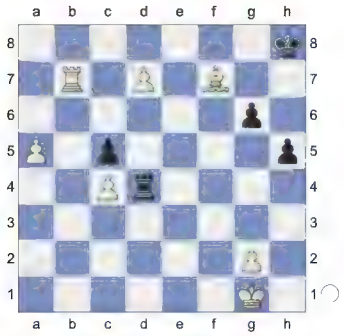


31.Be6 h5 32.h4 Rg7 33.Qf8+ Ng8
34.Bxg8 Intending Nf7+ and mate.
34...Qe7 35.Nf7+ Rxf7

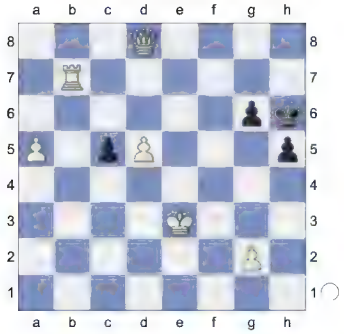


36.Qxf7 Qxf7 37.Bxf7 Endgame KRB-KR **37...Rf6 38.Rxb7 Rxf4 39.d6** 23.91/16
[⌓39.a6 #11/17 Re4 40.a7 Kg7 41.a8Q Re1+ 42.Kf2 Rf1+ 43.Kxf1 Kf6 44.Qe8 g5 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Bxh5+ Kh8 47.Qe8#]

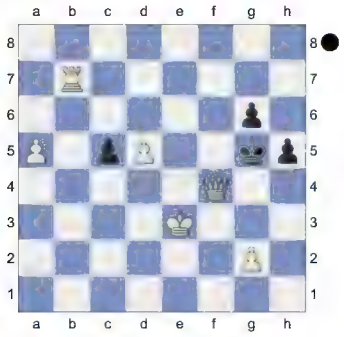
39...Rxh4 40.d7 Rd4



41.Bd5 Rd1+ 42.Kf2 Rd2+ 43.Ke3 White mates. **43...Rxd5 44.cxd5 Kg7 45.d8Q+ Kh6**



46.Qf8+ Kg5 47.Qf4#



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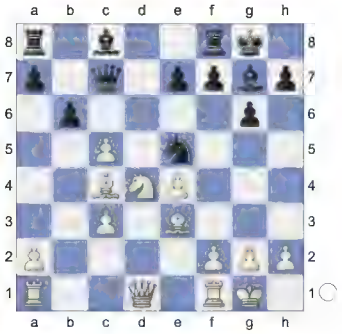
36 **D87**
ArasanX **3013**
RaspFish **3048**
Rapid 04.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+5sec
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

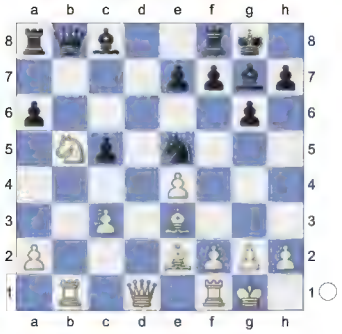
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)]
8...Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989 CI1-130 [RR]]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 b6N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

(Diagram)

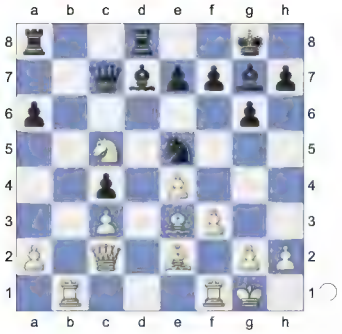
11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Nd4 Ne5



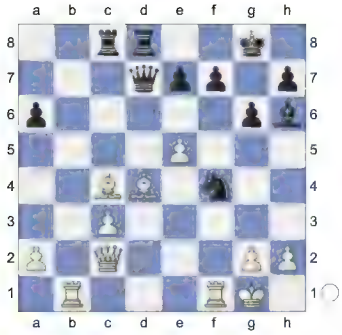
13.Nb5! Qb8 14.Be2 bxc5 15.Rb1 a6



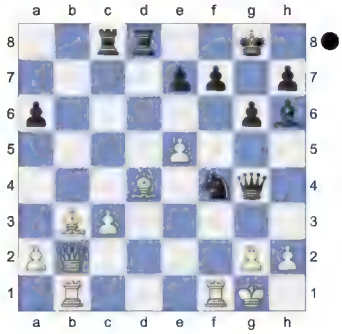
16.Nd4 Qc7 White should prevent ... Rd8. **17.Nb3 c4 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Qc2 Bg4 20.f3 Bd7**



21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.f4 Nd3 23.e5 Bh6 24.Bd4 Nxf4 25.Bxc4 Rac8

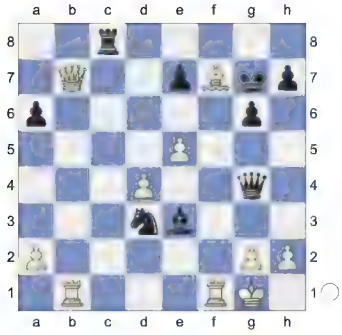


26.Bb3 Qg4 27.Qb2



Rxd4! 28.cxd4 Kh1 is the strong threat. **28...Nd3! 29.Bxf7+ Kg7! 30.Qb7** Black must now prevent Kh1. **30...Be3+** 0.33/20

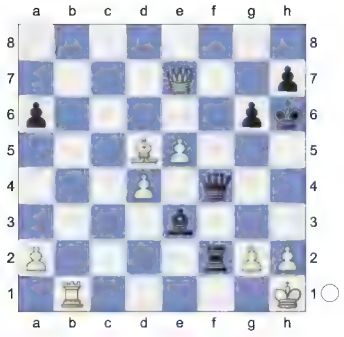
[30...Bc1= -0.01/23 31.Bc4 *(31.Qxe7* leads to mate. *Qxd4+ 32.Kh1 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Nh3+ 34.Kh1 Qg1+ 35.Rxg1 Nf2#)* 31...Rxc4 32.Qxe7+ Kh6]



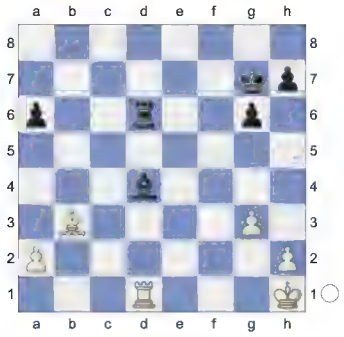
31.Kh1± Threatens to win with h3.
31...Rc2!

(Diagram)

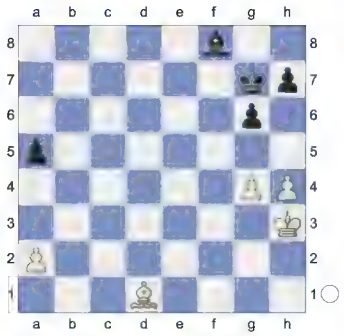
32.Bc4! Nf2+ 33.Rxf2! Rxf2 34.Qxe7+ Kh6 35.Bd5 Qf4



(-> ...Rf1+) **36.Qf6! Qxf6 37.exf6 Rxf6=** Endgame KRB-KRB **38.Rd1 Rd6 39.Bb3 Bxd4 40.g3 Kg7**



41.Kg2 a5 42.h4 Be5 43.Kh3 Rxd1 44.Bxd1 KB-KB **44...Bd6 45.g4 Bf8**



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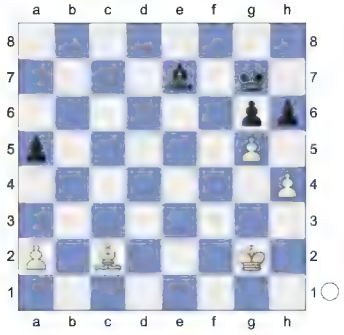
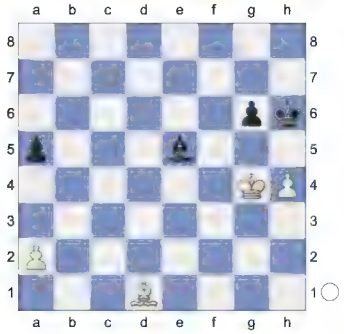
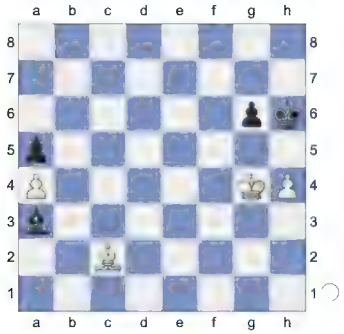


51.gxh6+! Kxh6 52.Kh3 Ba3 53.Bb3 Be7 54.Bd1 Bf6 55.Kg4 Be5



56.Bb3 Bd6 57.Bc2 Be7 58.Bb3 Ba3 59.Bc2 Bb2 60.a4 Ba3



61.Bd1 Bb4 62.Be2 Bd6 63.Bd3 Bc7 64.Bc4 Bh2 65.Be2 Bd6

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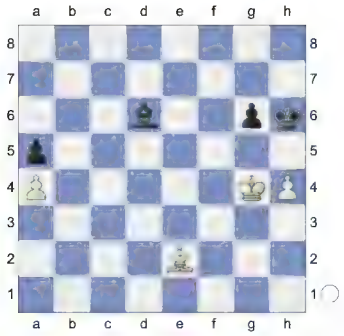
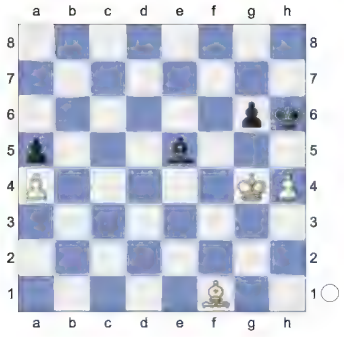
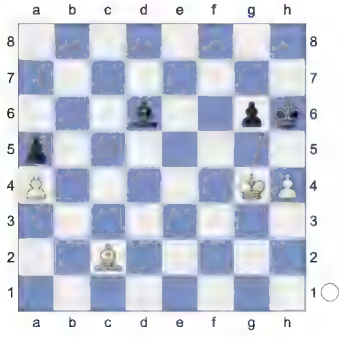


66.Ba6 Bb8 67.Bb5 Be5 68.Bf1 Bc7 69.Bg2 Bb8 70.Bf1 Be5



71.Ba6 Kg7 0.37/37
[71...Bb8= 0.01/41]
72.Bd3 0.01/41
[72.h5± 0.37/37]
72...Kh6 73.Bc4 Bb2 74.Bb3 Be5 75.Bc2 Bd6



76.Bd3 Be7 77.Bb5 Ba3 78.Bf1 Be7 79.Bg2 Bd8 80.Be4 Bb6

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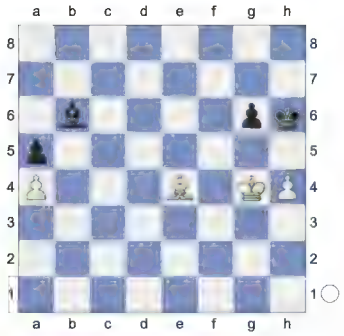
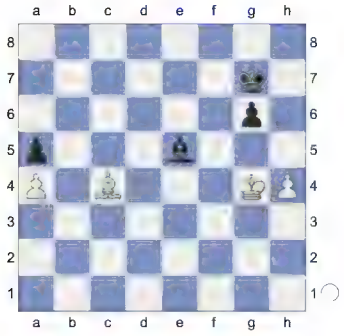
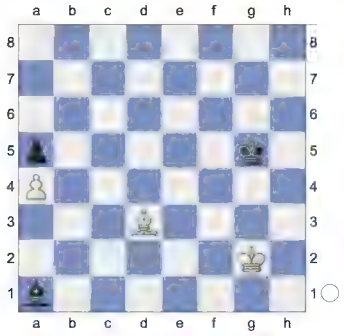


81.Bb1 Ba7 82.Ba2 Bb8 83.Bc4 Be5 84.Bf7 Kh7 0.50/34
[84...Bb2= 0.01/38 feels stronger.]
85.Bc4 -0.01/38
[85.Kg5± 0.50/34]
85...Kg7 0.39/38
[85...Kh6= -0.01/38]

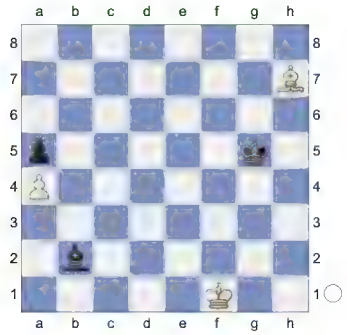


86.Bf1 0.01/37
[86.h5!± 0.39/38]
86...Kh6 87.Bd3 Bf6 88.Kh3 g5 89.hxg5+ Kxg5 90.Kg2 Ba1

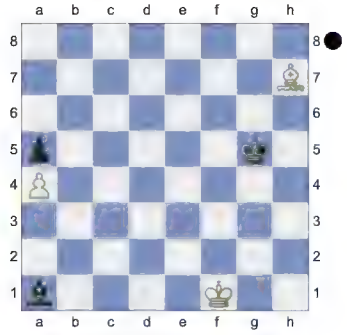


91.Bh7 Bb2 92.Kf1 Ba1 93.Kf2 Bb2 94.Ke1 Ba1 0.93/31
[94...Kf4± 0.46/34
is more appropriate.]

95.Kf1 0.30/32
[White should play 95.Kd2± 0.93/31]
95...Bb2



96.Kg1 0.01/40
[96.Bd3!± 0.36/38]
96...Ba1 The position is equal. **97.Kf1 Bb2 98.Ke1 Ba1 99.Kf1**



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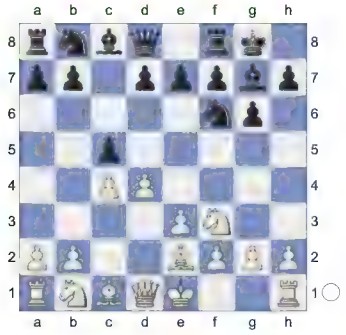
37 **E60**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3012**
■ **RaspFish** **2997**
Rapid 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2
[5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Nbd2 Qa5 8.Bd3 d5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nh4 cxd4 12.Nxf5 gxf5 13.exd4 Nc6 14.b4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Nxd4 16.Nb3 e5 17.Nc5 Qc6 18.Qa4 Qg6 19.Kh1 b6 Parameswaran,T (2365)-Watson,W (2450) Brighton 1984 EXT 99 [Bulletin] 0-1 (33)]
5...c5



6.d5N
[6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Qb6 *(8...d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Bd2 c5 13.Qa3 e6 14.Rac1 Rab8 15.h3 d4 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Ne4 18.exd4 Bxd4 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 f5 21.f3 Ng3 22.Bc4 Rfe8 23.Re1* Shagbazyan,T (2499)-Aubrecht,P (1930) Prague 2023 1-0 (59)*)* 9.Nb3 d6 10.e4 Ne5 11.Be3 Qc6 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nc4 15.Qc1 Nxe3 16.Qxc7 Nxf1 17.Nf3 Nxh2 18.Kxh2 Bxb2 19.Rd1 Bf6 20.Nd4 h5 Ac,M (2215)-Meissner,H (2270) Cappelle la Grande 1990 EXT 2004 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (68) 21.f3 Kg7 22.g3 Rh8 23.Kg2 h4 24.gxh4 Rxh4 25.Kf2 Rh8 26.f4 Rh4 27.Ke3 Rh3+ 28.Nf3 Bg4 29.Rd3 Rc8 30.Qxb7 Rc2 31.Qb3 Rb2 32.Qa3 Bxf3 33.Bxf3 Rhh2 34.Qxa7 Rxa2 35.Ra3 Rad2 Abu Risha,O (1821)-Vyval,V (2289) Baden - Baden 2023 0-1 (68)]
6...d6 7.Nc3 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3
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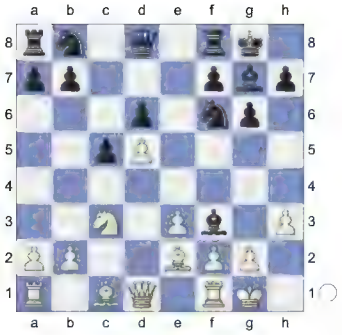
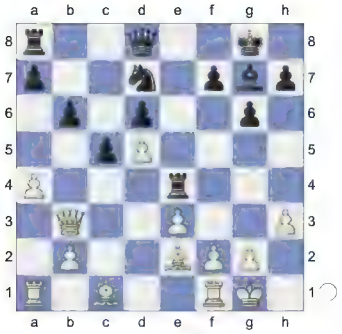


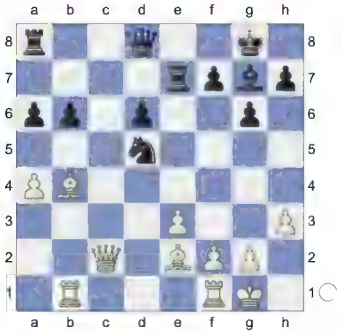
11.Bxf3 Re8 12.Qb3 White is slightly better. **12...b6 13.Be2 Nbd7 14.a4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4**



16.Bd2 a6 17.Rab1 Re7 18.Qc2 Nf6 19.b4 cxb4

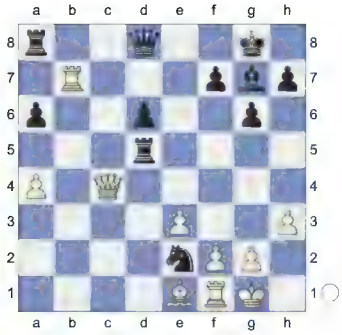
[Less strong is 19...Nxd5 20.Bf3 Re5 21.Qd3±]

20.Bxb4 Nxd5

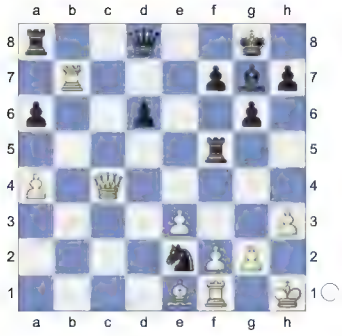


21.Be1 A strong pair of Bishops. **21...Rc7 22.Qd3 Nc3 23.Rxb6 Rc5 24.Rb7 Rd5 25.Qc4 Nxe2+**

(Diagram)



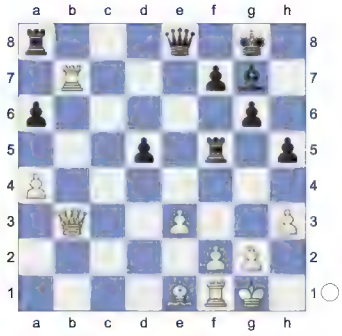
26.Kh1 Rf5



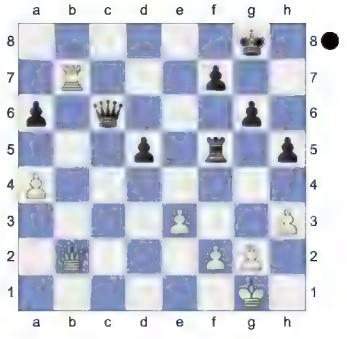
Hoping for ...Qc8. **27.Qxe2 d5**

[27...Qc8!? 28.Rb6 d5±]

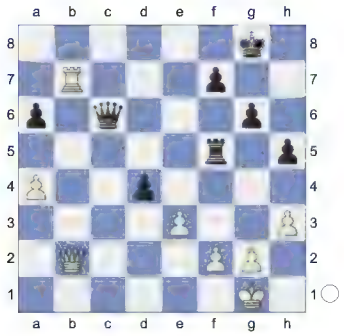
28.Qd3 Qc8 29.Qb3 h5 30.Kg1 The position is equal. **30...Qe8**



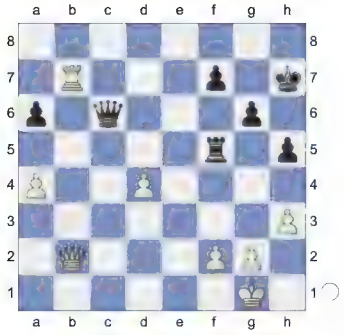
31.Bd2 Rc8 32.Rc1 Rxc1+ 33.Bxc1 Qc6 34.Bb2 Bxb2! 35.Qxb2=



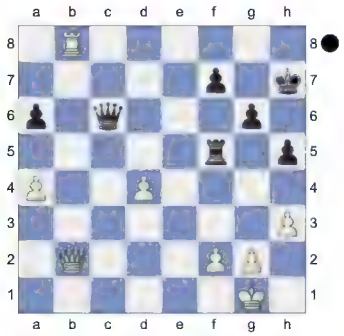
Endgame Intending Rb8+ and mate. KQR-KQR **35...d4!**



36.Rb8+ Kh7 37.exd4
[Don't go for 37.Qxd4? Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qc7+ 39.Kg1 Qxb8-+]
37...Rd5 38.Rb7 Rf5 39.Rb8 Rd5 40.Rb7 Rf5



41.Rb8



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38 **E60**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3011**
■ **RaspFish** **2992**
Rapid 15.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2
[5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Nbd2 Qa5 8.Bd3 d5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nh4 cxd4 12.Nxf5 gxf5 13.exd4 Nc6 14.b4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Nxd4 16.Nb3 e5 17.Nc5 Qc6 18.Qa4 Qg6 19.Kh1 b6 Parameswaran,T (2365)-Watson,W (2450) Brighton 1984 EXT 99 [Bulletin] 0-1 (33)]
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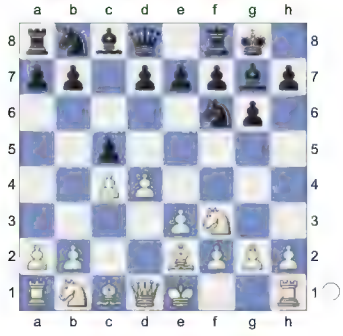
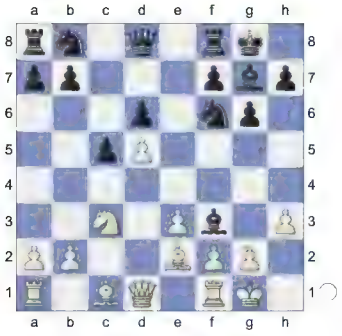


6.d5N
[6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Qb6 *(8...d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Bd2 c5 13.Qa3 e6 14.Rac1 Rab8 15.h3 d4 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Ne4 18.exd4 Bxd4 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 f5 21.f3 Ng3 22.Bc4 Rfe8 23.Re1* Shagbazyan,T (2499)-Aubrecht,P (1930) Prague 2023 1-0 (59)*)* 9.Nb3 d6 10.e4 Ne5 11.Be3 Qc6 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nc4 15.Qc1 Nxe3 16.Qxc7 Nxf1 17.Nf3 Nxh2 18.Kxh2 Bxb2 19.Rd1 Bf6 20.Nd4 h5

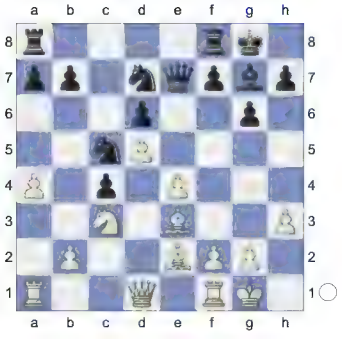
Ac,M (2215)-Meissner,H (2270) Cappelle la Grande 1990 EXT 2004 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (68) 21.f3 Kg7 22.g3 Rh8 23.Kg2 h4 24.gxh4 Rxh4 25.Kf2 Rh8 26.f4 Rh4 27.Ke3 Rh3+ 28.Nf3 Bg4 29.Rd3 Rc8 30.Qxb7 Rc2 31.Qb3 Rb2 32.Qa3 Bxf3 33.Bxf3 Rhh2 34.Qxa7 Rxa2 35.Ra3 Rad2 Abu Risha,O (1821)-Vyval,V (2289) Baden - Baden 2023 0-1 (68)]

6...d6 7.Nc3 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3



11.Bxf3 Qe7 12.a4 White is slightly better. **12...Na6 13.e4 c4 14.Be3 Nd7 15.Be2 Nac5** 0.48/20

[15...Bxc3= 0.11/19 feels stronger. 16.bxc3 Qxe4]



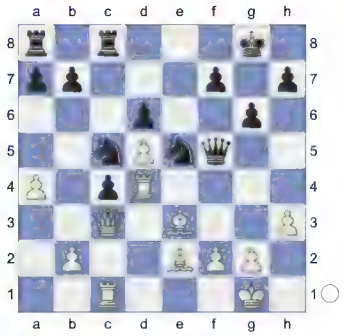
16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Qc2 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qxe4 0.41/19

[18...Nxa4= 0.04/18 19.Qa3 Ndb6]

19.Rfd1±

[Reject 19.Bxc4 Nxa4 20.Qd4 Qxd4 21.Bxd4 Nab6=]

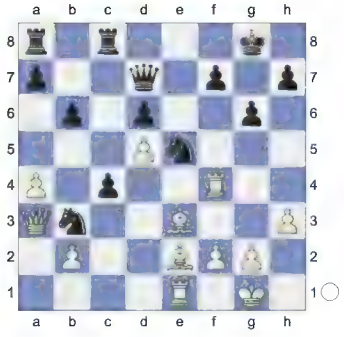
19...Ne5 20.Rd4! White has compensation. **20...Qf5**



21.Qa3 0.38/20

[21.Bg4± 0.89/20 Nxa4 22.Qb4 *(22.Bxf5 Nxc3 23.Rxc3 gxf5∓)* 22...Nxg4 23.hxg4]

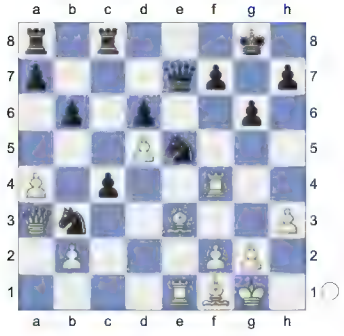
21...Nb3 22.Rf4 Qd7 23.Re1 b6



24.Bf1 0.11/20

[24.Bxc4!± 0.44/21 Nxc4 25.Qxb3 Nxe3 26.Qxe3]

24...Qe7=



25.Bxc4! Remove Defender **25...Rxc4**

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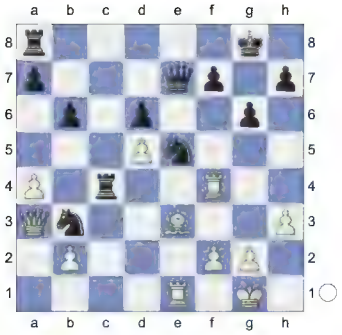
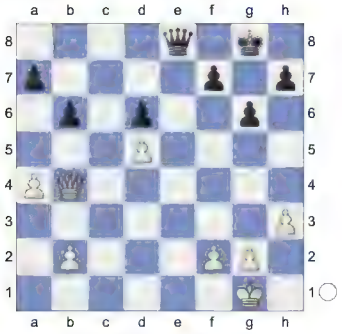
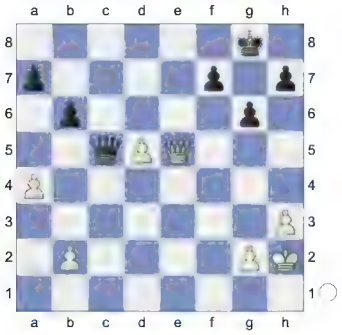


26.Rxc4 Nxc4 27.Qxb3 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Endgame KQR-KQR **28...Qd7 29.Qb4 Re8! 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8**



31.Qxd6 KQ-KQ **31...Qe1+ 32.Kh2** With the idea Qf4. **32...Qxf2 33.Qe5 Qc5 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Kg8**



36.h4 h5 37.Kg3 a6 38.Kf3 Kf8 39.Kg3 Qa5 40.Qd6+ Ke8

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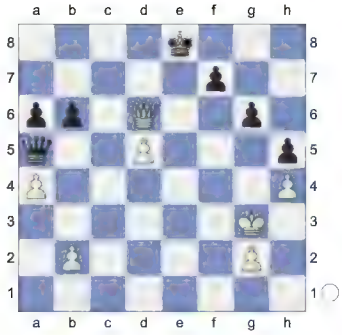
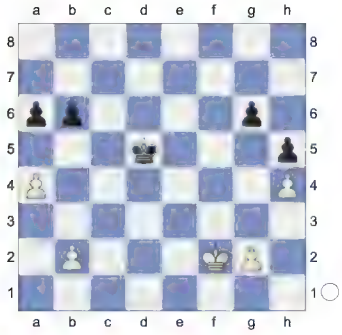


41.Qb8+ Kd7 42.Qa7+ Kd6 43.Qxf7 Qe1+ 44.Qf2 Qxf2+

[44...Qe5+ seems wilder. 45.Kh3 Kxd5 46.Qxb6 Qf5+]

45.Kxf2 Kxd5



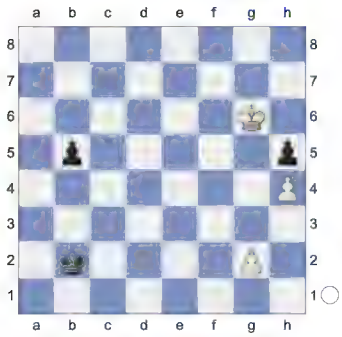
KP-KP **46.Kf3 Kc4** 0.37/28

[46...Ke5= -0.01/23]

47.Kf4!± Kb3 48.Kg5 Kxb2 49.Kxg6 b5 0.94/20

[49...Ka3± 0.54/20 was preferrable. 50.Kxh5 Kxa4]

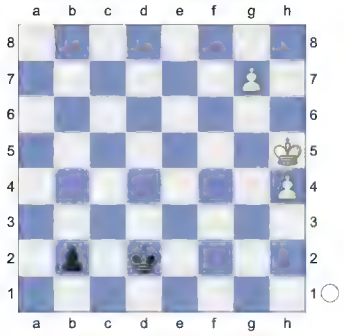
50.axb5± axb5



51.Kxh5 Intending Kg4 and mate. KPP-KP **51...Kc3** 1.97/24

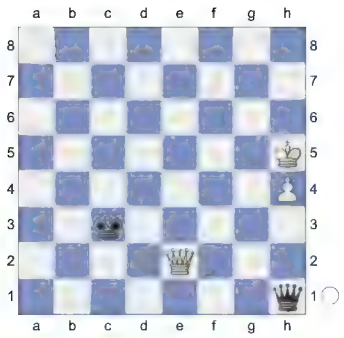
[51...Ka3± 0.86/23 might work better. 52.g4 b4]

52.g4 1.36/24
[52.Kg5+- 1.97/24 b4 53.h5]
52...Kd2 1.86/22
[52...b4± 1.36/24 was necessary. 53.g5 b3]
53.g5 1.37/23
[53.Kg5+- 1.86/22]
53...b4 54.g6 b3 55.g7 b2



56.g8Q Threatening mate with Qb3.
56...b1Q Inhibits Qb3. KQ-KQ **57.Qg2+ Kc3 58.Qe2** 0.00/22
[58.Qf3+± 1.46/20 Kd2 59.Qf2+ Kc3 60.Qc5+ Kd2 61.Qf2+ Kc3 62.Qc5+ Kd2 63.Kg5]
58...Qh1 1.50/20
[58...Qf5+= 0.00/22 59.Kh6 Qf6+ 60.Kh5 Qf5+ 61.Kh6 Qf6+ 62.Kh5 Qf5+]
59.Qa2 0.00/21
[59.Kg4± 1.50/20 Qf3+ is the strong threat. Qg1+ 60.Kf5]
59...Qc1 1.42/21
[59...Qf3+= 0.00/21 60.Kg5 Qg3+ 61.Kf5 *(61.Kh5 Qf3+ 62.Kh6 Qf6+ 63.Kh5 Qf3+=)* 61...Qf3+ 62.Kg5 Qg3+ 63.Kh5 Qf3+ 64.Kh6 Qf6+ 65.Kh5 Qf3+]
60.Qe2 -0.01/20
[60.Qf2± 1.42/21 Qc5+ would kill now. Kb4 61.Qd4+ Kb5 62.Kg6]
60...Qh1!=

(Diagram)



61.Qa2? 0.00/21 Against Qd5+
[White should play 61.Kg4± 1.58/19 Threatens to win with Qf3+. Qg1+ 62.Kf5]
61...Qc1 1.50/20
[61...Qf3+= 0.00/21 62.Kg5 Qg3+ 63.Kf5 *(63.Kh5 Qf3+ 64.Kh6 Qf6+ 65.Kh5 Qf3+=)* 63...Qf3+ 64.Kg5 Qg3+ 65.Kh5 Qf3+ 66.Kh6 Qf6+ 67.Kh5 Qf3+]
62.Qe2 0.01/19
[62.Qf2± 1.50/20 aiming for Qc5+. Kb4 63.Qd4+ Kb5 64.Kg6]
62...Kb4 1.38/18
[62...Qh1!= 0.01/19]
63.Qa2 0.00/22
[63.Qe4+± 1.38/18 Kb3 64.Qd3+ Ka2 65.Qe2+ Kb3 66.Qf3+ Kb4 67.Qe4+ Kb3 68.Qd5+ Ka4 69.Qd4+ Kb5 70.Kg6]
63...Kc5 1.47/19
[63...Qd1+= 0.00/22 remains equal. 64.Kg5 Qd8+ 65.Kh5 Qd1+ 66.Kh6 Qd6+ 67.Kh5 Qd1+]
64.Qe2 -0.01/27
[64.Qf2+± 1.47/19 Kb4 65.Qd4+ Ka5 66.Qg4]
64...Kd6 65.Qa2 Ke5

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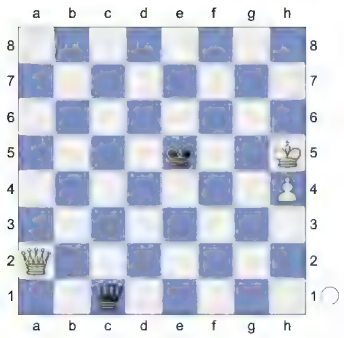
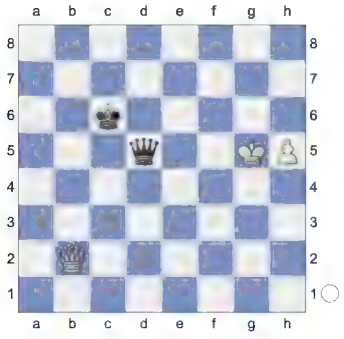
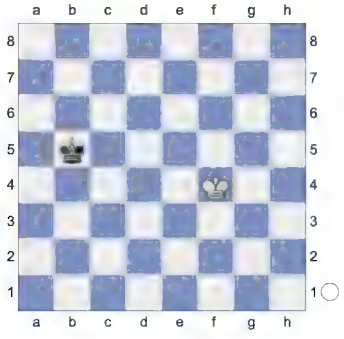


66.Qe2+ Kd6 67.Qa2 Qe1 68.Qb2 Qd1+ 69.Kg5 And now Qf6+ would win.
69...Kc6? 1.92/21
[69...Qd5+= 0.00/21 70.Kf4 Qc4+ 71.Kg5 Qd5+ 72.Kg6 Qe4+ 73.Kh5 Qd5+ 74.Kh6 Qe6+ 75.Kh7 Qe7+ 76.Kg6 Qe4+ 77.Kh5 Qd5+ 78.Kh6 Qe6+ 79.Kh7 Qe7+ 80.Qg7 Qxh4+ 81.Qh6+ Qxh6+ 82.Kxh6]
70.h5? 0.00/22
[Better is 70.Qf6++- 1.92/21 Kd7 71.Qf7+ Kd6 72.h5]
70...Qd5+



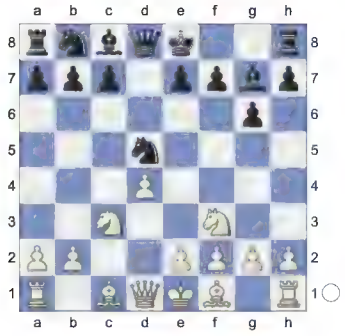
The position is equal. **71.Kf4** Hoping for Qe5. **71...Qxh5 72.Qa1 Qc5 73.Qb1 Qb5 74.Qxb5+ Kxb5**



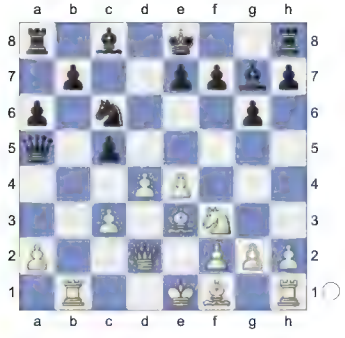
Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

39 **D85**
□ **caissa-x** **3011**
■ **RaspFish** **2996**
Rapid 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7



6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Rb1 a6



11.Rc1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 e6 14.h4 0-0 15.Bd3 h6

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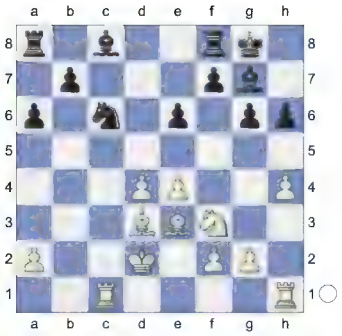
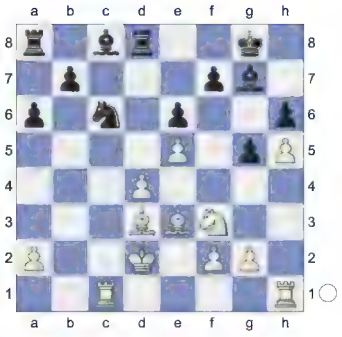
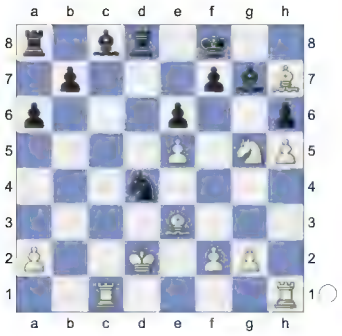


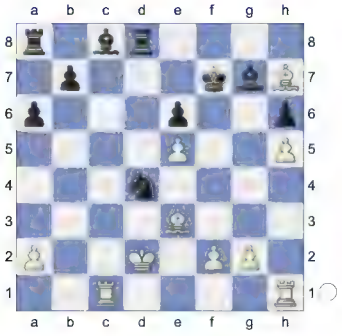
16.e5 White is slightly better. **16...Rd8 17.h5 g5**



18.Nxg5! Nxd4 19.Bh7+ Kf8



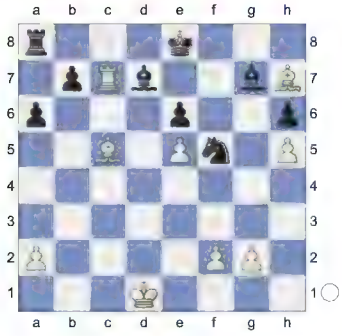
And now ...Nf5+ would win. **20.Nxf7! Kxf7**



21.Rc7+ Kf8 22.Rd1 Threatens to win with Ke1. **22...Nf5+**

[22...Bxe5? gets mated. 23.Bxh6+]

23.Ke2⇄ White has counterplay. Really sharp! **23...Rxd1 24.Bc5+ Ke8 25.Kxd1 Bd7**



26.Bg6+! Kd8 27.Bb6 Rc8 28.Rxb7+ Ke7 29.f4 Rc4 30.Rb8N

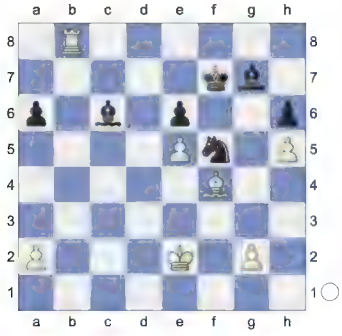
[30.g4 Nh4 31.Bf2 Nxg6 32.hxg6 Chapter D75-Games Game 6 (32)]

30...Ba4+

31.Ke2 Rxf4 32.Bd8+ -0.73/5

[32.Rb7+= -0.01/27 keeps the balance. Bd7 33.Bc5+ Kd8 34.Bb6+ Ke7 35.Bc5+ Kd8 36.Bb6+ Ke7]

32...Kd7∓ 33.Be8+! Decoy **33...Kxe8 34.Bg5+ Kf7! 35.Bxf4 Bc6**

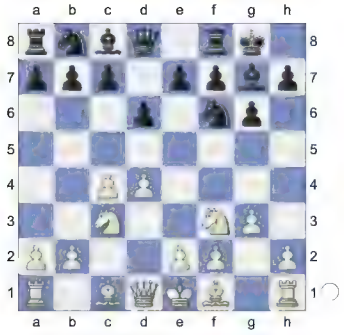


Inhibits Rb7+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

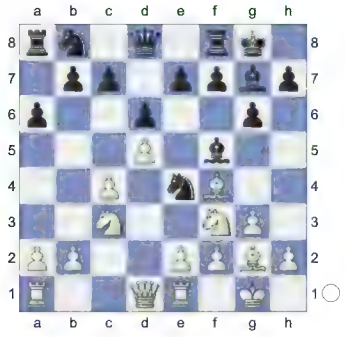
40 **E63**
□ **caissa-ai** **3010**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2599**
Blitz 02.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E63: King's Indian: Fianchetto: Panno Variation with 7...a6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Nc3 d6

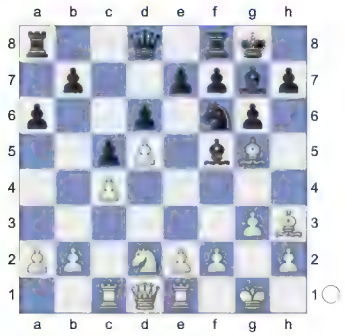


6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.Bf4 Bf5
[8...Rb8 9.Rc1 h6 10.h3 g5 11.Bd2 e5 12.d5 Ne7 13.e4 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Re1 *(15.b4 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.a3 Be6 18.Be3 Qd7 19.h4 g4 20.Nd2 Nd4 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bf5 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Nb3 d3 25.Qd2 Ra8 26.Na5 Rfe8 27.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Re8 29.Nb3 Rxe1+* Kolesar,M (2251)-7.♘b3 ♕b6 8.♕d4_60841 (2297) Salobrena 2023 Inf87 [John Watson] 0-1 (37) *)* 15...Bd7 16.b3 c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.h4 g4 19.Nh2 Qd7 20.h5 b4 21.Na4 Qe6 22.Nb2 d5 23.exd5 Lyot,J (2682)-Bolduc,M (2516) Koror YUG 2016 200 Traps In The Opening [Patrici,N] 1-0 (56)]

9.d5 Nb8N 0.64/17
[9...Na5! 0.32/16 is superior. 10.Nd2 c5 11.e4 Bg4 12.Qc2 Be2 13.Rfe1 Bxc4 14.a4 Qb6 15.Ra3 Qb4 16.e5 Ng4 17.exd6 exd6 18.Bxd6 Rfe8 19.Nce4 Bd4 20.Rc1 Nxf2 21.Nxf2 Re2 22.Rf3 Rxd2 23.Qe4 Qxb2 24.Re1 Rxf2 Davtyan,D (2332)-Bacallao Alonso,Y (2590) Santiago de Compostela 2022 1-0]
10.Re1± Ne4



White is slightly better. **11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bh3 Nd7 13.Nd2 Nf6 14.Rc1 c5 15.Bg5** Strongly threatening Bxf6.
15...Bf5 1.27/17
[15...Re8± 0.61/17]



16.Bxf5± gxf5 17.e4 fxe4 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxe4 Bg7 20.Qh5 Qa5

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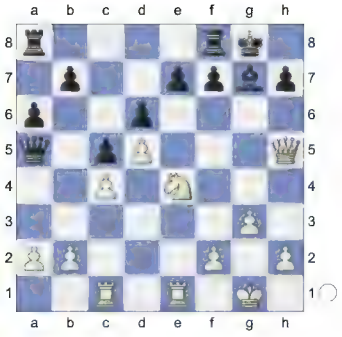
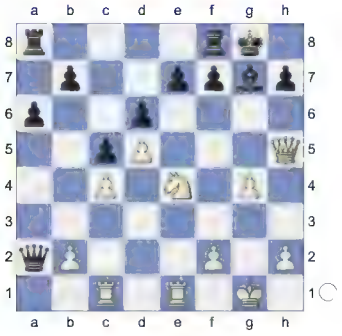
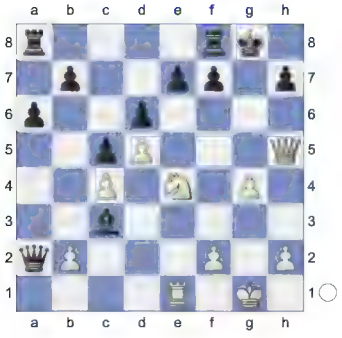


21.g4 &Bianco is more active. **21...Qxa2**



22.Rc3! 0.57/19 Prevents Qb3. **22...h6** Prevents Ng5.

[22...Bxc3



is a self mate. 23.Ng5!]

[22...Qxb2 23.Rf3]

23.g5 Qxb2

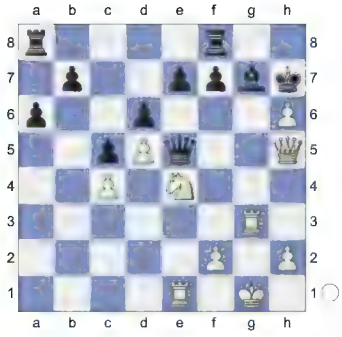
[23...Bxc3? 24.bxc3 Qa4 25.Qxh6+-]

24.Rg3 Kh7 14.23/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.

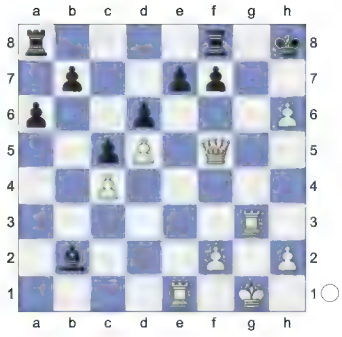
[24...Qb4± 0.55/21 25.Rf1 Kh8 26.gxh6 Bc3 27.Rxc3 Qb2]

25.gxh6+- Qe5

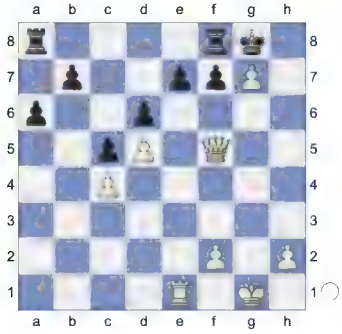
(Diagram)



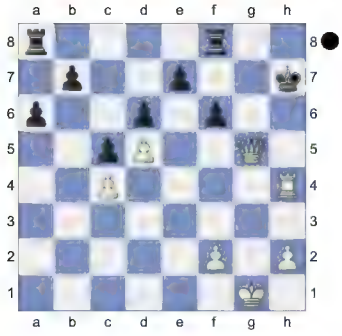
26.Ng5+ Qxg5 27.Qxg5 Bb2 28.Qf5+ Kh8



29.Rg7! Bxg7 30.hxg7+ Kg8



31.Qh5 White mates. **31...Kxg7 32.Qg5+ Kh7 33.Re4 f6 34.Rh4#**



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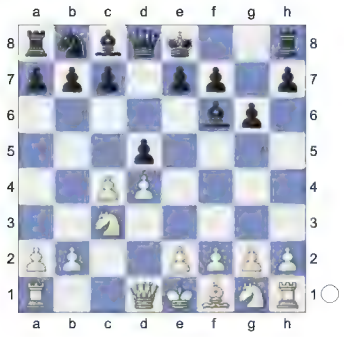
41 **D80**
□ **may6enexttime** **3010**
■ **Ascenio** **2911**
Blitz 20.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6



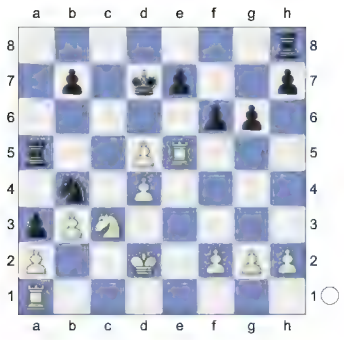
6.cxd5 c5 7.Nf3 cxd4
[7...Qb6!?]
8.Nxd4 White has an edge. **8...Qb6**
9.Nb3
[Not 9.Qa4+? Bd7 10.Ndb5 *(10.Ncb5? a6-+)* 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bxb5-+]
9...a5 10.e3 a4
[10...0-0 11.Qd2 Rd8 12.Nd4 a4 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Rd1 e6 15.d6 Nc6 16.Ndb5 Dc5 (2562)-Trkaljanov,V (2639) corr BdF 2013 Telechess CBM 89 [Adly,Ahmed]]

(Diagram)

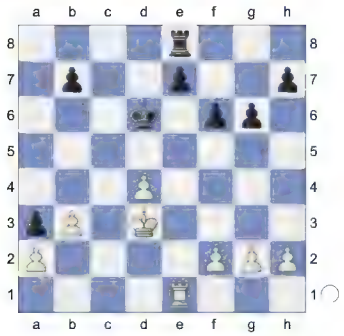
11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Nd4 Bxd4N
[12...0-0 13.Rb1 *(13.0-0 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.exd4 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Ra5 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Rfe1 Kf8* Chapter-5.Bg5 _2486 [GM Ivan Cheparinov]*)* 13...Rc8 14.Bxa4 Bxa4 15.Nxa4 Qb4+ 16.Nc3 Rxa2 17.Qd2 Ra5 18.Nde2 Nd7 19.0-0 Nb6 44. Grünfeld 4.Bg5 Bg7 5. Bx- Grünfeld 4.Bg5 Bg7 5. Bxf6]
13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 a3 1.23/19
[14...Bxb5± 0.49/19 15.Nxb5 Ra5]
15.b3 0.48/22
[White should try 15.bxa3± 1.23/19 Threatens to win with Kd2. Rxa3 16.Kd2]
15...Bxb5±

16.Nxb5
[16.Kd2 looks sharper. Ba6 17.Rhe1 Kf8 18.Re3]
16...Ra5 17.Nc3 Na6 18.Kd2! Nb4 19.Rhe1 Kd7 20.Re5 f6

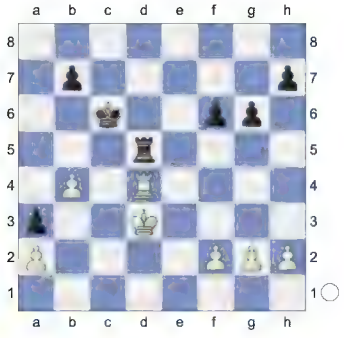
(Diagram)



21.Re6 Rae1 is the strong threat. **21...Nxd5 22.Rae1 Re8 23.Nxd5 Rxd5=** Endgame KRR-KRR **24.Kd3 Rd6 25.Rxd6+ Kxd6**



KR-KR **26.Rc1** Prevents Rc8. **26...e5 27.dxe5+ Rxe5 28.Rc4 Rd5+ 29.Rd4 Kc5 30.b4+ Kc6**



31.Kc4 Rxd4+ 32.Kxd4 KP-KP **32...Kb5 33.Kc3 Ka4** Hoping for ...h5. **34.Kc4 b6?** #13/28

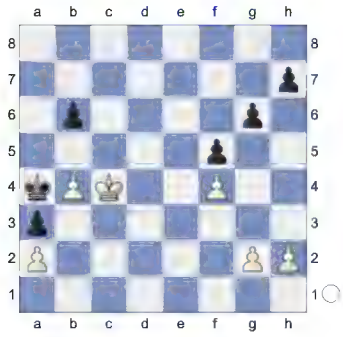
[34...h6= -0.01/24]

35.f4? 0.00/26

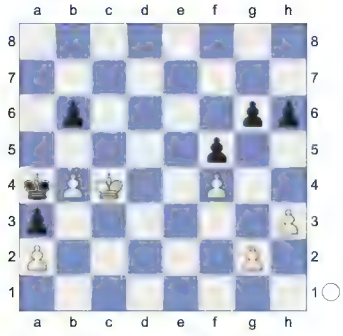
[35.h3 #13/28 mates b5+ 36.Kc3 f5 37.f4 g5 38.fxg5 f4 39.g6 hxg6 40.h4]

35...f5? #12/24

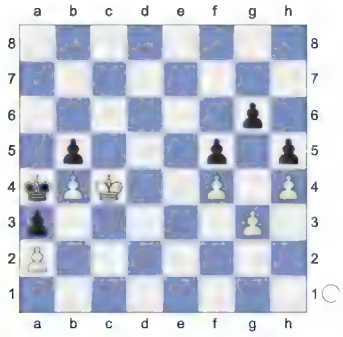
[35...b5+= 0.00/26 36.Kc3 h6]



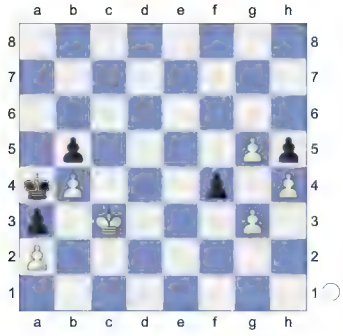
36.h3 White mates. **36...h6**



37.h4! h5 38.g3 b5+



39.Kc3! g5 40.fxg5 f4



41.g6

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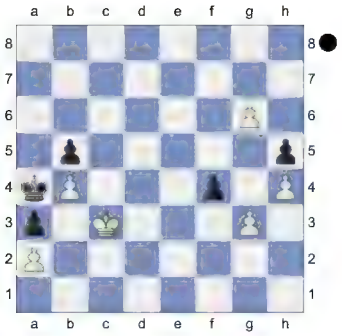

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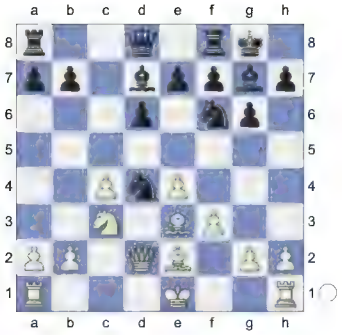
42 **B38**
□ **cutemouse83** **2999**
■ **AkibaRubi** **2726**
Blitz 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

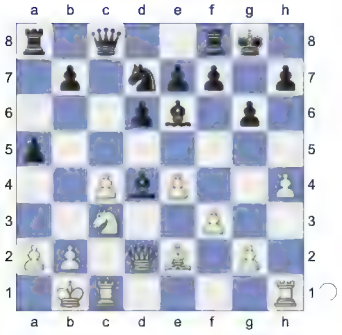
Blitz 3min
B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0
This was the last game in this tournament.We shared third place with many other players (3 point of 4 games) and it was clear,that I need only win. This was the last game in this tournament.We shared third place with many other players (3 point of 4 games) and it was clear,that I need only win. Golod,V: 'This was the last game in this tournament.We shared third place with many other players (3 point of 4 games) and it was clear,that I need only win.'
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 c5

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd2N
[9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2 *(10.f3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 a5 12.b3 Bc6 13.Kh1 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.a3 Qb6 16.Qd2 Kg8 17.Rab1 Nc5 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Na4 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Ra1 e6 22.Ne3 Qg5 23.Ra3 Nb6 24.Rd3 Rfd8* Golod,V (2538)-Gruenfeld,Y (2512) Kfar Saba 2002 CBM 091 [Golod,Vitali] 1-0*)* 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 a5 *(11...Bc6 12.f3 Nd7 13.Be3 a5 14.b3 Nc5 15.Rfd1 Be5 16.Rac1 Rc8 17.Nb5 Qb6 18.Bf1 Qa6 19.g3 b6 20.Bh3 Rb8 21.Nd4 Ba8 22.Bh6 Rfe8 23.Qe3 Qb7 24.a3 Bh8 25.Nb5 Qc6 26.b4* Panitevsky,I (2320)-Zavrazhnov,A (2229) ICCF 2014 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bellmann,Herbert] 1-0 (86)*)* 12.Kh1 Bc6 13.f3 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.f4 a4 16.Rf3 f5 17.Rh3 fxe4 18.f5 Nf6 19.Qh6+ Kf7 20.Rf1 Rg8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Qf8 23.fxg6+ hxg6 Prusikin,M (2541)-Afek,Y (2299) Nürnberg 2011 CI1-130 [Prusikin, Michael] 1-0 (34) 24.Qe3 Kg7 25.g4 g5 26.Qxg5+ Kf7 27.Qh5+ Kg7 28.Qg5+ Kf7 29.Qf5 Ke8 30.Bb5+ Kd8 31.g5 Ra5 32.Rc1 1-0 (34) Bruce,R (2541)-Soares,R (2299) corr 2011 Telechess CBM 89 [Borg, Geoffrey D]]
9...Bd7 10.f3 Nxd4

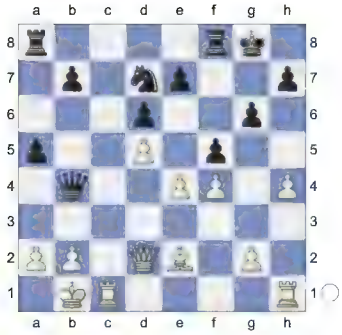


11.Bxd4 a5 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Kb1 Qc8 0.63/17
[13...a4= 0.30/17]
14.Rc1± Nd7
[14...Bxc4? 15.Nd5 Bxa2+ 16.Kxa2+-]
15.h4 &Bianco is more active. **15...Bxd4**

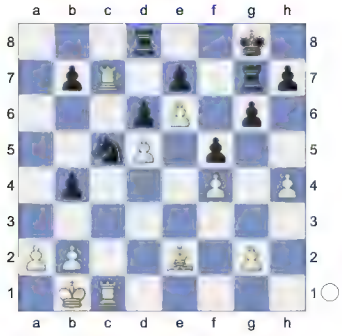


16.Qxd4 Qc5 17.Qd2 f6
[17...Bxc4? 18.Nd5 b5 19.Nxe7+ Kg7 20.h5+-]
18.f4 f5
[18...Bxc4? 19.Na4 Bxa2+ 20.Kxa2+-]
19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qb4 0.94/21
[20...Qf2± 0.57/19 might be stronger.]

(Diagram)

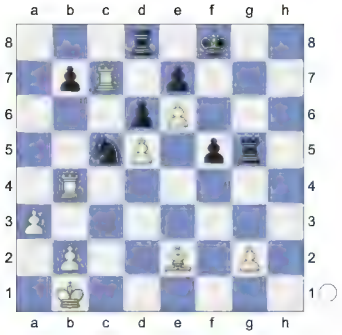


21.Qxb4± axb4 22.Rc7 0.50/20
[White should try 22.exf5± 0.88/19 gxf5 23.Rc7]
22...Nc5!± 23.e5 Black must now prevent Rc1.
[Don't play 23.Rxe7 fxe4 24.h5 Rxf4=]
23...Rf7 1.79/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[23...Rfe8± 0.45/19]
24.Rc1 And now R1xc5 would win.
24...Rd8 2.76/21
[24...b3± 1.49/19 25.axb3 Nxb3]
25.e6+- Rg7

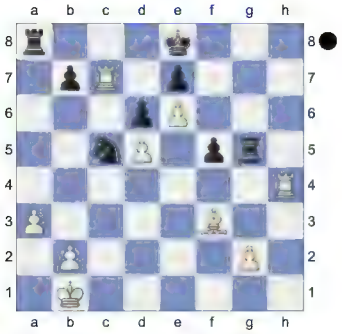


26.Rc4 h6 27.Rxb4 g5 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.fxg5 Kf8 4.25/21
[⌓29...Rxg5 2.75/21 30.g4 *(30.Rxe7 Rxg2 31.Bb5 Rg1+ 32.Kc2 Rc8±)* 30...Rf8]
30.a3
[Weaker is 30.Rh4 Kg8 31.a3 b6+-]
30...Rxg5

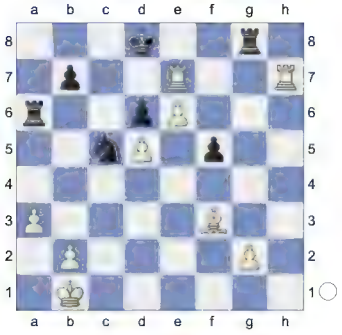
(Diagram)



31.Bf3 Ra8 32.Rf4 Ke8? 6.08/24
[32...Re8 3.40/20 33.Be2 b6]
33.Rh4



Intending Rh8+ and mate. **33...Rg8**
Against Rh8 **34.Rh7 Kd8 35.Rcxe7 Ra6**



36.Ref7 Nd3 37.Rf8+ 4.36/5 **Rxf8 38.e7+ Ke8**

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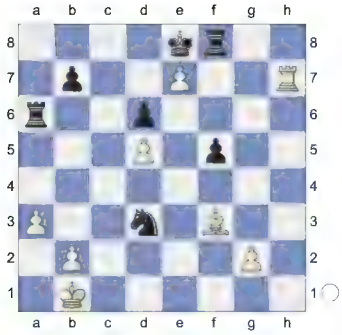
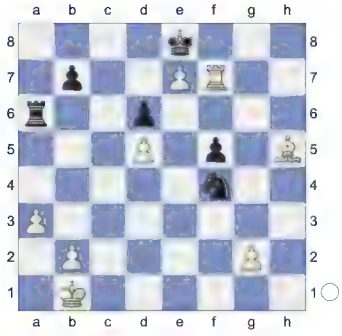
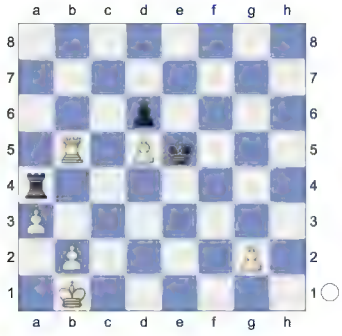


aiming for ...Rf7. **39.Bh5+ Rf7 40.Rxf7**
Rh7+ would kill now. **40...Nf4**

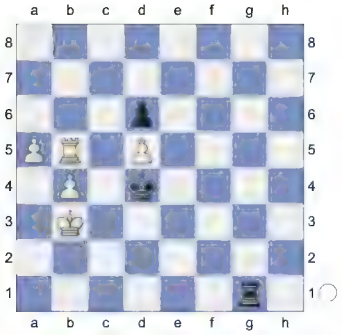


41.Rxf5+ Nxh5 42.Rxh5 Kxe7
Endgame KR-KR **43.Rh7+ Kf6**
44.Rxb7 Ke5 6.12/24
[⌓44...Ra5 3.88/25 45.Ka2 Rxd5]
45.Rb5 Ra4

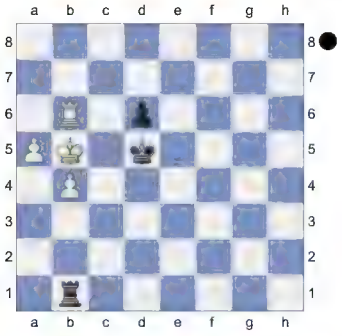


46.Ka2 Rg4 47.b4 Rxg2+ 48.Kb3 Rg8 49.a4 Kd4? 8.49/23
[49...Rg3+ 1.87/23 50.Kc4 Rg4+ 51.Kd3 Rg3+ 52.Ke2 Ke4]
50.a5 White is clearly winning. **50...Rg1**

(Diagram)



51.Rb6 Rb1+ 52.Ka4 Kxd5 53.Kb5



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43 **A68**
□ **athena-pallada** **2997**
■ **AnythingButAverage** **3002**
Blitz 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A68: Modern Benoni: Four Pawns Attack without 9...Re8
Andrew Martin: 'My own personal experience with the Four Pawns has been mixed. Nice wins interwoven with crushing defeats. In the first game below, I get a lesson from IM George Botterill about how dangerous the KID can be in the right hands. ---' 26/143 Inf 26/143
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 Bg7 5.e4 d6
(Diagram)

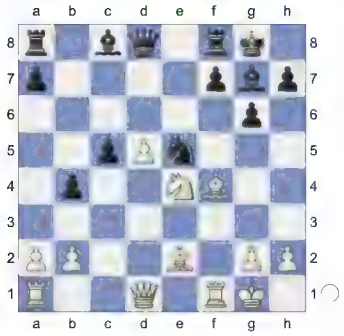
6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 b5 10.e5 dxe5

11.fxe5 Ng4 12.Bf4 -0.20/19
[⌓12.Bg5 0.13/17 Qb6 13.Bxb5]
12...b4
[12...Nd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.dxe6 Rxf4 15.Qd5 Kh8 16.Qxa8 Nb6 17.Qxa7 Bxe6 18.0-0 Ne3 19.Rf2 b4 20.Nd1 Nc2 21.Rc1 Nd4 22.Ne3 Nxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Bd4 24.Rd1 Nd7 25.Nc2 Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Rf7 Gubas,J (2345)-F: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 h4 (2445) Moscow 1995 Telechess CBM 89 [CCYB 11/332]]
13.Ne4 Black should prevent h3.
13...Nd7 14.0-0N
[14.e6 fxe6 15.dxe6 Rxf4 16.Qd5 Kh8 17.Qxa8 Nb6 18.Qc6 Ne3 19.g3 Nc2+ *(19...Rxf3 20.Bxf3 Nc2+ 21.Kf2 Qf8 22.Rad1 Bd4+ 23.Ke2 Ba6+ 24.Kd2 b3 25.axb3 Nb4 26.Qd6 Qxf3 27.Qd8+ Kg7 28.Qe7+ Kg8 29.Qxh7+ Kxh7 30.Ng5+ Kg7 31.Nxf3 Bf6 32.Rhe1 Be7 33.h4 Nd3 34.Re3* H4 D6-Gressmann,H Saint Louis

(open) 122/163 1968 Telechess CBM 89 [Dejan Bojkov, Sonido] 1-0 (46)) 20.Kf2 Qd4+ 21.Kg2 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Rxe4 23.Bd3 Rxe6 24.Rac1 Ne3+ 25.Kf2 c4 0-1 (25) Martin,A-Botterill,G Charlton 26/143 1978 CI1-130 [Ciamarra,M]]

14...Ngxe5 The position is equal.

15.Nxe5 Nxe5

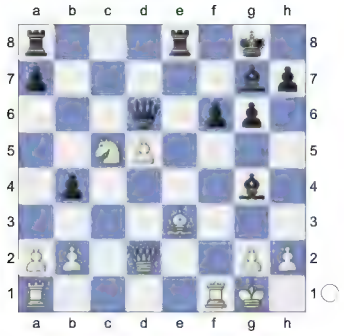


16.Bg5 f6 0.25/18
[⌓16...Qb6 -0.08/19]

17.Be3 Re8 18.Qd2 -0.33/17
[Don't go for 18.Bxc5? Nd7 19.d6 Bb7∓]
[18.Nxc5= 0.05/18 feels stronger. Bg4 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.Qxg4 Rxe3 21.Rad1]

18...Ng4 19.Bxg4 Bxg4
[Don't play 19...Rxe4 20.Bf3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3±]

20.Nxc5 Qd6

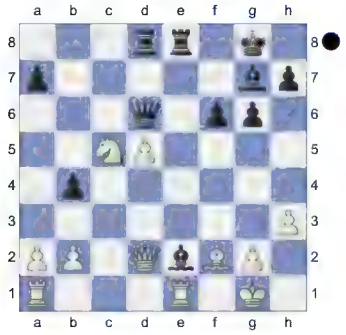


21.Bf2 -0.37/19
[21.Rf4= -0.04/19 should be considered. Bh6 22.Ne4 *(22.Re4 Qxc5 23.Bxc5 Bxd2∓)* 22...Bxf4]

21...Rad8 0.49/18
[21...Re5∓ -0.37/19]

22.h3 -0.48/20
[22.Rfe1± 0.49/18]

22...Be2!∓ 23.Rfe1



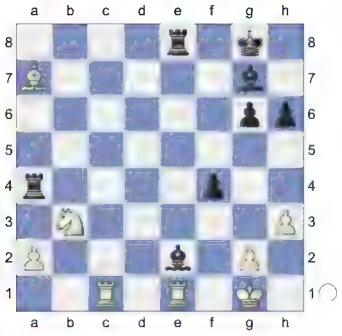
Qxd5! 24.Qxb4 f5 25.Rac1? -2.11/19
[White should try 25.Qa4∓ -0.45/17]

25...Rb8? -0.37/20
[Worse is 25...Qxa2 26.Nb7 Bf8 27.Bc5∓]
[Better is 25...Bh6-+ -2.11/19 Strongly threatening ...Bd2. 26.Rc2 Bd2 27.Rxd2 Qxd2 28.Qb3+ Qd5 29.Qxd5+ Rxd5]

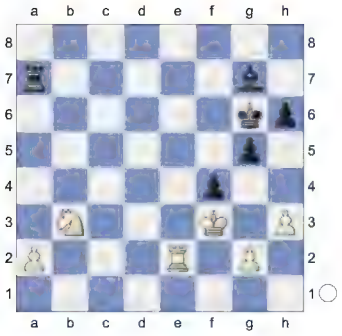
26.Qa4 h6 0.43/21
[26...Bxb2? 27.Rcd1 Qc4 28.Rd2+-]
[26...Bb5!∓ -0.40/21 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8]

(Diagram)

27.b4 0.03/19
[27.Rcd1!± 0.43/21 might be stronger. Qc4 28.Qd7]
27...f4= 28.Qb3 -0.50/22
[28.Na6= 0.03/19 Bd4 29.Nxb8 Bxf2+ 30.Kh1]
28...Qxb3∓ 29.Nxb3 Rxb4 30.Bxa7 Ra4

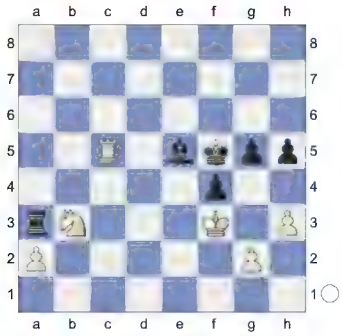


31.Rc2 Rxa7 32.Rcxe2 Rxe2 33.Rxe2∓ Endgame KRB-KRN **33...g5 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Kf3 Kg6**

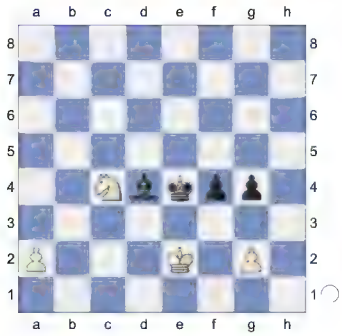


36.Rc2 Ra6 37.Nc5 Ra3+ 38.Nb3 h5 -0.40/23
[38...Bd4∓ -0.86/19]
39.Rc6+ Kf5 -0.01/22
[39...Bf6∓ -0.68/25 40.Rc2 Ra4]

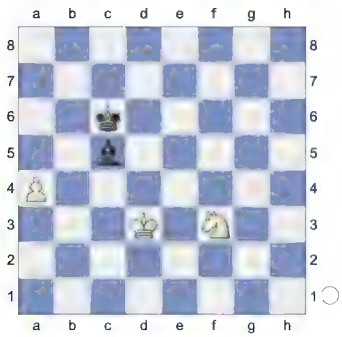
40.Rc5+!= Be5



Threatens to win with ...g4+. **41.Ra5 g4+ 42.hxg4+ hxg4+ 43.Ke2 Rxa5 44.Nxa5** KB-KN **44...Ke4 45.Nc4 Bd4**

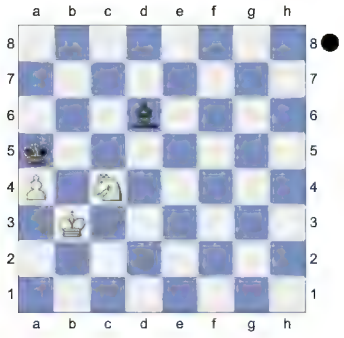


46.Nd2+ Kd5 47.a4 f3+ 48.gxf3 gxf3+ 49.Nxf3 Bc5 50.Kd3 Kc6



51.Kc4 Kb6 52.Kb3 Ka5 53.Nd2 Bd6? #17/31
[53...Kb6= 0.01/30]
54.Nc4+

(Diagram)



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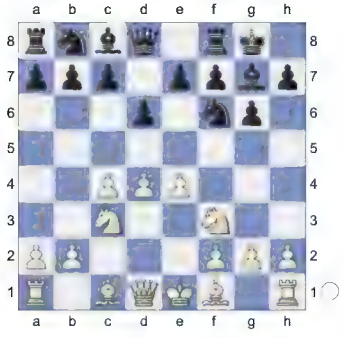
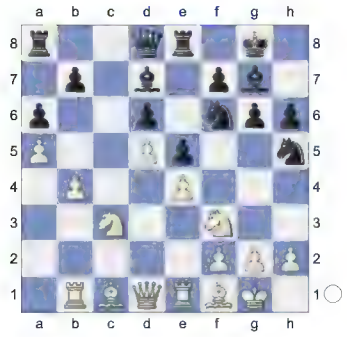
44 **E95**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz (2.7)
[Kitty Kat]

E95: King's Indian: Classical: 7...Nbd7 8 Re1
E92: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5: 7 dxe5, 7 Be3 and Petrosian System without 7...Nbd7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

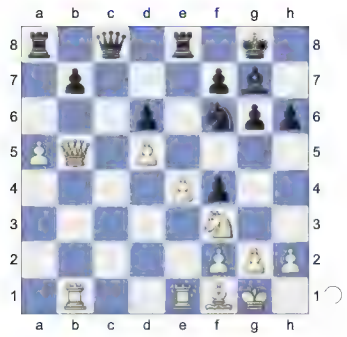


6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 h6 8.Re1N
[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5 gxh5 Lagarde,M (2631)-Mamedov,R (2654) Reykjavik 2021 [Pikula,Dejan] 0-1 (48) 23.Rxf4 Ne2+ 24.Rxe2 Rxe2 25.Rxf5+ Ke6 26.Rxh5 Rg8 27.a3 Rg4 28.c5 Ra2 29.h3 Rc4 30.Rh6+ Kd5 31.Rh5+ Ke6 32.Rh6+ Kf7 33.Nf3 Rcc2 34.Ne5+ Ke7 35.Rg6 Rxa3 36.h4 a5 37.bxa5 Rxc5 Pape,J (2631)-Mendez Fortes,E (2654) Holland 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Nedobora,M] 0-1 (48)]
[8.d5 a5 9.Ne1 Na6 10.b3 *(10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.a3 Bd7 14.b3 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.Nd3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 h5 19.c5 g4 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Kh1 Qg5 22.Nb5 g3 23.Bg1 h4 24.Nc7 h3* Hartmann,G (2396)-Gurevich,M (2573) Tripolis 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson] 0-1 (35)*)* 10...Nc5 11.Qc2 b6 12.Bd2 Nfd7 13.Bg4 f5 14.exf5 Nf6 15.Bh3 gxf5 16.Qc1 Rf7 17.f3 Nh7 18.Bxh6 f4 19.Bxc8 Qxc8 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qc2 Qh3 22.Kh1 Qh5 Lee,A (2388)-Yip,C (2372) Saint Louis USA 2023 The Week in Chess 1509 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (41)]
8...Nbd7 **9.Bf1** **Re8** **10.Rb1!**
10.Rb1 is better than 10.d5.10.Tb1 ist besser als 10.d5. **10...c6** 0.77/19
[10...exd4± 0.31/18 11.Nxd4 Ng4]

11.d5!± cxd5 White is better. **12.cxd5**
[12.Nxd5?! Nxd5 13.Qxd5 Qe7=]
12...a6 13.a4N
[Vorgänger: 13.Nd2 0.48/20 13.a4 1.05 Nb6 0.93/19 *(13...b5± 0.48/20)* 14.a4± Bd7 15.a5 Nc8 16.Nc4 Bb5 1.24/20 *(⌓16...b6 0.77/19)* 17.b4± Bxc4 18.Bxc4 b5 1.56/20 *(⌓18...Kh7 1.20/18 19.Bd2 h5)* 19.axb6 Nxb6 ½-½ Nordstrom,F-Olsson,A SWE-ch Eskilstuna 1971 (11)]
13...Nh5 14.b4 Ndf6 15.a5 1.01/17
[⌓15.Nd2 1.33/18]
15...Bd7

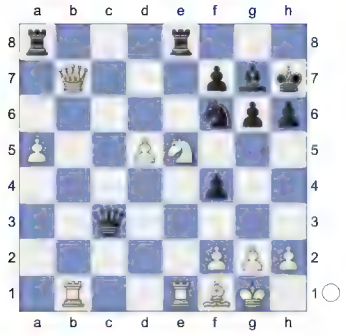


16.Na4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Qc8 1.89/20
[17...Nd7± 1.29/17 keeps fighting.]
18.b5 axb5 19.Qxb5
[19.Bxb5 Re7±]
19...Nf4 20.Bxf4 1.17/20
[20.Qxb7 Qxb7 21.Rxb7 Rxa5]
[20.h3+- 1.72/18]
20...exf4±



21.e5 &Bianco is more active.
[21.Qxb7?! Rxa5 22.Qxc8 Rxc8=]
21...dxe5 22.Nxe5 Black must now prevent d6.
[22.Rxe5?! Rxe5 23.Nxe5 Ne4=]
22...Qc3? 3.06/23
[22...Bf8± 0.77/20]

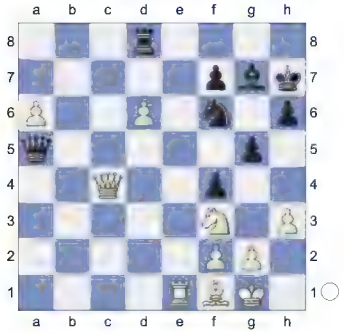
This move loses the game for Black.
23.Qxb7!+- Kh7



24.a6! Rab8 25.Qc6
[Resist 25.Qxf7 Rxe5 26.a7 *(26.Rxb8? too greedy. Rxe1 27.Rb7 Ne4-+)* 26...Ra8+-]
25...Qd4 5.03/22
[25...Qa5 3.13/21 might work better.]

26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Qc4 Qd2 28.Nf3

White is clearly winning. **28...Qa5 29.d6 g5 30.h3 Rd8**



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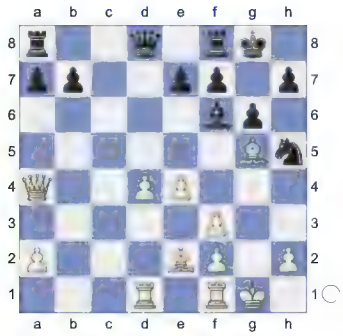
45 **D85**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Alvarez Calzadilla,Jose Avelino**
Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

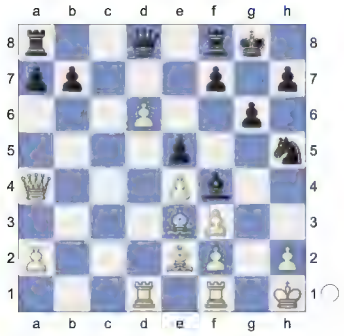
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bg5 9.Qa3 is a critical line.9.Da3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **9...c5 10.Rd1 cxd4**
[10...Qc7 11.Bd3 a6 12.Qa3 e5 13.0-0 Re8 14.d5 c4 15.Bc2 Bf8 12) Exchange Variation - Vari-5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ N Forst 2023]

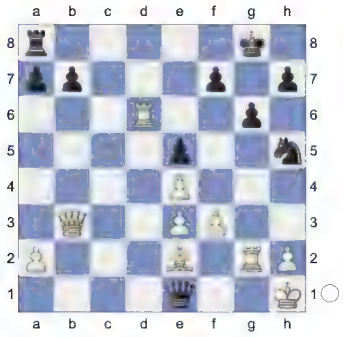
11.cxd4 Nf6 The position is equal.
12.Bd3N
[12.d5 Bd7 13.Qb4 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.e5 Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.Bc4 Ba4 18.Rc1 b5 19.Be2 exd5 20.Bxe7 Rfe8 21.Bg5 b4 22.Kf1 Rxe2 23.Kxe2 Bb5+ 24.Ke1 Bc3+ Chapter D50-Games Game 7]
12...Bg4 13.0-0 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5N 0.62/19
[14...Qc8 15.Be2 Qh3 16.Qb4 Qh5 17.Qd2! Hoping for Kg2. h6 18.Be3 Rfd8 19.Rb1 b6 20.Kh1 Rac8 ½-½ Paehtz,E (2474)-Lujan,C (2378) Olympiad Women-42 2016 (4.10)]
[14...a6= 0.29/19 should be considered.]
15.Be2 0.19/17
[15.e5± 0.62/19]
15...Bf6 0.96/19
[15...h6= 0.19/17 16.Be3 e6]



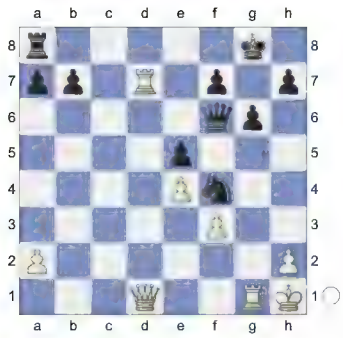
16.Be3± Qc8 17.Kg2 0.41/20
[17.f4± 1.01/17]
17...e5!∓ 18.d5 Qd8 19.d6 0.11/20
[19.Kh1∓ 0.50/18]
19...Bg5= 20.Kh1 Bf4 0.39/20
[Don't play 20...Nf4 21.Qb5∓]
[20...Bxe3= 0.01/20 is superior. 21.fxe3 Qh4]



21.Rg1!∓ Qh4 22.Rg2 Active counter play! **22...Rfd8! 23.Qb3** 0.01/18
[23.Bc5!∓ 0.69/20]
23...Bxe3= 24.fxe3 Threatens to win with Qd5. **24...Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qe1+**



26.Rg1 Qxe2 27.Qd1
[27.Qxb7 leads to mate. Qxf3+ 28.Rg2 Qf1+ 29.Rg1 Ng3+! 30.hxg3 Qh3#]
27...Qxe3 28.Re1 -0.86/22
[28.Rd3= 0.00/21 Qf4 29.Qc1]
28...Qg5 -0.49/22
[28...Qf2∓ -0.86/22]
29.Rd7 Nf4 30.Rg1 Prevents Qg2+.
30...Qf6
(Diagram)



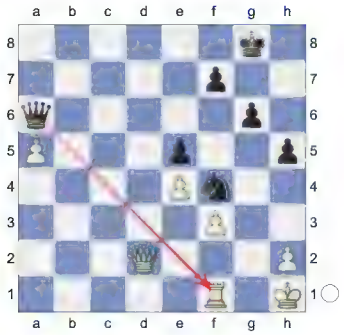
31.Rxb7 Rd8⇄ 0.01/22 Black is not holding back
[Better is 31...Kg7∓ -0.52/20]
32.Rd7 Rxd7 33.Qxd7 Endgame KQR-KQN **33...Ne2 34.Rf1 Nf4 35.Qxa7** Qb8+ is the strong threat. **35...Qg5** 0.74/24
[35...Qd6= 0.16/23 remains equal.]

36.Qf2 0.34/24
[36.Qb8+± 0.74/24 Kg7 37.Qb2]
36...h5 1.60/25
[36...Qe7!∓ 0.34/24]
37.a4± Black must now prevent a5.
37...Nd3

38.Qe2 Nf4 39.Qd2 Qf6? 3.09/25

[39...Qe7± 1.25/25 was necessary. 40.Ra1 Qe6]

40.a5+- Qa6



41.Re1 1.27/24

[41.Ra1+- 3.20/23 has better winning chances.]

41...Ne6 2.77/22

[41...Qc4± 1.27/24 keeps fighting.]

42.Qc3 1.51/22

[42.Ra1+- 2.77/22]

42...Nd4 43.Kg2 0.59/21

[43.f4+- 1.65/23]

43...Qf6 2.54/22

[43...Qb5± 0.59/21]

44.Rf1 1.47/21

[44.Qd3+- 2.54/22]

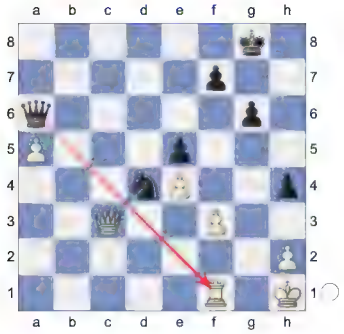
44...h4 2.03/23

[44...Qa6± 1.47/21 is a better defense. 45.Qc7 Qf6 46.Qc8+ *(46.f4 Qa6±)* 46...Kg7]

45.Kh1 0.93/23

[45.Rf2+- 2.03/23]

45...Qa6±



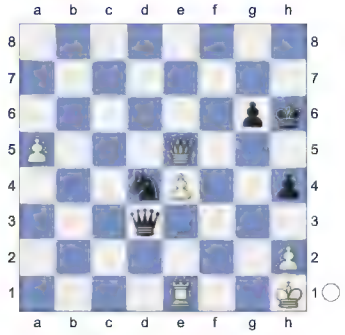
Prevents Qc8+. **46.Re1 Kg7** 1.83/22

[Black should try 46...Nc6!± 0.70/23]

47.f4+- f6? 10.50/23

[47...Qb5 1.85/22 48.fxe5 Ne6]

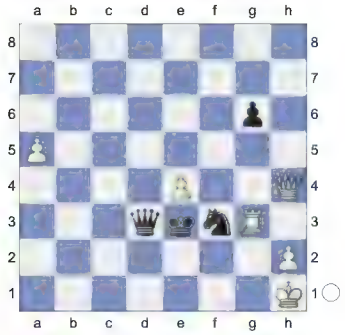
48.fxe5 fxe5 49.Qc7+ Kh6 50.Qxe5 And now Qh8+ would win. **50...Qd3**



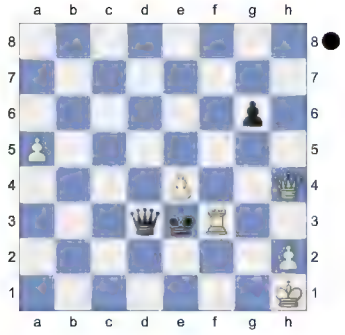
51.Qh8+ Kg5 52.Rg1+ Kf4 53.Qxh4+ Ke3 54.Rg3+ 18.51/18

[⌓54.Qg3+ #17/20 Nf3 55.a6 Kd2 56.Qf2+ Qe2 57.Qxe2+ Kxe2 58.Rg2+ Ke3 59.a7]

54...Nf3



55.Rxf3+!



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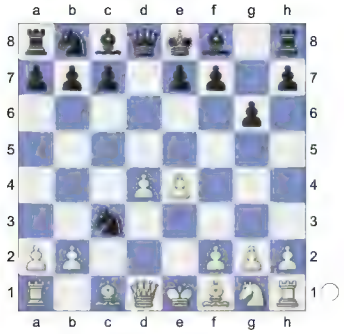
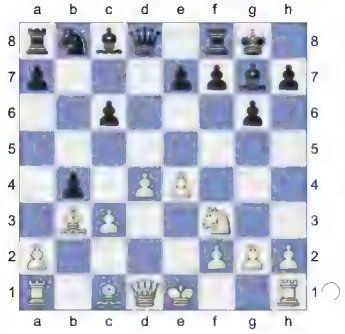
46 **D85**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Tikhonov,Viacheslav** **2183**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Krasenkow,M: 'Inf 59/503' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

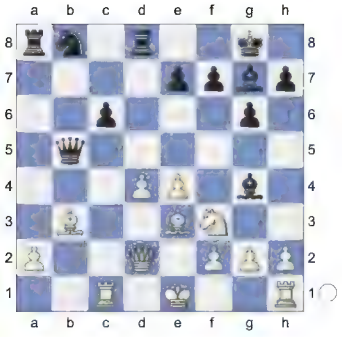


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 b4 0.41/20
[9...a5= 0.06/17 is superior.]
10.Nf3!?± Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[10.Qf3 0-0 11.Ne2 a5 *(11...bxc3 12.h4 h5 13.Qxc3 Ba6 14.e5 c5 15.Qxc5 Nd7 16.Qc6 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 Nb6 18.Be3 e6 19.g4 Rc8 20.Qb5 hxg4 21.h5 gxh5 22.Rxh5 Nd5 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxd5 exd5 25.Kd3 f5 26.exf6* Zander,O (2628)-8. de5 de5 9. ♗e3 (2483) Ningbo 112/ (83) 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Frutstaert,Roger] 1-0 (46)) 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Rd1 a4 14.Bc2 b3 15.Bd3 c5 16.e5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Nc6 18.Ba3 cxd4 19.cxd4 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxd3 21.Rxd3 Bxe5 22.Rf1 bxa2 23.Nc3 Rfd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 Scherbakov,R (2580)-Krasenkow,M (2595) Hastings 1993 [Krasenkov] ½-½ (56)]
10...0-0N
[10...bxc3 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 *(12.Be3 Na6 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.Qd3 c5 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.Rxc3 Bb7 17.e5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Rfd8 20.Rc4 e6 21.Rfc1 Nc7 22.Ba4 Bh6 23.Rb1 Nd5 24.Bc6 Rab8 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Bxd5 exd5* Ulybin,M (2583)-Schmidt,W (2438) Barlinek 2001 CBM 085 [Krasenkow, Michal] ½-½ (52) *)* 12...a5 0.14/16 *(⌓12...Bg4* -0.20/17 *)* 13.Rc1= Nd7 0.39/20 *(13...c5=* 0.00/18 *)* 14.Rxc3± c5 15.Rc1 cxd4 16.Bd5 Ba6 17.Re1 -0.43/21 *(17.Bxa8±* 0.33/21 *Bxf1 18.Bd5)* 17...Rb8 0.01/21 *(17...Rc8!∓* -0.43/21 *)* 18.Nxd4 0-1 Kruppa,Y (2572)-Cyborowski,L (2450) EU-ch 2nd Ohrid 2001 (1)]

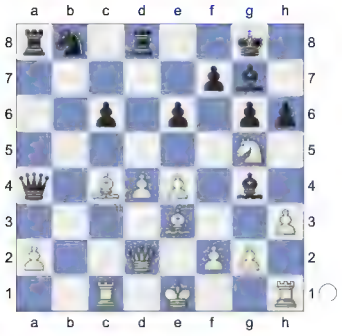


11.cxb4 Bg4 0.89/21
[11...a5± 0.53/20]
12.Be3 White is better. **12...a5 13.bxa5** 0.15/20 &Bianco is more active.
[13.Rc1± 0.90/20]
13...Qxa5+= 14.Qd2! aiming for Qxa5.
14...Qb5 0.97/20
[14...c5!= 0.01/20]
15.Rc1± Rd8 1.67/20
[15...Bxf3± 0.71/19 might work better. 16.gxf3 Nd7]

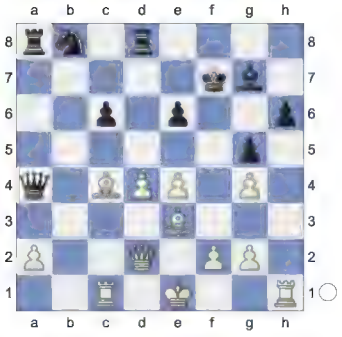
(Diagram)



16.Bc4 1.30/21
[Better is 16.Ng5+- 1.67/20 Rf8 17.f3]
16...Qa4 2.18/20
[16...Qa5± 1.30/21]
17.Ng5+- e6 3.31/20
[⌓17...Rf8 2.21/20 18.0-0 Na6]
18.h3 h6

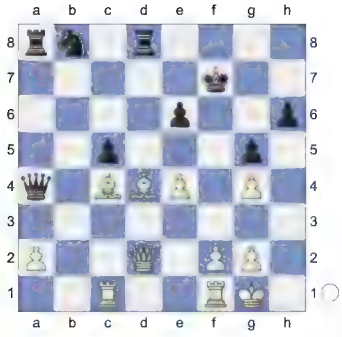


19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.hxg4 g5

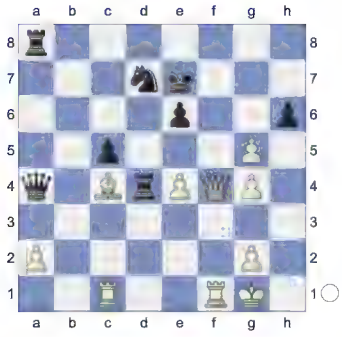


21.0-0 Bxd4 7.39/22
[⌓21...Qa5 4.70/17 22.Qd1 Kg8 23.Bxe6+ Kh8]
22.Bxd4 f4 is the strong threat. This bishop pair is nice. **22...c5**

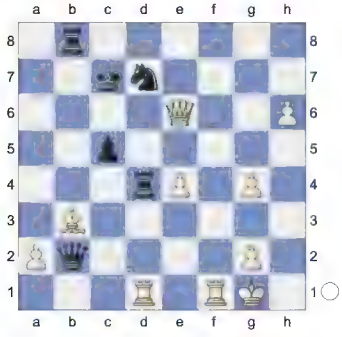
(Diagram)



23.f4! Rxd4 24.fxg5+ Ke7 25.Qf4 Intending Qf8+ and mate. **25...Nd7**

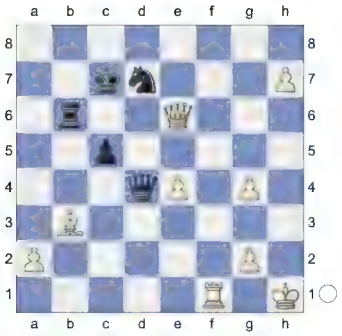


Inhibits Qf8+. **26.Qf7+ Kd6 27.Qxe6+ Kc7 28.gxh6 Rb8 29.Bb3 Qa3 30.Rcd1 Qb2**

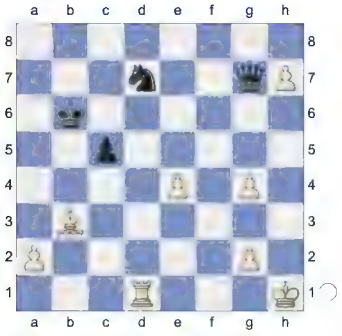


31.h7 Qc3 32.Rxd4 4.93/22
[⌓32.Qh6 13.40/19]
32...Qxd4+ 33.Kh1? 1.66/19
[33.Kh2 5.10/23 Rb6 34.Qf5 *(34.Rd1 Rxe6 35.Bxe6 Qxd1∓)* 34...Rh6+ 35.Kg3 Qd3+ 36.Qf3 Qd6+ 37.Qf4 Rxh7 38.g5]
33...Rb6

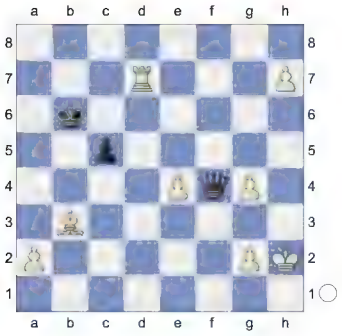
(Diagram)



34.Qxb6+ 0.01/23 **Kxb6= 35.Rd1⇄**
White is fighting back. Chess con chili.
35...Qg7



36.Rxd7! Endgame KQ-KRB **36...Qh6+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+?** 7.83/27
[38...Qh6+= 0.01/27 39.Kg1 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qf4+ 41.Ke1 Qxe4+ 42.Kd2 Qxg2+ 43.Kc1 Qh1+ 44.Kb2 Qh2+ 45.Bc2 Qe5+ 46.Kb1 Qe1+ 47.Rd1 Qb4+ 48.Kc1 Qc3]



39.Kh3? 0.01/17
[39.g3!+- 7.83/27 Qh6+ 40.Kg2]
39...Qh6+ 40.Kg3 Qe3+

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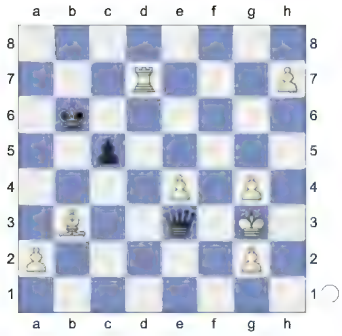
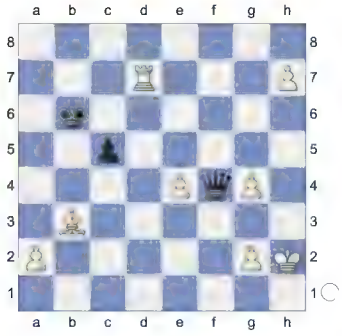
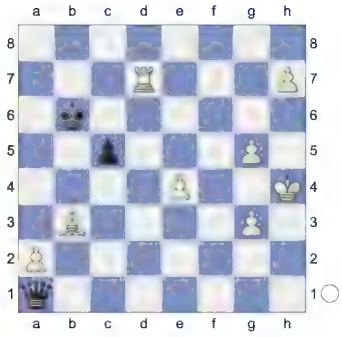


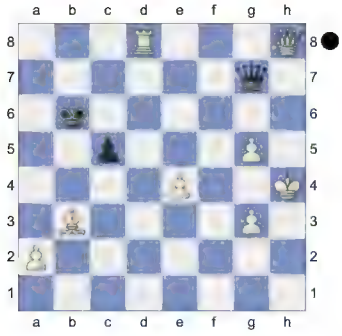
41.Kh2 Qf4+



42.g3! Qf2+ 43.Kh3 Qf1+ 44.Kh4
Threatens to win with Rd6+. **44...Qf6+ 45.g5 Qa1**



46.Rd1 Qc3 47.Rd8 Qg7 48.h8Q



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precise) /Black=0.55
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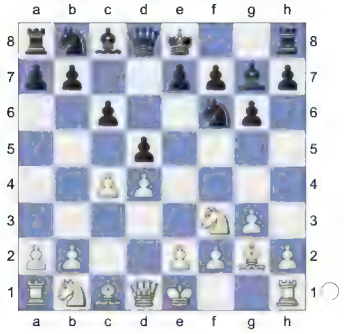
47 **D78**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
CCT Final KO 2024 rapid (1.3) 20.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

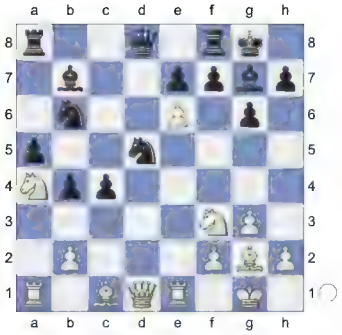
D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6
Ivkov,B: 'Inf 4/754' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3**
[5.Qa4 Bg7 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nb6 9.Qc2 Bf5 10.e4 Bg4 11.Ne5 Be6 12.Rd1 N8d7 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.Nc3 e5 15.dxe5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qe7 17.Bg2 Nxe5 18.h3 Rad8 19.Bf4 g5 1-0 (55) Mamedyarov,S (2738)-Arat,U (2389) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (1)]
5...Bg7



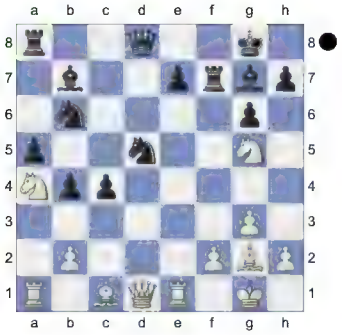
6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1N -0.22/17
[7.cxd5 0.25/19 feels stronger. Nxd5 8.e4]
[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3
A) 10...b5 11.Rc1 *(11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rc1 b4 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Qd2* 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#053 Main line 6...c6 slow li *)* 11...Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rc7 Bc6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxc6 Ra7 21.e3 b4 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bb5 Kg7 24.Rc8 Nf8 25.Ne1 ö-ö (43) 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 (2580)-8. ♘e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 b6 79013 (2670) 32/119 Esbjerg 32/119 1981;
B) 10...Nd7 11.Rc1 *(11.e3 Nf6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Be1 Qd6 14.f3 Nf6 15.Rc1 c5 16.g4* 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#055 Main line 6...c6 slow li *)* 11...e6 12.Qc2 b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.Bd2 b4 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Bc7 Qb5 17.Qd2 Ba6 18.Rc2 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Bf8 20.Qf4 h6 21.h4 Bg7 ½-½ (40) Ivkov,B-Kavalek,L (izt) 4/754 Sousse 1967]
7...dxc4= 8.e4 b5 0.13/22
[8...Na6∓ -0.31/19]
9.a4 The position is equal. **9...a5 10.axb5 cxb5**

11.Nc3 Bb7 12.d5 -0.40/19
[12.e5= 0.11/20 Nd5 13.Nxb5]
12...b4∓ 13.Na4 Nbd7 14.e5 -0.69/21
[14.Bf4= -0.27/18 is more appropriate.]
14...Nxd5 15.e6 N7b6 0.45/23
[Black should play 15...fxe6∓ -0.36/16 16.Ng5 Ne5 17.Nxe6 *(17.Nc5 Qb6∓)* 17...Qd6]

(Diagram)



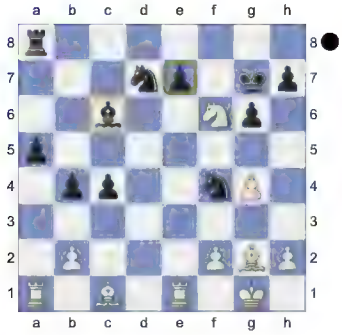
16.exf7+ -0.03/19
[16.Nc5!± 0.45/23 might be stronger. Bc8 17.Ng5 *(17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Ne5 Bxe5±)*]
16...Rxf7= ...Nxa4 would now be deadly.
17.Ng5 -0.82/20
[17.Nc5!± 0.41/19 keeps the upper hand. Qb8 18.Nxb7]



17...Rf5 0.00/24
[Better is 17...Nxa4!∓ -0.82/20 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Rxa4 Qd6]
18.g4 -1.00/24
[18.Ne6= 0.00/24 Qd6 19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.g4]
18...Rf6 -0.01/19
[18...Rxg5!∓ -1.00/24 19.Bxg5 Nxa4 Remove Defender 20.Qxa4 Nb6 *(20...Bxb2?* loses. *21.Qb5+-)*]
19.Nc5 Bc6 20.Nce6 Prevents Nc7.
20...Qd7

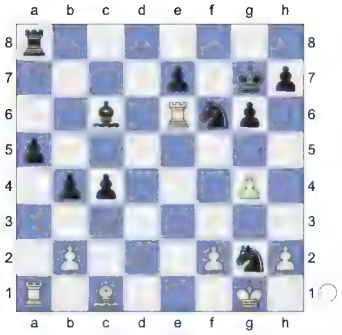
(Diagram)

21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Ne4 -0.87/18
Dodges Rd6
[22.Qd4= -0.05/17]
22...Nf4? 1.05/18
[22...Re6∓ -0.87/18 and life is bright. Strongly threatening ...Nf6. 23.b3 Kg8]
23.Qxd7± **Nxd7** Excellent horsemanship. **24.Nxf6**

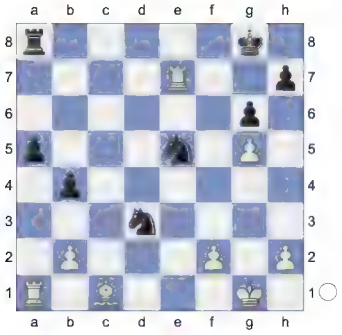


Discovered Attack **24...Nxg2 25.Re6** Threatens to win with Nxd7. White is more active.
[25.Rxe7+? is the wrong capture. Kxf6 26.Rxd7 Bxd7-+]
25...Nxf6 2.38/20
[25...Nb8± 1.15/19 26.Ne4 *(26.Rxe7+?* too greedy. *Kxf6 27.Rc7 Ne1-+)* 26...Kf7 27.Rxc6 Nxc6 28.Kxg2 a4]

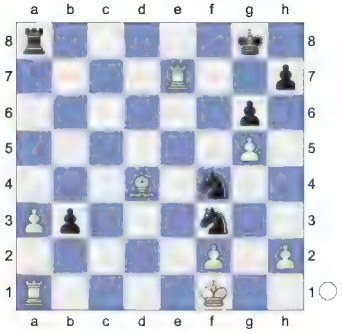
(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this. **26.Rxc6+- Ne1 27.Rxc4 Nd3 28.g5** aiming for Rd4. **28...Nd7?** 3.49/21
[28...Ne8 1.89/19 29.Bf4 a4]
29.Rc7 N7e5 30.Rxe7+ Kg8

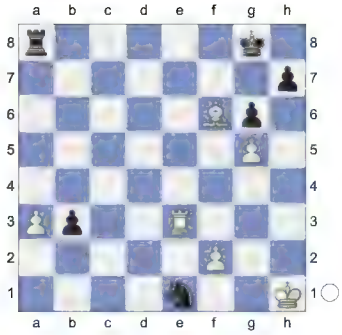


31.Be3 a4 32.Kg2 a3 33.bxa3 b3 4.09/21
[33...bxa3 2.82/19 is a better defense. 34.Rb7 a2]
34.Bd4 Nf4+ 35.Kf1 Nf3

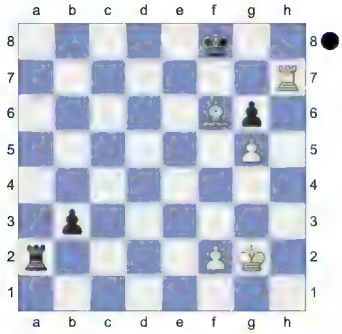


36.Bf6 Nxh2+? 4.60/32
[36...Nd2+ 2.87/18 37.Kg1 Rc8]
37.Kg1 Nf3+ 38.Kh1 Nd3 White is clearly winning. **39.Re3 Nfe1 40.Raxe1 Nxe1**

(Diagram)



41.Rxe1 Rxa3 42.Re8+ Kf7 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Rxh7 Black must now prevent Be7+. **44...Ra2 45.Kg2**



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48 **A65**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
Qatar Masters op-A (1) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0**

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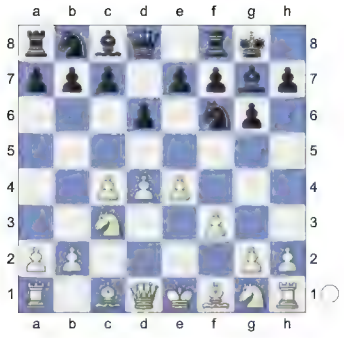


6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7

11.Be2 **Rb8!** is more profitable than 11...h5 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 11...h5.

[11...h5 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.Nf1 Re8 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Bh4 g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxh5 Qb4 19.Rb1 Ng6 20.Bf2 b5 21.axb5 axb5 ½-½ Bancroft,H (2645)-8. ♗g3 ♘e4 9. ♘d2 ♘g3 (2550) WT/M/454 corr ICCF 1989]

[11...Nh5 12.Nxh5 gxh5 13.Qd2 f5 14.Qg5 Qxg5 15.Bxg5 Nf6 16.Bf4 Ne8 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Bc4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Kg7 21.Rb3 Rc7 22.Rb6 Bc8 23.Rxd6 Nxd6 24.Bxd6 Rd7 25.Bxf8+ Kxf8 26.exf5 1-0 Ladron de Guevara Pinto,P (2425)-8.e5 b5 9. ♕b3_63585 (2419) Zadar 2004 (3)]

12.0-0 Ne8 13.Bf4N

[13.f4 Nc7 14.Kh1 b5 15.e5 bxa4 *(15...dxe5 16.f5 bxa4 17.Nce4 Nb6 18.f6 Bh8 19.d6* King's Indian - ...c5 lines-King's Indian with ...c5 - Ea*)* 16.Nce4 Bb7 17.Nxd6 Bxd5 18.Qxa4 King's Indian - ...c5 lines-King's Indian with ...c5 - Ea]

[13.Be3 Nc7 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 h5 18.Rfe1 h4 19.Nf1 h3 20.g4 Qh4 21.Ng3 Rb4 22.Rg1 Nb5 23.Nf5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Nxc3 25.Qxc3 Ne5 26.Qa3 Rxe4 27.Bg5 Qf2 0-1 Chapter Part9 Complete Games-4. ♗g2 ♗b7 5.0-0 c5 La 72/57 Havana 1998]

13...f5N 0.78/20

[13...c4= 0.25/20 14.Bxc4 Qb6+ 15.Rf2 Bd4 Pin 16.Qd2 Ne5 17.Bf1 Bxf2+ 18.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Bd7 ½-½ (32) Carlsen,M (2835)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2763) Tata Steel-A 81st 2019 (2)]

14.Qd2 0.36/19

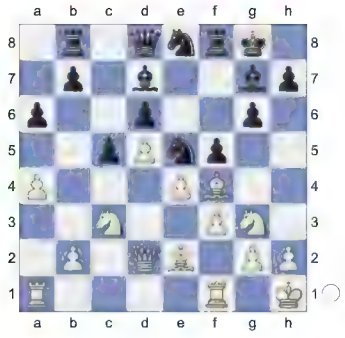
[14.exf5± 0.78/20 Ne5 15.Kh1]

14...Ne5 0.84/22

[14...Qf6± 0.36/19]

15.Kh1 Bd7 1.05/22

[15...fxe4± 0.61/17 should be considered. 16.Ngxe4 *(16.Ncxe4 b5=)* 16...Bf5]



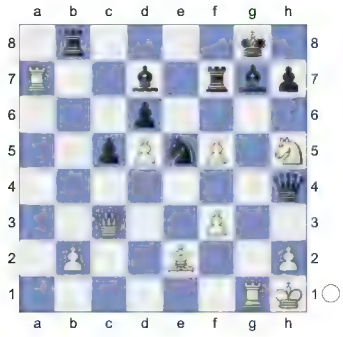
16.exf5± gxf5 17.Nh5 Bh8 18.Bh6 Rf7

(Diagram)

19.g4! Ng7
[19...Ng6 20.Bg5]

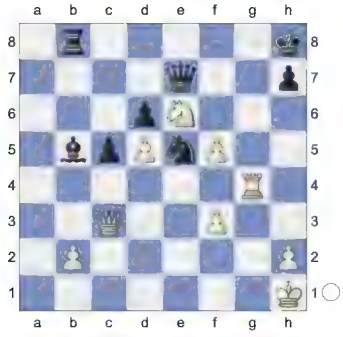
20.Rg1!
[20.Bg5?! Qf8±]
20...b5 2.52/23
[20...Ng6± 1.48/18 might work better.]

21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7? 0.37/18
[White should play 22.Bg5+- 2.15/22 Qf8 23.gxf5 Bxf5 *(23...b4? 24.Ne4+-)* 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.fxe4]
22...b4± 23.gxf5 bxc3 24.Qxc3 Strongly threatening f6. **24...Qh4**
[24...Qb6 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.Nxg7± *(26.Bxg7 Rxg7* Remove Defender *27.Rxg7+ Kf8+-* Pin *)*]
25.Bxg7 Bxg7

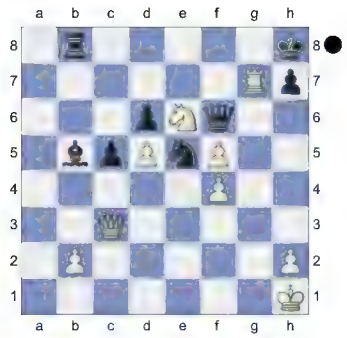


26.Nxg7 Kh8!→ Black attacks. Chess con chili. **27.Bb5?** -3.87/20 **Bxb5-+**
[27...Rxb5 28.Ra8+]
28.Rxf7 Threatens to win with Ne6.
28...Nxf7 29.Rg4

Qe7 30.Ne6+ Ne5



31.Rg7 -4.57/21
[31.f4 -3.15/17 was called for. Qb7 32.fxe5 Qxd5+ 33.Kg1 Qd1+ *(33...Qxe5 34.Qxe5+ dxe5 35.Nxc5±)* 34.Kf2 Qxg4 35.exd6+ Kg8 36.Qg3 Qxg3+ 37.Kxg3]
31...Qf6 32.f4



Bc4! 33.Qd2
[33.fxe5 Bxd5+]
33...Qxf5 (→ ...Qe4+) **34.fxe5 Qf3+ 35.Rg2 Bxd5** -6.35/18
[⌓35...Rxb2 -#5/16 36.h3 Qxh3+ *(36...Rxd2* leads to mate. *37.Nf4 Rxg2* Deflection *38.Nxg2 Bxd5 39.exd6 Qxg2#)* 37.Kg1 Rb1+ *(37...Rxd2* gets mated. *38.Rxd2 Qe3+ 39.Rf2 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Bxd5+ 41.Kg3 Qg1+ 42.Rg2 Qxg2+ 43.Kf4 Qf3+ 44.Kg5 Bxe6 45.exd6 Qf5+ 46.Kh6 Qg6#)* 38.Qc1 Rxc1+ 39.Kf2 Rf1#]

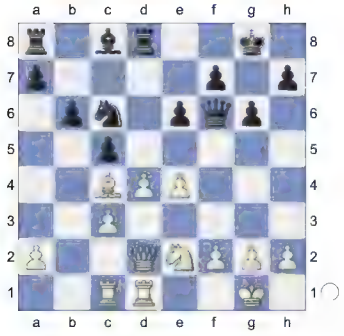
Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

49 **D87**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2735**
London WR Masters (3.2) 16.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buffa,E (1629)-Vecchione,A (1793) Bacoli 2023 1-0 (74)]
8...0-0 9.0-0
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1989 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 e6N 10...b6 is a critical line. 10...b6 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

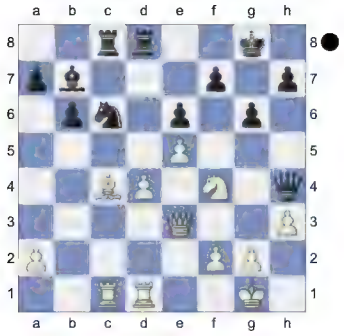
11.Rc1 Qe7 12.Qd2 Rd8 13.Bg5 White has an edge. **13...Bf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rfd1 b6**



16.Qe3 Bb7 **17.h3N**

[17.Bb5 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Rxc6 Bxc6 21.h3 Qe7 22.Rc1 Bb5 23.Ng3 1-0 Cvitan, O (2490)-Florstedt,J (2352) EU-Cup 35th Ulcinj 2019 (2.3)]

17...Rac8 18.e5 Qh4 19.Nf4 cxd4 20.cxd4



Nxd4

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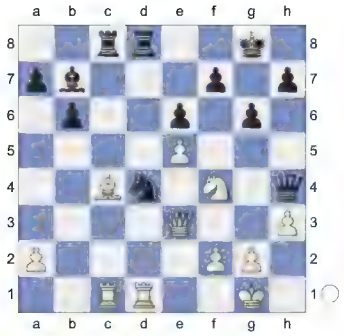
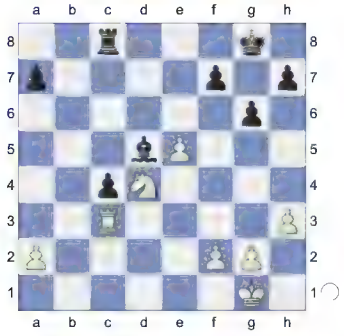
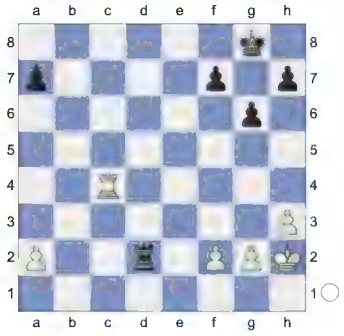


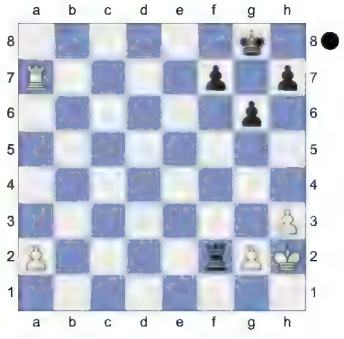
21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 Hoping for Rd1. **22...b5! 23.Nxe6 Qxd4 24.Nxd4 bxc4∓** Endgame KRB-KRN. The position is equal. **25.Rc3 Bd5**



26.Ne2 Re8 27.Nf4 Rxe5 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxc4 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rd2



31.Ra4 Rxf2 32.Rxa7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

50 **E62**
□ **So,Wesley** **2757**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Bucharest Superbet Classic 4th (5)
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6
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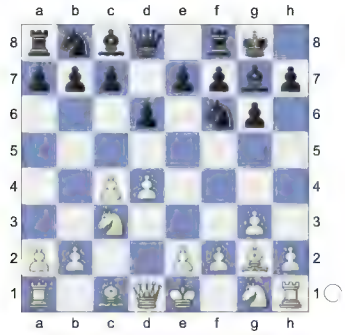
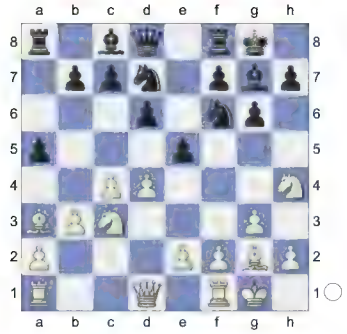
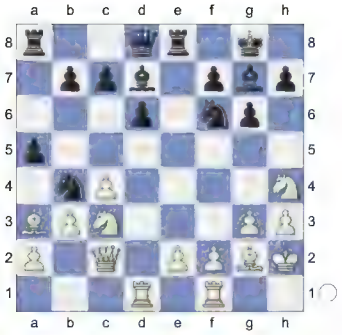


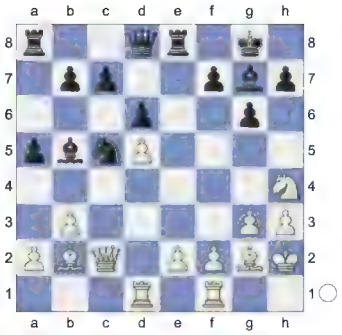
6.Nf3 a5
[6...Nc6 7.0-0 Rb8 8.d5 Na5 9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 a6 11.Nd2 b5 12.Qc2 Bh6 13.f4 bxc4 14.bxc4 e5 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Nd5 Rxb2 17.Qxb2 Bg7 18.Qc1 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Bd7 20.Rb1 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Mikhailov,S (2543)-Cardenas,R (2581) Bucuresti 102/59 2006 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311]]
7.0-0 Bf5 now supersedes 7...Na6. löst 7...Sa6 inzwischen ab. **8.Nh4N**
[8.Ne1 Nc6 9.e4 Bd7 10.Nc2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Ne8 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bc5 Bc6 17.Bxd4 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Re8 19.Re1 a4 20.Rc1 axb3 21.axb3 f6 22.Qc2 Re7 Batsuren,D (2531)-Fressinet,L (2588) New York 2024 0-1 (49)]
[8.h3 Ne4 9.Nd5 c6 10.Ne3 Bc8 11.Qd3 Nf6 12.b3 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bb2 e4 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Rad1 Re8 17.Nd2 Nbd7 18.g4 Nxg4 19.hxg4 Bxb2 20.Nxe4 Be5 21.f4 Bg7 22.Rd3 Nf6 Tan,Z (2561)-Lagno,K (2515) Novotel, bld. Princesse Charl 2025 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (107)]
8...Bc8 White has an edge. **9.b3 Nbd7N**
[Vorgänger: 9...Nc6 10.Bb2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nf3 Nfd7 13.Qd2 a4 14.Nb5 axb3 15.axb3 Rxa1 16.Bxa1 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 1-0 Artemiev,V (2708)-Giri,A (2764) Chess.com Speed blitz 2020 (1.38)]
10.Ba3 e5



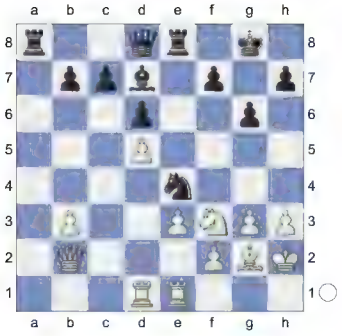
11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Qc2 Nc6 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Re8 15.Kh2 Nb4



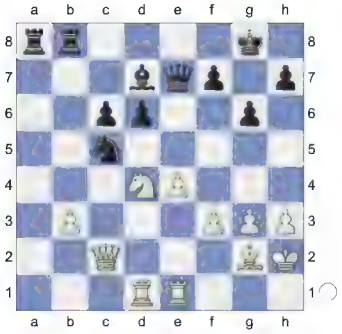
16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Bb2 Na6 18.Nd5 Nc5 19.Qc2 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Bb5



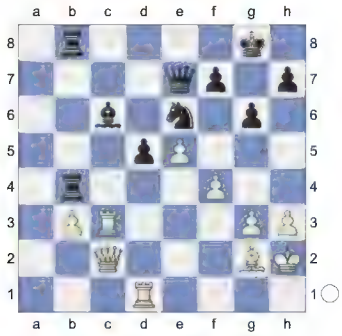
21.Rfe1 Bxb2 22.Qxb2 a4 23.Nf3 axb3 24.axb3 Ne4 25.e3 Bd7



26.Qc2 c5 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Nd4 Qe7 29.f3 Nc5 30.e4 Reb8



31.f4 Rb4 32.Re3 Rab8 33.e5 d5 34.Rc3 Ne6 35.Nxc6 Bxc6

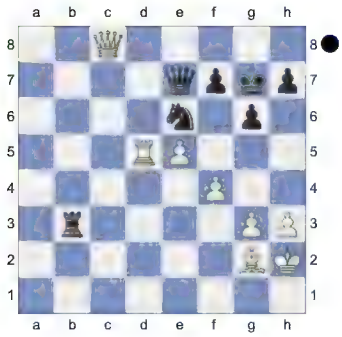


36.Rxc6 Rxb3 37.Rc8+

[Don't go for 37.Bxd5? Rb2 38.Rd2 *(38.Rc8+? Kg7-+)* 38...Rxc2-+]

37...Rxc8! 38.Qxc8+ Kg7 39.Rxd5? -4.09/23

[39.f5= -0.01/20 and White stays safe. gxf5 40.Qc2]



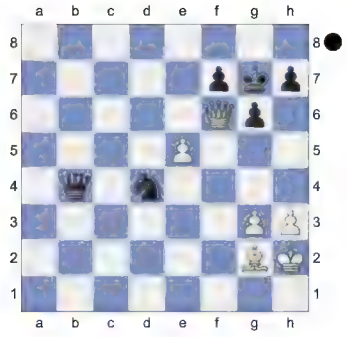
39...Qb4? -0.01/23

[39...Qa7!-+ -4.09/23 40.Qc2 Qe3]

40.Qc1= The position is equal. **40...Rb2**

Inhibits Qd2. **41.Rd3 Re2** ...Qe4 is the strong threat. **42.Re3** Prevents Qe4. **42...Nxf4 43.Rxe2 Nxe2 44.Qf1 Nd4 45.Qf6+ Kg8**

46.Qd8+ Kg7 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kg7 49.Qf6+



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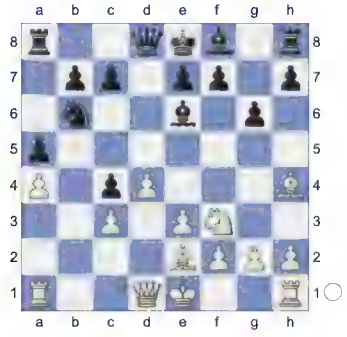
½-½

51 **D80**
□ **So,Wesley** **2747**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (7.2) 19.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

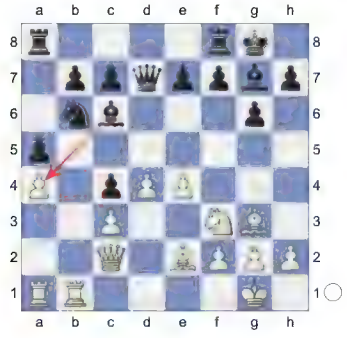
D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Nf3 White has compensation. **8...Nd7 9.Be2 Nb6 10.a4** The position is equal. '!?' An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **10...a5**

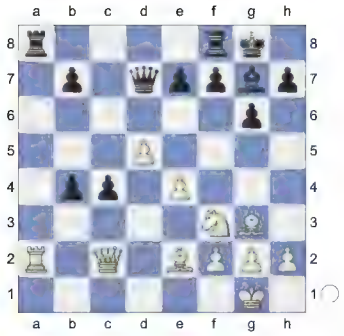


11.0-0 Bg7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfb1 Qd7 14.Bg3 Bd5 15.e4 Bc6



16.Rxb6! cxb6 17.d5!
[17.Bxc4 b5 18.Bf1 bxa4∓]
17...Bxa4 18.Rxa4
[18.Qxa4 Qxa4 19.Rxa4 b5-+]
18...b5 19.Ra2 b4 20.cxb4
[20.Bxc4 b5 21.Bd3 Bxc3∓ *(21...bxc3 22.Qd1-+)*]
20...axb4

(Diagram)



21.Bxc4 Ra3 22.Ne5N 'N!?' An interesting novelty.Eine interessante Neuerung.

[22.Rxa3 bxa3 23.Qa2 Qa4 24.h4 Qd1+ 25.Kh2 Qa1 26.e5 Qxa2 27.Bxa2 Rc8 28.d6 exd6 29.exd6 Bf6 30.Ng5 Rc2 31.Bxf7+ Kg7 32.Bb3 a2 33.Ne6+ Kh8 34.Bxa2 Rxa2 35.d7 Rd2 36.Nc5 Be7 ½-½ (101) Tomashevsky,E (2696)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2795) Moscow Grand Prix 2017 (8.5) 37.Nxb7 Rxd7 38.Na5 Rd5 39.Nc4 Kg8 40.Ne3 Rd4 41.Kh3 h5 42.f3 Kf7 43.Bf2 Rd2 44.Bg3 Ke6 45.Bf4 Rd3 46.Nf1 Rd1 47.Ng3 Rb1 48.Bc7 Bf6 49.Bf4 Bd8 50.Be3 Bc7 51.Bg5 Kd5 ½-½ (101) Subirana Rafart,G (2696)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2795) Karlovac 27/195 1979 (8.5)]

22...Qc8 0.62/22

[22...Bxe5= -0.16/22 23.Bxe5 Rc8 24.Rxa3 bxa3]

23.Rxa3!±

[23.d6? b3 *(23...Rc3 24.d7=)* 24.Bxf7+ *(24.Rxa3? bxc2 25.Rc3 exd6-+)* 24...Kh8-+]

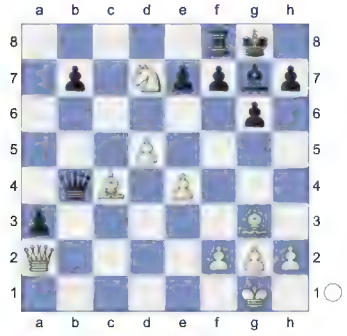
23...bxa3 Black is weak on the light squares **24.Qa2** aiming for d6. White is more active.

[24.d6 Bxe5 25.dxe7 *(25.Bxe5? b5-+)* 25...Re8 26.Bxe5 b5∓ *(26...Rxe7? 27.Bxf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7 28.Qxc8+-)*]

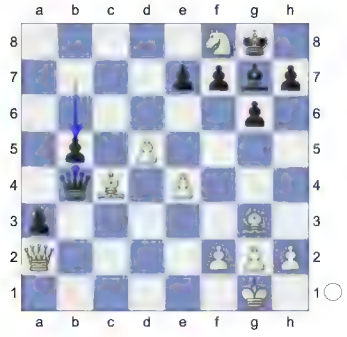
24...Qc5 1.42/20 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[24...Rd8± 0.47/20]

25.Nd7!↑ White is on the roll. **25...Qb4**



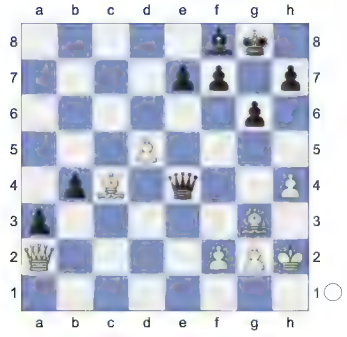
26.Nxf8 b5



27.Bd3 Bxf8 2.75/21

[⌓27...Kxf8 1.84/21 28.h4 Bd4]

28.h4+- Qe1+ 29.Kh2 b4 30.Bc4 Strongly threatening d6! **30...Qxe4**



31.Bb3 d6! would now be deadly.

31...Qd3? 4.40/23

[31...Qf5 2.37/22 keeps fighting. 32.Qe2 Qc8]

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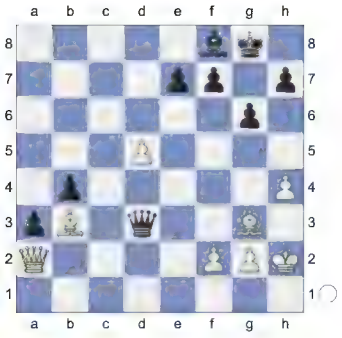
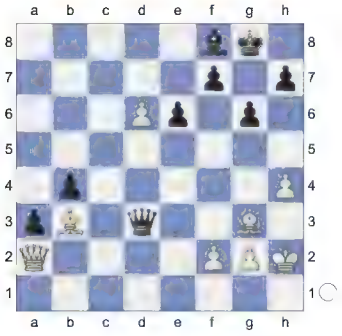
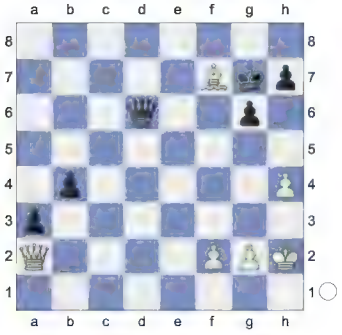


32.d6! e6



33.Bxe6! Bxd6
[Worse is 33...fxe6 34.Qxe6+ Kg7 35.d7 Kh6 36.Bf4+ Kg7 37.Be5+ Kh6 38.Qf6]
34.Bxf7+ Kg7 35.Bxd6 Qxd6+



36.g3 Qf6 37.Bd5 Qd4 38.Kg2 h6 39.Bb3 Qe4+ 40.Kh2 Threatens to win with Qa1+. **40...Qf3**

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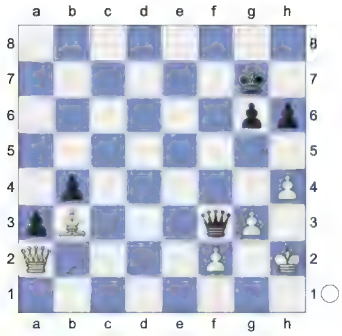
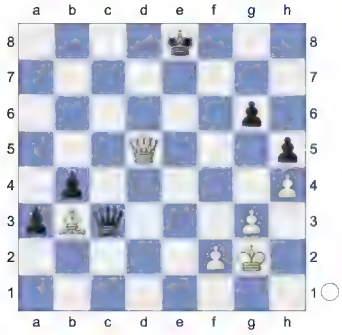
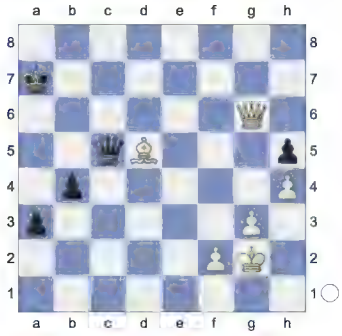


41.Kg1 Qc3 42.Qb1 Kf6 43.Qd1 Ke7
Against Qd8+ **44.Qd5 h5** 8.52/27
[⌓44...g5 5.00/21 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.Qxg5+ Kd7]
45.Kg2 Ke8



46.Qe6+ Kd8 47.Qd6+ Kc8 48.Be6+? 3.65/5
[48.Bd5 9.14/28 Qb2 49.Qa6+ *(49.Qxg6 Qe5+-)* 49...Kd7 50.Qe6+ *(50.Qxg6 Qe5+-)* 50...Kd8 51.Qxg6]
48...Kb7 49.Bd5+ White is clearly winning. **49...Ka7 50.Qxg6 Qc5**



51.Qxh5 Kb6 52.Qf7

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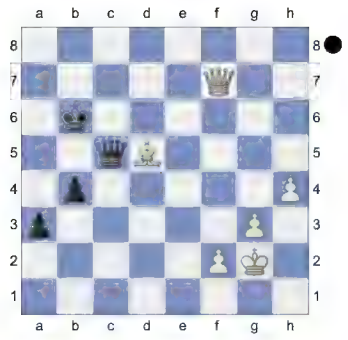
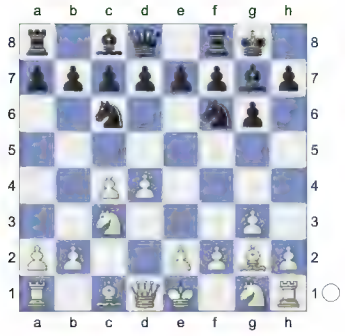


Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

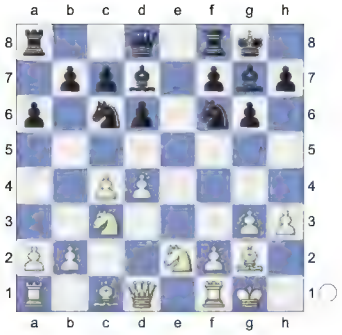
52 **E61**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2738**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2725**
Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 Nc6N
[5...c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4
A) 7...Nc6 8.0-0 *(8.Nc2 Ng4 9.Bd2 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.h3 Nge5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.b3 d5 14.Nxb5 Ba6 15.a4 Bxb5 16.axb5 Rxa1 17.Nxa1 Na7 18.Bb4 d4 19.f4 Nd7 20.Qd3 Qb6 21.Rc1 Nxb5 22.Rc6 Qb8* Donner,J-Fischer,R Bled 1961 Tournaments [ChessBase] ½-½ (38) *)* 8...Ng4 9.e3 d6 *(9...Nge5 10.b3 d6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Nde2 Nb4 13.e4 f5 14.f4 Qb6+ 15.Kh2 Ned3 16.a3 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Nc6 18.e5 Be6 19.exd6* ½-½ (19) Berndt,K (2609)-Chapter Part (2544) USSR 46/179 2020 Excelling at Tech Chess [Von Gottschall]*)* 10.b3 Nxd4 11.exd4 Nh6 12.Bb2 Nf5 13.d5 Bd7 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Ne4 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 b5 19.Bf1 bxc4 20.bxc4 Rc7 21.f3 Ne3 22.Be2 Chitrit,N (2663)-Hamoushi,M (2583) Amsterdam 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [CCYB 11\229] (67);
B) 7...Qc7 8.Ncb5 Qd8 9.0-0 a6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.h3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 d6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Be3 Be6 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Qa7 Qd7 17.Qxb7 Bxc4 18.b3 Be6 19.Qxa6 Bxh3 20.Na4 Kalantarian, N-Wicklund Hansen,R 2BL 1940 CR97-94 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (42)]

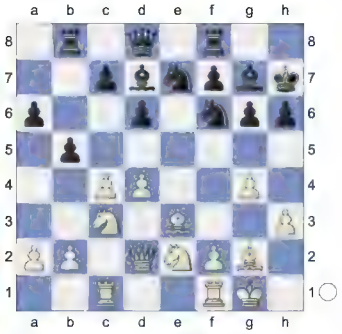


6.e3 d6 7.Nge2 e5 8.0-0 exd4!
8...exd4 scores better than 8...Re8.
8...exd4 punktet besser als 8...Te8.
9.exd4 Bd7 10.h3 a6N
[Vorgänger: 10...Qc8 11.Kh2 Re8 12.b3 a6 13.Bb2 Rb8 14.d5 Na5 0.44/18 *(14...Ne7=* 0.11/21 *)* 15.a4 0.01/19 *(15.Nd4±* 0.44/18 deserves consideration.*)* 15...c5 16.Ra3 Qc7 1-0 Vasilevich,T (2424)-Reizniece Ozola,D (2341) BL 0910 (Women) 2009 (1.2) *(16...Qd8!?)*]

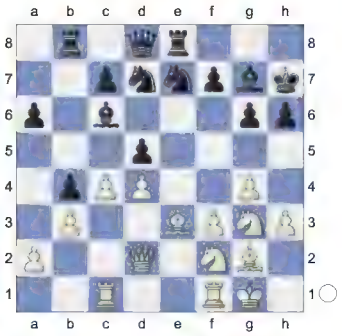
(Diagram)



11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Rb8 0.34/18
[12...Ne7= 0.02/18]
13.Qd2± Kh7 14.Rac1 Ne7 15.g4 b5



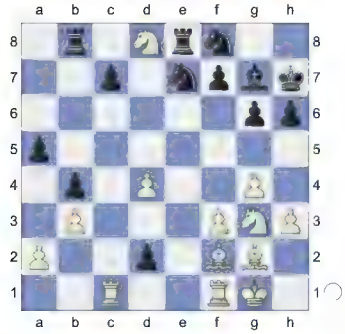
16.b3 b4 17.Nd1 d5 18.Ng3 Bc6 19.f3 Nd7 20.Nf2 Re8



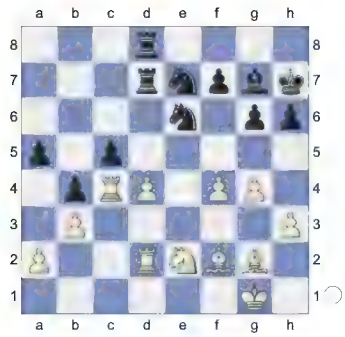
21.Nd3 a5 22.Bf2 Nf8 23.Ne5 Threatening f4. **23...dxc4 24.Nxc6**
[24.Nxf7? Qd5 25.bxc4 Qxf7∓]
24...c3
[24...Nxc6 25.Rxc4 Na7 26.f4±]

(Diagram)

25.Nxd8 -0.36/21
[25.Qxc3!± 0.32/23 bxc3 26.Nxd8 Rbxd8 27.f4 *(27.Rxc3 Nd5±)*]
25...cxd2∓

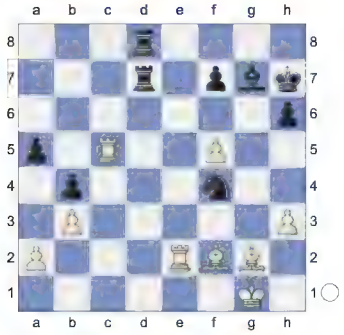


26.Rc4 Rbxd8 27.Rd1 Ne6↑ White is under pressure. **28.Rxd2** -1.03/22
[28.Ne2∓ -0.55/22 is superior.]
28...c5!∓ 29.Ne2 Rd7 -0.55/21
[Black should try 29...cxd4∓ -1.18/20 30.f4 Kg8]
30.f4∓ Red8
[30...Bxd4!? 31.Bxd4 cxd4∓]

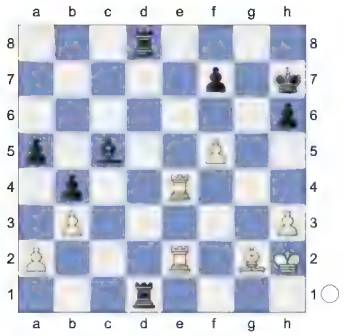


31.d5 -1.06/21
[31.f5!∓ -0.33/20 gxf5 32.gxf5 Nxd4

33.Kf1]
31...Nxd5∓ 32.f5 gxf5 33.gxf5 Nd4 Pair of Knights! **34.Rxc5 Nxe2+ 35.Rxe2 Nf4**

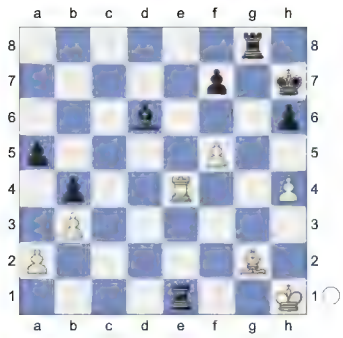


36.Re4 Rd1+! 37.Kh2 Nd3 38.Rc2 Nxf2 39.Rxf2 Bd4 40.Rfe2 Bc5

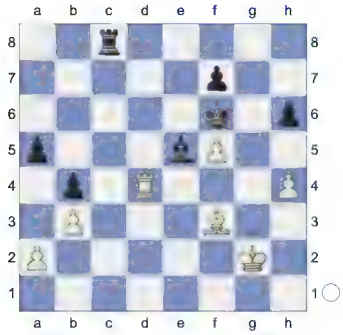


41.h4? -3.33/24
[41.Kg3∓ -0.98/20 was necessary.]
41...Rg8 -1.86/25
[41...R8d3 42.Re1∓]
[⌓41...Bd6+ -3.33/24 42.Kh3 Rg8]
42.Re1-+ Bd6+ -0.97/22
[42...Rd3-+ -1.62/23 43.Re8 Bd6+ 44.Kg1 Rxe8 45.Rxe8 Rd2]
43.Kh1∓ Rd2 44.R1e2 Rd1+ -0.01/5
[44...Rd5∓ -1.30/24 White must now prevent ...Rg3. 45.Re7 Rxg2! 46.Kxg2 Bxe7 47.Rxe7 Rxf5]
45.Re1= Rxe1+

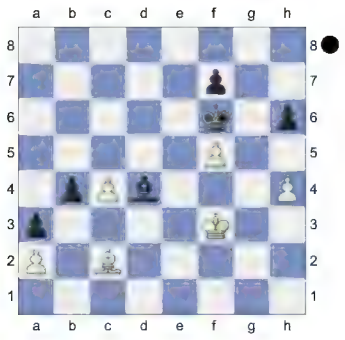
(Diagram)



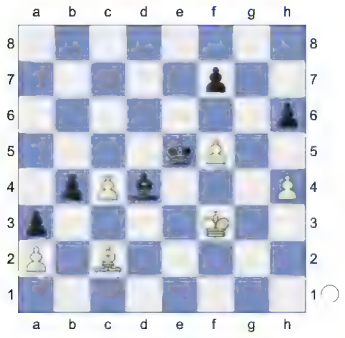
46.Rxe1∓ Endgame KRB-KRB **46...Kg7** -0.48/22
[46...Rg4∓ -1.02/24 47.Re4 Bf4]
47.Rd1∓ Bg3 48.Rd4 -0.93/21
[48.Rd7∓ -0.41/20]
48...Kf6∓ 49.Bf3 -1.23/22
[White should play 49.Kg1 -0.81/20]
49...Rc8 -0.86/23
[⌓49...Kxf5 -1.23/22 50.Bd5 Bf2]
50.Kg2 Be5



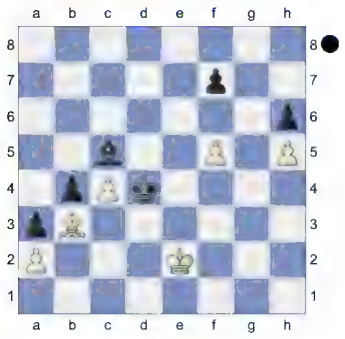
51.Rc4 -2.02/21 Prevents Rc2+.
[51.Rd7∓ -1.08/22 might work better.]
51...Rxc4-+ 52.bxc4 KB-KB **52...a4** And now ...b3 would win.
[Inferior is 52...Kxf5 53.c5∓]
53.Be4 Bd4 -1.04/27
[Weaker is 53...b3 54.axb3 axb3 55.c5∓]
[53...Bd6-+ -2.50/25 and Black stays clearly on top. Strongly threatening ... Ke5. 54.Bc2 b3 55.axb3 a3]
54.Bc2∓ a3 55.Kf3 -1.65/26
[55.h5∓ -1.29/28]



55...Ke5 -0.27/29
[55...h5!-+ -1.65/26 Hoping for ...Ke5. 56.Ke2 Ke5]

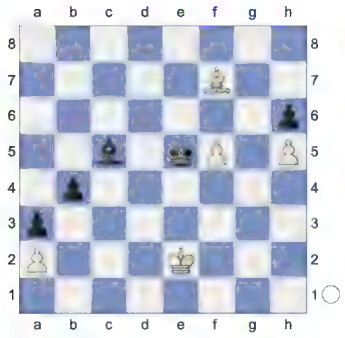


56.h5 -1.10/33
[56.Kg4!= -0.27/29 was the only way to keep the balance.]
56...Bc5 57.Ke2 -1.48/30
[Better is 57.Kg3 -1.04/32]
57...Kd4 -1.04/32
[⌓57...Kf4 -1.48/30 58.f6 Kg4]
58.Bb3 -2.31/30
[58.Kf3∓ -1.04/32]

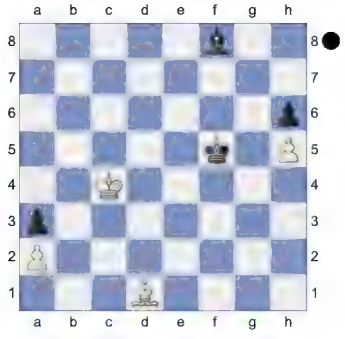


58...Be7? -0.20/33
[58...Ke4!-+ -2.31/30 59.f6 Kf4]

59.c5= Bxc5 ...f6 is the strong threat.
60.Bxf7 Ke5 -0.08/32
[60...Bd6∓ -0.47/29 feels stronger.]



61.Be6 b3 62.Bxb3 The position is equal. **62...Kxf5 63.Kd3 Be7 64.Bd1 Bf8 65.Kc4**



And White is the lucky defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

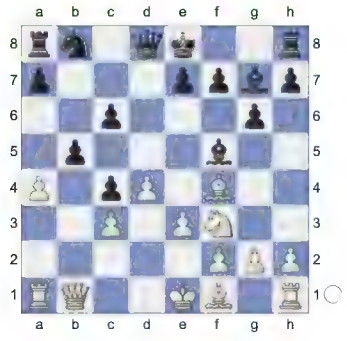
53 **D91**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2738**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2725**
Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4

(Diagram)

6.Bf4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.e3! The main line 8.e3 scores better than 8. Qa4+. Die Hauptvariante 8.e3 punktet besser als 8.Da4+. **8...b5 9.a4** White has compensation. **9...c6 10.Qb1** The position is equal. **10...Bf5** 0.63/22

[10...Qd7= 0.16/20 should be considered. 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.Be2 Bb7 14.0-0 a6 15.Qb2 c5 16.dxc5 Nc6 17.Rfd1 Qf5 18.Bg3 Qxc5 19.Rd7 Bc8 20.Rc7 Ra7 21.Rxa7 Nxa7 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf3 Nc6 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Qb4 Bb7 Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Svidler,P (2747) Toshkent 2012 CBM 152 [Krasenkow,Michal] 1-0 (32)]



11.e4± Bd7 12.Be2N

[12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Qb7 Na6 14.Qxa6 c5 15.Qxc4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc8 17.Qb4 *(17.Qa6 Be6 18.Qb5+ Bd7 19.Qa6 Be6 20.Qb5+ Bd7 21.Qd3 Be6 22.Qb5+* ½-½ (22) Andreikin,D (2722)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Toshkent 2014 CBM 163 [ChessBase]*)* 17...a5 18.Qd2 Bc6 19.Qe3 0-0 20.Bh6 f5 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ng5 Qd6 23.0-0 Bxe4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Qxe4 Rc4 26.Rfe1 Rxd4 Kempinski,R (2558)-Tomczak,J (2596) Polanica Zdroj POL 2022 [Flear,Glenn] ½-½ (38)]

[12.h4 h6 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Qb7 Na6 15.Qxa6 c5 16.Qxc4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Qd3 9. Grünfeld Defense-Grunfeld]

12...0-0 13.0-0 Qc8N

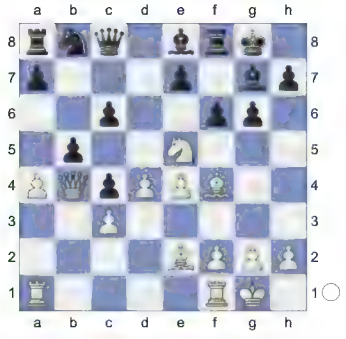
[Vorgänger: 13...a6 14.Bxc4 g5? 2.41/20 *(14...Ra7±* 0.83/19 is a better defense.*)* 15.Bxg5 bxc4 16.Qb7 c5 White must now prevent ... cxd4! 17.Qxa8 Qc7 Hoping for ... Bc6. 18.d5 Inhibits Bc6. Bxc3 19.Bxe7 Re8 0-1 Eljanov,P (2742)-Aronian,L (2801) Wch Blitz 5th 2010 (3)]

14.Ne5 Be8 15.Qb4 -0.01/19

[15.Ng4± 0.35/16]

15...f6 0.48/17

[15...c5!= -0.01/19 16.Qxc5 Qxc5 17.dxc5 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6]



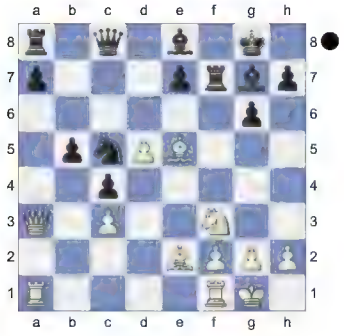
16.Nf3 Rf7 17.axb5 cxb5 18.d5 -0.50/20 Against Nc6

[18.Rfb1= -0.05/17]

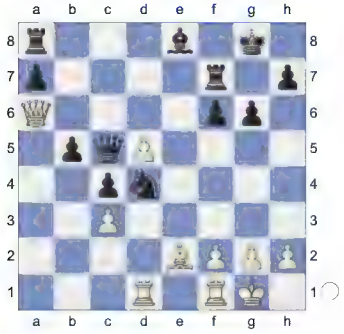
18...Na6!∓ 19.Qa3 Nc5 20.e5 fxe5

(Diagram)

21.Bxe5

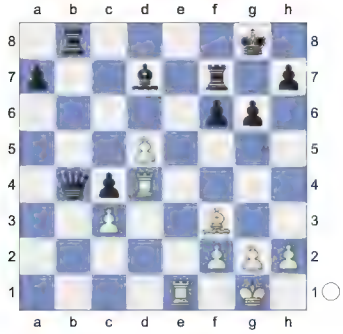


Bf6 -0.14/19
[Better is 21...Nb3!∓ -0.79/20 22.Bxg7 Rxg7]
22.Rad1 -0.82/22
[22.Bxf6= -0.14/19 Rxf6 23.Nd4]
22...Nb3∓ 23.Bxf6 exf6 24.Nd4 Qc5! 25.Qa6 -0.78/20
[25.Qxc5∓ -0.43/20 Nxc5 26.Bf3]
25...Nxd4

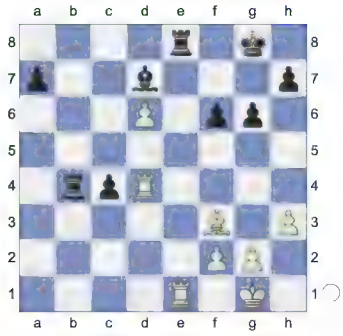


26.Rxd4 Rb8 27.Re1 Bd7 -0.07/20
[27...Rb6∓ -0.63/19 28.Qa1 Re7]
28.Bf3= Qb6 29.Qa3 -0.65/21
[29.Qa1= 0.01/21]
29...b4 -0.01/19
[29...Re8!∓ -0.65/21 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8]

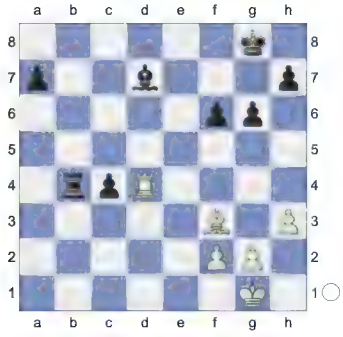
30.Qxb4 Qxb4



31.cxb4 Rxb4 32.d6! Rf8 33.h3
[Much weaker is 33.Bd5+ Kh8∓]
33...Re8? 3.60/22
[33...a5= 0.11/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

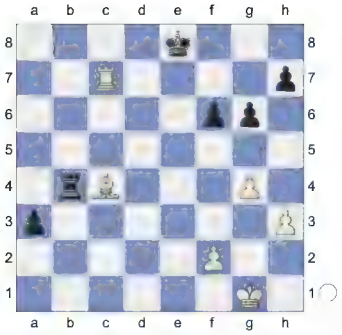


Black cannot hold the game after this.
34.Rxe8++- Bxe8 35.d7 Bxd7

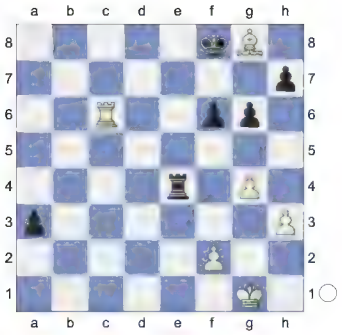


36.Rxd7 Endgame KRB-KR **36...a5 37.Bd5+ Kf8 38.Rc7 a4 39.Bxc4 a3 40.g4** aiming for Kg2. **40...Ke8?** 4.54/24
[40...Rb1+ 2.39/23 keeps fighting. 41.Kg2 Rc1]

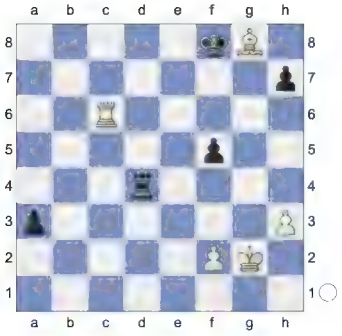
(Diagram)



41.Bd5 Rd4 42.Bg8 Kf8 43.Be6 Re4 44.Rc6 Ke7 45.Bg8 Kf8

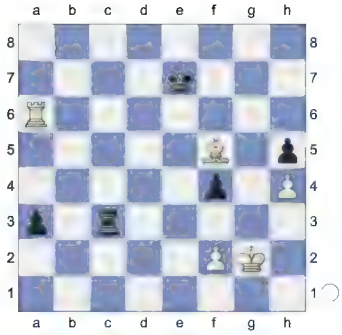


46.Bc4 f5 47.gxf5 gxf5 48.Kg2 Ke7 49.Bd5 Rd4 50.Bg8 Kf8

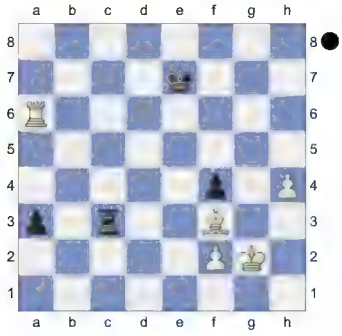


51.Bb3 Rd3 52.Be6 f4 53.Ra6
White is clearly winning. **53...h5** 7.86/24
[⌓53...h6 4.45/25 54.Ra7 Rc3]
54.h4 Ke7 55.Bf5 Rc3

(Diagram)



56.Bg6 Kd7 57.Bxh5 Ke7 58.Bf3

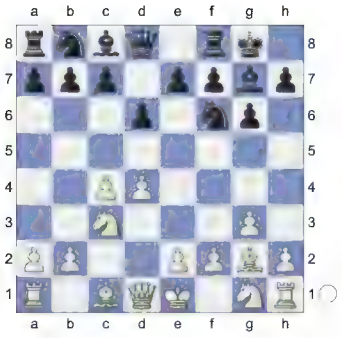


Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

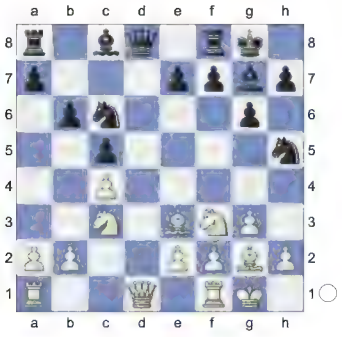
54 **E65**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2732**
■ **Kuzhilniy,Oleksandr** **2238**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

E65: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c5 7 0-0 without d5 by White
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Be3 b6



11.Qc1 Bb7 12.Rd1 Qe8 The position is equal. outshines the older 12...Qc8. erfolgreicher als das alte 12...Dc8.

13.Bh6 Rd8

[13...Bxh6 14.Qxh6 f6 15.Qe3 Ng7 16.Nd5 Rc8 17.Qc3 Qf7 18.Rd2 e6 19.Nf4 Rfd8 20.Rad1 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Rd8 22.e3 Rxd2 23.Nxd2 Ne5 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Qe7 27.Qe4 Nf5 28.Nf3 Rustemov,A (2525)-Kuzhilniy,O (2268) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (63)]

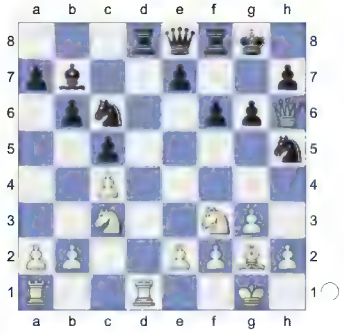
14.Qe3N

[Vorgänger: 14.Nd5 -0.16/19 14.Rxd8 0.15 e6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qc3+ f6 0.78/21 *(16...Kg8= 0.13/21 17.Nf6+ Nxf6 18.Qxf6 Rd7)* 17.Ne3 0.14/18 *(17.Nc7± 0.78/21 Qe7 18.Ng5)* 17...Qe7= 18.Nc2 -0.33/20 *(18.Rab1= 0.12/20* is superior.*)* 18...Kf7 -0.01/17 *(18...e5∓ -0.33/20)* 19.e3 Ng7 20.g4 -0.82/19 ½-½ Samunenkov,I (2454)-Sirosh,I (2385) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Aug Early blitz 2022 (6) *(20.a3=* -0.05/17 remains equal. *)*]

[14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Nd5 f6 16.Qc3 Qf7 17.a3 *(17.Kf1 Nf5 18.e3 e6 19.Nf4 g5 20.Nd3 Rd7 21.Nde1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 g4 23.Nd2 Ne5 24.Ne4 Qg6 25.Qc2 Kg7 26.Kg1 Rf7 27.Nd3 Nxe3 28.Nxe5 Nxc2 29.Nxg6 Kxg6 30.Nd6 Rd7 31.Bxb7 Nd4* Fier,A (2573)-Jones,B (2666) Italia 152/188 2022 [Bozic,Vitomir] 0-1 (54) *)* 17...Nf5 18.e3 e6 19.Nf4 g5 20.Nd3 g4 21.Nd2 Ncd4 22.exd4 Nxd4 23.Re1 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Qb7+ 25.Kg1 e5 26.b4 Ne6 27.Ne4 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3 Arkell,K (2386)-Pieper,T (2129) Krakow 2024 [Nigel Davies] 1-0 (38)]

14...Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Ng5 would kill now.

15...f6

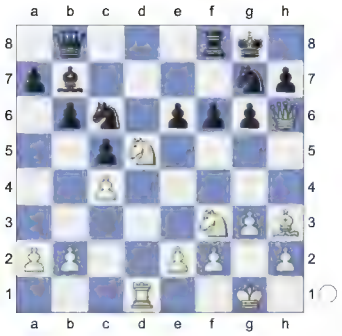


Prevents Ng5. **16.Rxd8 Qxd8 17.Rd1 Qb8 18.Bh3** &Bianco is more active.

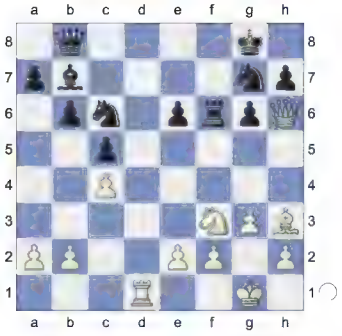
18...Ng7 Against Be6+ **19.Nd5→** White mounts an attack. **19...e6?** 13.03/23

[19...Qe8± 0.46/17]

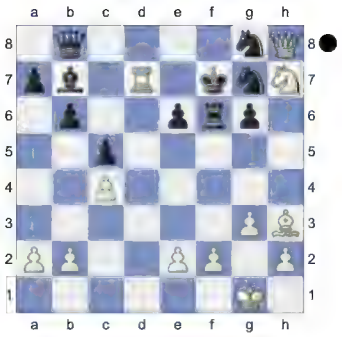
(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.
20.Nxf6+!+- Rxf6
[20...Kf7 21.Nxh7]



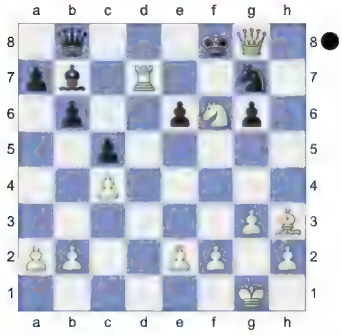
21.Ng5 White wants to mate with Rd7.
[Not 21.Rd7 Rf7 22.Rxf7 Kxf7±]
21...Ne7 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+
Skewer **23...Ng8 24.Nh7+ Kf7**
25.Rd7+



Skewer, Deflection. White mates.
25...Ke8

(Diagram)

26.Nxf6+ Kf8 27.Qxg8#



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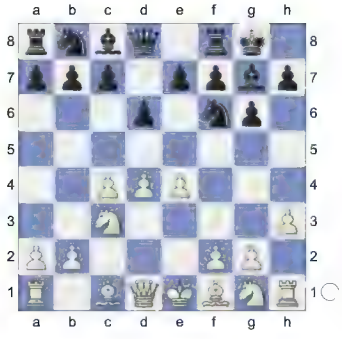
1-0

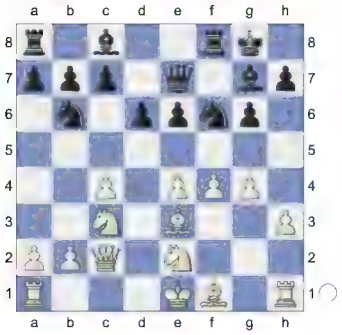
55 **E71**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2616**
Sharjah | Masters (6) 19.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0

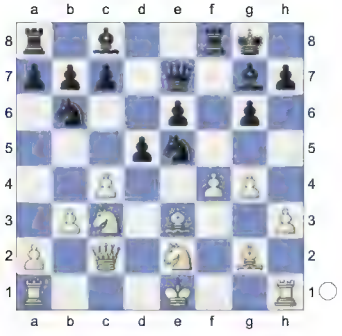


6.Be3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Qc2 e6 White is slightly better. **9.f4 Ned7 10.dxe6!** &Bianco is more active. **10...fxe6**

11.g4 Against Nh5 **11...Qe7N**
[11...b6 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.Bg2 Nc5 14.Nge2 B6-6... Nc6 and 7... Ne5 #1]
12.Nge2 Nb6



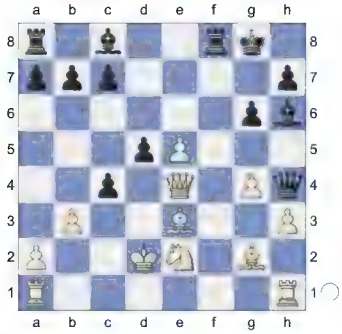
13.b3! d5 14.e5 Black is on the road to losing. **14...Nfd7 15.Bg2 Nxe5** 1.28/19



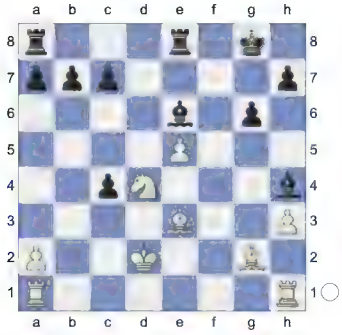
16.fxe5± Qh4+ 17.Kd2 Bh6 18.Qd3
[18.cxd5?! Bxe3+ 19.Kxe3 Qf2+ 20.Kd2 Qxg2=]
18...dxc4

(Diagram)

19.Qe4 Nd5 2.43/21
[⌓19...Bd7 1.64/18 20.g5 Bxg5 21.Qxh4 Bxh4 22.Bxb7 Rad8]
20.Nxd5+- exd5

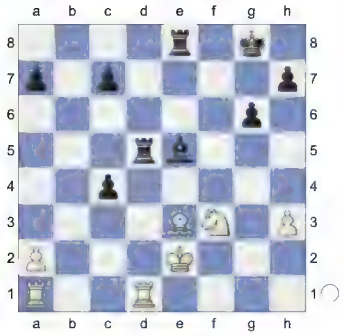


21.Qd4 Be6 2.18/20
[⌓21...Bxe3+ 1.81/19 22.Qxe3 Be6]
22.g5 Bxg5 Threatens to win with ... Qxd4+. **23.Qxh4** The board is on fire.
23...Bxh4 24.Nd4 Rfe8 25.bxc4
[25.Nxe6?! Rxe6 26.bxc4 *(26.Bxd5 Rd8∓)* 26...dxc4]
25...dxc4

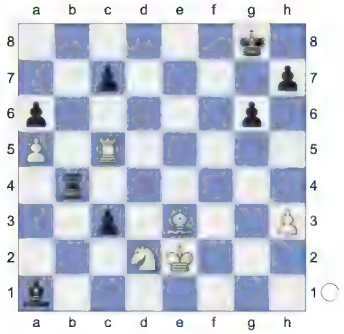


26.Bxb7
[26.Nxe6 Rxe6 27.Kc3 *(27.Bxb7 Rd8+ 28.Kc3 Rd3+ 29.Kxc4 Rxe3±)* 27...Rxe5]

26...Rad8 Strongly threatening ...c5.
27.Ke2 Bd5 28.Bxd5+ Rxd5 29.Nf3 Bg3 30.Rhd1
[30.Bxa7 Bxe5 31.Nxe5 Rexe5+ 32.Kf2 Rf5+ 33.Kg3 Rg5+ 34.Kf4 Rgf5+ 35.Kg4 Rg5+ 36.Kf4 Rgf5+ 37.Kg4 Rg5+ 38.Kf3 Rgf5+ 39.Ke4 Rfe5+ 40.Kf4 Rf5+=]
30...Bxe5

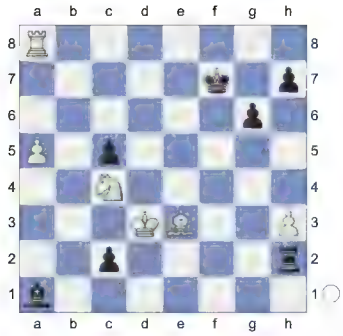


31.Rxd5 Bxa1 32.Rc5 Rb8 33.a4
[33.Rxc4?! Rb2+ 34.Kd3 Rxa2 35.Rxc7 a5 36.Rc8+ Kg7+-]
33...Rb4 34.a5
[34.Rxc7 a5 35.Rc8+ Kg7]
34...a6 35.Nd2
[Resist 35.Rxc7 Ra4 36.Bd2 Bf6+-]
35...c3

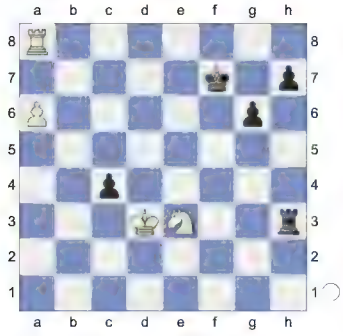


36.Nc4
[Not 36.Rxc7 cxd2 37.Rc6 Rb3 38.Bxd2 Rxh3=]
36...Rb2+ 37.Kd3 Rh2 38.Rc6 c2 39.Rxa6 c5 40.Ra8+ Kf7

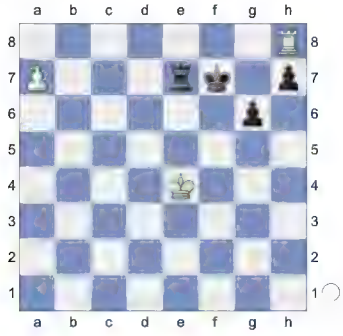
(Diagram)



41.a6 Bd4 And now ...Bxe3 would win.
42.Bd2 c1Q 43.Bxc1 Rxh3+ 44.Be3 Bxe3 45.Nxe3 c4+

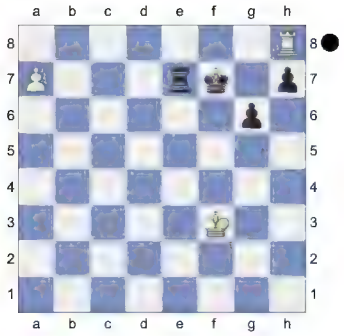


46.Kxc4 Rxe3 KR-KR **47.a7**
[Less strong is 47.Ra7+ Kf6±]
47...Re7 48.Rh8 Rc7+ 49.Kd4 Rd7+ 50.Ke4 Re7+



51.Kf3

(Diagram)



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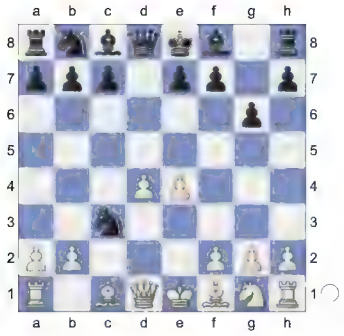
56 **D85**
□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2554**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v3 C 2. 00GHz 1995 MHz W=16.6 plies; 2. 035kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg B=15.4 plies; 1.419kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**



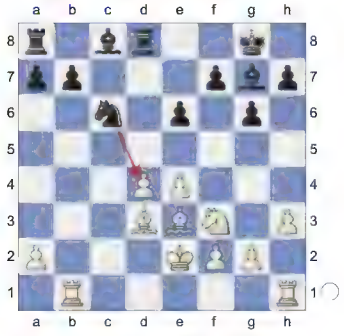
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Rb1 10.Rb1 scores better than 10.Rc1.10.Tb1 punktet besser als 10.Tc1. **10...cxd4**
(Diagram)

11.cxd4
[Of course not 11.Nxd4 0-0=]
11...0-0 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 White has an edge. **13.Bd3**
[13.h4 Bg4 14.Ne5 Be6 15.h5 b6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Rb2 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rfd8 19.f3 Nc6 20.f4 Rac8 21.Ba6 Rc7 22.Kf2 Nb8 23.Be2 Rdc8 24.Rd1 Rc2 25.Rd2 Rxb2 26.Rxb2 Rc3 27.Bd2 Ra3 Deep Fritz-Deep Gandalf Antalya 2021 [0.34;0.25] 1-0 (91)]
13...Rd8N
[13...b6 14.Ke2 Bd7 15.Rhc1 Rfc8 16.Ba6 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Kf8 18.d5 Ke8 19.h3 h6 20.Rc7 g5 21.g4 Ibragimov,I (2485)-Isaev,J (2380) USSR 52/(462) 1991]
[13...Bg4 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.d5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 e6 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Bc4 Rac8 21.Ba6 Rc7 22.dxe6 Bh6 23.Bb7 Rd3 24.Bd5 Kf8 25.Rb8+ Ke7 26.Rfb1 Rd2 27.R1b7 Rdc2 28.Rh8 Ledger,S (2698)-Wing Gambit (2635) Tilburg 38/(326) 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [05: Queen Against Rook and Bishop/Knight] 1-0 (37)]
14.h3 0.34/21 Inhibits Bg4.
[14.0-0! 0.65/20 is more appropriate.]
14...e6 15.Ke2N
[Vorgänger: 15.Kf1 -0.35/21 15.Bg5 0.43 Nc6 16.e5
A) 16...Nxe5!∓ -0.74/22 17.Be4

(17.Nxe5 Bxe5) 17...Nxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxd4;

B) 16...f6 0.12/20 17.h4 -0.47/21 *(17.Be4= 0.12/20)* 17...fxe5 -0.09/19 *(17...Nxe5!∓ -0.47/21 18.Nxe5 fxe5)* 18.dxe5? -4.89/21 *(18.h5!= -0.09/19)* 18...Nxe5? 0.62/20 *(18...Rxd3-+ -4.89/21 19.h5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.hxg6 hxg6)* 19.Nxe5± Bxe5 20.h5? -5.20/21 *(20.Be4± 0.43/21)* 20...b6? 0.11/21 *(Black should try 20...Rxd3-+ -5.20/21 21.hxg6 hxg6)* 21.hxg6? -2.67/21 *(21.Ke2= 0.11/21)* 21...hxg6? 0.52/18 1-0 Mekhitarian,K (2498)-De Paula,R (1901) Jatai op 2011 (5) *(Black should play 21...Rxd3-+ -2.67/21 22.Rxh7 Rd7)*]

15...Nc6



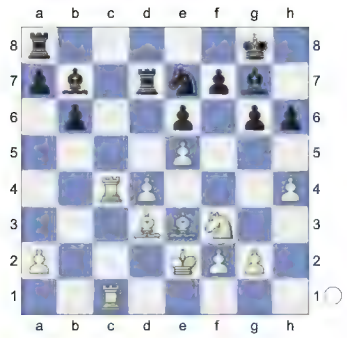
16.e5 b6 17.h4 h6 18.Rhc1!↑ Black is under pressure. **18...Bb7 19.Rc4 Rd7** 0.32/20

[19...Rac8= -0.01/20]

20.Rbc1± Ne7 1.27/23

[20...Rc8± 0.38/20]

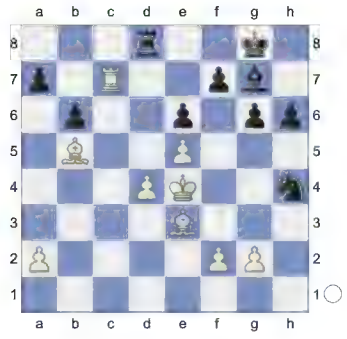
(Diagram)



21.Rc7± Rad8 22.Bb5 &Bianco is more active. **22...Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Bxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Nf5 25.Ke4**

[Don't do 25.Rxa7?! Nxh4+ 26.Ke4 Nxg2±]

25...Nxh4



26.g4

[Inferior is 26.Rxa7 Nxg2 27.Rb7 Nxe3 28.fxe3 h5±]

26...a5 2.06/20

[26...Ng2± 1.52/19 was worth a try.]

27.f4 Bf2 is the strong threat. **27...Ng2** 2.74/21

[⌓27...f5+ 1.99/19 28.gxf5 gxf5+ 29.Kd3 Ng6]

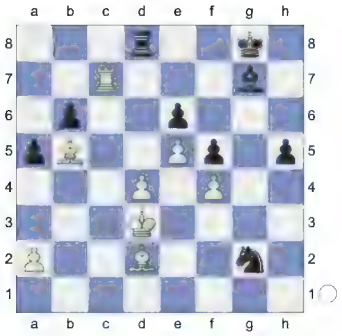
28.Bd2 f5+ 3.28/19

[28...Nh4 2.10/20 keeps fighting. 29.Be1 Ng2]

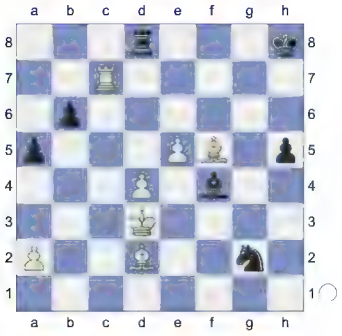
29.gxf5+- gxf5+ 30.Kd3 h5 5.11/24

[⌓30...Bf8 3.49/22 31.Bc4 Re8]

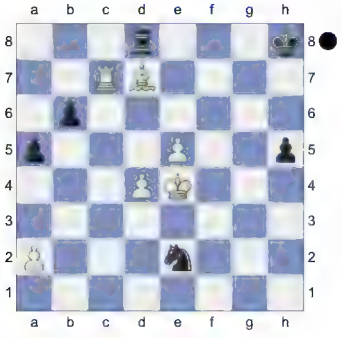
(Diagram)



31.Bc4 Re8 32.Bb5? -0.01/18
[32.d5+- 4.28/21]
32...Rd8= This move loses the game for Black. **33.Bd7 Bh6?** 5.13/21
[33...Rxd7 3.12/22 was necessary. 34.Rxd7 h4]
34.Bxe6++- Kh8 35.Bxf5 Hoping for Rh7+. This bishop pair is nice. **35...Bxf4**



White is clearly winning. **36.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 37.Ke4 Ne2** 9.92/20
[⌓37...Nd5 4.96/23]
38.Bd7



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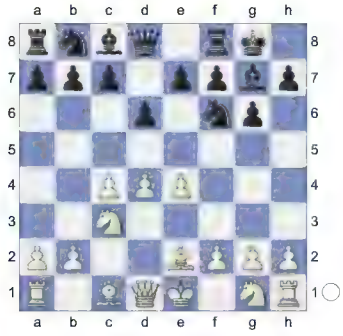
57 **E94**
□ **Giri,A.** **2728**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (9) 07.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

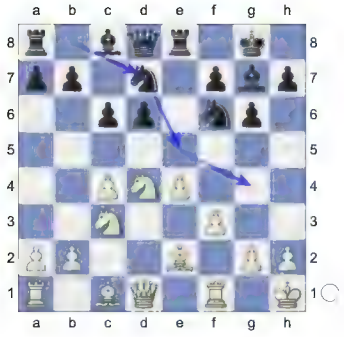


6.Nf3 e5
[6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Rc1 a6 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 b5 11.Be2 b4 12.Na4 Nb6 13.Nxb6 cxb6 14.Qd2 a5 15.h4 Nd7 16.h5 Nc5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bh6 Nxe4 19.Qe3 f5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qh6+ 1-0 Gelfand,B (2735)-Morozevich,A (2683) Zuerich Chess Challenge m1 5th Zürich rapid 2016 (2)]
[6...Re8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.Qc2 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.b4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Bg5 Bxe4 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Nb8 17.h3 Nc6 18.b5 Ne5 19.Nd4 d5 20.f3 Bf5 21.Nxf5 0-1 Stalmach,R (2431)-Hakobyan,A (2617) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (4)]
7.0-0N
[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7*

12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4 Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) 69/(518) Zalakaros 1997*)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 1-0 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (4)]

[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.g4 Nbd7 15.f3 a6 16.Nb3 Rec8 17.h4 b5 18.Kb1 h5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.Na5 Rab8 0-1 Moor,O-Ekstroem Zürich 2002]

7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 c6 10.Kh1 Nbd7

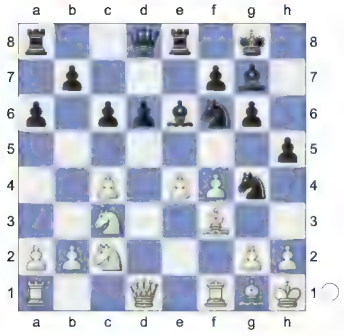


11.Be3 a6 12.Nc2 Ne5 White has an edge. **13.f4**

[13.a4!?]

13...Neg4 And now ...Ng4xe3 would win.

14.Bg1 h5 15.Bf3 Be6



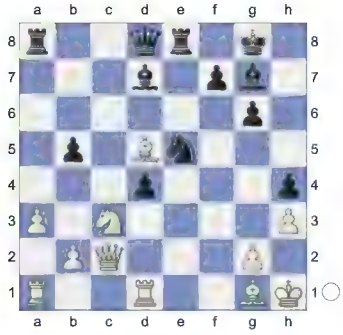
16.Qd3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rfd1 d5 Threatens to win with ...Nf6xe4. **19.e5 Nd7 20.Nd4** Wards off Be6-f5

20...Ndxe5

21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.a3 h4 0.73/20

[23...c5± 0.36/18]

24.h3± c5 25.Bxd5 cxd4



26.Bxd4 Rb8 1.59/24

[Black should play 26...Rc8 1.03/19]

27.Ne4 White has more active pieces.

27...Bg4? 5.04/20

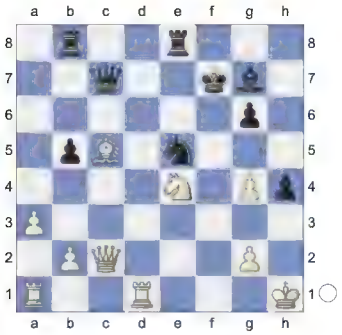
[27...Qe7± 1.59/20 is a better chance.]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

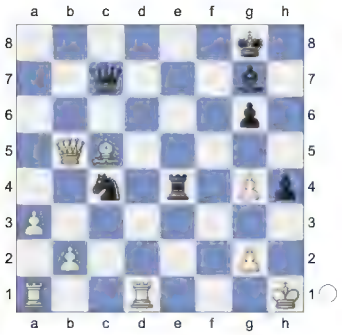
28.Bxf7+!+- White is clearly winning.

[Inferior is 28.hxg4 Qxd5 29.Ba7

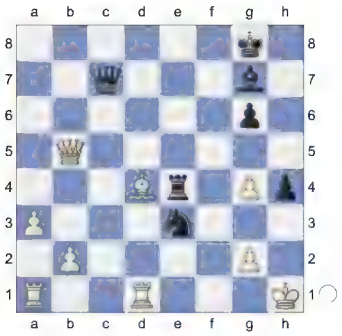
Rbc8∓]
[Not 28.Bxe5 Bxd1 29.Bxf7+ *(29.Rxd1 Bxe5 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7=)* 29...Kxf7=]
28...Kxf7 7.18/23
[⌓28...Nxf7 4.87/21 29.Nf6+ Discovered Attack *(29.hxg4? is the wrong capture. Bxd4 30.Qc6 Kg7-+)* 29...Qxf6 30.Bxf6 Bf5]
29.hxg4 Qe7 30.Bc5 Qc7



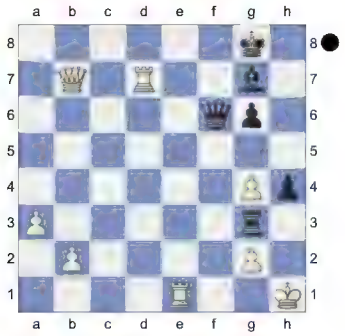
31.Qb3+ Nc4 32.Nd6+ Deflection
32...Kg8 33.Nxe8 Rxe8 34.Qxb5 Re4



35.Bd4 Ne3
[35...Qc8 36.Qd5+]



36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Rd3 Rg3 38.Rd7 Qf4 39.Qb7 Qf6 40.Re1



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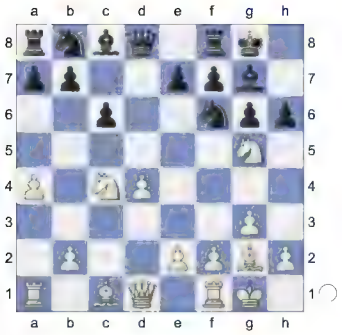
58 **D78**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2727**
■ **Willow,Jonah B** **2453**
London Classic Superblitz Gp-D (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3
[5.Qa4 Bg7 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 *(8...Nb6 9.Qc2 Bf5 10.e4 Bg4 11.Ne5 Be6 12.Rd1 N8d7 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.Nc3 e5 15.dxe5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qe7 17.Bg2 Nxe5 18.h3 Rad8 19.Bf4 g5 20.Be3 Nec4 21.Bc1 Rxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Rd8 23.Ne3* Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738)-Coent,Y (2389) Moscow 2023 1873 Vienna [John Watson] 1-0 (55)*)* 9.Rd1 Nb6 10.Qc2 Qc8 11.Bg5 Re8 12.Nc3 Bh3 13.e4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 N8d7 15.Rac1 e5 16.d5 h6 17.Be3 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxc2 19.Rxc2 Nxd5 Zvjaginsev,V (2683)-Grachev,B (2705) Sochi 2012 CBM 148 [Almasi,Istvan] ½-½ (46)]
5...Bg7

6.0-0 0-0 7.a4N
[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 *(9...a4 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Ne5 cxb3 12.axb3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd2 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nc5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb3 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qa3* Dautov,R (2535)-Polovodin,I (2430) Dresden 1989 CI1-130 [Polovodin,Igor A]*)* 10.Bxc3 b5 *(10...Nd7 11.e3 Nf6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Be1 Qd6 14.f3 Nf6 15.Rc1 c5 16.g4* 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#055 Main line 6...c6 slow li *)* 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rc1 b4 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Qd2 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#053 Main line 6...c6 slow li]
7...Be6 **8.Ng5!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
8...Bc8 **9.Na3** The position is equal.
9...dxc4 10.Nxc4 h6



11.Nf3 Be6 12.b3 Bd5 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Rc1 Nb6 15.Nce5 Nbd7

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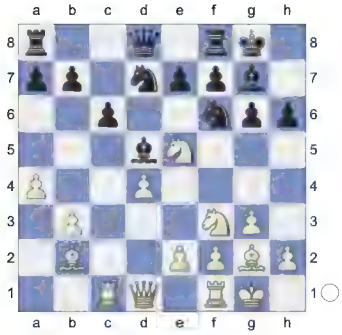
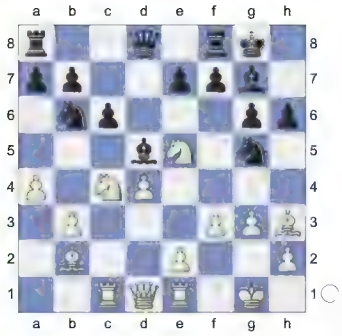
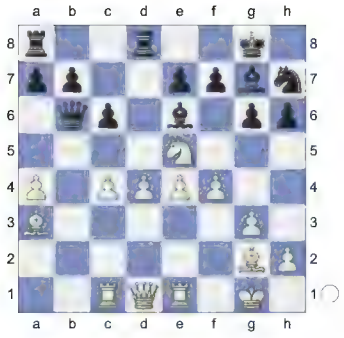


16.Nc4 0.01/17
[16.Nd3± 0.50/18]
16...Nb6!=
[16...Rc8 0.45/18 16...Nb6 0.01 17.b4 Nb6 18.Nce5 Qd6 19.a5 Na8 20.Qa4 Nc7 21.Rfd1 Nb5 22.e3 Qe6 23.Re1 Nd6 24.Nd3 aiming for Nc5. Qf5 25.Qd1 g5 Prevents Nh4. 26.Qe2 g4 1-0 Gretarsson,H (2538)-Dauth,B (2261) Reykjavik op 2023 (9)]
17.Re1 Rc8 18.Bh3 Ra8 19.Nfe5 Ne4 20.f3 Ng5

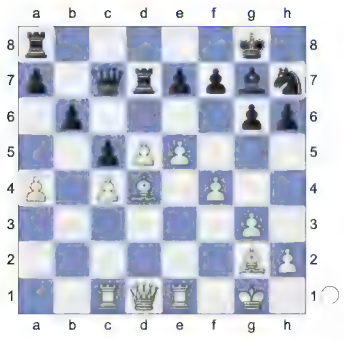


21.Bg2 Nxc4 22.bxc4 Be6 23.f4↑ 0.33/20 Black is under pressure.
[23.h4± 0.73/18 Nh7 24.f4]
23...Nh7 1.28/19
[23...Nh3+± 0.33/20 24.Bxh3 Bxh3]
24.e4 Qb6 25.Ba3 0.52/22
[25.Bc3± 1.20/18]
25...Rfd8±

(Diagram)

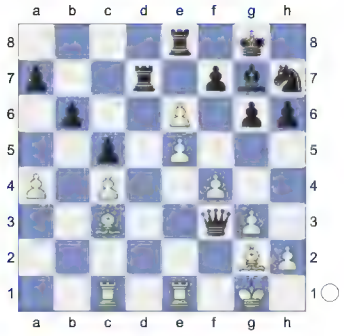


26.Bc5
[Much weaker is 26.Bxe7 Rxd4 27.c5 Rxd1∓]
26...Qc7 1.24/19
[26...Qxc5!= 0.30/22 remains equal. 27.dxc5 Rxd1 28.Rexd1 Bxe5]
27.d5± b6 1.57/20
[Black should play 27...Bc8 1.22/18 28.Qd2 Re8]
28.Bd4 Bd7 29.Nxd7 1.04/21
&Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[Don't take 29.c5 bxc5 30.Rxc5 Rac8 31.Nxc6 *(31.dxc6 Bxe5 32.Bxe5 Qb6±)* 31...Bxd4+ 32.Qxd4 Bxc6]
[Better is 29.Qb3 1.43/17]
29...Rxd7 1.83/18
[29...Bxd4+± 1.04/21 30.Qxd4 Qxd7]
30.e5+- c5 2.40/19
[⌓30...cxd5 1.63/18 31.cxd5 Qd8]

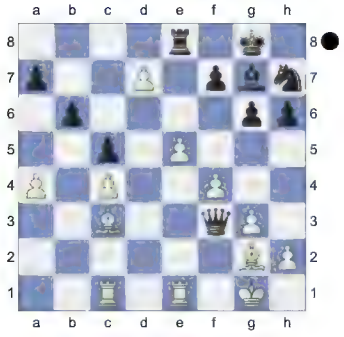


31.Bc3 Qc8 32.Bh3
(Diagram)

Black must now prevent e6. This bishop pair is nice. **32...e6 33.Qf3 Qb7** 3.14/20
[33...Rd8 2.18/19 was worth a try. 34.d6 Rb8]
34.Bg2 Threatens to win with dxe6.
34...Re8 6.19/21
[34...exd5 2.89/19 35.cxd5 Rdd8]
35.dxe6 Qxf3



36.exd7



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59 **E94**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2727**
■ **Jones,Gawain C B** **2639**
London Classic Superblitz Final (4)
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
E92: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5: 7 dxe5, 7 Be3 and Petrosian System without 7...Nbd7

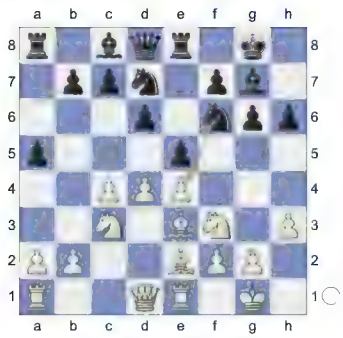
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 h6
[7...Nbd7 8.Re1 a6 0.55/17 *(8...exd4=* 0.16/17 *9.Nxd4 a5)* 9.Bf1 0.23/18 *(9.dxe5±* 0.55/17 *Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qb3)* 9...Re8 10.d5 a5 11.Be3 Nc5 12.Qc2 b6 13.b3 Ng4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh4 -0.33/22 *(15.Bc1=* 0.01/19) 15...h5 0.00/21 *(15...g5∓* -0.33/22 *16.Bg3 f5)* 16.h3 Nh6 17.Bg3 f5 18.Bh4 Prevents g5.1-0 Vidit,S (2723)-Jones, G (2618) Speed Chess Q1 Sw blitz 2023 (8)]

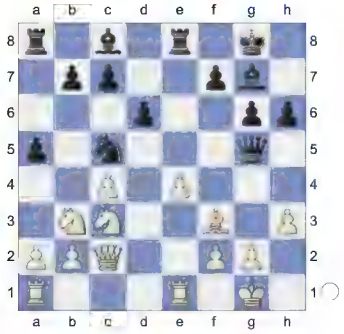
8.Re1N
[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5 gxh5 Lagarde,M (2631)-Mamedov,R (2654) Reykjavik 2021 [Pikula,Dejan] 0-1 (48) 23.Rxf4 Ne2+ 24.Rxe2 Rxe2 25.Rxf5+ Ke6 26.Rxh5 Rg8 27.a3 Rg4 28.c5 Ra2 29.h3 Rc4 30.Rh6+ Kd5 31.Rh5+ Ke6 32.Rh6+ Kf7 33.Nf3 Rcc2 34.Ne5+ Ke7 35.Rg6 Rxa3 36.h4 a5 37.bxa5 Rxc5 Pape,J (2631)-Mendez Fortes,E (2654) Holland 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Nedobora,M] 0-1 (48)]
[8.d5 a5 9.Ne1 Na6 10.b3 *(10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.a3 Bd7 14.b3 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.Nd3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 h5 19.c5 g4 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Kh1 Qg5 22.Nb5 g3 23.Bg1 h4 24.Nc7 h3* Hartmann,G (2396)-Gurevich,M (2573) Tripolis 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson] 0-1 (35)*)* 10...Nc5 11.Qc2 b6 12.Bd2 Nfd7 13.Bg4 f5 14.exf5 Nf6 15.Bh3 gxf5 16.Qc1 Rf7 17.f3 Nh7 18.Bxh6 f4 19.Bxc8 Qxc8 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qc2 Qh3 22.Kh1 Qh5 Lee,A (2388)-Yip,C (2372) Saint Louis USA 2023 The Week in Chess 1509 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (41)]

8...a5!? 0.73/19 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[8...exd4± 0.42/18 is superior. 9.Nxd4 Nc6]

9.h3 Nbd7 White is slightly better.
10.Be3 Re8



11.Qc2 exd4 12.Nxd4N
[12.Bxd4 Ne5 0.80/18 *(12...b6± 0.45/18)* 13.Rad1 aiming for Bxe5. Nfd7 1.09/19 *(13...Nc6± 0.53/19)* 14.a3 0.62/17 *(White should play 14.Nxe5± 1.09/19 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.Qd2)* 14...c6 15.b4 -0.55/24 *(White should try 15.Nh2± 0.86/18)* 15...axb4 16.axb4 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Ne5 18.Be2 0-1 Adamek,Z (2135)-Dolezal,M (2285) CZE-chT2 9798 1997 (5.3)]
12...Nc5 13.Bf3 0.05/18
[13.f3± 0.43/18]
13...Nh7!= 14.Nb3 -0.14/20
[⌓14.Bd1 0.19/17]
14...Ng5 15.Bxg5 -0.78/19
[15.Nd2= -0.19/19 keeps the balance.]
15...Qxg5∓



16.Nd5 Ne6 17.a4 Be5 -0.40/21
[Better is 17...h5∓ -0.97/19 18.Red1 b6]
18.g3∓ c6 19.h4 Qd8 20.Ne3 Nd4 -0.22/19
[20...Qf6∓ -0.53/20 might be stronger. 21.Bg2 Bxb2]

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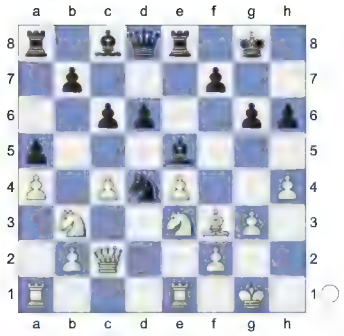
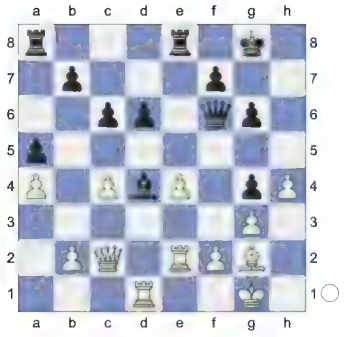
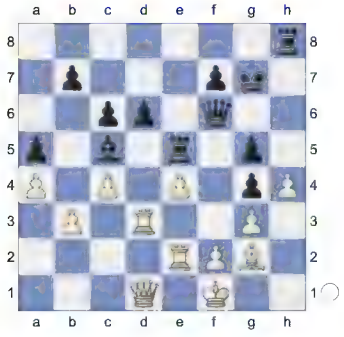


21.Nxd4= Bxd4 22.Bg2 Qf6 23.Re2 h5 24.Rd1 Bg4 25.Nxg4 hxg4

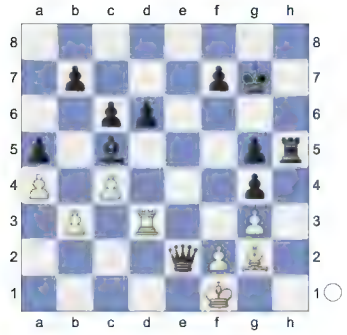


26.b3 Bc5 27.Rd3 Kg7 -0.33/20
[27...g5∓ -0.85/20 28.hxg5 Qxg5]
28.Kf1 -0.92/21
[28.Qd1!∓ -0.33/20]
28...Re5∓ 29.Qd2 Rh8 -0.48/21
[29...g5∓ -1.26/21 30.hxg5 Rxg5]
30.Qd1 -0.88/22
[30.f4∓ -0.48/21]
30...g5

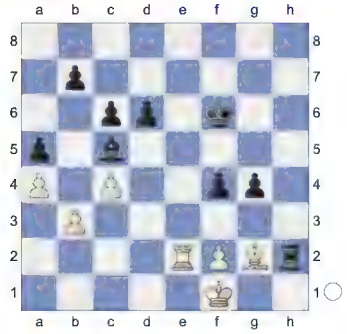


&Nero is more active. **31.h5** -1.84/23
[31.Red2∓ -0.88/23]
31...Rxh5 -0.69/23
[31...Qe6-+ -1.84/23 32.Red2 Rh6]
32.Rc2? -2.33/24 This move loses the

game for White.
[32.Red2∓ -0.69/23]
32...Qe6-+ 33.Rcd2? -3.47/22
[33.Re2 -1.95/22 was called for.]
33...Rxe4 34.Re2 Rxe2 35.Qxe2 Qxe2+

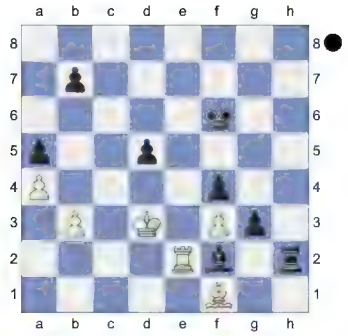


36.Kxe2 Endgame KRB-KRB **36...Rh2 37.Kf1 f5 38.Rd2?** -7.93/28
[38.Kg1 -3.36/25 Rh6 39.Bf1]
38...Kf6 Black is clearly winning. **39.Re2 f4 40.gxf4 gxf4**

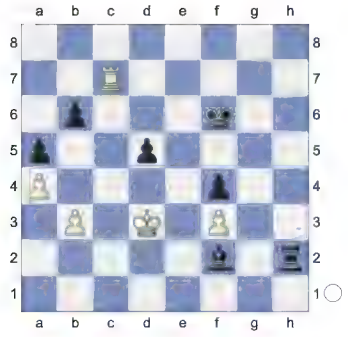


41.f3 g3 42.Re8 Rh7 Threatens to win with ...Bf2. **43.Ke2 d5** And now ...Be3 would win. **44.cxd5 cxd5 45.Kd3 Rh2**

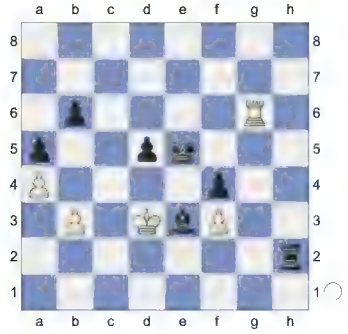
46.Re2 Bf2 47.Bf1
(Diagram)



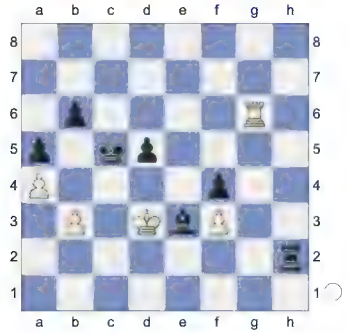
g2! 48.Bxg2 Rxg2 KRB-KR **49.Rc2 Rh2 50.Rc7 b6**



51.Rc6+ Ke5 52.Rg6 Be3



...Rd2+ is the strong threat. **53.Rg5+ Kd6 54.Rg6+ Kc5**



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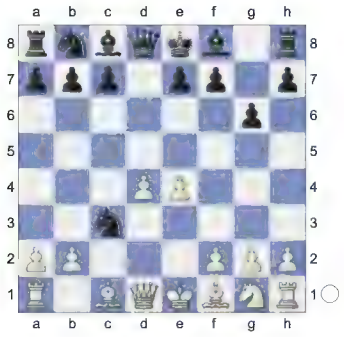
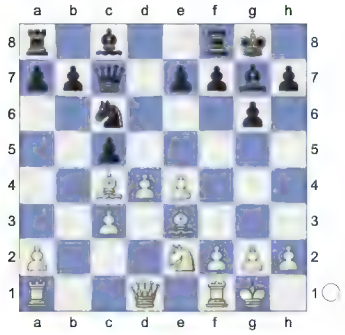
Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

60 **D87**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2724**
■ **Bu,Xiangzhi** **2684**
Chengdu Chess King 2nd rapid (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

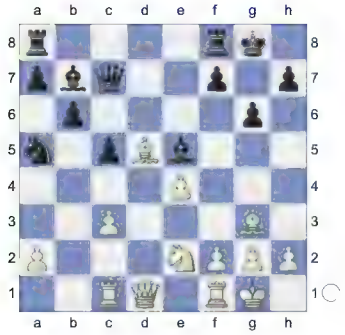
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buffa,E (1629)-Vecchione,A (1793) Bacoli 2023 1-0 (74)]
8...0-0 9.0-0
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1989 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7N 10...Qc7 was played by the boomers.10...Dc7 wurden von den Boomern gerne gespielt.
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]



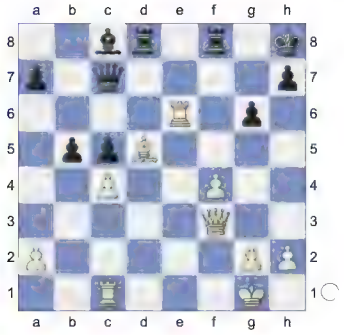
11.Rc1 b6 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg3 Na5 14.Bd5 White is slightly better. **14...Bb7 15.dxe5 Bxe5**



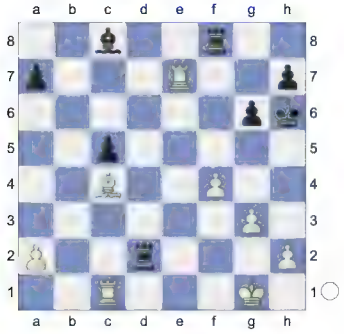
16.c4 Bxg3 17.Nxg3 Nc6N
[17...Rad8 18.Qf3 Bxd5 0.47/18 *(18...Nc6=* 0.16/17 *)* 19.exd5 f5 Against Ne4 20.Ne2 Qd7 1.26/22 *(20...f4!±* 0.53/21 *)* 21.Nf4± Hoping for Ne6. Rde8 22.Qc3 Re4 23.Ne6 Re8 2.24/19 *(23...Rc8±* 1.18/22 *)* 24.Nxc5!+- bxc5 25.Qxa5 1-0 Mao,X (1763)-Sagues,V (1911) Hampstead op 30th 2015 (4)]
18.f4 Nd4 19.Ne2 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Rad8

(Diagram)

21.Qf3 b5 22.e5 Ba6 1.03/19
[22...Rd7!= 0.25/18 keeps the balance.]
23.Rfe1± Kh8 24.e6 &Bianco is much more active. **24...fxe6 25.Rxe6 Bc8**

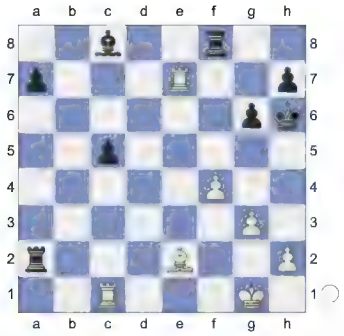


26.Qc3+ Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Re7+ Kh6 29.g3 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Rd2 1.10/22
[30...Rd7± 0.54/19 31.Re5 Rd2]



31.Be2 Rxa2 1.40/24
[⌓31...Rf6 0.83/22]

(Diagram)



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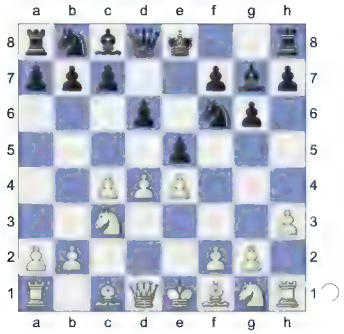
½-½

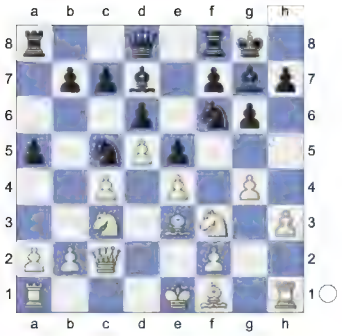
61 **E71**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**
London TechM GCL rapid (8.2) 09.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.h3 e5



6.d5 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...Nc5!** now scores much better than the old 8...0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 8...0-0.
9.Qc2 0-0 10.g4 Bd7

(Diagram)



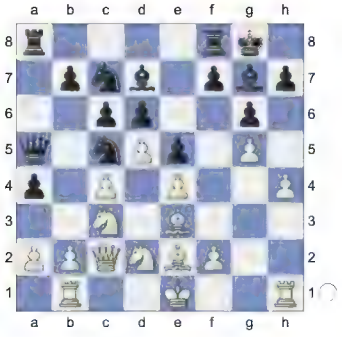
11.Be2 **a4!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **12.Nd2 c6 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 Qa5** 0.97/16

[14...f5± 0.40/20]

15.Rb1 Nc7N 1.10/21

[15...Qd8± 0.69/18 is more appropriate.]

[15...f5 16.f3 Qd8 17.b4 axb3 18.Nxb3 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Qc8 21.Qb2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Rf7 23.Kf2 Bg4 24.Bb6 Qf5 25.Kg2 Ra4 26.Ng3 Qd7 27.fxg4 Nc7 28.Qd2 Rff4 29.Rc1 Na6 30.Qc2 1-0 Hagel (2345)-Smith,L (2037) Magyarorszag (ch) 20/210 1975 (5)]



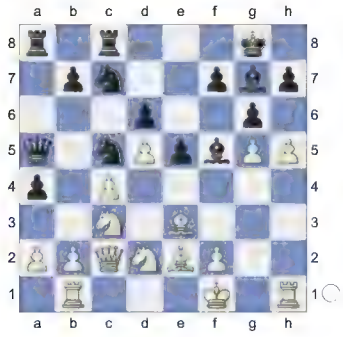
16.h5 0.66/21

[16.b4!± 1.10/21 axb3 17.Nxb3 Nxb3 18.Rxb3]

16...Rfc8N 1.12/20

[16...cxd5± 0.66/21 17.cxd5 *(17.Bxc5 Qxc5; 17.exd5 Bf5=; 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxc5 Nf4∓)* 17...b5± Prevents Nd2-c4. 18.b4 axb3 19.Nxb3 0.12/19 *(19.axb3± 0.67/23 N7a6 20.Na2)* 19...Nxb3= 20.Qxb3 With the idea h5-h6. Na6 21.0-0 Rfb8 22.h6 -0.68/22 *(White should try 22.Bxb5± 0.44/21 Bxb5 23.Nxb5)* 22...Bf8 0.68/20 0-1 Chueca Forcen,A (2323)-Castellanos Rodriguez,R (2497) Barcelona Sants op 13th 2011 (5) *(22...b4!∓ -0.68/22 23.Nd1 Bf8)*]

17.Kf1 cxd5 18.exd5 Bf5



19.Qd1 N7a6 20.a3 Qd8

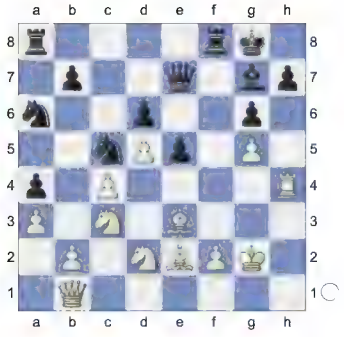
21.Kg2 Qd7 22.hxg6 fxg6

23.Rh4! Rf8

[23...Bxb1 24.Qxb1 Rd8 25.Nde4+- *(25.Qh1 h5±)*]

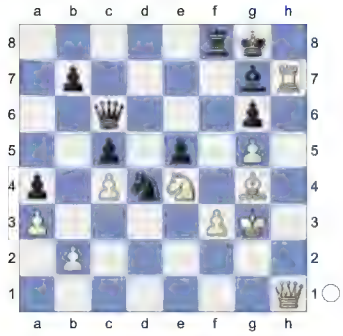
[23...h5 24.gxh6]

24.Qh1 0.31/18 **Bxb1± 25.Qxb1**
[25.Ncxb1 is interesting. Qe7 26.Rxh7 Rf4 27.Bxf4 exf4 28.Bg4]
25...Qe7



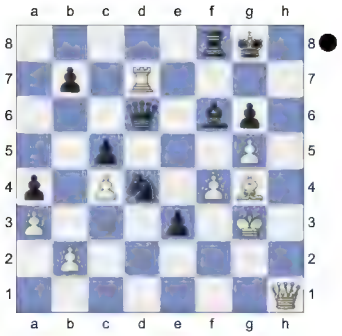
26.Qh1 Bh8 1.00/23
[26...Rf4!= 0.17/22 27.Rxh7 Qxg5+ 28.Kf1 Qf5 *(28...Raf8 29.Nde4±)*]
27.Bg4± Nc7? 3.42/18
[27...e4± 0.95/19 keeps fighting.]
28.Bxc5+- dxc5 29.Nde4 Black must now prevent d5-d6. **29...Ra6 30.d6** Deflection **30...Rxd6**

31.Nxd6 Qxd6 32.Rxh7 Bg7 33.Ne4! Intending Rh7xg7+ and mate.
[33.Nxa4? Rf4 *(33...Qc6+ 34.Kg1∓)* 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7-+]
33...Qc6 2.73/23
[⌓33...Qb6 1.86/24 34.Kg1 Rf7]
34.f3? 0.51/21
[34.Bf3+- 2.73/23]
34...Ne6!± 35.Kg3 0.00/23
[35.Bxe6+± 0.53/27 Qxe6 36.Rh4 *(36.Nxc5 Qf5=)*]
35...Nd4=

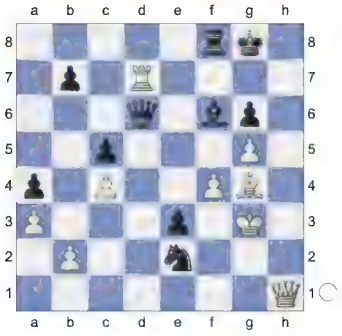


36.Nc3 Qd6 Strongly threatening ...e5-e4+. The board is on fire. **37.Nd5** -0.76/21
[37.Nxa4? perishes. e4+ 38.Kf2 Nxf3 *(38...exf3? 39.Qh2-+)* 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.Qh6+ Kg8-+]
[37.Ne4= -0.06/22 remains equal. Qa6 38.Nxc5]

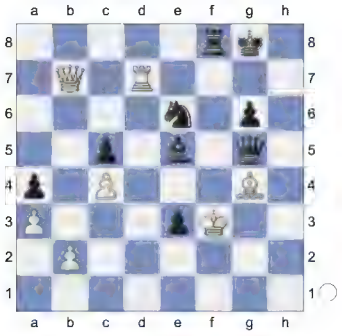
37...e4+ 0.00/28
[37...Ne2+!∓ -0.76/21 38.Kf2 Nf4]
38.f4 e3 39.Nf6+? -5.00/29
[39.Rh2= 0.00/24 and White stays safe.]
39...Bxf6-+ 40.Rd7
(Diagram)



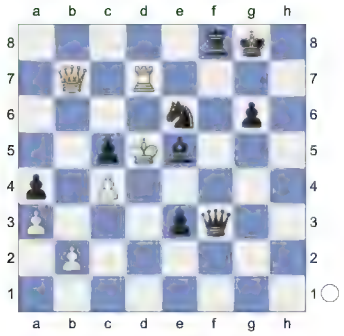
Ne2+!



41.Kh3
[41.Bxe2 Qxd7]
41...Nxf4+ 42.Kh2 Qe5 (-> ...Nf4-e2+) **43.Qxb7 Qxg5 44.Kg3 Be5 45.Kf3 Ne6+**



46.Ke4 Qxg4+ 47.Kd5 Qf3+ -23.37/18
[⌓47...e2 -#12/17 48.Kc6 Qxc4 *(48...e1B? 49.Kb6-+; 48...e1Q* gets mated. *49.Kb5 Nd4+ 50.Rxd4 Qxd4 51.Kxa4 Qxc4+ 52.b4 Qd1+ 53.Ka5 Qd8+ 54.Qc7* Back Rank *Bxc7+ 55.Ka4 Qe8#)* 49.Kb6 e1Q *(49...e1R? 50.Qc6-+)* 50.b3 Qxb3+ 51.Ka6 Qe2+ *(51...Qxa3 52.Qc6 Qe2+ 53.Ka7 Qb3 54.Qb7 Qxb7+*
Remove Defender *55.Kxb7 Qb5+ 56.Ka7)* 52.Ka7 Qxb7+ *(52...Qxa3 53.Re7 Bb8+ 54.Qxb8 Rxb8 55.Kxb8 Qb5+ 56.Kc8 Qc6+ 57.Kb8 Qb2+ 58.Ka7 Qbb6#; 52...Bb8+* leads to mate. *53.Ka8 Qbf3 54.Rd5)* 53.Kxb7 Qb5+ 54.Ka7 Ra8+ Decoy, Back Rank 55.Kxa8 Qb8#]



Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
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62 **E90**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2717**
■ **Pavlidis,Antonios** **2569**
EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

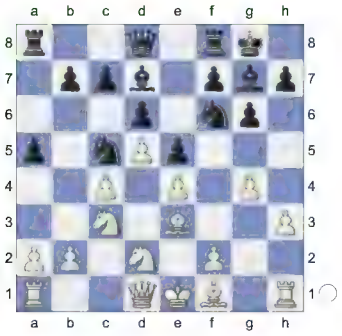
E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0

(Diagram)

6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.g4 Bd7

[10...Nfd7 11.Rg1 Kh8 12.Qc2 Nb6 13.g5 f5 14.h4 f4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Bh3 f3 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.0-0-0 Rf4 20.Rh1 Qg4 21.Rh2 h5 22.gxh6 Bxh6 23.Rdh1 Qh5 24.Kc2 Nd7 25.Nf1 Wang,H (2729)-Sandipan,C (2594) Dubai UAE 2014 [Vigorito, D] ½-½ (67)]

[10...c6 11.Rg1 a4 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Be2 a3 14.b3 Bd7 15.Rc1 Qb4 16.f3 Rfc8 17.Kf2 Ne8 18.h4 Bf6 19.h5 Bd8 20.Ndb1 Bb6 21.Qd2 Nxb3 22.axb3 a2 23.Nxa2 Bxe3+ 24.Kxe3 Qc5+ 25.Kd3 Schmakel,S (2420)-Firouzja,A (2785) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]



11.Be2 Ne8N

[11...a4 12.g5 Ne8 13.Qc2 c6 14.h4 Qa5 15.Rb1 f5 16.f3 Qd8 17.b4 axb3 18.Nxb3 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Qc8 21.Qb2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Rf7 23.Kf2 Bg4 24.Bb6 Qf5 25.Kg2 Ra4 26.Ng3 Granero Roca,A (2345)-Schaffert,W (2037) Benidorm 2022 1-0 (36) Qd7 27.fxg4 Nc7 28.Qd2 Rff4 29.Rc1 Na6 30.Qc2 Nc5 31.Bxc5 dxc5 32.Qxc5 Bf8 33.d6 Rxa2 34.Qd5+ Rf7 35.Kh3 Qxd6 36.Bc4 1-0 (36) Hagel (2345)-Smith,L (2037) Magyarorszag (ch) 20/210 2022 The Week in Chess 354 [John Watson]]

12.g5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

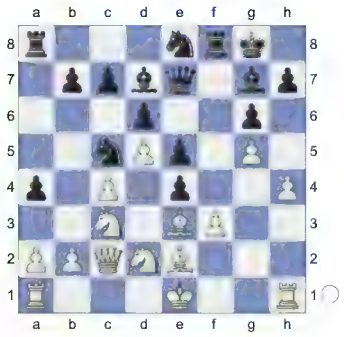
12...f5 13.h4 White is slightly better.

13...Qe7 14.Qc2N

[14.Rg1 0.14/19 14.Qc2 0.48 c6 0.64/18 *(14...a4= 0.14/19)* 15.Qc2 Nc7 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.h5 gxh5 18.Bxh5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 0.09/19 *(19.cxd5± 0.62/20 b5 20.0-0-0)* 19...Nxd5= 20.cxd5 0-1 Valero Fuertes,C (2058)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2479) Roquetas de Mar op 24th 2013 (1)]

14...a4 15.f3 fxe4 0.94/20

[15...f4± 0.43/18 16.Bf2 Rf7]



16.Ndxe4± Rf4 17.Kd2 0.88/17

[⌓17.0-0-0 1.19/18]

17...Bf5 18.Rae1 Qf7 19.Qd1 0.16/18

[Better is 19.Bxf4± 0.91/19 exf4 20.Bd3]

19...c6!= 20.Kc1

[20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.Bxf4 *(21.Bxc5 Bf8∓)* 21...exf4=]

20...a3!

21.b3 Qc7 0.86/18

[21...Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.fxe4±]

[21...Rxe4± 0.39/19 is superior. 22.fxe4 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Bxe4]

22.Qd2 Qa5 1.47/20 **23.Nxc5±**

[23.Bxf4?! exf4 24.h5 gxh5±]

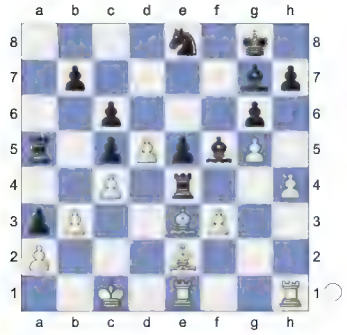
23...dxc5 24.Ne4 0.74/21 Inhibits Nd6.

[White should play 24.dxc6 1.08/19 bxc6 25.Ne4 *(25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Na4 Qxd2+ 27.Kxd2 Rd8+ 28.Kc1 Bd4±)*]

24...Rxe4 1.55/23

[⌓24...Qxd2+ 0.74/21 25.Kxd2 cxd5 26.Bxf4 *(26.cxd5 Rxe4 27.fxe4 Bxe4±; 26.Nxc5 dxc4 27.Bxc4+ Rxc4±)* 26...dxe4]

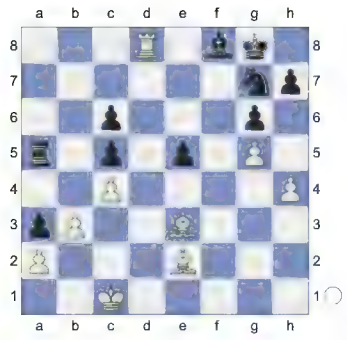
25.Qxa5 Rxa5



26.fxe4 Bxe4 27.dxc6 Bxh1 28.Rxh1 bxc6 29.Rd1 Prevents Nd6. **29...Bf8** 1.80/23

[29...e4± 1.30/23]

30.Rd8+- White has strong compensation. **30...Ng7**



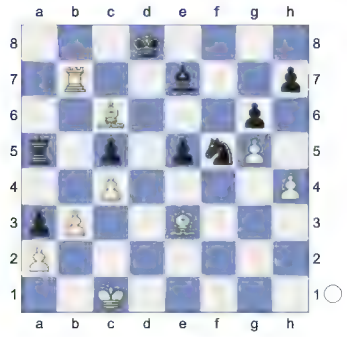
31.Bg4 1.19/23 &Bianco is more active.

[White should try 31.Bf3 1.53/23]

31...Kf7± 32.Rd7+ Ke8? 2.27/24

[32...Kg8± 0.58/22]

33.Rb7+- Be7 34.Bd7+ Kd8 35.Bxc6 This bishop pair is nice. **35...Nf5**



36.b4! Ra6 37.Bb5 Nxe3 38.Bxa6 cxb4 Endgame KRB-KBN **39.Bb5 Nf5 40.Bc6** 1.26/22

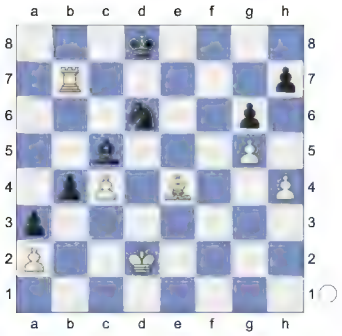
[40.Rd7++- 2.76/21 has better winning chances. Kc8 41.c5 Bxc5 42.Rxh7]

40...e4±

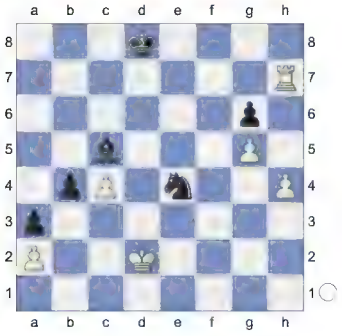
41.Kd2 Bc5 ...e3+ is the strong threat.

42.Bxe4 Nd6

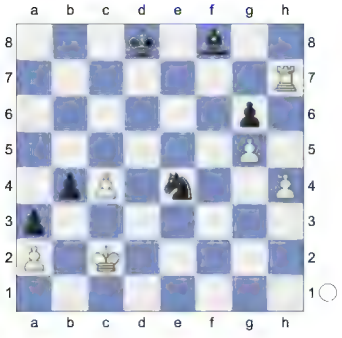
(Diagram)



43.Rxh7 Nxe4+

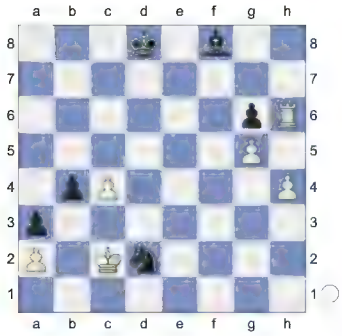


44.Kc2! Bf8 2.32/23
[44...Bd4± 1.37/21]

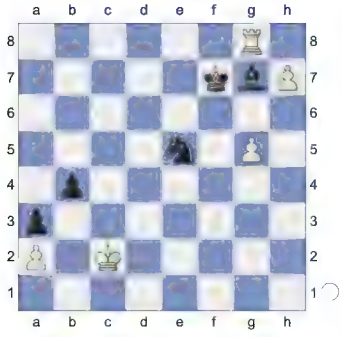


45.Rh6!+- Nd2? 3.94/22
[45...Bxh6 2.14/20 46.gxh6 Nf6]
[45...Ke7 46.Rxg6]

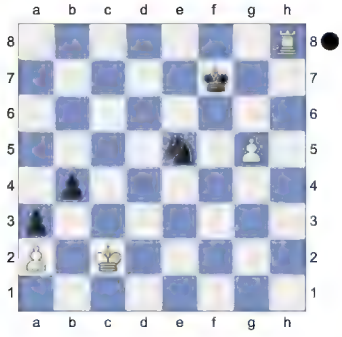
(Diagram)



46.Rxg6
[Wrong is 46.Kxd2? b3 47.axb3 a2 48.Rxg6 a1Q-+]
46...Nxc4 47.h5 aiming for h6. White is clearly winning. **47...Ne5 48.Rg8 Ke7 49.h6** Threatens to win with h7. **49...Kf7 50.h7 Bg7**



51.h8Q Bxh8 52.Rxh8



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1-0

63 **D80**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2709**
■ **Vyval,Volodymyr** **2269**
EU-ch Rapid Skopje (3) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qa4+ Bd7 5.Qd1 Bc8

[5...Bc6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.h4 Nd7 10.h5 e5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.e4 Bxe4 13.Ng5 Bd5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qg4 Re8 16.Qh4 exd4+ 17.Kd1 Nf6 18.f3 d3 19.Bd2 Qd6 20.Bc3 Sadhwani,R (2591)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) New York 2024 0-1]

6.Bg5N

[6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qd1 Bc8 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.Rc1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc6 16.d5 Nd4 17.Bd3 0-0 18.0-0 Qxa2 19.Rc7 Ba4 20.Qb1 Qxb1 Gossnow,D (2590)-Uzhva,A (2683) Colle NS [John Watson] 0-1 (72) 21.Rxb1 b5 22.Rxe7 Rfc8 23.e5 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.g4 Ne2+ 26.Kg2 Nc3 27.Rc7 Rxd2 28.Rxc3 Rxd5 29.Rc7 a5 30.f4 g5 31.Rbc1 gxf4 32.Rc8+ Rd8 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Bb6 Ra8 35.Rc5 a4 Gareev,T (2590)-Tabatabaei,M (2683) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 32 [Flear, Glenn] 0-1 (72)]

6...Ne4 7.h4 Recently 7.e3 got a lot of attention .7.e3 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bg7 9.e3** White has an edge. **9...c5 10.Nf3 Nc6**

11.cxd5

[11.h5 seems wilder. 0-0 12.Bd3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Bg4 14.h6]

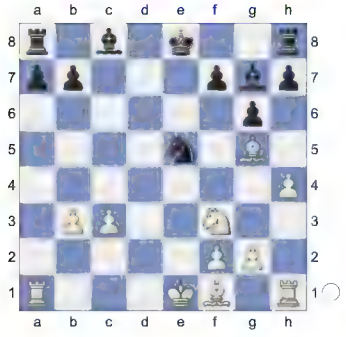
11...Qxd5 12.Qb3 Qxb3

[12...Be6 with more complications. 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Rb6]

13.axb3 cxd4 14.exd4 e5 15.dxe5 0.01/19

[15.d5± 0.38/17 might be stronger. e4 16.0-0-0!]

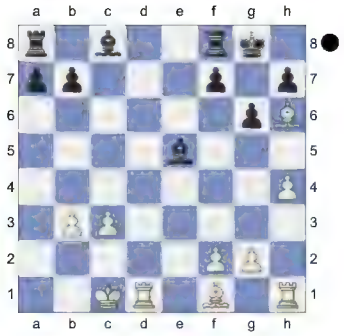
15...Nxe5=



16.Bb5+N

[16.0-0-0 0-0 aiming for ...Ng4. 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bh6

(Diagram)



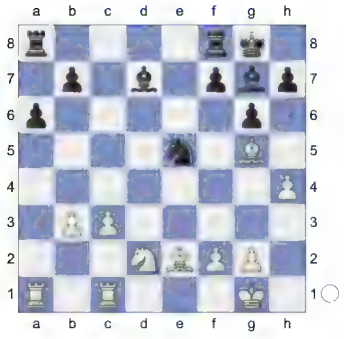
Bg7 0.23/17 *(18...Be6!∓ -0.81/19* Hoping for ...Rfc8. *19.Bxf8 Kxf8)* 19.Bxg7= Kxg7 20.Bc4 Bf5 21.Rd4 Rfd8 *(21...Rac8!?)* 22.Rhd1 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Re8 24.Kd2 1-0 Kovalenko,I (2667)-Matko,O (2269) Titled Tuesday intern op 2nd Febr blitz 2016 (1)]

16...Nc6 17.0-0

[17.Bxc6+!? bxc6 18.Kd2=]

17...0-0 18.Rfc1 Bd7 19.Nd2 a6 20.Be2 Ne5 0.33/20

[20...h6= -0.01/18 21.Bf4 Ne5]



21.Ne4!± Bc6 22.Nd6 h6 1.06/20

[22...f6= 0.28/19 keeps the balance. 23.Bf4 Rfd8]

23.Be7± Rfb8 24.f4 Nd7 25.Bc4 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **25...Kh7** 1.55/20

[⌓25...Bf6 1.18/21 26.Bxf6 *(26.Bxf7+ Kg7±)* 26...Nxf6]

(Diagram)

26.Bxf7 Nf6 2.09/19

[26...a5± 1.47/19 27.f5 gxf5]

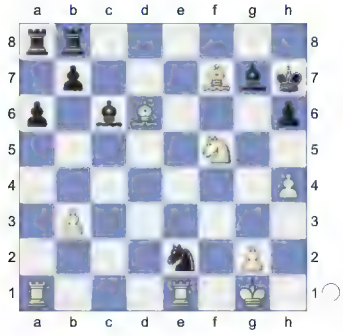
27.f5+- gxf5 28.Nxf5 Nd5

29.Bd6 1.09/21

[29.Re1!+- 1.95/19]

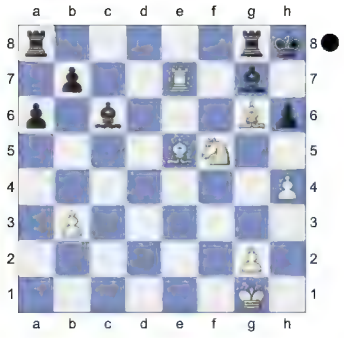
29...Nxc3 30.Re1 Prevents Ne2+.

30...Ne2+? 6.90/21



This costs Black the game. **31.Rxe2** White is clearly winning. **31...Bxa1 32.Re6** Prevents Re8. **32...Bg7 33.Bg6+ Kh8 34.Re7 Rg8 35.Be5**

(Diagram)



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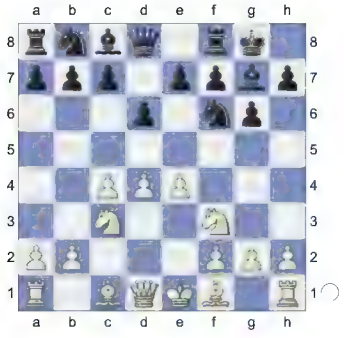
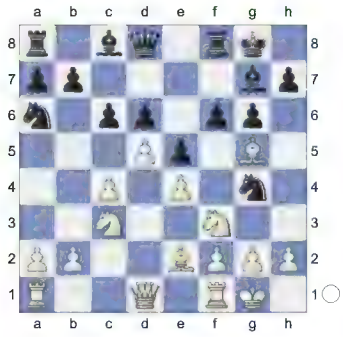
64 **E94**
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2707**
■ **Nijboer,Friso** **2471**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpB (3.1) 01.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

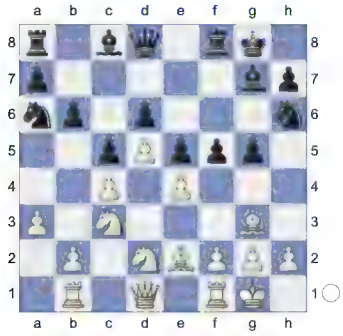
E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.Be3 c6
[8...h6 9.Rb1 Ng4 10.Bc1 f5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.b4 Be6 14.Ba3 c5 15.bxc5 Qa5 16.Qc1 Rf7 17.Nb5 Rd7 18.Nd6 Rb8 19.Rb5 Qc7 20.Qc2 f4 21.Rfb1 Qc6 22.Qb2 Kh7 23.Nxb7 Ponomariov,R (2700)-Adams,M (2741) Wijk aan Zee 2005 CBM 105 [Huzman,Alexander] ½-½ (41)]
9.d5N
[9.dxe5 dxe5 10.h3 Qe7 11.a3 Nh5 12.Re1 Nc5 13.Qc2 f5 14.b4 Ne6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Rab1 Nhf4 17.c5 e4 18.Bc4 Nxg2 19.Kxg2 exf3+ 20.Kxf3 Qh4 21.Qb3 Kh8 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Qxe6 Rae8 Pavlidou,E (2204)-Jobava,B (2707) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II] 0-1 24.Qd6 f4 25.Kg2 fxe3 0-1 (25) 10. ♕f3 ♗e6 (2204)-Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2707) corr 2011 CBM 104 theory [Dragan Solak]]
9...Ng4 10.Bg5 f6



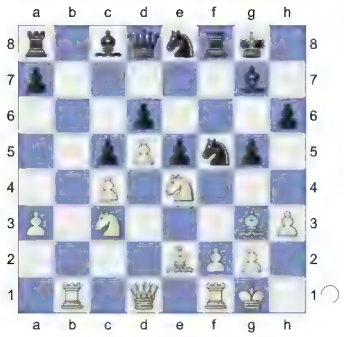
11.Bh4 11.Bd2 injects fresh life into this line. 11.Ld2 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **11...c5 12.a3 b6 13.Rb1 Nh6 14.Nd2 g5** 0.98/19
[14...Nf7± 0.65/17 was preferrable.]
15.Bg3± f5



16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Nde4 Nc7N
[Vorgänger: 17...h6 18.Bd3 Nc7 19.b4 Ne8 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.Rb2 0.72/17 *(⌓21.Qh5* 1.10/19) 21...Nf6±

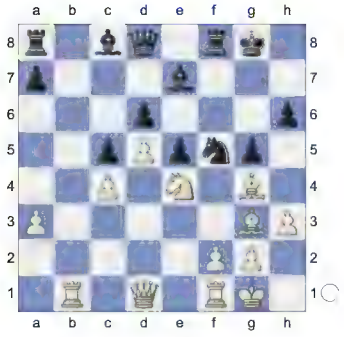
22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Ne4 Qe7 0-1 Mitsis,G (1963)-Popov,M (2308) Pardubice Czech op-A 26th 2015 (7.84)]

18.b4 Ne8 19.h3 h6 20.bxc5 bxc5



21.Bg4 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Ne4 Be7 1.97/20

[23...Bg7± 0.86/18]



24.Rb2 1.14/16

[24.Bxe5!+- 1.97/20 aiming for Bc3. dxe5 25.d6]

24...Bd7 25.Qd3

[Don't take 25.Rb7 Bc8 26.Bxf5 Bxf5±]

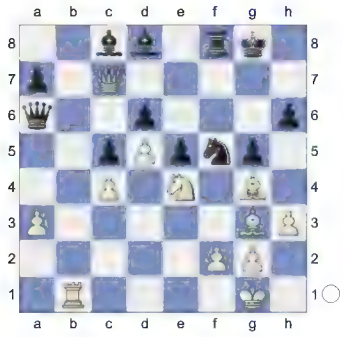
25...Rb8 1.98/24

[25...Qc7± 1.57/20 26.Rfb1 Bc8]

(Diagram)

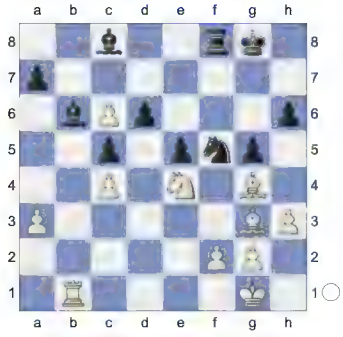
26.Rxb8+- Qxb8 27.Rb1 Qc8 28.Qb3 Qa6 29.Qb7 Bc8 30.Qc7 &Bianco is much more active. **30...Bd8**

[30...Qxc4? 31.Bxf5 Bxf5 32.Qxe7+-]



31.Qc6 Qxc6 32.dxc6 Bb6 1.73/24

[32...Bc7± 1.22/22]



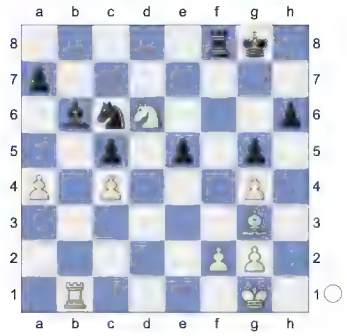
33.a4 0.97/22

[33.Rxb6!+- 1.73/24 axb6 34.Bxf5 Rxf5 35.Nxd6]

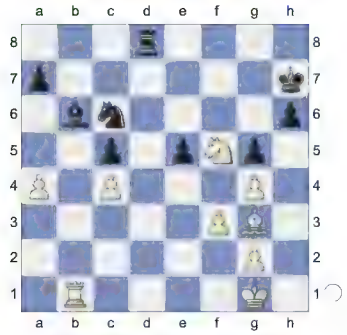
33...Nd4± 34.Nxd6 0.50/21

[White should play 34.Bxc8± 0.85/22 Rxc8 35.Nxd6 Rxc6 36.Ne4 *(36.Bxe5 Bc7=)*]

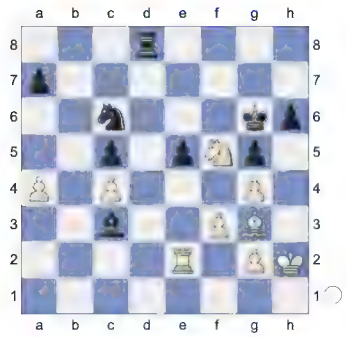
34...Bxg4± **35.hxg4** And now Rxb6! would win. **35...Nxc6**



36.f3 **Rd8!** **37.Nf5** 0.32/21
[⌓37.Ne4 0.70/21]
37...Kh7 1.10/22
[Better is 37...Kf7± 0.32/21]

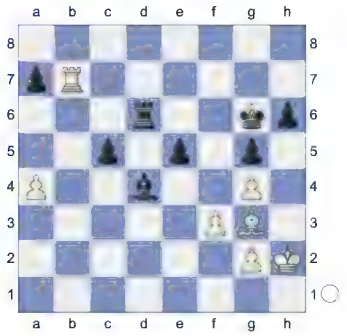


38.Re1 0.17/21
[38.Kf2!± 1.10/22]
38...Ba5= **39.Re2** **Bc3** **40.Kh2** -0.49/22
[40.Bf2= -0.07/22]
40...Kg6 -0.16/23
[40...Rb8∓ -0.49/22]

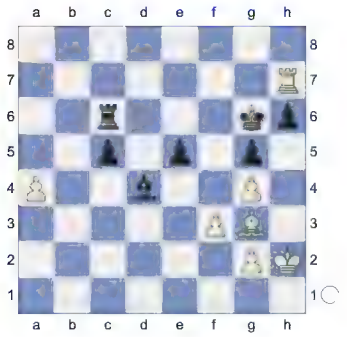


41.Re3 **Bd4** **42.Rb3** -0.81/24
[42.Re1!∓ -0.34/21]

42...Na5∓ **43.Rb5** **Nxc4** **44.Rb7!** Prevents Rd7. **44...Nd6** **45.Nxd6** **Rxd6**



46.Rxa7∓ KRB-KRB **46...Rc6** **47.Re7** **Kf6** **48.Rh7** **Kg6** -0.01/22
[48...Rc8!∓ -0.46/26 is superior. 49.Rxh6+ Kg7]
49.Re7= **Kf6** **50.Rh7** **Kg6** 0.01/38
[50...Rc8!∓ -0.63/26 51.Rxh6+ Kg7]

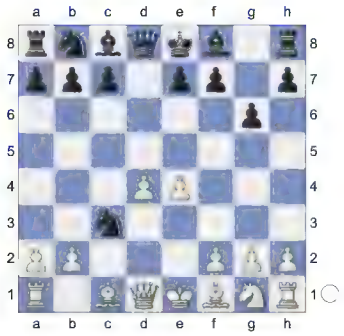


Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

65 **D87**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2615**
Bundesliga 2324 (1.3) 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 0.00 **Nf6** 0.28 **2.c4** 0.16 **g6** 0.03

3.Nc3 0.31 **d5** 0.02 **4.cxd5** 0.04 **Nxd5** 0.22 **5.e4** 0.23 **Nxc3** 0.21



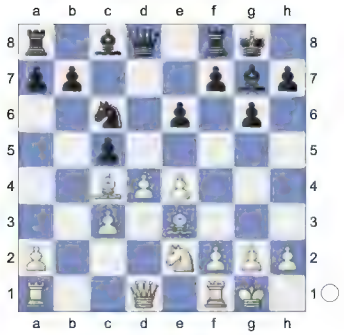
6.bxc3 0.00 **Bg7** 0.23 **7.Bc4** 0.00 **c5** 0.13 **8.Ne2** 0.22 **0-0** 0.34 **9.0-0** 0.31

[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989]

9...Nc6 0.38 **10.Be3** 0.27 **e6N** 0.25

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]

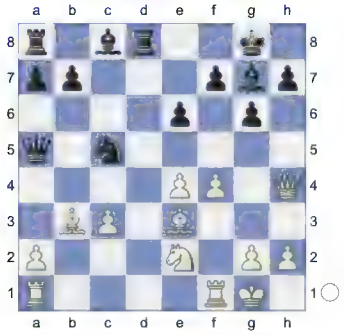
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 2023]



11.dxc5 0.41 **Ne5** 0.36 **12.Bb3** 0.32 **Qa5** 0.22 **13.f4** 0.25 White has an edge. **13...Rd8** 0.77/21 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nd7 was best.

[13...Nd7= 0.11/19 keeps the balance. 14.c6]

14.Qe1± 1.07 **Nd3** 1.08 **15.Qh4** 1.21 **Nxc5** 1.07



16.f5! 1.07 f5xg6 is the strong threat. **16...Nxb3** 1.07

[16...Qc7 17.fxg6]

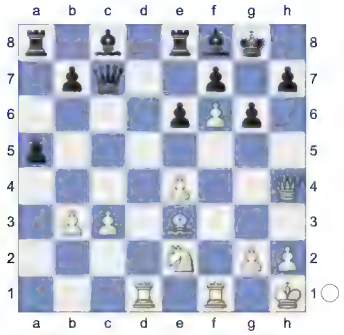
17.axb3 1.11 **Qc7** 0.95 **18.Rad1↑** 0.83 White has strong initiative.

[Reject 18.Rxa7?! Rxa7 19.Bxa7 *(19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bxa7 b6∓)* 19...exf5∓ *(19...Bxc3? loses. 20.Nxc3 Qa5 21.Be3+-)*]

18...Re8 1.63 '?!' Inaccuracy. Rd7 was best.

[18...Rd7]

19.f6 1.46 **Bf8** 1.52 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Kh1** 1.55 White has more active pieces. **20...a5** 1.05



21.Rd3 1.16 **e5?** 2.89/20 Mistake. Qe5 was best.

[21...Rd8± 0.76/21 22.Bf4 Qb6]

[21...Qe5]

22.Bh6+- 3.04 Black must now prevent Bh6xf8. **22...Bc5** 3.02 **23.Bg7** 1.97 Strongly threatening Ne2-g3. '?!' Inaccuracy. Ng3 was best.
[23.Ng3]
23...Qc6? 10.35/18
[23...Rd8 1.77/18 24.Rdf3 Qd7]

'??' Blunder. Rd8 was best. **24.Rf5!!** 6.06

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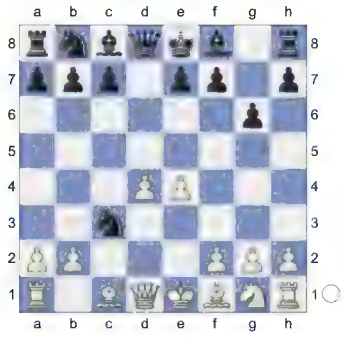
66 **D87**
□ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2706**
■ **Moroni,Luca Jr** **2580**
Italian Team Championship 2024 | Grou..
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4

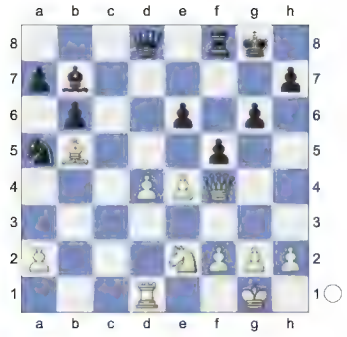
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buffa,E (1629)-Vecchione,A (1793) Bacoli 2023 1-0 (74)]
8...0-0 9.0-0
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1989 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 b6N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

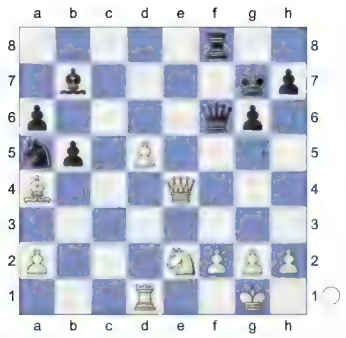
11.Rc1 e6 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.Rfd1 The position is equal. **13...Rc8 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 cxd4**

16.cxd4 Na5 17.Bd3
[17.Rc3 is interesting. Nxc4 18.Rh3 Re8 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Rf3]
17...Rxc1
[17...Qd6 with more complications. 18.e5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Qd5]
18.Qxc1
[18.Rxc1 feels hotter. Qd6 19.e5 Qd5 20.Nf4]
18...Nc6 19.Bb5 Na5 20.Qf4 f5

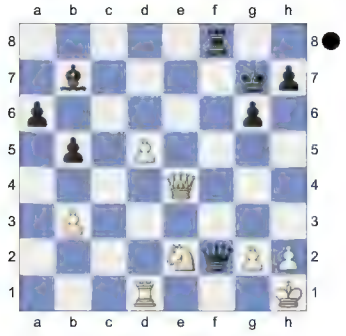


21.Qe5 fxe4 22.Qxe6+ Kg7 23.d5 0.09/21
[23.Rc1± 0.54/19 is more appropriate.]
23...a6!= 24.Ba4 Qf6 25.Qxe4 -0.56/20
[25.Qxf6+= -0.24/19 should be considered. Kxf6 26.Nc3]
25...b5 -0.18/18
[25...Qxf2+∓ -0.56/20 26.Kh1 b5]

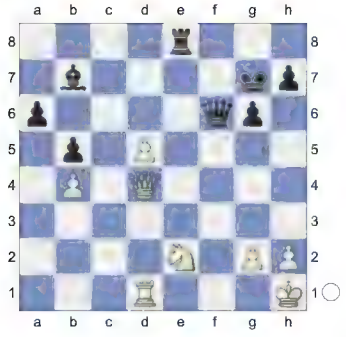
(Diagram)



26.Bb3 -0.60/21
[26.f3= -0.18/18]
26...Nxb3∓ 27.axb3 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1



Qf7 0.01/19
[28...Bxd5!∓ -0.45/23 might be stronger. 29.Qxd5 *(29.Qe5+ Kh6∓)* 29...Qxe2 30.Qd4+ Kh6]
29.b4 -0.47/23
[29.Qd4+= 0.01/19 feels stronger. Qf6 30.Qe3]
29...Re8! 30.Qd4+ Qf6⇄



Black has counterplay **31.Qd3** -0.74/21
[31.d6!= 0.01/22]

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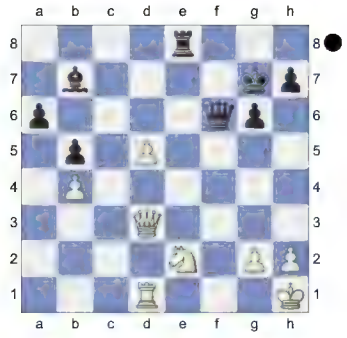
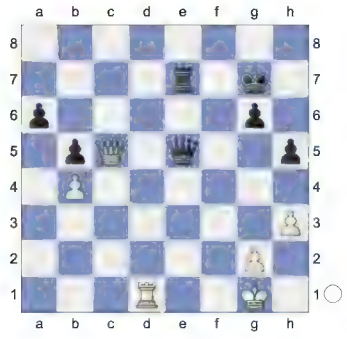


31...Bxd5!∓ 32.Qxd5 Rxe2 Endgame KQR-KQR **33.h3 Re7** Active counter play!

[33...Qf2 seems wilder. 34.Qd7+ Kh6 35.Qg4 Rc2]

34.Qc5 h5 35.Kg1 Qe5



Strongly threatening ...Qxc5+. **36.Qxe5+** -1.07/23

[36.Qc6∓ -0.53/20]

36...Rxe5∓ KR-KR **37.Rd6 Re4 38.Rxa6 Rxb4 39.Rb6** -1.62/27

[39.Kf2∓ -1.11/22]

39...h4-+ 40.Kf2 Rb3!

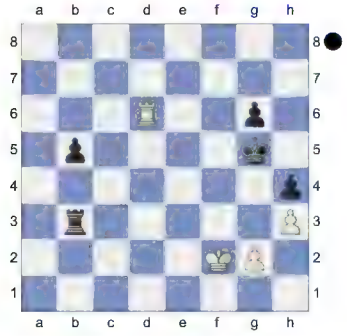
41.Ke2 -2.88/25

[41.Re6∓ -1.59/29 is a better defense.]

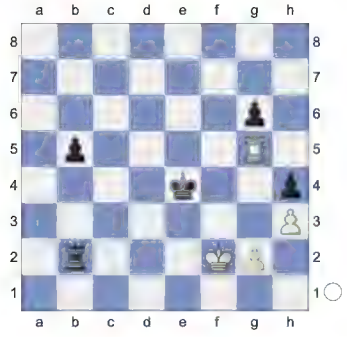
41...Kh6 -1.57/29

[41...g5-+ -2.88/25 aiming for ...Kf7. 42.Kf2 b4]

42.Kf2 Kg5 43.Rd6



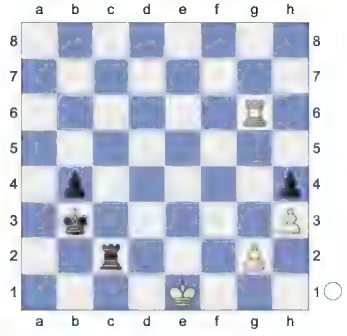
Kf5! 44.Rd5+ Ke4 45.Rg5 Rb2+



46.Ke1? -5.05/26 Loses the game.

[46.Kg1∓ -1.12/24]

46...Kd3 47.Rxg6 b4 Black is clearly winning. **48.Rd6+ Kc3 49.Rc6+ Kb3 50.Rg6 Rc2**



51.Kd1 Kb2 52.g3 hxg3 53.Rxg3 Rc4 54.Rg2+ Ka3 White must now prevent ... b3. **55.Rg8 b3**

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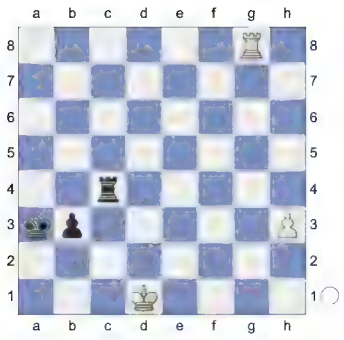
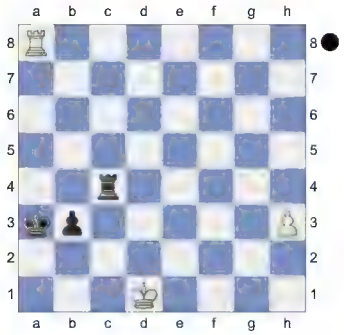
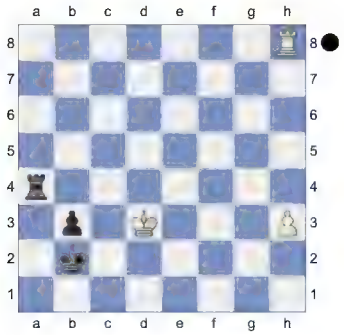


56.Ra8+



Kb2! 57.Rh8 Rd4+ 58.Ke2 Ra4 59.Kd3



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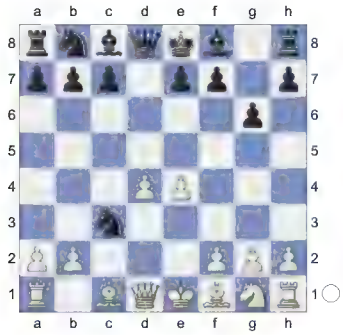
67 **D88**
□ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2706**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2731**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

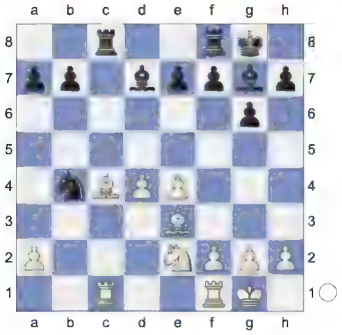
D88: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line:

10 Be3 cxd4 11 cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)]
8...Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989 CI1-130 [RR]]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Qd2 cxd4!? Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **13.cxd4 Qa5 14.Qb2 Qb4 15.Qxb4 Nxb4**

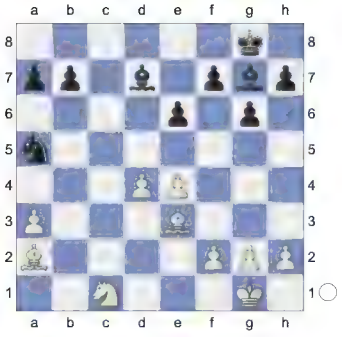


16.a3 Nc6 The position is equal. **17.Ba2 Na5 18.Rxc8N**

[Vorgänger: 18.Nc3 e6 Against Nd5 19.e5! Nc4 20.Bg5 -0.51/22 *(20.Bxc4= 0.00/20 Rxc4 21.Ne4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1)* 20...h6∓ 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Be3 Bc6 Inhibits Ne4. 23.Nb1 -1.01/21 *(23.Na2∓* -0.67/19 should be considered. *Ra4 24.Rc3)* 23...Ra4∓ 24.f3 0-1 Syre,C (2300)-Suhl,D (2310) BL2-Nord 9899 1998 (4.5)]

18...Rxc8 19.Rc1 Against Rc2

19...Rxc1+ 20.Nxc1 e6

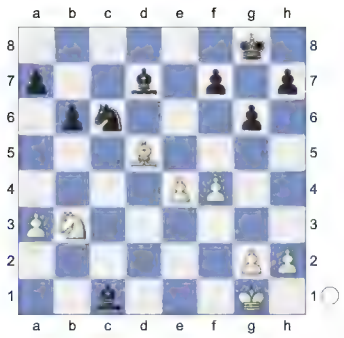


21.d5 -0.65/23

[21.Nd3= -0.20/21]

21...exd5∓ 22.Bxd5 b6 23.Nb3 Nc6 24.f4 Bb2 25.Bc1 Bxc1

(Diagram)



26.Nxc1∓ Endgame KBN-KBN **26...Kf8** -0.01/21

[26...Nd4∓ -0.63/23]

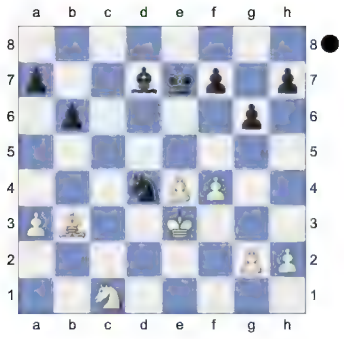
27.Kf2 Nd4 28.Bb3 -0.85/23

[28.Nd3∓ -0.44/23]

28...Ke7

[Don't play 28...Nxb3?! 29.Nxb3 Ke7 30.Ke3=]

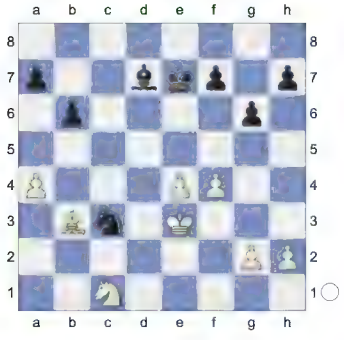
29.Ke3



Nb5 &Nero is more active.

[Much worse is 29...Nxb3 30.Nxb3 f5 31.e5=]

30.a4 Nc3



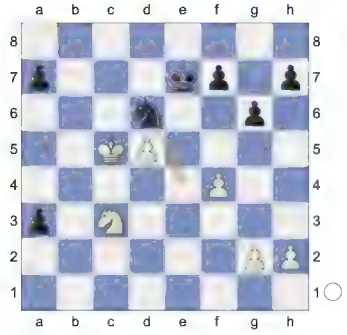
31.a5 bxa5 32.Kd4 Nb5+ -0.75/21

[Black should try 32...Nb1 -1.16/22]

33.Kc5 Nd6 34.Bd5 a4 35.Na2

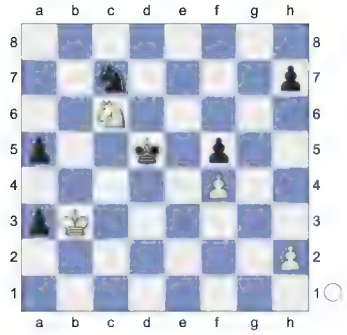
-1.91/23
[35.Kb4∓ -0.83/23]
35...Be6-+

36.Nc3 -2.05/21
[36.Kb4 -1.70/21 is a better defense.]
36...Bxd5 37.exd5 KN-KN **37...a3**

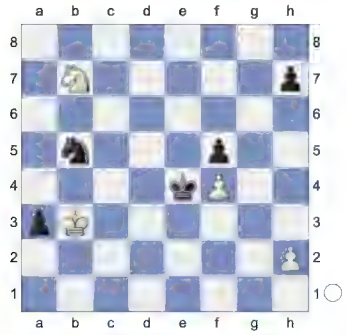


Hoping for ...Ne4+! **38.Kb4?** -3.17/25
Now White is beyond hope.
[38.Kc6∓ -1.50/24]
38...a6 And now ...Nb5! would win.
39.g4? -4.48/25
[39.Na2 -2.36/24 might work better.]
39...Nb5 aiming for ...Nxc3. **40.Na2**
[Wrong is 40.Nxb5? a2 41.Nc3 a1Q]
40...Kd6

41.Kc4 f5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Nb4 Nc7 44.Kb3 a5 Black is clearly winning.
45.Nc6 -7.35/31
[⌓45.Nc2 -4.32/24 a2 46.Kxa2 Kxd5 47.Ne3+ Ke4 48.Nc4]
45...Kxd5



46.Nxa5 Nb5 47.Nb7 Ke4



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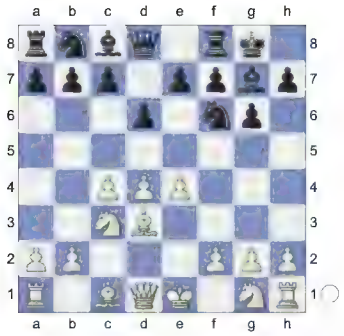
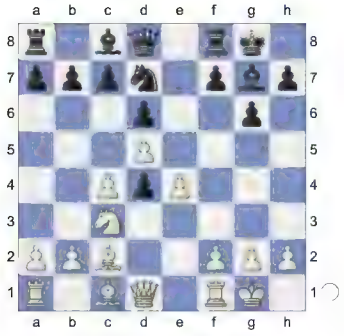
68 **E70**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2697**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0
(Diagram)



6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Bc2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 White has an edge. **10...exd4**



11.Ne2 outshines the older 11.Nb5. erfolgreicher als das alte 11.Sb5. **11...Re8N** 0.83/18

[Vorgänger: 11...Ne5 12.Nxd4 Nxc4 13.Rb1 *(13.b3 Nb6 14.Bb2 Bd7 15.a4 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qd2 c5 18.Rad1 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Be6 21.a5 Nd7 22.f4 Rc8 23.Rf2 Bg4 24.Ra1 Qf6 25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxa7 exf4 27.Raf1 f3* Pavlidou,E (2178)-Kowalski,I (2344) Katowice 2022 0-1 (43) *)*

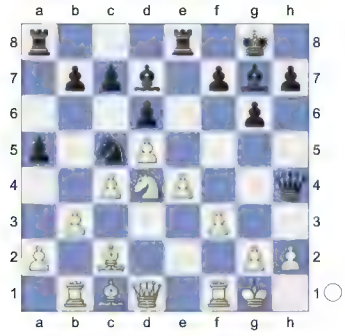
A) 13...Re8 14.h3 *(14.b3 Ne5 15.h3 c5 16.Ne2 g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Nxf4 Qh4 19.Qh5 Qg3 20.Ne2 Qg6 21.Qh4 Nd7 22.Rf3 Be5 23.Bf4 Kh8 24.Bxe5+ Rxe5 25.Rbf1 f6 26.Ng3 Rg5 27.R1f2 a5 28.e5* 1-0 (28) Dubov,D (2693)-Tekeyev,Z (2420) Sochi 2024*)* 14...c5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Nxc6 Qb6 17.Re1 Be6 18.Ba4 Rac8 19.b3 Bd7 20.Nxa7 Qxa7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.bxc4 Rxc4 Seirawan Variation:,7-N,N 8. Seirawan Variation;

B) 13...Bd7 14.b3 Nb6 15.Bb2 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rfd1 1-0 Sarana,A (2685)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore Olympic Esports Gp-B 2023 (3.1)]

[11...Qf6= 0.25/19 12.f4 Nc5 13.f5 Re8 14.fxg6 Qxg6 15.Nf4 Qg4 16.Qe1 d3 17.Bd1 Bd4+ 18.Be3 Qg7 Seirawan Variation:,7-N,N 8. Seirawan Variation]

[11...c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Nxd4 Ne5 14.b3 c5 15.Nb5 Nxc4 16.Rb1 a6 17.bxc4 axb5 18.cxb5 Rxa2 19.Bb3 Ra8 20.Bb2 Bb7 21.Bd5 Rb8 22.g3 Bxd5 23.Bxg7 Bxe4 24.Bxf8 Bxb1 25.Bh6 Rxb5 26.Re1 Brodsky,D (2534)-Suleimen,E (2333) Chess,com INT 2024 1-0 (32)]

12.Nxd4± Nc5 13.f3 a5 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.b3 Qh4



16.Bb2 0.41/19

[16.Be3± 0.92/19]

16...Be5!± 17.f4 Bxf4 18.Nf3 Qh6 19.Re1 -0.75/21

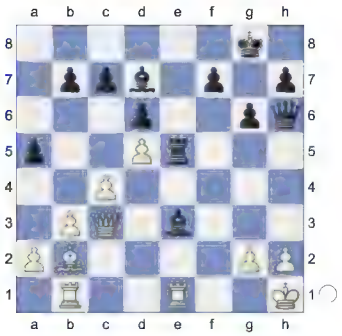
[19.Qe1!= 0.22/22 keeps the balance.]

19...Be3+∓ 20.Kh1 Nxe4 0.01/22

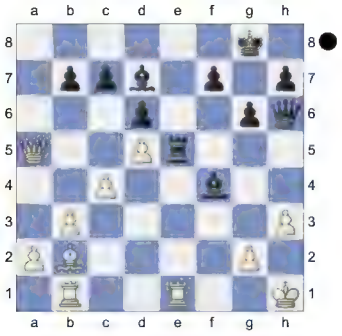
[20...Bg4∓ -0.64/21]

(Diagram)

21.Bxe4= Rxe4 22.Qd3 Rae8 0.01/19
[22...f5∓ -0.42/23 feels stronger.]
23.Qc3→ White attacks. **23...R8e5** 0.72/21 **24.Nxe5± Rxe5**

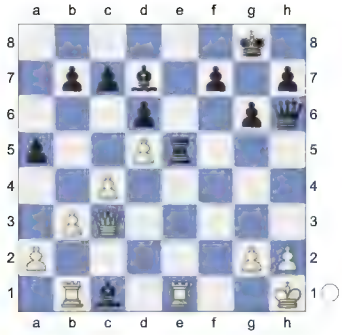


25.Bc1!
[25.Qxa5 Bf4 26.h3

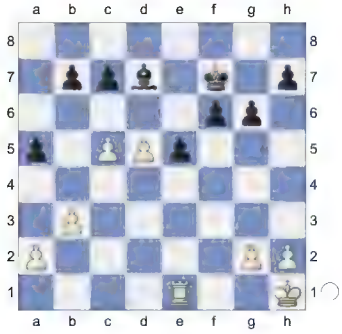


Bxh3! 27.Bxe5 Bf5+ 28.Kg1 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Bd3+ 30.Re2 Bxe2+ 31.Kf2 Qg3+ 32.Kxe2 Qxg2+ 33.Ke1 dxe5-+]
25...Bxc1 1.55/22
[25...Bd4!± 0.66/23 26.Qg3 *(26.Bxh6 Bxc3 27.Re3 Bd4±; 26.Qxa5? Qh4-+)* 26...Qf8]

(Diagram)

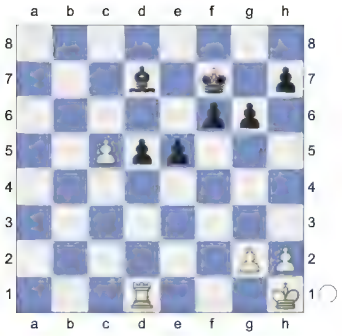


26.Qxc1 1.18/20
[Wrong is 26.Rxe5? Bf4 27.Re8+ Bxe8-+]
[White should play 26.Rbxc1 1.55/22 f6 27.Rxe5 *(27.Qxa5 Rh5=)* 27...dxe5 28.Rf1]
26...Qh4 1.76/20
[26...Qxc1± 1.18/20 was called for. 27.Rbxc1 f6]
27.Rxe5+- dxe5 28.Qe1 Against Qf2
28...Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1± Endgame KR-KB
29...f6 30.c5 Kf7

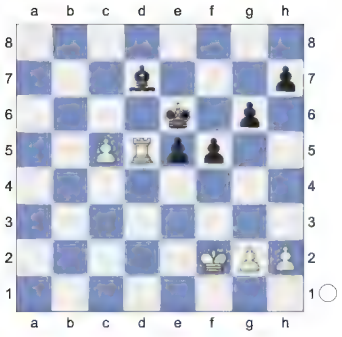


31.a3 0.69/20
[31.Rb1± 1.11/20]
31...b6? 2.72/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[Better is 31...c6± 0.69/20]
32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 bxc5 34.bxc5 c6 3.56/25
[⌓34...Bb5 2.51/23 35.Kg1 Ke8]
35.Rd1 1.92/23
[⌓35.d6 3.56/25]
35...cxd5+-

(Diagram)



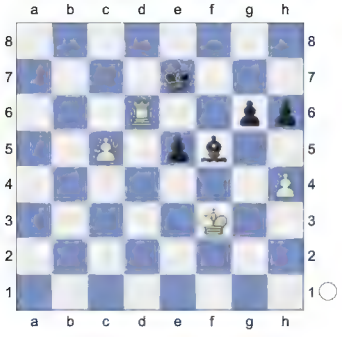
36.Rxd5 Ke7 37.Kg1 Be6 38.Rd2 Bd7 39.Kf2 f5 40.Rd5 Ke6



41.Rd6+ Ke7 42.h4 Black must now prevent Ra6. **42...f4?** 6.46/31

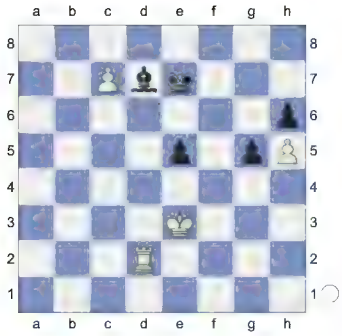
[42...Be8 2.02/23 43.Ra6 h6]

43.g3 fxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Bf5 45.Kf3 h6



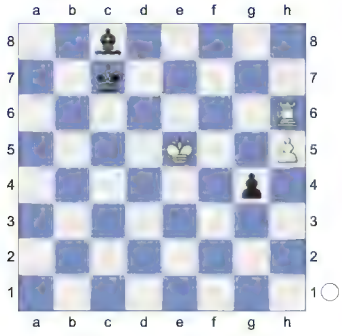
46.Ke3 Bb1 47.Rd2 aiming for c6. **47...Bf5 48.c6 g5 49.h5 Bg4 50.c7 Bd7**

(Diagram)

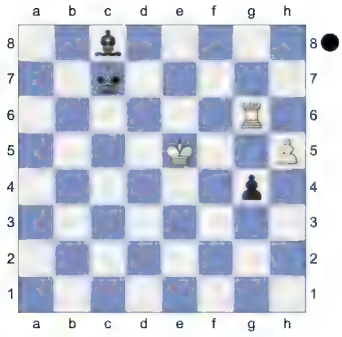


51.Ke4 Ke6 52.Rc2 Bc8 53.Rc6+ Kd7 54.Rxh6 Kxc7 55.Kxe5

White wants to mate with Rg6. **55...g4**



56.Rg6



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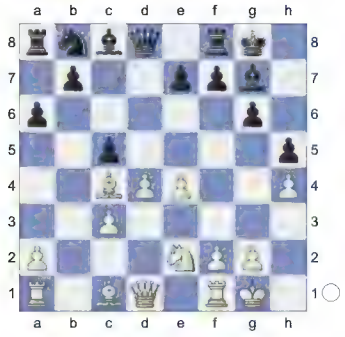
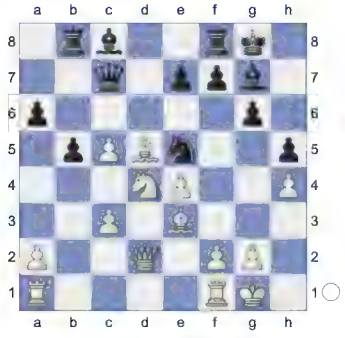
69 **D86**
□ **Robson,Ray** **2696**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2722**
American Cup Champ (3.2) 16.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D86: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line (7 Bc4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4
[7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 0-0 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Bc2 c5 13.Rb1 Ba6 14.d5 Nd7 15.h4 Qa5 16.h5 b4 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Bc3 19.Bxc3 bxc3 20.Bd3 Rfc8 21.Rc1 Nc5 Erigaisi,A (2718)-Duda,J (2731) chess24.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 03 [TA] ½-½ (65)]
7...a6N An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[7...c5 8.Ne2 *(8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4* Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)*)* 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0 *(11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5* ½-½ (20) Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1989 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]*)* 11...Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 e5 21.d5 Nd4 22.Nxd4 Pinter,J-Pavlov,M Baile Herculane 1982]
8.h4N
[Vorgänger: 8.Ne2 0-0 9.a4 Nd7 10.0-0 b6 11.Bd5 Rb8 12.e5 Against Nf6 e6 13.Bc6 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Qd3 1-0 Teixeira,V (1800)-De Souza,E (1882) Manaus Amazonense Cup 2022 (4)]
8...c5 9.Ne2 h5 White has an edge.
10.0-0 0-0



11.Be3 Nd7 12.Qd2 b5 13.Bd5 Rb8 14.dxc5 Threatening c6. **14...Qc7 15.Nd4** With the idea Nc6. **15...Ne5**

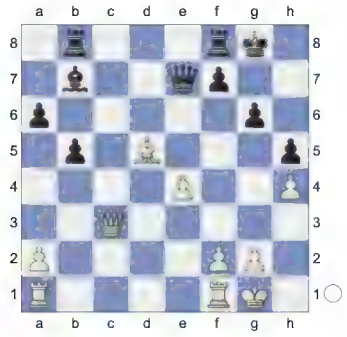


Prevents Nc6. **16.Bf4** next Nc6! is good for White. **16...Qxc5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nc6** 0.01/22

[18.Qg5± 0.40/22 Bxd4 19.cxd4]

18...Bxc3= A strong pair of Bishops.

19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Qxc3 Bb7



Inhibits Qc6. **21.Qg3 Bxd5**

[21...Kg7 looks sharper. 22.Rac1 Rbc8 23.Qd3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Bxd5 25.exd5 Rd8]

22.exd5 Rbd8 Against d6 **23.Rfd1 Rd6 24.a4** -1.10/23

[24.Rd4= -0.05/19 keeps the balance.]

24...Rfd8!∓ 25.axb5 axb5

26.Qb3 Qb7!

[26...Qxh4?! 27.Qxb5 Qg5 28.Ra5=]

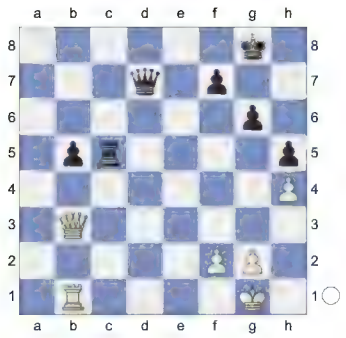
27.Rab1 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5

Endgame KQR-KQR

[28...Qxd5 29.Qxb5 Qe4 30.g3=]

29.Qb4 Qd7 30.Qb3 Rc5

(Diagram)

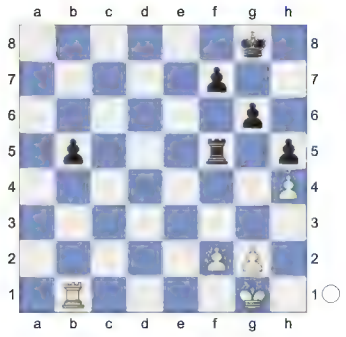


31.Qb4 Qc7 32.Qe1 Qe5 33.Qd2 Rd5 34.Qc2 Qf5 -1.38/23

[34...Rd4-+ -1.82/20 35.g3 b4]

35.Qxf5 Rxf5

[35...gxf5 36.f3∓]



KR-KR **36.Rc1 Kf8** -1.25/24

[36...Kg7-+ -1.64/25 37.Rb1 Kf6]

37.Rc7 Ke8 38.f3 -2.49/25

[38.Ra7∓ -1.51/23]

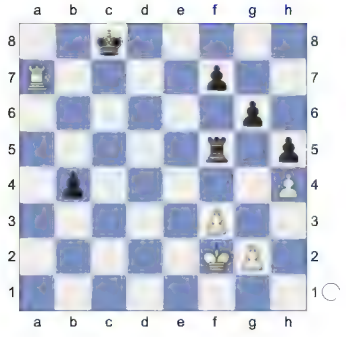
38...Kd8 -1.26/23

[38...Rf4-+ -2.49/25 39.Rc3 b4]

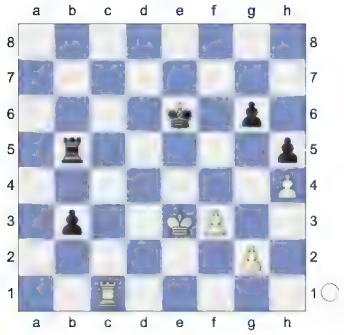
39.Ra7 Kc8 -1.47/26

[39...b4-+ -1.89/24 aiming for ...Rb5. 40.Kf2 Rb5]

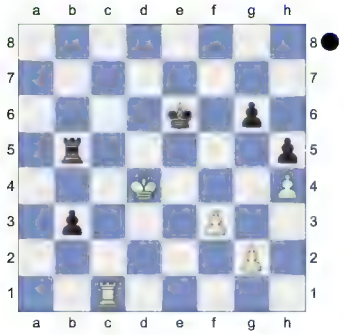
40.Kf2 b4



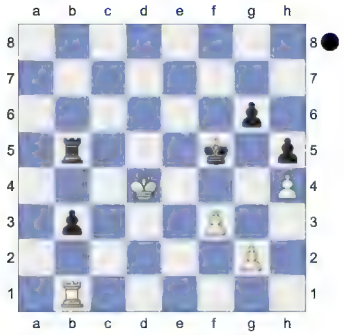
41.Ke3 Rd5 -1.09/23
[41...b3-+ -1.61/23 And now ...b2 would win. 42.Ra1 Rc5]
42.Rxf7 b3 43.Rf4 Rb5 Prevents Rb4. **44.Rc4+ Kd7** Hoping for ...b2. **45.Rc1 Ke6**



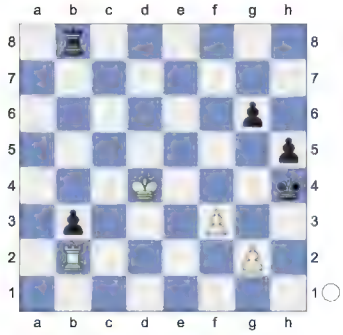
46.Kd4? -2.31/22
[Better is 46.Kf4∓ -0.66/24]



This costs White the game. **46...Kf5!-+**
47.Rb1 -5.35/23
[47.Ke3 -3.13/26]



47...Kf4! White must now prevent ...b2.
[Weaker is 47...b2 48.Kc4 *(48.Kc3? Kf4-+)* 48...Rb8 49.g3∓ *(49.Kc3? Kf4-+)*]
48.Kc4 Rb8 49.Rb2
[49.Rxb3 Rxb3 50.Kxb3 Kg3-+]
49...Kg3 50.Kd4 Kxh4



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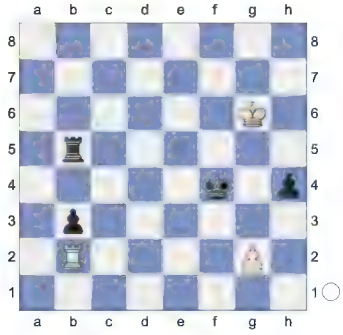
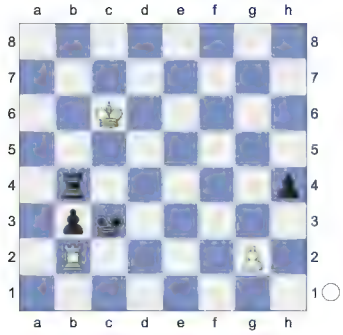


56.Kf6 Rb6+ 57.Ke7 Ke3 58.Kd7 Kd3 Threatens to win with ...Kc3. **59.Kc7 Rb4 60.Kc6 Kc3**



61.Rb1 b2 (-> ...Kc2) **62.Kc5 Rg4**

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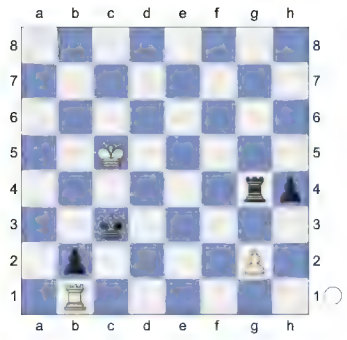

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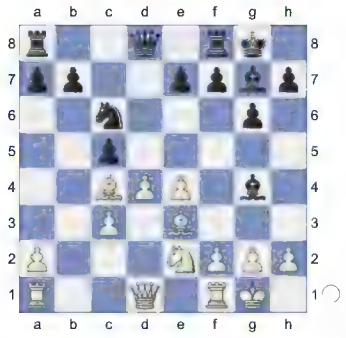
70 **D88**
□ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2689**
■ **Akesson,Ralf** **2372**
Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Apr Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

D88: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: 10 Be3 cxd4 11 cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)]
8...Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989 CI1-130 [RR]]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]



11.f3 Na5 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.fxg4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5

16.Kg1 Rc8 17.d5 Nc4 18.Bf2 White is slightly better. **18...Nd6 19.Qd3!?** Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **19...a6N**
[Vorgänger: 19...Rc4 20.Ng3 a6 21.Rf1 0.23/19 *(21.Qe3± 0.54/18* deserves consideration.*)* 21...b5= 22.Qf3 b4 23.Qe3 -0.35/21 *(23.h4=* 0.12/20 feels stronger.*)* 23...Bf8

-0.01/19 *(23...Qc7!∓* -0.35/21 might be stronger.) 24.g5 a5 25.Be1 a4 0-1 Romaniuk,D (1800)-Van der Kemp,M (1800) FICGS rapid A 000040 email 2008 (1)]

20.h3 b5

21.a4 Qd7 0.79/21

[21...Qa5= 0.29/21 remains equal.]

22.axb5 Qxb5

23.Qe3 0.32/21

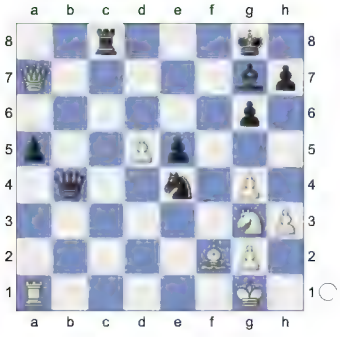
[23.Qf3!± 0.81/20]

23...Qb4 1.46/21

[23...Bf8± 0.32/21]

24.Ng3 a5 25.Qa7 Nxe4 1.39/23

[Black should try 25...Bh6 1.03/22]



26.Nxe4± Qxe4 27.Qxa5 Qd3 28.Qa6 0.80/23

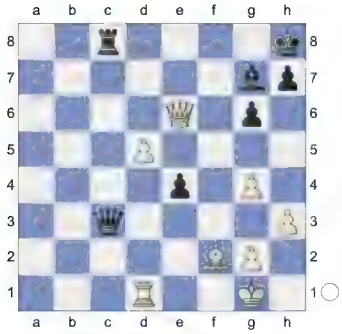
[⌓28.Ra3 1.56/22 Qc2 29.Ra2]

28...Qc3 4.78/21 Loses the game.

[28...Rc1+± 0.80/23 is a better chance. 29.Kh2 Qxa6 30.Rxa6 Rd1]

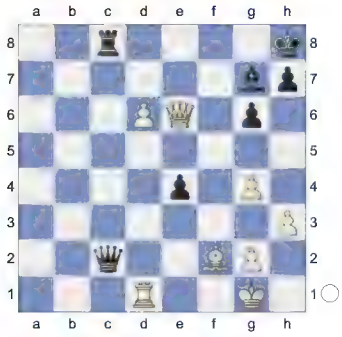
29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Rd1 d6 is the strong threat. **30...e4?** 6.73/22

[30...Rf8 2.51/23 31.Bh4 Qe3+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Bg3 Qf6]



31.d6+- Threatens to win with d7.

31...Qc2



32.Rf1 2.17/20

[32.Qxc8+!! 9.12/20 Qxc8 33.d7]

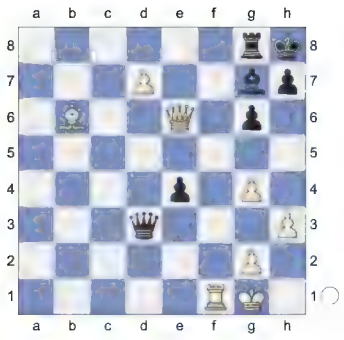
32...Rd8? 9.38/23

[32...Rf8 2.17/20 33.d7 Qd3]

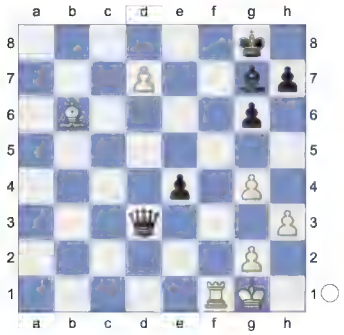
33.Bb6 White is clearly winning.

33...Rg8 34.d7 White wants to mate with Qxg8+! **34...Qd3**

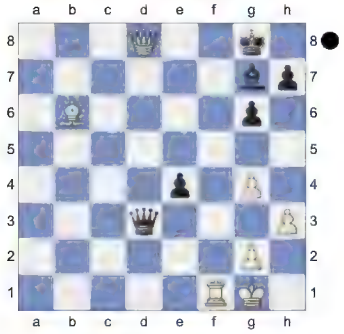
(Diagram)



35.Qxg8+! Kxg8



36.d8Q+



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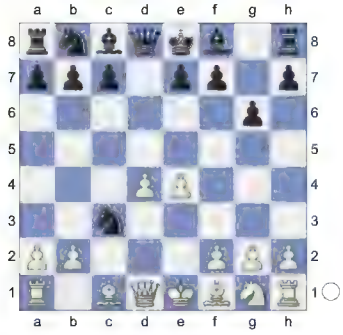
71 **D87**
□ **Robson,Ray** **2689**
■ **Cigan,Jason** **2003**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)]
8...Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989 CI1-130 [RR]]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 b6N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

11.h4 -0.01/16

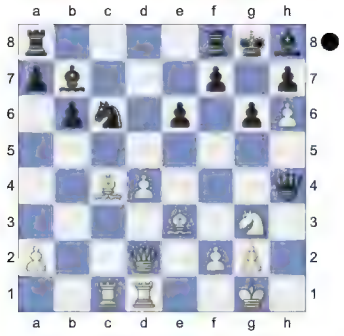
[11.dxc5± 0.41/17 Ne5 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bd5]

11...e6= 12.h5 Qh4 13.Qd2!? -0.46/21 Recently 13.Qc1 got a lot of attention. Exploring less charted territory. 13.Dc1 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[13.hxg6= -0.01/17 hxg6 14.f3]

13...Qxe4N 5.10/21

[13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxe4 15.h6 Bh8 -0.09/19 *(15...Bf6∓* -0.45/20) 16.Rac1 -0.52/21 *(16.Nc3=* -0.09/19 *Qh4 17.Nb5)* 16...Bb7!∓ 17.Ng3 -0.88/21 *(17.f3=* -0.23/19 *Qf5 18.Bd3)* 17...Qh4∓ 18.Rfd1

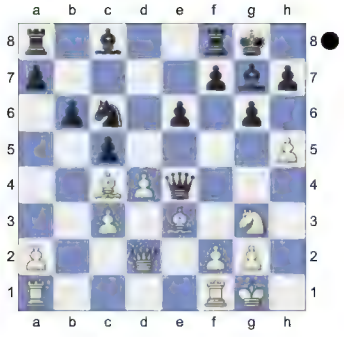


A) 18...Nxd4!∓ -1.19/20 19.Bg5 *(19.Rc3 e5)* 19...Qg4;

B) 18...Qe7? 0.68/21 19.Bg5± Qd7 ½-½ Theodorou,N (2591)-Antipov,M (2588) USA-chT College final 2023 (2.2)]

[13...cxd4∓ -0.46/21 keeps the upper hand. 14.cxd4 Qxh5]

14.Ng3



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1-0

72 **E71**

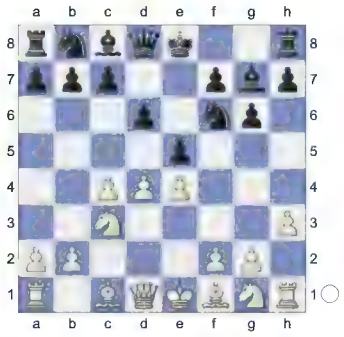
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**

■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**

Masters Open 2024 (5.1) 07.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 e5**



6.d5 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Bd3 White is slightly better.

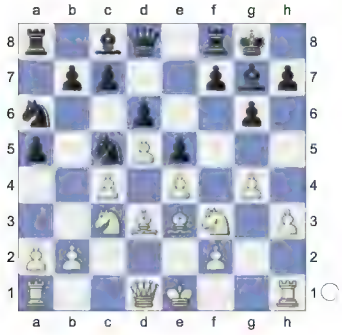
[8.Be2 h5 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Qc2 Nh7 11.g3 f5 12.a3 0-0 13.exf5 gxf5 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.g4 e4 16.Nd2 Qe7 17.Kb1 Kh8 18.Rhg1 Na4 19.gxf5 Nxc3+ 20.bxc3 Bxf5 21.Bxh5 b5 22.Bg6 bxc4 1-0 Sunilduth Lyna,N (2651)-Gukesh,D (2758) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (5)]

8...0-0 9.g4N

[9.Nge2 Nc5 *(9...c6 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bc2 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Qd2 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 Qb7 16.f3 Be8 17.Nd1 Nd7 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Nb6 20.Nb2 Bf6 21.Bb3 Bd8 22.Kh2 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Rxc8* Dengler,P (2640)-Peter,W (2710) 49/658 Haninge 1990) 10.Bc2

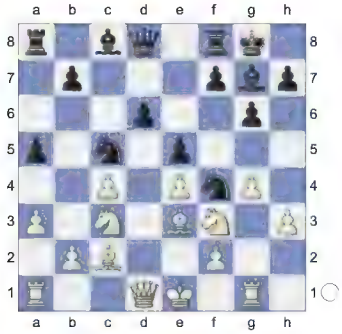
c6 11.a3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.b4 Na6 14.Rb1 axb4 15.axb4 Nh5 16.Na4 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.0-0 Qh4 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Nc3 Nf4 22.Qg4 King,S-4.e4 d6 5.h3 Survey 1997 Qe7 23.Ne4 Nc7 24.Qd1 Kh8 25.b5 Rd8 26.Kh2 Rh5 27.Re1 Rf8 28.Qb3 Qh4 29.Bxf4 exf4 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Nc4 Qd8 32.Nexd6 Qd7 33.b6 Qc6 34.Re6 Qd7 35.Ree1 Qc6 36.Rbd1 Qc5 37.Re6 1-0 Strick,E (2625)-Rodrigues, E (2505) 33/188 Hastings 1981 (6.2)]

9...Nd7 10.Nf3 Ndc5



11.Rg1 c6 12.a3 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nc7 14.Nc3 N7e6 15.Bc2 Dodges a4

15...Nf4



16.h4 b6 -0.09/19

[16...Be6∓ -0.45/18 17.b3 Kh8]

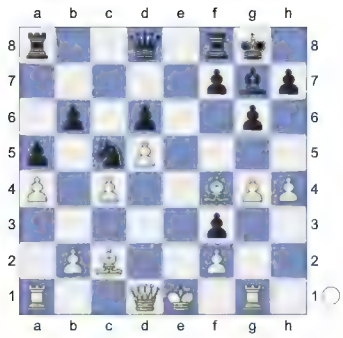
17.a4= Be6 18.Nd5 -0.84/18

[18.b3= -0.17/19]

18...Bxd5∓ 19.exd5 e4 -0.41/17

[19...Re8∓ -0.89/21 ...e4! would now be deadly. 20.Kf1 e4]

20.Bxf4∓ exf3



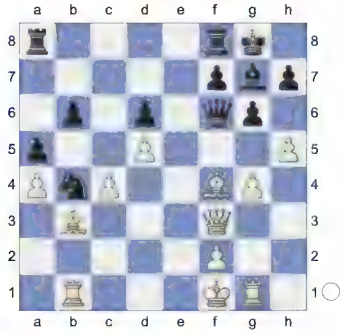
21.Qxf3 Bxb2

[21...Qxh4 22.Bxd6 Rfe8+ *(22...Bxb2 23.Bxf8 Re8+ 24.Kd1=)* 23.Kf1=]

22.Rb1 Bg7 0.02/20

[22...Qf6∓ -0.44/20 is more appropriate. 23.g5 Qd4]

23.Kf1= Active counter play! Black is weak on the light squares **23...Na6 24.h5 Nb4 25.Bb3** A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Qf6**



26.Kg2 aiming for g5. **26...Rfe8** 0.77/19

[26...Nd3± 0.33/20 27.Bxd6 *(27.Qxd3 Qxf4 28.Qf3 Qg5∓)* 27...Qxd6 28.Qxd3 Rfe8]

27.Be3 0.26/21

[27.g5± 0.77/19 Qf5 28.Bxd6 Qxf3+ 29.Kxf3]

27...Rab8 28.Rgd1 Qe7 29.Bf4 gxh5 30.g5 0.39/20

[30.gxh5± 0.87/21 Qg3 is the strong threat. Be5 31.Re1]

30...Be5

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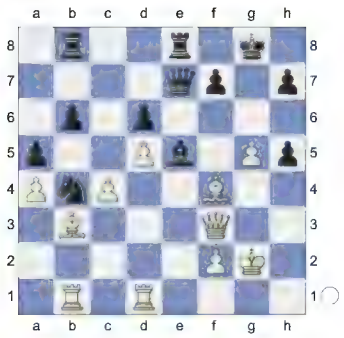
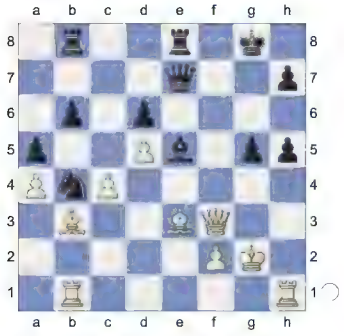
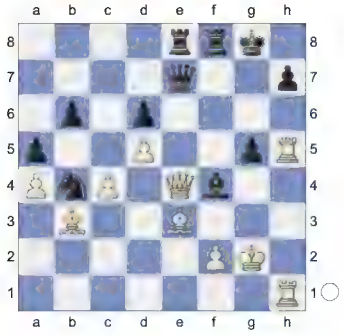


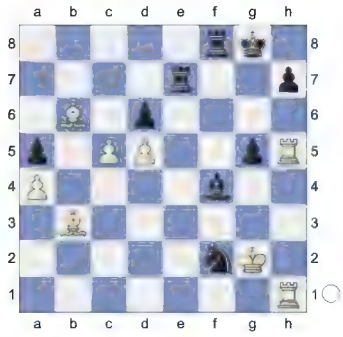
31.Be3 0.27/21
[31.Re1± 0.72/20]
31...f6 32.Rh1 fxg5



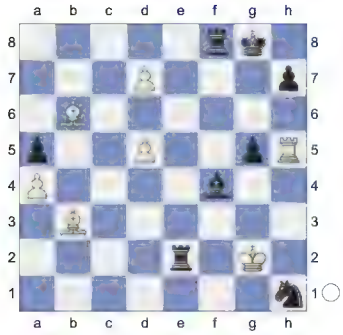
White must now prevent ...Rf8. **33.Rxh5 Rf8 34.Qe4**
[34.Rxg5+ Kh8 *(34...Qxg5+ 35.Bxg5 Rxf3 36.Kxf3=)* 35.Qe4 Rbe8=]
34...Rbe8! 35.Rbh1 0.06/19
[35.Bxg5? Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Bg3+ 37.Kxg3 Qxe4-+]
[Better is 35.Bd1± 0.57/19 Bf6 36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Bg4]
35...Bf4



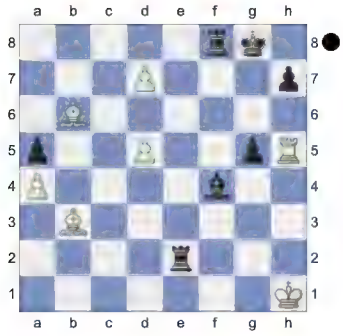
The position is equal. **36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Bxb6 Nd3 38.c5** Hoping for c6.
[38.Bxa5 Re2 39.Bb6 Rb2-+]
38...Nxf2



Decoy **39.cxd6**
[39.Kxf2 is a self mate. Bh2+ 40.Kg2 Re2+ 41.Kh3 Rf3+ 42.Kg4 Rg3+ *(42...Rxb3? perishes. 43.R1xh2 Rxh2 44.Rxh2+-)* 43.Kf5 Re5+ 44.Kf6 Rf3#]
39...Re2 And now ...Ne4+ would win.
40.d7 Nxh1+



41.Kxh1 Re1+ 42.Kg2 Re2+ 43.Kh1



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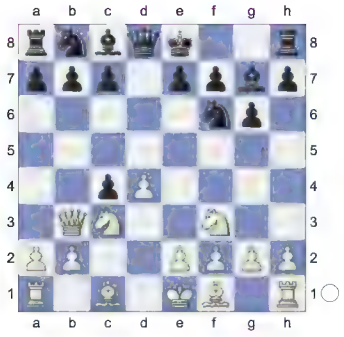
½-½

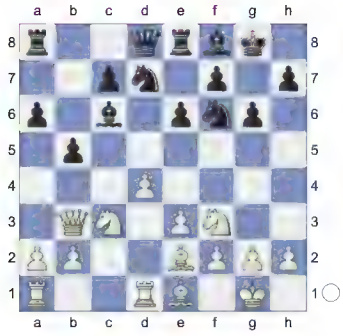
73 **D96**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.5) 15.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D96: Grünfeld: Russian System (5 Qb3): sidelines **1.d4** 11 **Nf6** 1:00 **2.c4** 8 **g6** 4 **3.Nc3** 8 **d5** 26 **4.Nf3** 1:43 **Bg7** 14 **5.Qb3** 7 **dxc4** 17



6.Qxc4 8 **Be6** 9 **7.Qa4+** 32 **Bd7** 41 **8.Qa3** 28 **Bc6** 13 **9.e3** 20 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7** 40 **10.Be2** 45 **0-0** 12

11.0-0 9 **e6** 1:52 **12.Rd1** 1:43 **a6N** 19
[12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bd2 a5 15.Rac1 c6 16.Be1 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Re8 18.g3 h5 19.Bg2 Qb6 20.h3 a4 21.Rc2 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nd5 23.Qc4 Red8 24.a3 Rd7 25.Qe2 Rad8 26.Rc4 Ra8 27.Qc2 1-0 Esipenko,A (2723)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) Chess.com RCC Wk11 Swiss chess.com INT 2022 (6)]
[12...Qb8 13.Bd2 a6 14.Rac1 b5 15.Nb1 Bd5 16.Ba5 Rc8 17.Nbd2 c6 18.b4 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf3 Qe6 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Bc7 d4 24.exd4 Nd5 25.Re1 Qg4 26.Ba5 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 0-1 Schoeneich,M (2460)-Jones,B (2577) TOP 16 Guingamp FRA 2010 (6) Rc8 28.Qd1 Qxd4 29.Ne4 Qxd1 30.Rxd1 Rc4 31.g3 Rd4 32.Rxd4 Bxd4 33.Kf1 f5 34.Nc5 Bxc5 35.bxc5 Kf7 36.Bd2 Ke6 37.Ke2 Ne7 38.Kf3 Nc6 39.Kf4 Ne5 40.Be3 h6 41.h4 Nd3+ 42.Kf3 0-1 Sandipan, C (2460)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (6)]
13.Bd2 52 **Re8** 21 **14.Be1** 1:23 **Bf8** 50 **15.Qb3** 31 **b5** 30



16.Qc2 49 **Bb7** 6:27 **17.Ne5** 2:42 **Rc8** 0.50/18 13:33
[17...Bd6= 0.07/16 is more appropriate.]
18.f4 -0.75/19 28:12
[18.a4± 0.50/18 keeps the upper hand.]
18...c5∓ 6:18 Black is better.
[18...c6 simplifies 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.a4 Qc7]
19.Bh4 19:29 Strongly threatening Nxd7.
19...Qc7 6:13 **20.Rac1** 3:35 **cxd4** 7:09

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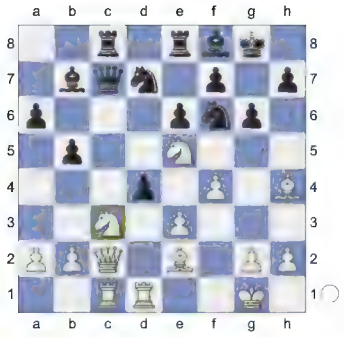
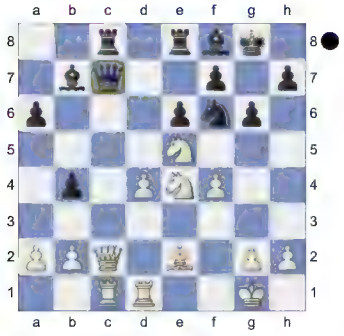
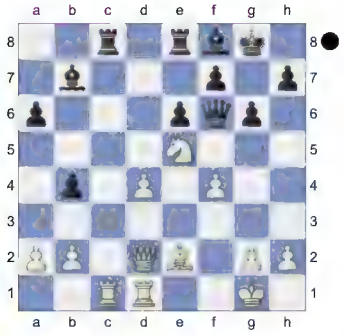


Discovered Attack **21.exd4** 27 **b4** 20:17 **22.Bxf6** 13 Remove Defender **22...Nxf6** 14 **23.Ne4** 12



Discovered Attack **23...Qe7** 10:43
[Don't play 23...Qxc2?! 24.Nxf6+ Kh8 25.Rxc2 Rxc2 26.Nxe8=]
24.Nxf6+ 3:29 **Qxf6** 2 **25.Qd2** 11



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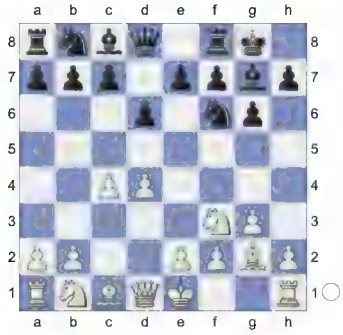
½-½

74 **E62**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
■ **Dau,Khuong Duy** **2411**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6
E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without . .. a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6**



6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Nh4
8.Ne1 might become the main line. 8.Se1 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **8...Be6 9.b3 d5 10.c5 Ne4**
[10...b6 11.b4 a5 12.bxa5 bxc5 13.Nf3 Qxa5 14.Bd2 Qa7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Qa3 17.e4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Ng5 Bd5 20.Nxe4 Nd7 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nf6 24.Re1 Rfd8 25.Qb3 Harish,N (2115)-Valdes Escobar,A (2339) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (38)]

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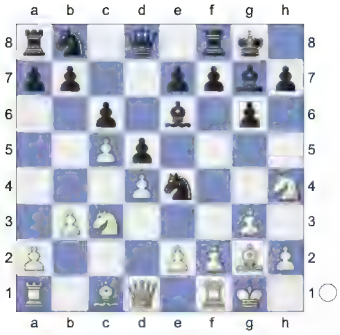

11.Bb2 Nxc3 The position is equal.
12.Bxc3 Nd7 13.Qc2N
[13.b4 a5 14.bxa5 Nxc5! 15.Rb1 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rxb7 -0.98/20 *(17.Qc2∓ -0.51/19)* 17...c5!∓ 18.e3 cxd4 19.exd4? -2.57/19 *(19.Bxd4∓ -1.05/20 Bxd4 20.Qxd4)* 19...Bxa2? -0.41/19 ½-½ Peptan,C (2390)-Bulmaga,I (2402) Medias Kings blitz 10th 2016 (4) *(19...Qc8-+ -2.57/19 20.Rb3 Bxb3 21.Qxb3 Rb8)*]
[13.Qd3 g5 14.Nf3 h6 15.b4 f5 16.e3 Qe8 17.a4 Qh5 18.Bd2 g4 19.Ne1 Nf6 20.b5 Ne4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb1 f4 23.gxf4 Bf5 24.Rb4 Nxf2 25.Qa6 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 g3 27.Nf3 Nf2+ Sabic,M-Fuller,M (2285) Sydney 1992 [ChessCalisthenics] 0-1 (44) 28.Kg1 Bd3 29.Qxc6 Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Ne4 31.Be1 gxh2 32.Nxh2 Kh8 33.Nf3 Bf6 34.Qe6 Rg8 35.Rb2 Rxg2 36.Kxg2 Rg8+ 37.Qxg8+ Kxg8 38.c6 Qg4+ 39.Kh2 Qxf3 40.c7 Nd6 41.Rb8+ Kf7 42.Rd8 Qe2+ 11.e5 de5 12.fe5-Gnidash,A (2285) Turin 1992 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 0-1 (44)]
13...Nf6 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.Rfe1 Bh3

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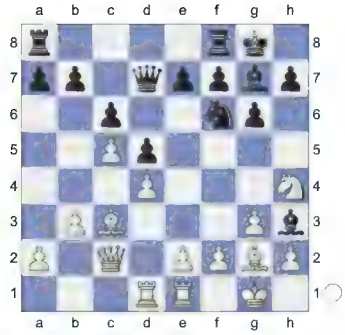
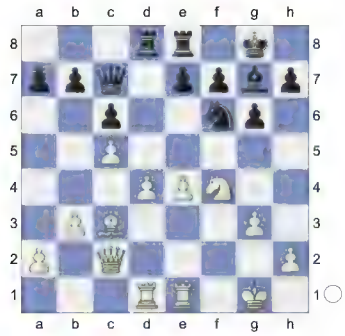
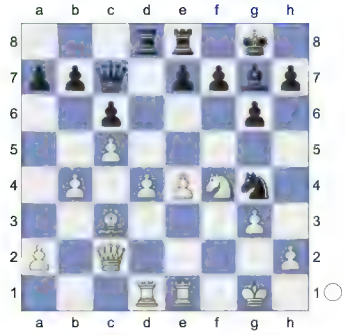


16.f3 Bxg2
[16...b6 seems wilder. 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.b4 Rfb8]
17.Nxg2 Rfe8 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Rad8 20.Nf4 Qc7

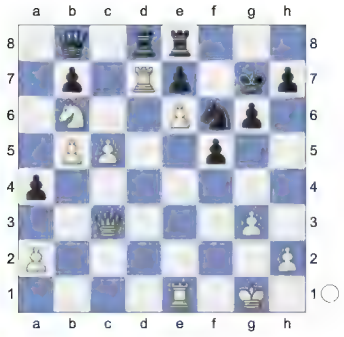


21.b4 Ng4 0.71/19
[21...Qc8!= 0.13/17 keeps the balance.]

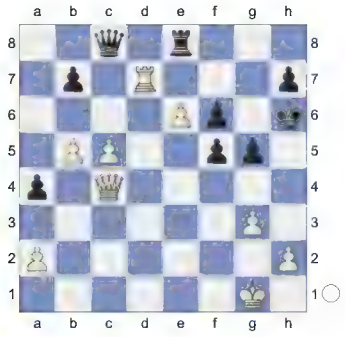


22.e5!± Black is on the road to losing.
22...Qc8 23.e6 &Bianco is more active.
23...f5 1.84/21
[23...fxe6± 0.82/17 24.Nxe6 Rd5]
24.d5+- cxd5 25.Nxd5 a5 3.04/22
[25...a6 1.77/17 might work better. 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qc3+ Nf6]

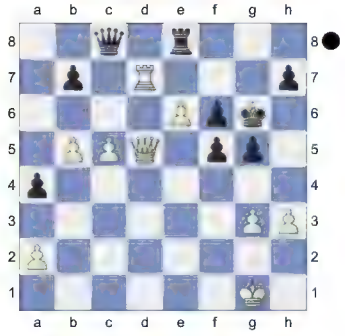
26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.b5 aiming for Qc3+.
[27.bxa5 Nf6 28.Qc3 Kg8 29.Nxe7+ *(29.Nxf6+ exf6 30.c6 Rxd1+-)* 29...Rxe7±]
27...Nf6 28.Qc3 a4? 5.19/20
[28...Kg8 2.56/20]
29.Nb6 Qc7 11.93/20
[⌓29...Qb8 5.02/21 30.Nd5 *(30.Nxa4 Kg8±)* 30...f4 31.Nxf6 exf6 32.Rd7+ Rxd7 33.exd7 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Qf8]
30.Rd7 Qb8



31.Red1 4.16/20
[⌓31.Nd5 10.52/22 White threatens Qxf6+ and mate. Kh6 32.Nxf6 exf6 33.Red1 Rxe6 34.Rxd8]
31...Rxd7 10.14/19
[⌓31...Kg8 4.16/20 32.Qd4 *(32.Nxa4 Ne4+-)* 32...Nxd7 33.exd7 Rf8]
32.Nxd7 Qc8 33.Nxf6 exf6 Endgame KQR-KQR **34.Rd7+ Kh6 35.Qc4** 5.67/21
[⌓35.Qd4 #12/18 Qxd7 36.exd7 Rd8 37.c6 bxc6 38.bxc6 Rf8 39.c7 Rf7 40.d8Q]
35...g5

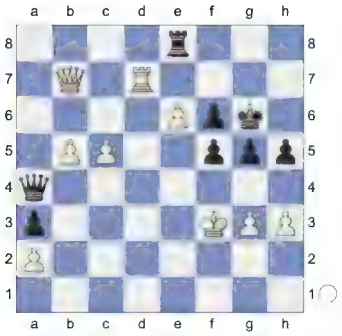


36.Qd5 Kg6 37.h3

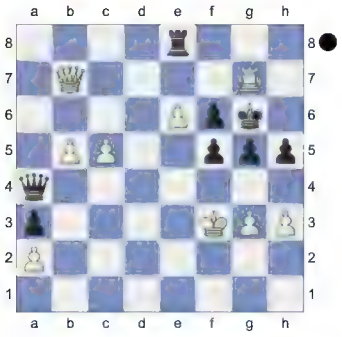


Black must now prevent g4. **37...h5** Prevents g4. **38.Kg2 a3** 9.76/21
[⌓38...Qa8 4.06/17 39.g4 *(39.Rxb7 Rd8±)* 39...fxg4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Qd3+ f5 42.Rf7 b6+ 43.c6 Rh8 44.Qxf5+ Kh6 45.Rf6+ Kh5 46.Qg6+ Kh4 47.Qh6+ Rxh6 48.Rxh6#]
39.Kf3 4.61/20
[⌓39.g4 9.76/21 fxg4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.e7]
39...Qa8 9.13/19
[⌓39...b6 4.61/20 40.c6 Qa8]
40.Qxb7 Qa4

(Diagram)



41.Rg7+



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75 **E73**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2679**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

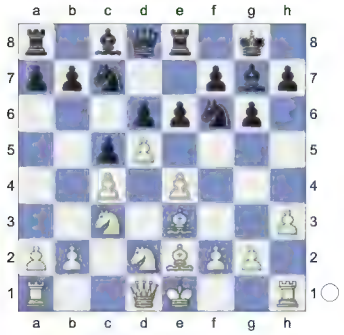
E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

(Diagram)

6.Be3 Na6 is now more promising than 6...e5. im Vergleich zu 6...e5 vielversprechender. **7.h3**
[7.g4 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.f3 a5 10.h4 c6 11.h5 a4 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.Rc1 a3 14.b3 cxd5 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Nxb3 18.axb3 a2 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.g5 Qxc3+ 21.Rxc3 a1Q+ Knudsen,S (2301)-Hernandez Fernandez,R (2266) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]
7...c5
[7...e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Nf3 Nh5 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.0-0-0 Ra6 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.Ne1 Nf6 15.Nd3 Qe7 16.h4 h5 17.Rdf1 -0.04/18 *(17.f3± 0.38/17)* 17...c6 18.Rd1 -0.96/18 *(18.dxc6= 0.00/19* keeps the balance. *Rxc6 19.f3)* 18...cxd5!∓ 19.Nxd5 -1.40/21 *(*White should play *19.exd5* -0.83/20 *a4 20.a3)* 19...Nxd5∓ 20.cxd5 1-0 Sarana,A (2717)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Aug Early blitz 2024 (8)]
[7...c6 8.Nf3 e5 9.d5 Nh5 10.g3 cxd5 11.cxd5 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Qg6 16.Be3 f4 17.gxf4 exf4 18.Bd4 Nb4 19.Kf1 f3 20.Bxf3 Nc2 21.Rc1 Bf5 22.Ne2 Caruana,F (2782)-Rapport,R (2752) Zagreb 2023 0-1 (38)]
8.d5 e6 White is slightly better. **9.Nf3**

Re8N
[9...exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nd2 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.Qc2 Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.0-0 Bb5 16.Rfe1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 Nb5 18.Ree1 Nd4 19.Qd3 Nd7 20.f4 Qh4 21.Rf1 f5 22.Rae1 Qg3 23.Qb1 b5 24.Kh1 Mitrabha,G (2515)-Sengupta,D (2456) Ceske Budejovice 2023 0-1 (43) Qh4 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Ne2 d3 27.Nc1 fxe4 28.Rxe4 Nc5 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Nxd3 Nxd3 31.Qxd3 Bxb2 32.Qc2 Bd4 33.f5 Re1 34.Qc8+ Kg7 35.f6+ Bxf6 36.Qc7+ Be7 37.Qc3+ Bf6 38.Qc7+ Kh6 39.Qxd6 Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2515)-Ig1 (2456) Baku 2023 Inf87 [John Watson] 0-1 (43)]

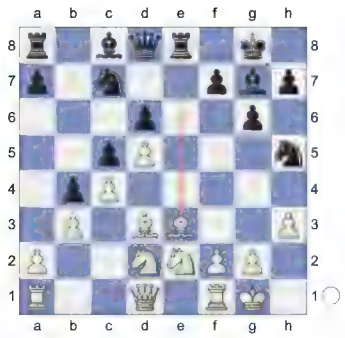
10.Nd2 Nc7



11.0-0 b6N
[11...a6 0.43/17 11...exd5 0.10 12.a4 b6 13.Bd3 Rb8 14.Qc2 exd5 15.exd5 b5 16.axb5 0.01/19 *(16.b3± 0.36/19)* 16...axb5= 17.b3 b4 1-0 Deac,B (2680)-Gokerkan,C (2512) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jun Early blitz 2024 (11)]

12.Bd3 exd5 13.exd5 b5 14.b3 b4 15.Ne2 Nh5

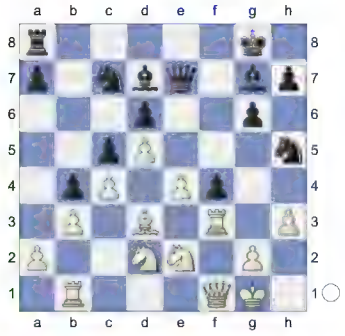
(Diagram)



16.Rb1 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Qe7 18.Rf3 Bd7 0.45/19
[18...Nf6= 0.10/18 was preferrable.]

19.Qf1 f5 0.84/18
[19...Nf6± 0.33/17]

20.e4± f4 1.16/17
[⌓20...Qg5 0.76/20]



21.Nxf4 Nxf4 22.Rxf4 Be5 23.Rf3 Qg5 1.74/20
[23...Bc3± 1.43/20 keeps fighting.]

24.Qe2+- Ne8 25.Rbf1 0.77/23
[25.Rf2+- 1.68/20 aiming for Nf3. Bd4 26.Nf3 Bxf2+ 27.Qxf2]

25...Ng7 1.60/21
[⌓25...Nf6 0.77/23]

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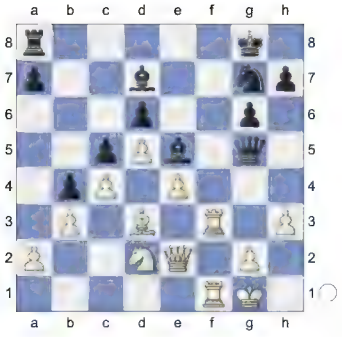
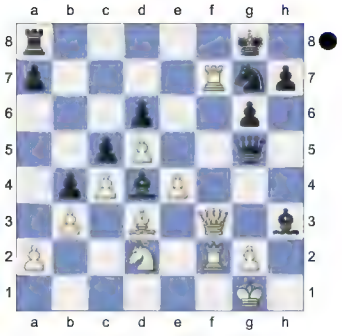
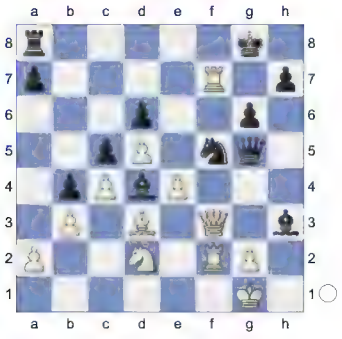


26.Rf7± Threatens to win with Nf3. **26...Bd4+ 27.R1f2?** -2.07/22 **Bxh3!-+ 28.Qf3**



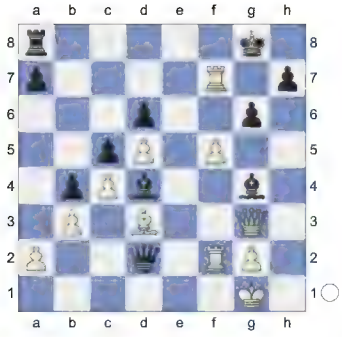
Threatening mate with Rf8+. **28...Nf5?** 0.01/24



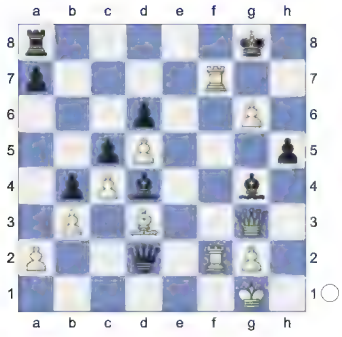
29.exf5!= **Bg4** This bishop pair is nice. **30.Qg3 Qxd2??** 3.88/23

[30...Kxf7= 0.01/23 and Black is okay. 31.Ne4 *(31.fxg6+ Kg7∓)* 31...Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qh6+ 33.Kg1 Bxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Bxf5 35.Nxd6+ Kf6 36.Nxf5 gxf5]

(Diagram)



Black is now going downhill. **31.fxg6+- h5**



32.Bf1? 0.47/24

[Better is 32.Qxd6!+- 4.29/24 Intending Rf8+ and mate. Qe1+ 33.Bf1]

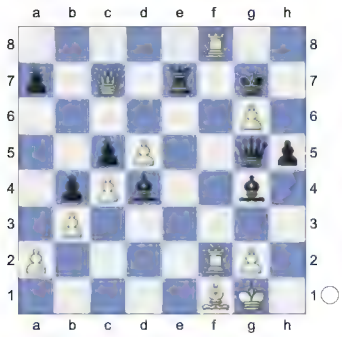
32...Re8 3.55/22 Against Rf8+

[32...Qxf2+!± 0.47/24 33.Rxf2 Rf8]

33.Qxd6 Qg5? #15/19

[33...Qe1+- 3.43/21 34.Qc7 Bxf2+ 35.Rxf2 Qe7]

34.Rf8+ Kg7 35.Qc7+ Re7

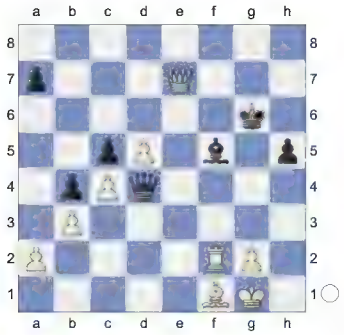


36.R8f7+ Kxg6 37.Qxe7 15.50/24

[⌓37.Qd6+ #8/18 Re6 38.Bd3+ Qf5 39.Qxe6+ Kg5 40.R7xf5+ Kh4 41.Qe7+ Bf6 42.Qxf6+ Kg3 43.Qg5

h4 44.Qf4#]

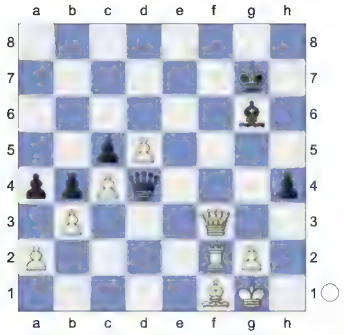
37...Bxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Rf2 Bf5



41.Qd6+ Kg7 42.Qg3+ Bg6 43.Qf3 Qf8+ would kill now. **43...h4 44.Qh3** 14.37/22

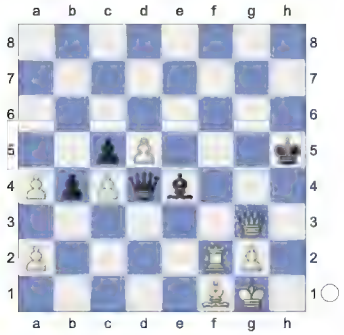
[⌓44.Qf8+ #12/18 Kh7 45.d6 a5 46.Qe7+ Qg7 47.Qxg7+ Kxg7 48.d7 Kh6 49.d8Q]

44...a5 45.Qf3 a4



46.bxa4 Black must now prevent Qf8+.

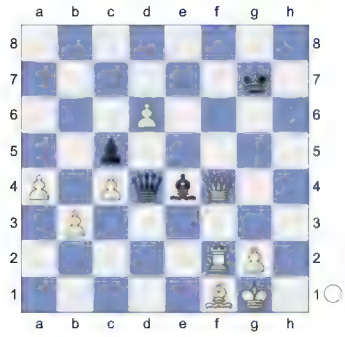
46...Be4 47.Qf4 h3 48.Qg3+ Kh6 49.Qxh3+ Kg5 50.Qg3+ Kh5



51.Qf4 b3 52.axb3 Kg6 53.Qf7+ Kg5 54.Qf4+? 0.01/20

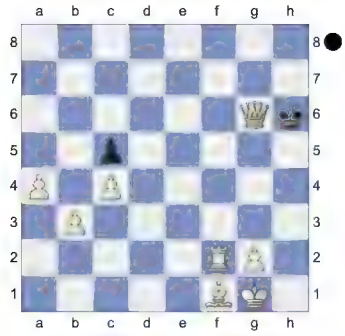
[White should try 54.Qe7++- 29.80/16 Kh5 55.a5]

54...Kg6!= 55.d6 White mates. **55...Kg7**



56.d7 Qxd7 57.Qxe4 Qd6 58.Qd5 Qg6 59.Qf7+ Kh6 60.Qxg6+ 20.60/5

[⌓60.Rf6 #5/12 Qxf6 61.Qxf6+ Kh7 62.Bd3+ Kg8 63.Qe7 Kh8 64.Qh7#]



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76 **D85**

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2677**

■ **Areshchenko,Alexander** **2613**

Bundesliga 2425 (5.3) 11.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

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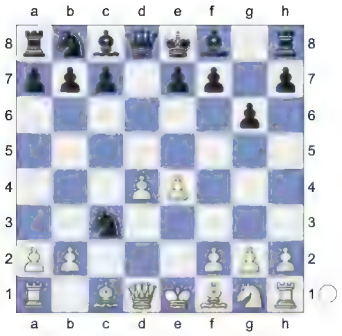
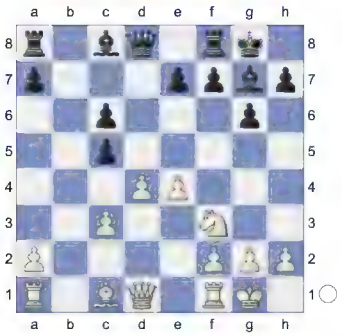
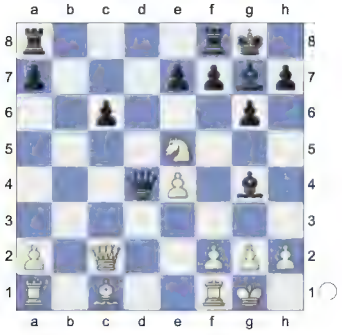


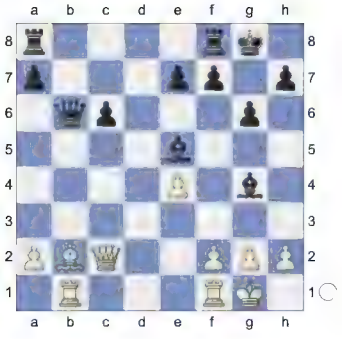
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxc6! 10.Bxc6 is better than 10.Be3.10.Lxc6 ist besser als 10. Le3. **10...bxc6**



11.Qc2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Ne5! Qxd4

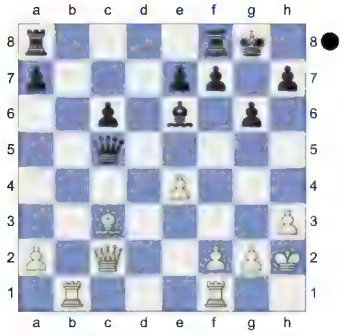


14.Bb2! Qb6 15.Rab1 Bxe5



16.Bxe5 Qa5 17.Bc3 Qc5 18.h3 Be6 19.Kh2 -0.74/20

[19.Rb7= -0.01/18]



19...Rab8 -0.29/19

[19...Bxa2!∓ -0.74/20 20.Rbc1 *(20.Rb7 a5)* 20...Be6]

20.Rbc1 f6N

[20...Qc4 21.f4 Qxa2 22.Qd1! Bc4 *(22...Rfd8!? 23.Qf3 Bc4∓; 22...Rbd8 23.Qe1 Rd3 24.f5 Bd7 25.Qh4 f6 26.Rf2 Qf7 27.fxg6 Qxg6 28.e5 Be6 29.exf6 exf6 30.Bxf6 Bd5 31.Re1 Rxf6 32.Qxf6 Qxf6 33.Rxf6 Rd2 34.Rg1 c5 35.Kg3 c4 36.Rf2 Rd3+ 37.Kf4* Lampert,J (2526)-Krause,B (2404) Germany 2025 1-0 (80)*)* 23.Rf3 f6 24.Qe1 Qe2 25.Qh4 -0.53/21 *(25.Qg3= -0.01/22)* 25...Bd3 0.66/21 *(25...Qxe4∓* -0.53/21 *26.Re1 Qf5 27.Rxe7 h5)* 26.e5!± Be4 1-0 Dubov,D (2708)-Giri,A (2762) Shenzhen Longgang 5th 2024 (2) 27.Rg3 Rb1 28.Rxb1 Bxb1 29.exf6 exf6 30.Bxf6 Qe6 31.Be5 Be4 32.Ra3 Qd7 33.Qf2 Qe7 34.Qe3 Rf7 35.Bb2 Qb4 36.Rb3 Qc4 37.Rb8+ Rf8 38.Qxa7 Qf7 39.Qd4 Qxf4+ 40.g3 1-0 (40) Dubov,D (2708)-Giri,A (2762) Shenzhen CHN 2024 [Milos Pavlovic]]

[20...Rbd8 21.f4 f6 22.Rf3 Qc4 23.f5 Bf7 24.Rb1 Rb8 25.Re1 Qxa2 26.Qc1 g5 27.Rg3 h6 28.h4 Kh7

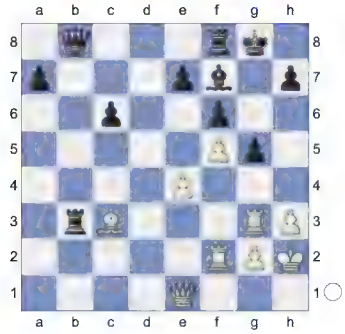
29.hxg5 fxg5 30.Qe3 Rbd8 31.Ra1 Qc4 32.Rxa7 Rfe8 33.Rh3 Rg8 34.Rxe7 Rde8 35.Rxh6+ Sutormin,D (2394)-Namitbir,S (2339) Pozarevac 2024 1-0 (38)]

21.f4 Bf7 22.Rf3 Qc4 23.f5 Qxa2 24.Qd1 g5 Strongly threatening ...Bh5. **25.Rg3** White has compensation. **25...Qf2!**

26.Rf3 Against Qf4+ **26...Qb6 27.Qe1 Qc7+ 28.Rg3 Qf4 29.Rc2** -0.47/19

[29.Bd2!= -0.01/21 Qc7 30.Ba5]

29...Rb3 30.Rf2 Qb8



31.e5 Rd8 32.Rd2 Rd5 33.Rxd5! Bxd5 34.h4! h6 35.Qe2 Bf7

Inhibits Qh5. **36.Qf3 Qb6 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Qg4 Qf2 39.e6 Be8** White must now prevent ...Qc5. **40.Rd3?** -1.70/24

[40.Rh3!= -0.10/24 Qf4+ 41.Qxf4 gxf4 42.Bd2]

40...Rb1-+

41.Rd8 Kf8 -1.08/24

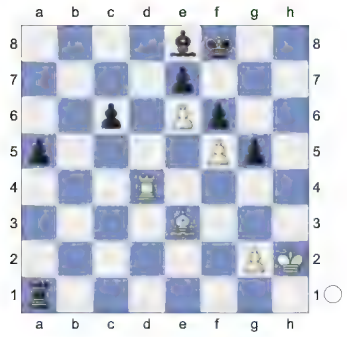
[⌓41...Qg1+ -1.56/26 42.Kg3 Kf8]

42.Qd4∓

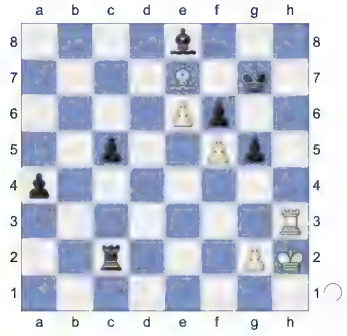
Qxd4

[Don't play 42...Qxf5?! 43.Rxe8+ Kxe8 44.Qd7+ Kf8 45.Qd8+ Kg7 46.Qxe7+ Kh6 47.Qf8+ Kh7 48.Qf7+ Kh6 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qf7+ Kh6 51.Qf8+=]

43.Rxd4 Endgame KRB-KRB **43...Rc1**
44.Bd2 Ra1 -0.62/25
[44...Rf1∓ -1.02/26 45.g4 c5]
45.Be3!∓ a5 -0.01/26
[Black should play 45...Re1∓ -0.80/24 46.Bf2 Re2]

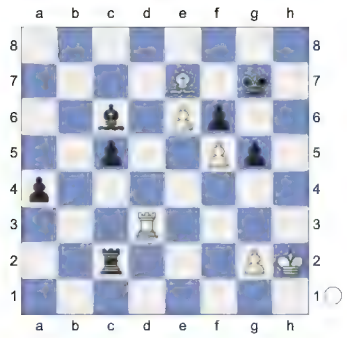


46.Rd3 -1.00/25
[46.Rc4!= -0.01/26 remains equal.]
46...a4∓ 47.Bc5 Rc1 48.Ba3 Rc2 0.01/25
[48...Rc4!∓ -0.67/25 49.Rh3 Kg7 50.Bxe7 c5]
49.Rh3= The position is equal. **49...Kg7** Prevents Rh8. Hoping for ...c5. **50.Bxe7 c5**

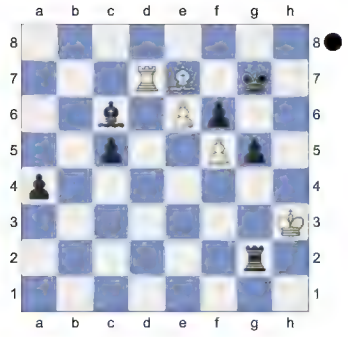


Threatens to win with ...Bc6. **51.Rd3!** And now Rd7! would win. **51...Bc6**

(Diagram)



Against Rd7 **52.Rd7!** Threatening Rc7.
52...Rxg2+ 53.Kh3



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77 **D90**
□ **Navara,David** **2677**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2654**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4** 3 **Nf6** 46 **2.c4** 4 **g6** 9 **3.Nc3** 6 **d5** 17 **4.Nf3** 5 **Bg7** 13 **5.h4** 8 **c6** 7:54

(Diagram)

6.cxd5 22 **cxd5** 7 **7.Bf4** 14 **0-0** 2:59 **8.e3** 18 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 1:33 **9.Qb3** 20 **Na5** 15:46 **10.Qa3** 30 **Nc6** 19

[10...Nc4 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne5 b5 14.Qa6 Qc8 15.Qa5 Qd8 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Nxb5 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rac1 a6 21.Na3 Nd3 22.Rc2 Rac8 23.Bg5 Re8 24.Nxc4 h6 25.Bf4 Fedoseev,V (2724)-Carlsen,M (2835) 139/(170) Wijk aan Zee 2019]

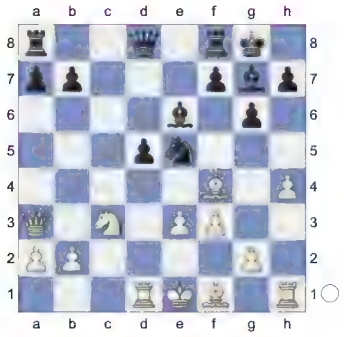
[10...Bf5 11.Be2 a6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.0-0 f6 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Rac1 e5 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Bg3 Be6 20.Nb3 Bf7 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Bf6 23.Qa4 Nb8 24.Qa5 Rc8 25.Ne4 1-0 Fiorito,J (2405)-Romero Barreto,J (2361) Villa Martelli Panno 70-A 2023 (3)]

11.Ne5N 15:25

[11.Rc1 Bf5 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Qb3 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Na5 15.Qb5 a6 16.Qb4 Rc8 17.Rxc8 Bxc8 18.0-0 Nc6 19.Qb3 Re8 20.Rc1 e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bf3 Bf5 1-0 Sprenger,E (2658)-Coudrain,J (2562) Wch U10 Girls Oropesa del Mar 1998 26.Rxd5 Be4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.g3 Rc4 29.Qd3 Qc6 30.Kh2 h5 31.Rd6 Qc5 32.Kg2 a5 33.Qd5 Qxd5+ 34.Rxd5 Rb4 35.b3 b6 36.Kf3 Kf8 37.Ke2 Ke7 38.Kd3 Ke6 39.e4 f5 40.f3 fxe4+ 1-0 Melkumyan,H (2658)-Burke,J (2562) 141/159 Philadelphia 2019]

[11.Bb5 Bd7 12.0-0 a6 13.Be2 b5 14.Qb3 Na5 15.Qd1 Bg4 16.Ne5 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 e6 18.Nd3 Qe7 19.Rac1 Rfc8 20.Bg5 Qf8 21.Nc5 Nc4 Swiercz,D (2655)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Astana 141/(159) 2019]

11...Ng4 8:16 **12.Nxg4** 7:16 **Bxg4** 21 **13.f3!** 1:53 **e5** 2:02 **14.dxe5** 1:08 **Be6** 36 **15.Rd1** 1:34 **Nxe5** 8:10

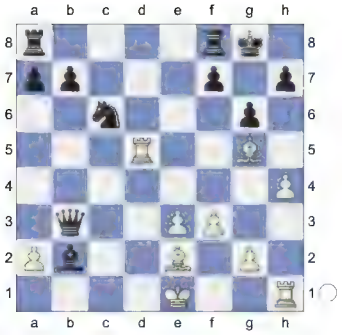


16.Be2 3:39 **Nc6** 8:31 **17.Bg5** 11:14 **Qb6** 0.77/18 20:30

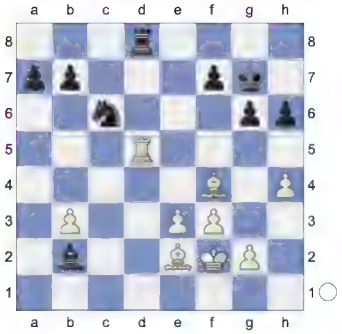
[17...f6= 0.20/17 18.Bf4 f5]

18.Nxd5± 1:20 **Bxd5** 16 **19.Rxd5** 11 **Bxb2** 1:25 **20.Qb3** 2:43 **Qxb3** 1:09

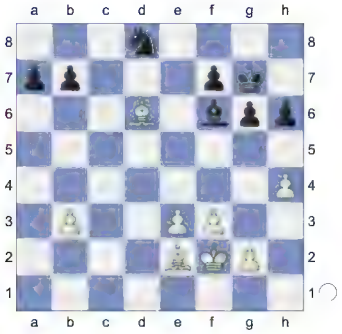
(Diagram)



21.axb3 15 **Kg7** 2:03 Black is weak on the light squares **22.Kf2** 3:22 **h6!** 1:03 **23.Bf4** 10 **Rfd8** 8 **24.Rhd1** 2:29 **Rxd5** 15 **25.Rxd5** 10 **Rd8** 10

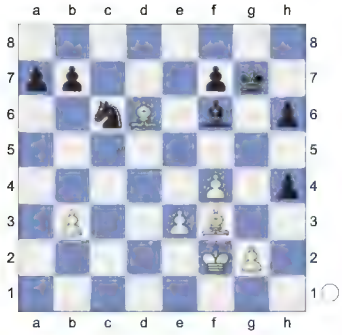


Wards off Rd7 **26.Rxd8** 5:45 **Nxd8±** 22 Endgame. KBB-KBN **27.Bd6** 11:58 **Bf6** 1:53



28.h5! 13:11 **gxh5** 50 **29.f4** 1:43 **h4** 6 **30.Bf3** 1:55 White has compensation. **30...Nc6** 29

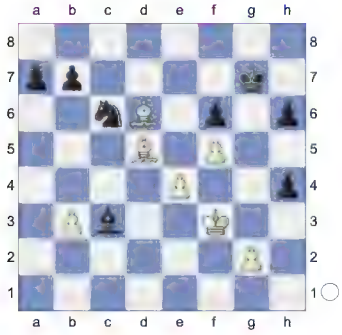
(Diagram)



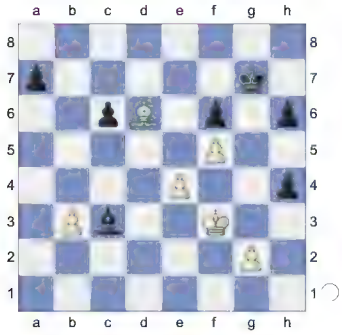
31.Bd5 4:05 **Bc3** 6:56 **32.e4** 1:59 **f6** 8 **33.Kf3** 1:02 **Kg6** 1.11/21 2:01

[33...Bb4± 0.57/22 34.Bxb4 Nxb4 35.Bxb7 Nc2]

34.f5+± 8:04 **Kg7** 11



35.Bxc6! 7 **bxc6** 6



KB-KB **36.Bc5** 13 **a6** 3:16 **37.Ke2** 50 Repels Be1 **37...Kf7** 1:07 **38.Kd3** 1:05

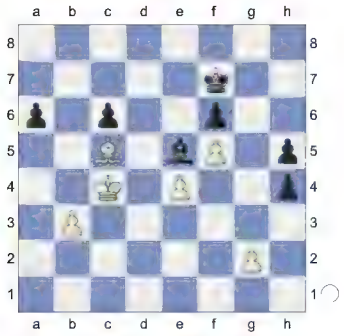
[Much less strong is 38.Bf2 Ke8 39.Bxh4 h5±]

38...Be5 2:06 **39.Kc4** 19

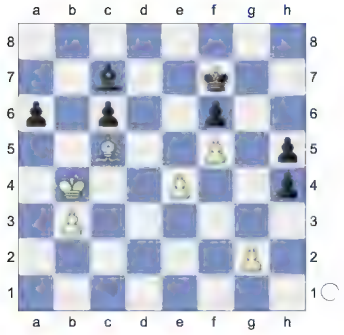
[Much worse is 39.Bf2?! Bg3 40.Be3 h5=]

39...h5 1.90/28 1:02

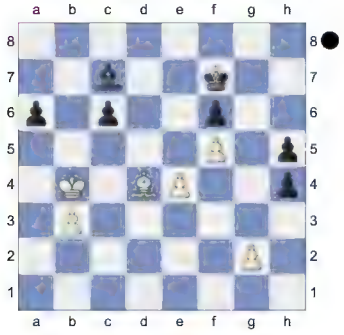
[39...Ke8± 1.22/25 is a better defense.]



40.Kb4!+- 1:15 **Bc7?** 4.51/28 4:01
[40...Ke8 1.80/27 41.Ka5 Kd7 42.Kxa6 Kc7]



41.Bd4 24



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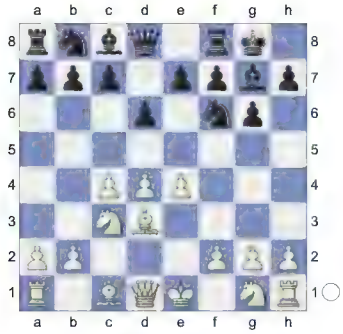
78 **E70**
□ **Howell,David** **2675**
■ **Metrick,Andrew** **2255**
Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0



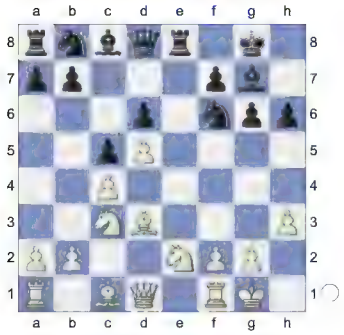
6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.exd5! now scores much better than the old 9.cxd5.punktet besser als das ältere 9.cxd5. **9...Re8**
[9...Ng4 10.Bc2 Re8 11.h3 Ne5 12.b3 b5 13.cxb5 a6 14.b6 a5 15.Ne4 Qxb6 16.Rb1 Ba6 17.Re1 Nbd7 18.Bb2 Bh6 19.Bc1 Bg7 20.Bb2 Bh6 21.Bc1 ½-½ (21) Dreev,A (2694)-Ivanchuk,V (2748) Stepanakert 2005 CBM 110 [Hazai, Laszlo]]
10.h3N
[10.Ng3 Ng4 11.Be2 Nh6 12.Nge4 Nf5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bd2 Nd4 16.Bh5 Rf8 17.Ne2 Qe7 18.Nxd4 Qxe4 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.Re1 Qxc4 21.dxe6 Nc6 22.Bc3 Rae8 23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Qxd6 Ne5 Moudallal,T (2439)-Nawalaniec,A (2324) corr 32/317 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 1-0 (41) 25.Bxe5 fxe5

26.e7 Kf7 27.Rac1 Qxa2 28.Rxc5 Rxe7 29.Rc7 Qe6 30.Rxe7+ Qxe7 31.Qd5+ Kf6 32.b3 h5 33.Rd1 h4 34.h3 Bf8 35.Qe4 Qc7 36.Qf3+ Kg7 37.Qf5 Be7 38.Rd7 Qc5 39.Qxg5+ Kf8 Meister,J (2439)-Miller,E (2324) Ostfildern 2023 1-0 (41)]

10...h6N 0.79/20

[Vorgänger: 10...Nh5 11.Nf4 Nf6 12.Bc2 a6 13.Re1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nxb5 Ba6 16.Nc3 Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 1-0 Sjugirov,S (2663)-Pantsulaia,L (2597) PRO League Stage rapid 2019 (10)]

[10...Nfd7± 0.35/18]

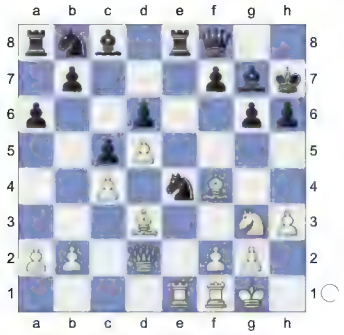


11.Bf4± a6 12.Qd2 White is better.

12...Kh7 13.Rae1 Qe7 1.78/19

[13...Bf8± 1.03/18 14.Ng3 Nbd7 15.Rxe8 Nxe8]

14.Ng3+- Qf8 15.Nce4 Nxe4



16.Nxe4 Be5 4.56/21

[16...Rd8 1.91/20 17.Qe3 Bf5]

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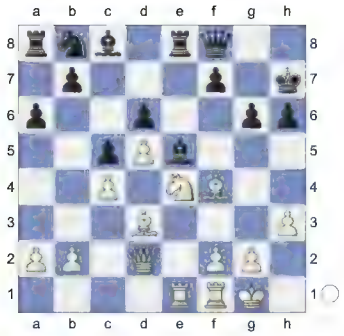


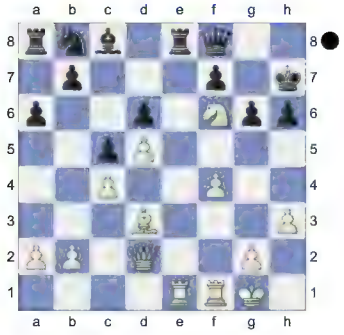
17.Bxe5 Rxe5? 6.47/21

[17...dxe5 3.87/21 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.Nxe8+ Qxe8]

18.f4 Re8 18.88/22

[18...Rxe4 3.24/20 19.Bxe4 Nd7]

19.Nf6+



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

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79 **E97**

□ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2670**

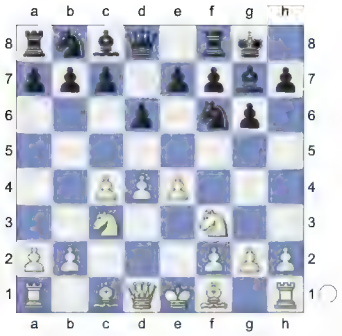
■ **Suleymanli,Aydin Elshan** **2609**

Wch Blitz Samarkand (4) 29.12.2023

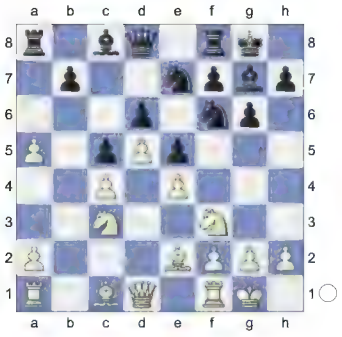
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 c5

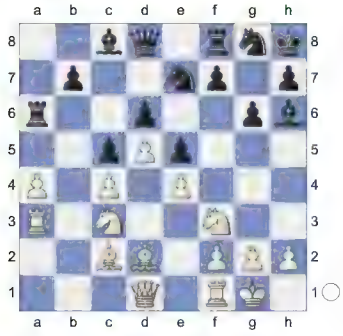


11.a4 Rxa5 12.Bd2 Ra6 13.Ra3 Kh8 White is better. **14.Bd3N** New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.

[Vorgänger: 14.Qc1 Nfg8 15.Kh1 h6 16.Ne1 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nf3 g5 19.Ne4 g4 0.55/20 *(19...Nf6=* 0.16/18 *20.Bd3 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 b6)* 20.Ng1 ½-½ Giri,A (2764)-Grischuk,A (2777) Chessbrahmin May blitz 2020 (1.13) Nd4 21.Bd1 Qe8 22.Rg3 Qg6 23.f3 h5 24.Re1 Nf5 25.fxg4 Nxg3+ 26.Nxg3 hxg4 27.Bc2 Qe8 28.N1e2 Grube,J (2764)-Ernst,H (2777) Winnipeg 2020 CBM 171 Extra [Adly,Ahmed]]

[14.Re1 Nfg8 15.Qc1 f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Nb5 Nd4 *(17...h6 18.Bd3 b6 19.Bc3 Rf7 20.Qd1 Ra8 21.h3 Ba6 22.Qb1 Bxb5 23.Qxb5 Rfa7 24.Bc2 Nge7 25.Qb3 Qd7 26.Rb1 Ra6 27.g4 Nd4 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Bd2 Qc7 30.Qd3 Rf8 31.Qe4 Raa8 32.Bd3* 8.♗e7 ♕e7 9. ♕c2_65860 (2240)-Artamonov,A (2230) Villa Salou 2021 CYB 12 [Shestoperov,A] 1-0 (64)) 18.Ng5 h6 19.Ne4 Nxe2+ 20.Rxe2 Kh7 21.f4 Bf5 22.Ng3 Bg4 23.Re1 Qh4 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Bc3 Bf4 26.Qb2 Rf7 27.Qf2 Bf5 28.Bb2 Nf6 Bellmann,H (2304)-Poeter,M (2211) freechess.de 2024 Fernschach2025 [Bellmann,Herbert] 1-0 (67)]

14...Nfg8 15.Bc2 Bh6



16.Nb5 f5 17.Bc3 0.34/17

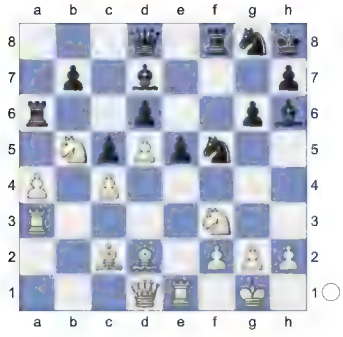
[17.h3 0.68/16 might be stronger.]

17...Bg7 0.83/19

[17...fxe4± 0.34/17 should be considered. 18.Bxe4 Nf6]

18.exf5 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.

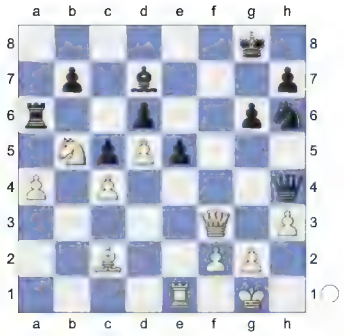
18...Nxf5 19.Bd2 Bh6 20.Re1 Bd7



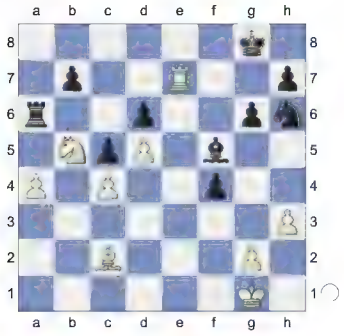
21.h3 Nh4 22.Bxh6

[22.Nxh4 seems wilder. Qxh4 23.Re2 Bxd2 24.Qxd2 Qd8 25.Nc3]

22...Nxh6 23.Nxh4 Qxh4 24.Rf3 Rxf3 25.Qxf3 Kg8

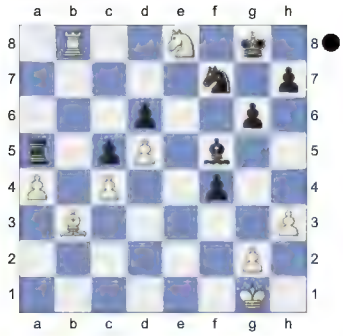


Prevents Qf8+. **26.Qb3 Qd8 27.Qe3 Qh4 28.f4** 0.01/23
[28.Qc3± 0.58/18]
28...exf4= 29.Qe7 Qxe7
[29...Nf5 with more complications. 30.Bxf5 Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Bxf5 32.Rxb7 Bd3]
30.Rxe7 Bf5⇄

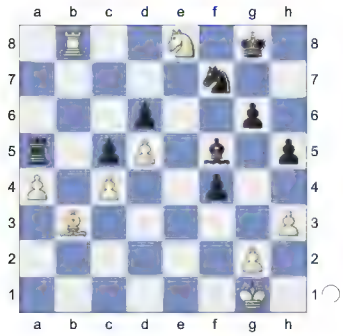


Black is not holding back **31.Bb3 Nf7** 0.56/24
[Black should play 31...Rb6!= -0.01/22]
32.Rxb7± Threatens to win with Nc7.
32...Ne5 33.Nc7! Ra5 34.Ne8 0.32/21
[White should try 34.Rb6± 0.75/21]
34...Nf7? 3.15/22 Loses the game.
[34...Ra6± 0.32/21]
35.Rb8+-

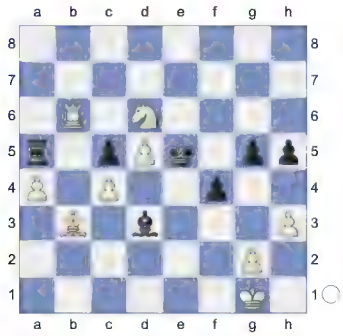
(Diagram)



And now Nxd6+ would win. **35...h5?** 9.33/23
[35...Ng5 3.13/22 36.Nxd6+ Kg7]

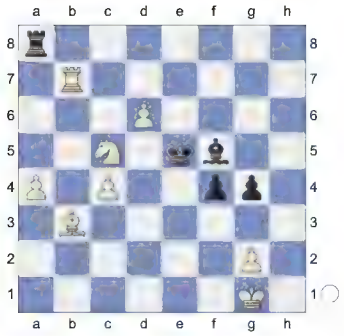


36.Nxd6+ White is clearly winning. **36...Kg7 37.Rb7 Kf6 38.Nxf7 g5 39.Nd6 Bd3 40.Rb6** Black must now prevent Nb7+. **40...Ke5**

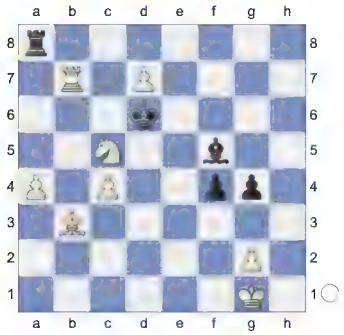


41.Nb7 Ra7 42.d6 d7 is the strong threat. **42...Bf5 43.Nxc5 g4 44.hxg4 hxg4 45.Rb7 Ra8**

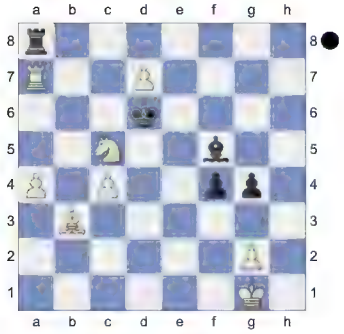
(Diagram)



46.d7 Kd6



47.Ra7!!



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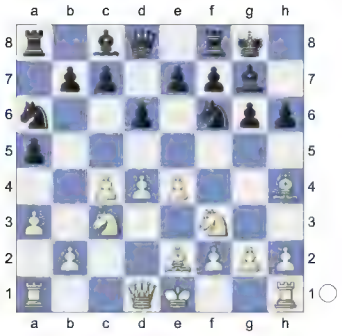
80 **E73**
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
■ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
Masters Open 2024 (6.11) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

6.Be3 a5 6...Na6 is becoming the main line. 6...Sa6 wird zur Hauptvariante.
[6...e5 7.d5 Na6 8.g4 c6 9.h4 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.b4 Na6 13.a3 h5 14.g5 Nh7 15.Qd2 f6 16.Nh3 Bxh3 17.Rxh3 fxg5 18.hxg5 Rf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Rc1 Qxg5 21.Bxa6 0-1 7.♗b3 (2462)-Modestov,B (2609) Providencia op Debrecen 1997 (9.13)]
7.a3N
[7.Nf3 Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Nf6 10.e5 *(10.Nd2 Nc6 11.Nb5 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.0-0* ½-½ (40) Martirosyan,H (2661)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2757) Biel GM1 Final 57th 2024 (1)*)* 10...Nh5 11.Nd5 Nc6 12.Ng1 g5 13.Bxh5 gxh4 14.f4 dxe5 15.dxe5 Bf5 16.Ne2 Nb4 17.Nxb4 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 axb4 19.Nc1 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.b3 Bc3+ 0-1 Liebert,H (2353)-Dziedzina,M (2319) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7) 22.Ke2 c6 23.Ke3 Ra5 24.g4 Bc8 25.h3 Kg7 26.Rh2 e5 27.f5 Bd4+ 28.Ke2 c5 29.Ke1 Bd7 30.Nd3 Bc6 31.Kf1 Rfa8 32.Rdd2 Kf6 33.Rhe2 b5 34.cxb5 Bxb5 35.g5+ hxg5 36.Bf3 R8a7 0-1 Mkrtchyan,M (2353)-Danielyan,V (2319) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (7)]
[7.g4 a4 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Nxa4 c5 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Nf3 e5 12.dxe5

dxe5 13.h4 Nd4 14.h5 Re8 15.Nh2 Nf8 16.Bg4 Nfe6 17.Bxe6 Bxe6 18.b3 f5 19.gxf6 Qxf6 20.h6 Bh8 21.0-0 Bh3 0-1 Galaviz Medina,S (2458)-Supi,L (2571) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)]

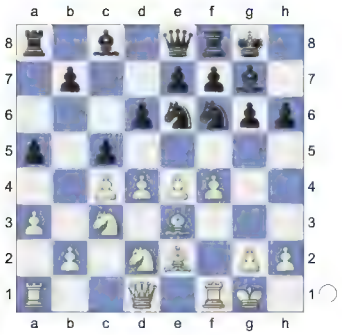
7...Na6 8.Nf3 Ng4 White is slightly better. **9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nf6**



11.Nd2 Qe8 0.91/18

[11...Nh7± 0.43/20 was preferrable.]

12.f4± c6 13.Bf2 Nc7 14.0-0 Ne6 15.Be3 c5



16.dxc5 Deflection **16...Nxc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.e5 Nd7** 1.48/19

[Black should play 18...Nh7 1.07/19]

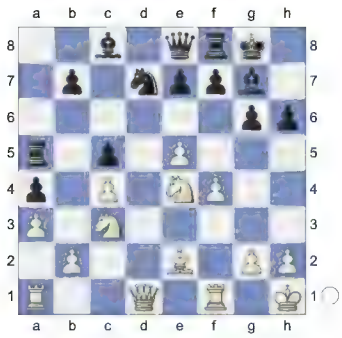
19.Nde4 a4 20.Kh1 White has more active pieces.

[But not 20.Nxa4?! Nxe5 21.Nb6 *(21.Naxc5 Nc6∓)* 21...Ra6±]

20...Ra5 1.99/18

[⌓20...Nb6 1.62/17]

(Diagram)



21.Nb5+-

[Not 21.Nxa4 Nxe5 22.Nexc5 *(22.Naxc5 Nc6=)* 22...Nc6=]

21...Qd8 2.34/22

[21...Kh8 1.86/19 is a better defense. 22.Qd2 b6]

22.Qe1 b6 3.04/20

[⌓22...Nb8 2.12/20 23.Rf2 *(23.Nxc5 Nc6+-)* 23...Qb6]

23.Rd1 e6 24.Rd6 Ra6 3.54/22

[⌓24...Qe7 2.07/16 25.Nec3 Bb7]

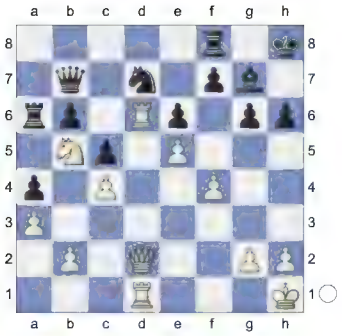
25.Qd2 Qe7

26.Rd1 Nb8 27.Bf3 Kh8

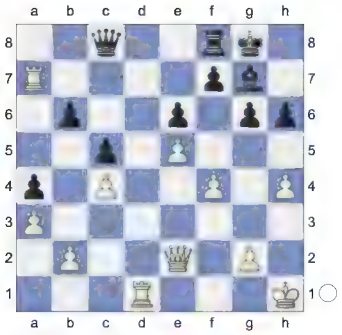
28.Nf6! Bb7

[28...Bxf6 29.exf6]

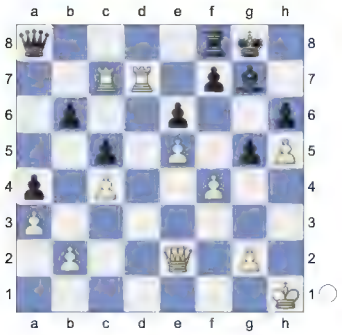
29.Bxb7 Qxb7 30.Nd7 Nxd7



31.Rxd7 Qc6 32.Qe2 Kg8 33.h4 Raa8 34.Na7 Rxa7 35.Rxa7 Qc8



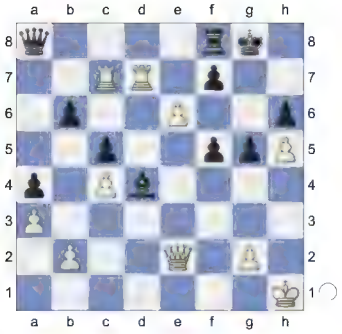
36.Rdd7 Qc6 37.Rac7 Qa8 38.h5 g5



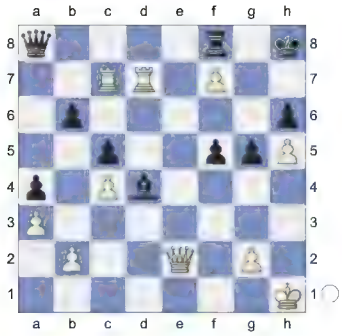
39.f5! exf5

[39...Rc8 40.Ra7]

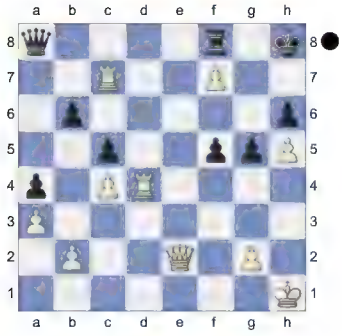
40.e6 Bd4



41.exf7+ Kh8



42.Rxd4!



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81 **E97**

□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2668**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

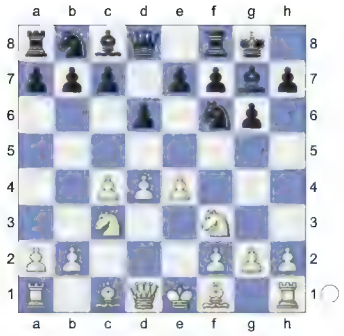
FIDE World Cup (3.2) 06.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]

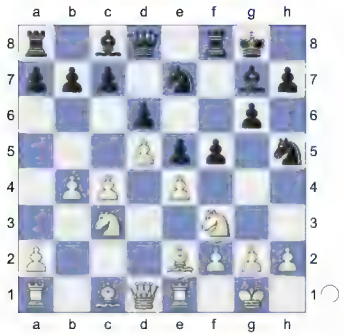
E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

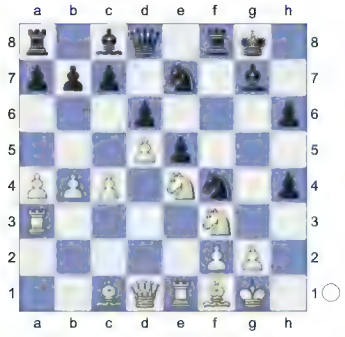
(Diagram)



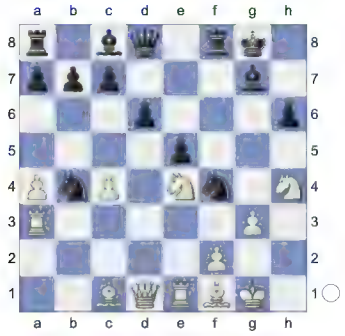
6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4! now scores much better than the old 9. Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4.
9...Nh5 10.Re1 f5



11.a4
[11.Ng5]
11...Nf4
[11...Nf6 12.a5 h6 *(12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Ng5 e3 15.Bxe3 Nf5* ...Nf5xe3 would now be deadly. *16.Bd2 Bh6 17.Qc1)* 13.exf5 0.35/19 (Better is *13.Nd2±* 1.05/19) 13...Bxf5 1.12/21 *(13...Nxf5±* 0.35/19 *14.Nd2 e4)* 14.Ra2 g5 15.h3 Qe8 16.Nh2 a6 17.Ng4]
[11...a5 12.bxa5 Rxa5 13.Ra3 *(13.Ng5)*]
12.Bf1N fxe4
[12...h6]
13.Nxe4 White is better. **13...h6N**
[13...Bg4 14.Ra3 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.h3 Bf5 *(16...Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Qd7 18.g3 Nh5 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.g4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qd2 Rxa4 23.Qxf4+ Kg8 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Nc8 26.Re6* 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11. a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4 #5*; 16...Bc8 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.c5 dxc5 19.Bc4 Nfxd5 20.Nxc5 Kh8 21.Qc1 c6 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Nf5 24.Qc1* 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4 #6*)* 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.a5 h6 19.Nh4 Bc8 20.g3 g5 21.gxf4 gxh4 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bb4 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4 #7]
14.Ra3
[14.a5]
14...g5 15.h4
[15.g3 Nh3+ 2.13/19 *(15...Nfg6±* 1.40/19 was necessary. *16.a5 Bf5)* 16.Bxh3+- Bxh3 17.Nfxg5! hxg5 3.23/19 *(⌓17...Bd7* 2.14/23 *)* 18.g4!]
15...gxh4



16.Nxh4 Nexd5 17.Ng6 0.83/22
[17.g3 1.05/19 17.c4xd5 1.60 Nxb4



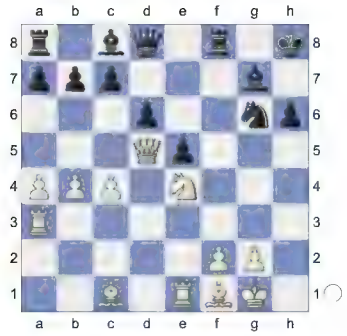
18.Bxf4! exf4 19.Ng6 Prevents f4xg3 Re8 20.Nxf4]
[17.cxd5+- 1.62/24 aiming for g2-g3. Qxh4 18.g3! *(18.Rg3 Bf5=)*

18...Nh3+ Deflection 19.Kh2 Qxe4 Decoy 20.Rxe4 Nxf2 21.Qc2! Nxe4 22.Be2! *(22.Bg2 Nf6±)* 22...Ng5 23.Bxg5! Bf5 *(23...hxg5* 3.10/18 23...Bc8-f5 2.18 *24.Rf3!)* 24.Qxc7 hxg5 25.Qxd6]

17...Nxg6 18.Qxd5+

[18.cxd5 Qd7=]

18...Kh8



19.c5! White has strong compensation.

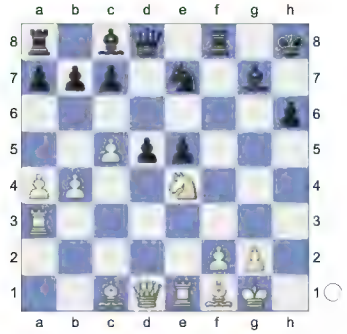
19...Ne7

[19...dxc5 20.Qxc5 b6 21.Qc6 Bf5 22.Ng3]

20.Qd1 White is much more active.

20...d5 1.59/20

[Black should play 20...Be6 1.13/20]



21.Ng3± e4 2.09/19

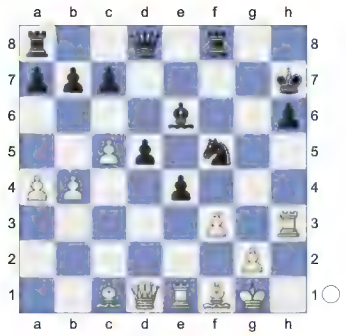
[21...Kh7 1.70/19 was called for.]

22.Nh5+- Black must now prevent Nh5xg7. **22...Nf5 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.Rh3** Hoping for g2-g4. **24...Be6 25.f3** 1.81/19

[⌓25.g4 3.12/22 Nh4 And now ...Nh4-f3+ would win. 26.Qd2 Rh8 *(26...Qf6?* 6.67/23 26...Rf8-g8 2.89 *27.Bb2)* 27.Bb2+]

25...Kh7? 3.32/19

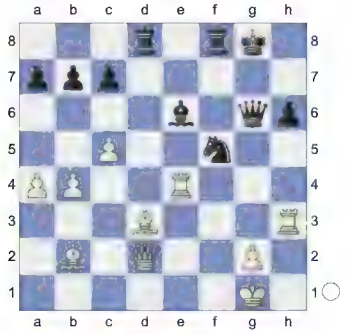
[25...Kg8 1.81/19 26.Bxh6 *(26.fxe4 dxe4 27.Qh5 Qd4+ 28.Be3 Qf6=)* 26...Rf7 27.fxe4 dxe4]



26.Qd2

[But not 26.fxe4?! Nh4+-]

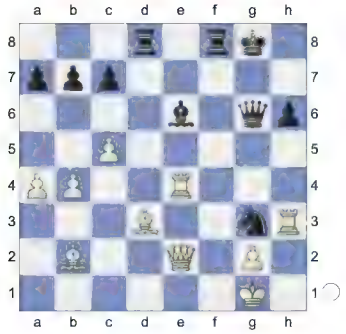
26...Qf6 27.fxe4 dxe4 28.Rxe4 Rad8 29.Bd3 Kg8 30.Bb2 Qg6



31.Qe2

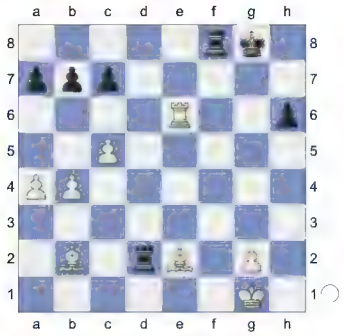
[31.Qc3]

31...Ng3

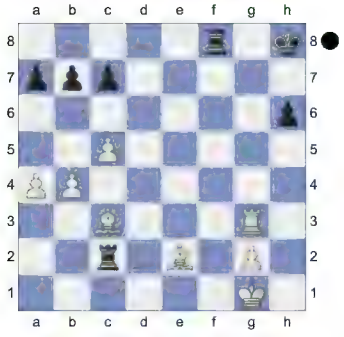


32.Rxg3 Qxg3 33.Re3 Qg4 34.Rxe6 Qxe2 35.Bxe2 This pair of bishops is

nice. **35...Rd2**



36.Bc3 White is clearly winning.
36...Rc2 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rg3+
[Less strong is 39.Rxc7+ Rxc3 40.Rxb7 h5+-]



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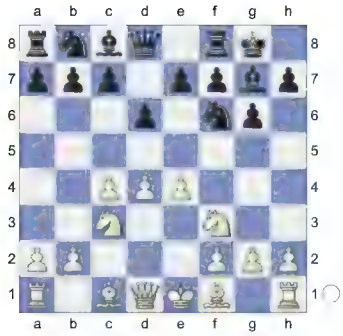
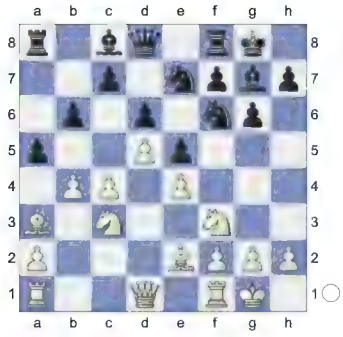
82 **E97**
Navara,David **2667**
Rapport,Richard **2717**
Prague Masters 6th (6) 04.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



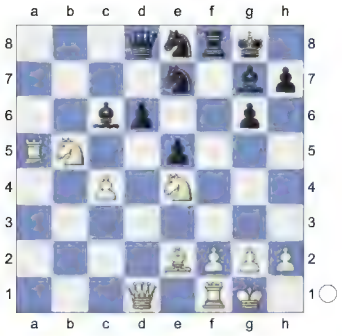
6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 b6



11.bxa5 Ne8 12.Nb5 Rxa5 13.Bb4 Ra8 14.a4 f5 15.Nd2 Bd7!

outshines the older 15...Bh6.erfolgreicher als das alte 15...Lh6. **16.a5 bxa5 17.Bxa5** White is better.
[17.Rxa5 looks sharper. Rxa5 18.Bxa5 Qa8 19.Bc3]
17...fxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxa5! 19.Rxa5 c6 20.dxc6 -1.11/22 **Bxc6∓**

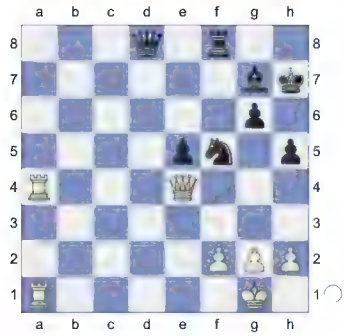
(Diagram)



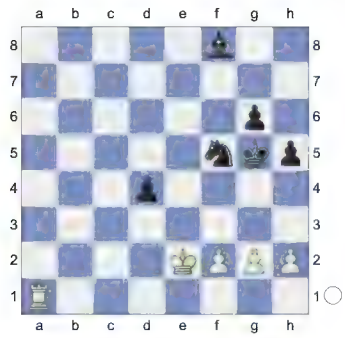
21.Ra4N -1.35/20
[Vorgänger: 21.Ra6 aiming for Rxc6! Bxe4 22.Nxd6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6 Qa8 24.Rd7 -1.86/21 *(24.g4∓ -1.33/21)* 24...Nf5 25.Qa1 -3.15/23 *(25.Bf3 -1.84/20 was called for.)* 25...Bxg2 26.Qxa8 Bxa8 27.Ra1 Nd4 28.Bd1 1-0 (42) Moore,N-Rottenwohrer Suarez,J (2265) Chess.com INT 2023]
[⌓21.Ra6 -0.93/21 Bxe4 22.Nxd6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6]
21...Bxe4∓ 22.c5 Bc6 23.Nxd6 -1.69/18
[23.cxd6∓ -1.27/19 was worth a try. Nc8 24.d7 Qxd7 25.Qxd7 Bxd7 26.Rd1]
23...Nxd6-+
[23...Bxa4? 24.Bc4+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxd8+-]
24.cxd6 And now Ra6 would win.
24...Nf5!
[24...Bxa4?! 25.dxe7 Bxd1 26.exd8Q Rxd8 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1=]
25.Bb5 Bxb5

(Diagram)

This bishop pair is nice. **26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.Qxb5 Qxd6**
[27...Nxd6 28.Qd5∓]
28.Qb7 Qd8 29.Qe4 h5 30.Rfa1 Kh7

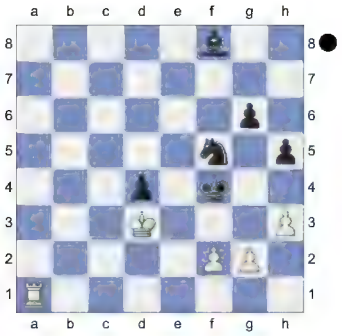


31.Ra8 Qd4 32.Qxd4 exd4 33.Rxf8 Bxf8 34.Kf1 Kh6 35.Ke2 Kg5

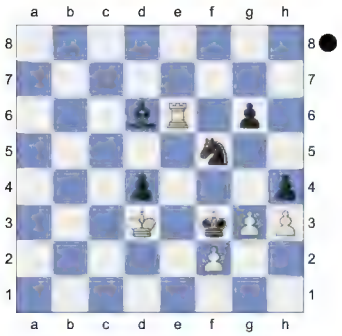


36.Kd3 Kf4 37.h3 -1.74/23
[37.Re1∓ -1.38/23]

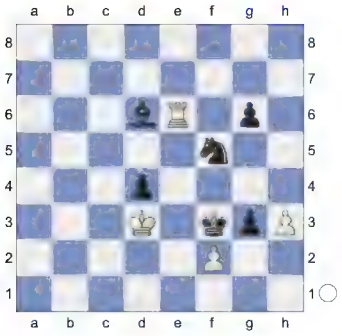
(Diagram)



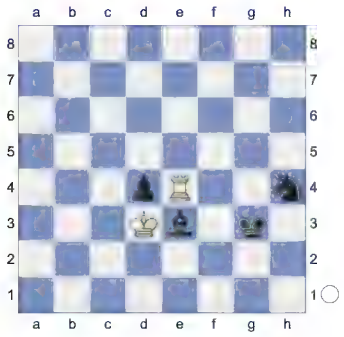
37...h4! 38.Re1 Bd6 -1.09/24
[Better is 38...Kg5-+ -1.78/22 39.Rc1 Bd6]
39.g3+∓ Kf3 40.Re6



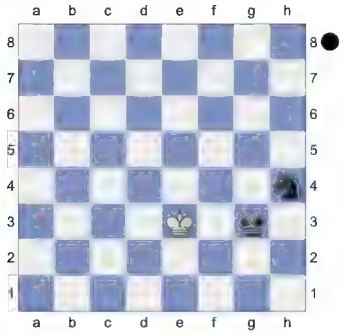
hxg3 -0.01/26
[But not 40...Kxf2 41.g4 Bg3 42.Rf6= *(42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Kxd4 Kg2=; 42.Rxg6 Nd6=)*]
[40...Bxg3!∓ -0.72/27 41.fxg3 hxg3 42.Rxg6 g2]



41.fxg3= Bxg3 Hoping for ...Nh4.
42.Rxg6 Bf2 43.Rg4 -0.67/25
[White should play 43.Rf6= -0.01/23 Kf4 44.Re6]
43...Be3 -0.01/24
[43...Ng3∓ -0.67/25 44.Rxd4 Nh5]
44.Re4 -0.74/27
[44.Rg8= -0.01/24 keeps the balance.]
44...Kg3 -0.01/27
[44...Ng3∓ -0.74/27 45.Rxd4 Nf5]
45.h4 The position is equal. **45...Nxh4**



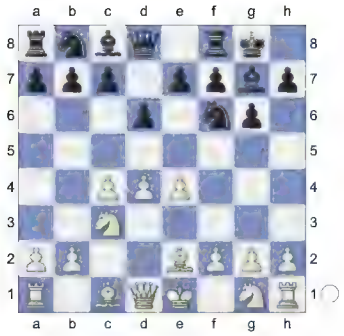
46.Rxe3+ dxe3 47.Kxe3



Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

83 **E94**
□ **Gelfand,Boris** **2657**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
Wch Blitz New York (7) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Nf3 Na6 7.0-0

[7.Bf4 Qe8 8.e5 Nd7 9.Qd2 dxe5 10.dxe5 Ndc5 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qe3 Na4 13.Ne4 b6 14.b3 N4c5 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.Rad1 Ne6 17.Bg3 c5 18.h3 Bf5 19.Nd5 Nc2 20.Qd2 Rd8 21.Bh4 Rd7 13.♖ad1 ♕b6 14.b3 (2629)-Klepej,J (2549) Telavi 1999 CBM 069 [Unzicker/Metz] 1-0 (38)]

[7.Be3 c5 8.d5 e6 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5 Nc7 11.a4 Re8 12.h3 a6 13.Qd2 Bf5 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.Bd3 Ne4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Ng5 Bf5 18.g4 Bd7 19.Rae1 b5 20.Qf4 Qf6 21.Nge4 Qxf4 Grebennikov,N (2176)-Muniz,R (2140) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (49)]

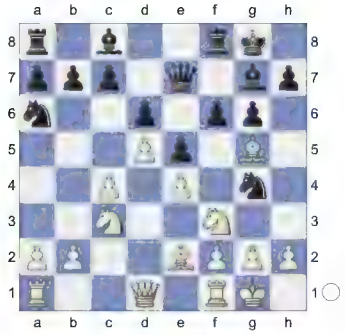
7...e5N

[7...c5 8.d5 Nc7 9.h3 a6 10.Bf4 Rb8 11.a4 Bd7 12.e5 Nfe8 13.a5 b5 14.axb6 Rxb6 15.Qd2 Qb8 16.Ra2 Na8 17.Ne4 Qb7 18.Bh6 Bf5 19.Ng3 Bc8 20.Bd3 Rb3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Nh5+ Petersons,A-Filipowicz,A Soviet Union 1963 EXT 2003 [Langlois,Arthur] 1-0 (34)]

[7...c6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nf6 11.Nd2 Nh7 12.Nb3 g5 13.Bg3 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.f4 Qd7 16.fxg5 Nxg5 17.Qd2 Nc7 18.Bf4 Rf6 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.d5 c5 21.Qxg5 Raf8 Sitarek,N (2500)-8.♘e2 ♘c6 9. 0-0 b6_66000 (2580) Zürich 1998 Telechess CBM 89 [Chess Post 211]]

[7...Qe8 8.Rb1 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.b4 c6 11.b5 Nc5 12.Ba3 Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Qc1 Qc5 16.Rb3 f5 17.Qa3 Be6 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Ra3 e4 20.Ng5 Bd7 21.f4 h6 22.Nh3 Riedel,H (2210)-Podzielny,K (2470) Goch 1993 EXT 1998 [Bulletin] 0-1]

8.Be3 Qe7 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6

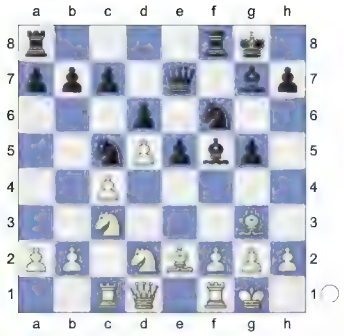


11.Bh4 White is slightly better. **11...g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nd2!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **14...Nf6 15.Rc1!N** 0.29/16 An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.

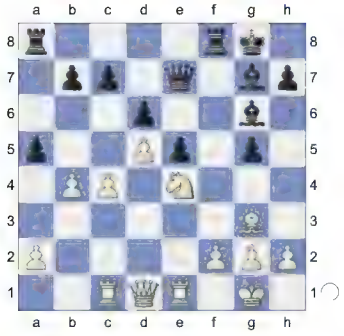
[15.Re1 0.14/17 15.a3 0.63 h5 0.82/19 *(15...Qf7= 0.14/17)* 16.f3 0.13/17 *(16.Bxh5± 0.82/19 Nb4 17.Nde4)* 16...Qf7 17.a3 h4 18.Bf2 h3 19.g3 g4 20.Be3 -0.30/19 *(⌓20.Nde4* 0.16/17 *)* 20...Qg6 21.Rf1 -0.70/19 *(21.Nde4=* -0.01/18 *)* 21...Rf7 -0.01/17 *(21...Nc5!∓* -0.70/19 *)* 22.Nde4= Bxe4 0.70/23 *(22...gxf3=* -0.01/21 *23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Bxf3 Bc2)* 23.fxe4± Raf8 24.b4! Nb8 25.Rxf6? -1.03/21 *(25.Qd3±* 1.16/18 stays on course.) 25...Rxf6∓ 26.Bxg4? -6.46/21 *(26.Qd3∓* -0.55/19 *)* 26...Rf1+! 0-1 So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) Chess.com Speed Chess blitz 2023 (2.6)]

[15.a3± 0.65/18]

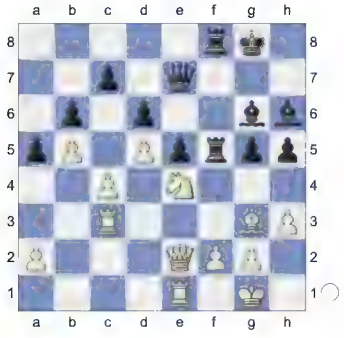
15...Nc5



16.b4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 Bxd3 18.Re1 Bg6 19.Nde4 0.11/20
[19.c5± 0.57/18]
19...Nxe4= 20.Nxe4 a5

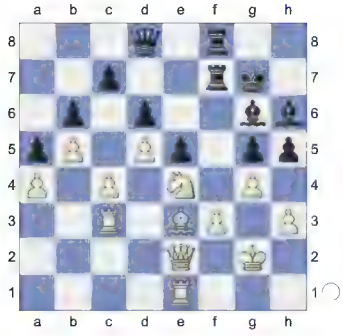


21.b5 b6 Prevents c5. **22.Qg4 Rf5** aiming for ...h5. **23.h3 h5 24.Qe2 Bh6 25.Rc3 Raf8**



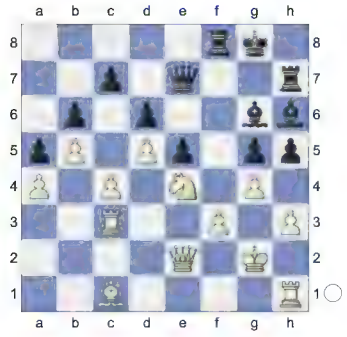
26.Rf1 Qg7 0.56/19
[26...Qh7= -0.21/19]
27.Bh2 -0.45/18
[27.c5!± 0.56/19 bxc5 28.b6]
27...Qf7? 1.09/18
[27...R5f7∓ -0.45/18 stays ahead.]
28.a4 -0.01/19
[28.c5!± 1.09/18 bxc5 29.b6]
28...Kh8 1.00/20
[28...Qe7= -0.01/19]
29.Re1 0.06/19
[White must play 29.c5!± 1.00/20 bxc5 30.b6]
29...Qh7 0.44/19
[29...Qe7= 0.06/19 might be stronger.]
30.g4 -0.66/25
[30.c5± 0.44/19 dxc5 31.d6]
30...R5f7∓

31.f3 Kg7 0.01/22
[31...Bxe4∓ -0.61/23 32.fxe4 hxg4 33.Qxg4 Bg7]
32.Kg2= Rh8 1.40/20
[32...Kg8= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
33.Bg3 -0.01/20
[33.c5!± 1.40/20 bxc5 34.Nxc5!]
33...Qg8? 1.52/21
[33...h4= -0.01/20 34.Bf2 Rhf8]
34.Bf2 0.26/18
[34.gxh5± 1.52/21 Bxe4 35.fxe4 *(35.Qxe4 Qh7±)*]
34...Qd8 35.Be3 Rhf8



36.Bd2 Qe7 37.Rh1 Kg8 0.63/18

[37...Bxe4= 0.30/20 38.Qxe4 Qf6]
38.Bc1 0.26/21
[38.Rf1± 0.63/18]
38...Qd8 39.Bd2 -0.01/19
[39.Rf1± 0.34/19]
39...Qe7! 40.Bc1 0.01/18
[40.Rf1± 0.48/18 is more appropriate.]
40...Rh7 0.38/17
[40...Qd8= 0.01/18]



41.Bd2 0.01/15
[41.Re1± 0.38/17]
41...Rff7 0.45/19
[41...Rhf7= 0.01/15 should be considered.]
42.Ra3 Rh8 43.Rc3 -0.01/16
[43.Raa1± 0.41/18]
43...Rfh7 0.40/19
[43...Rhh7= -0.01/16]
44.Rcc1 Qd8 0.69/18
[44...Rf7= 0.30/17]
45.Ng3 0.24/18 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[45.Rcf1± 0.69/18]
45...Rf7 0.99/18
[45...Bg7= 0.24/18 remains equal.]

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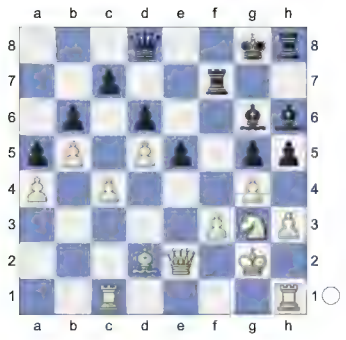
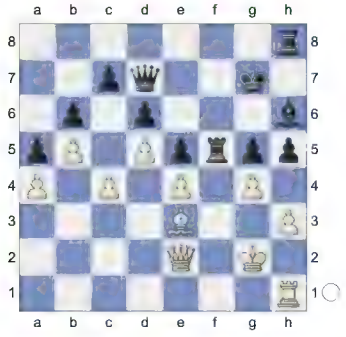


46.Ne4 0.01/18
[Much worse is 46.Nxh5?! Bxh5 47.gxh5 Bg7=]
[46.gxh5± 0.99/18 Bf5 47.Ra1 *(47.Nxf5 Rxf5 48.Qe4 Qf6±)*]
46...Rf8 0.56/17
[Better is 46...Rfh7= 0.01/18]
47.Be3 Bxe4 0.81/18
[47...Qe7± 0.35/19 deserves consideration.]
48.fxe4± Qd7 49.Rcf1 Kg7 2.06/21
[49...h4± 0.89/21]
50.Rf5 0.99/22
[50.gxh5+- 2.06/21 has better winning chances. Hoping for Rxf8. Qc8 51.Qg4]
50...Rxf5



51.gxf5 Qf7 52.Rg1 Kh7 53.Kf1 Rg8 54.Ke1 Qe8 55.Kd1 Qf7

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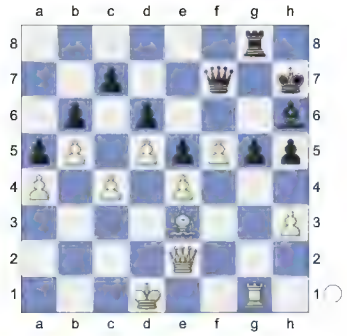
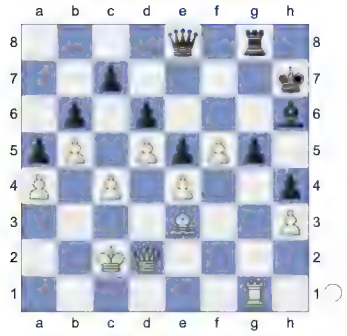


56.Kc2 Qe8 1.28/21
[⌓56...g4 0.73/23]
57.Qd2 0.57/21
[57.Bd2± 1.28/21]
57...h4 1.69/25
[57...Qd8!≅ 0.57/21]



58.Qe2 0.99/23
[Avoid the trap 58.Bxg5? Qh5 59.Qd1 *(59.Bxh6? Rxg1 60.Be3 Rg3-+)* 59...Qxd1+ 60.Kxd1 Rxg5-+]
[58.Qd1!+- 1.69/25]
58...Qf7 59.Qg4 0.73/23
[⌓59.Qf3 1.09/22]
59...Qe8 1.76/22
[59...Rg7± 0.73/23]
60.Kd3 2.26/25
[⌓60.Bc1 1.76/22]
60...Qf7+-

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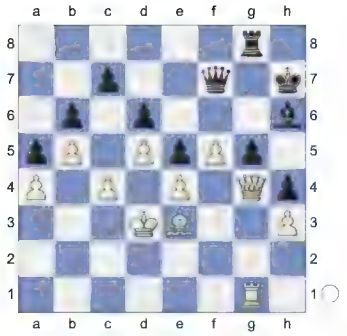
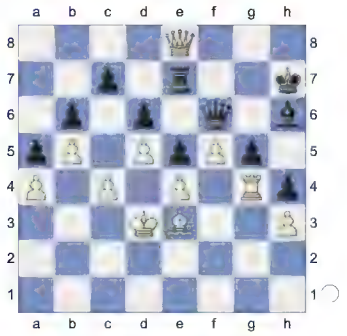


61.Rf1 Threatens to win with f6. **61...Qf6**
62.Qh5 0.55/25
[White should try 62.Bf2± 1.22/21]
62...Rg7? 2.07/25 This costs Black the game.
[62...Kg7!≅ 0.55/25]
63.Rg1 Kg8? 4.23/22
[63...Rg8 2.15/27 keeps fighting. 64.Rg2 Kh8]
64.Qe8+ Kh7 65.Rg4 Black must now prevent Qe6. **65...Re7**



66.Qh5 Qf7? 17.31/27
[66...Rg7 1.99/24 67.Rg2 Rg8]
67.Qxf7+ 4.22/26
[⌓67.Rxg5 17.31/27 White wants to mate with Rg6. Qxh5 68.Rxh5]
67...Rxf7 68.Bxg5 Endgame KRB-KRB
68...Rg7 8.53/19
[⌓68...Bxg5 4.15/26 69.Rxg5 Kh6 70.Rg6+ Kh5]
69.Bxh4 Strongly threatening Rxg7+.
69...Rf7 70.Ke2 Bf8

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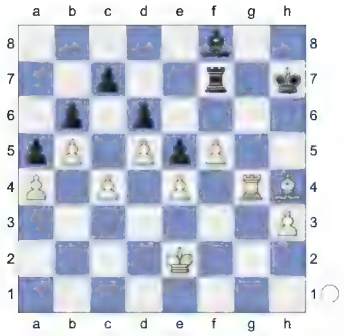
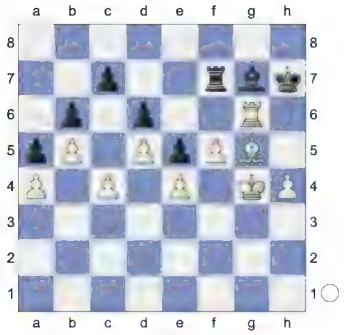
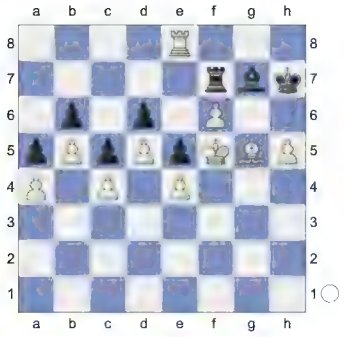


71.Kf3 Bg7 72.Rg6 Bh8 73.Kg4 Bg7 74.Bg5 Bh8 75.h4 Bg7



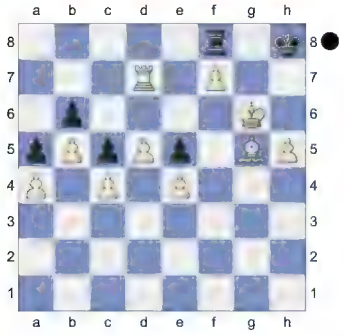
76.h5 Rd7 77.Re6 Bf8 78.Re8 Rf7 79.f6 c5 80.Kf5 Bg7



81.Re7 Rf8 82.Rxg7+ 13.66/5
[⌓82.h6 #7/16 Rc8 83.hxg7 Rd8 84.f7 Kxg7 85.Bf6+ Kh6 86.Re8 Kh5 87.Rxd8 Kh6 88.Rh8#]
82...Kh8 83.Rd7 Rg8 84.Rxd6 Kh7 85.Rd7+ Kh8

(Diagram)

86.f7 Rf8 87.Kg6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.40
1-0

84 **E74**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2548**
Wch Rapid Almaty (11) 28.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

E74: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation: 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

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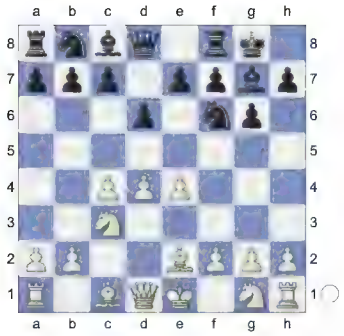
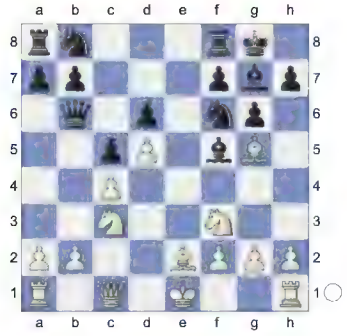
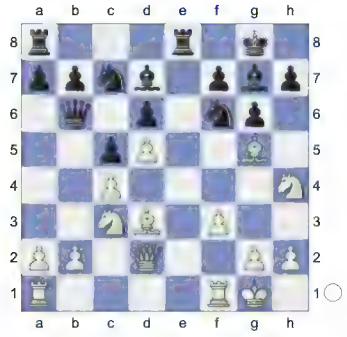


6.Bg5 c5 6...c5 scores better than 6... Na6.6...c5 punktet besser als 6...Sa6.
7.d5 Qb6N
[7...e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.f3 Na6 11.g4 Nc7 12.h4 b5 13.h5 b4 14.Nd1 Qe7 15.Nf2 a5 16.Kf1 Bd7 17.Kg2 Nb5 18.Re1 a4 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Bc4 Qf7 21.Bf4 h5 22.Ngh3 1-0 Fedorowicz,J (2535)-Damljanovic,B (2470) (open) 43/93 1987]
[7...h6 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.f3 h5 *(11...Nh7 12.Bb5 Nd7 13.Nh3 a6 14.Be2 b5 15.0-0 h5 16.Nf2 b4 17.Na4 a5 18.Rac1 Nb6 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Kh1 a4 21.Bh6 Bd4* Luminet,D (2520)-Winter (2637) JUG-chT Tivat 1995) 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Nh7 14.Bd1 Nd7 15.Nge2 Ne5 16.b3 Qh4+ 17.Bf2 Qf6 18.Qe3 h4 19.h3 g5 20.0-0 Bd7 21.Kh1 Nf8 22.Bg1 ö-ö Sukhareva,O (2585)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5 13795_15163 (2775) blindfold [4] 1858]
8.Qc1N
[Vorgänger: 8.Qd2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 -0.15/20 *(10.Bxf6± 0.49/20 Bxf6 11.Nxd5)* 10...Bf5!= 11.Nh4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 h6 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qxb2 16.0-0 Bc2 17.Rae1 -0.40/21 *(17.Qd2= -0.01/22)* 17...Nd7∓ 18.f4 Qf6 0.39/21 0-1 (57) Fier,A (2572)-Chigaev,M (2641) Chess.com INT 2022 *(18...Rae8∓ -0.40/22)*]
8...e6 9.Nf3 exd5 White is slightly better. **10.exd5 Bf5**



11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bd3 0.33/19
[14.Qd2± 0.72/19]
14...Na6± 15.Qd2 Nc7 1.06/18
[15...Nb4± 0.49/19]



16.g4? -2.03/20
[16.Kh1± 1.06/18]

16...Ncxd5! -0.12/19 **17.cxd5=**
[17.Nxg6? hxg6 18.cxd5 c4+ 19.Kh1 cxd3-+]

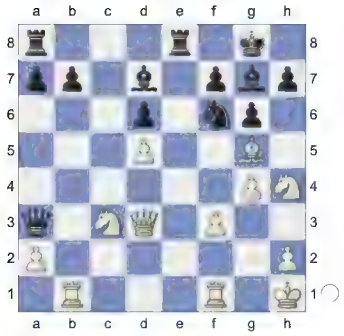
[17.Ng2 Nc7]

17...c4+ Discovered Attack (Check)

18.Kh1! cxd3 19.Qxd3 -1.44/21

[19.Qf4!= -0.13/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Qd8 *(19...Qxb2? 20.Bxf6 Rac8 21.Rab1+-)* 20.Ne4 Nxd5 Discovered Attack 21.Qxd6]

19...Qxb2∓ 20.Rab1 Qa3



21.Rxb7 -1.91/21

[21.Rb3∓ -1.41/20 keeps fighting. Qa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Ng2]

21...Rac8 -0.96/21

[21...Rab8-+ -1.91/21 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.Rxb8 Rxb8]

22.Rb3 Qa5 ...Nf6xg4! is the strong threat. **23.Bd2 Qc5 24.Ng2 h5** -0.32/22

[Better is 24...a5∓ -0.83/20]

25.h3 -1.19/20

[25.Bg5∓ -0.32/22 hxg4 26.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6 27.Ne4 Rxe4 *(27...Qd4 28.Nxd6 Qxd3 29.Rxd3=)* 28.fxe4]

25...Rb8 -0.71/21

[⌓25...hxg4 -1.19/20 26.fxg4 a5]

(Diagram)

26.Be3 Qa5 ...Rb8xb3 would now be deadly. **27.Bd4** -1.05/21

[White should play 27.Rfb1!∓ -0.36/22 Rxb3 28.Rxb3]

27...Rxb3!

[27...Nxd5? 28.Rxb8 Nxc3 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Bxg7+-]

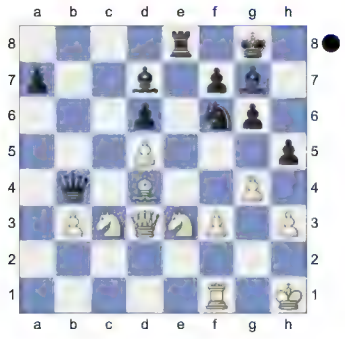
28.axb3 Qb4 -1.10/21

[28...Nxd5? 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Nxd5+-]

[⌓28...Rb8 -1.49/22 29.Qc2 Qb4 *(29...Nxd5 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Ne4∓)* 30.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6]

29.Ne3 -1.51/22

[⌓29.Na2 -1.10/21 Qb5 30.Qxb5 Bxb5 31.Re1]

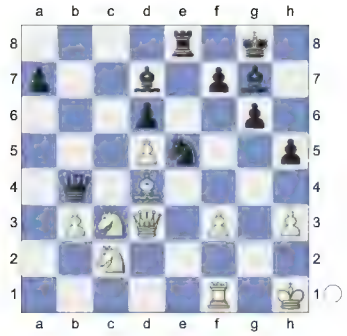


29...Nxg4? 0.01/24 **30.Nc2= Ne5!**

[30...Qxb3 31.hxg4 Rc8 *(31...hxg4? 32.Bxg7 Bf5 33.Qd4+-)* 32.Rb1+-]

[30...Bf5 31.Ne4 Qb7 *(31...Bxe4? 32.fxe4 Qb7 33.Bxg7+-)* 32.hxg4 Bxe4 33.fxe4±]

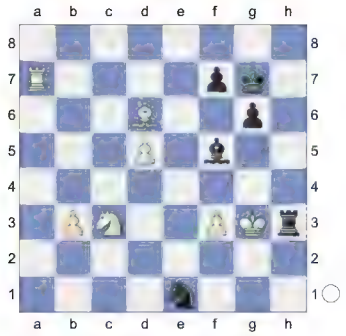
(Diagram)



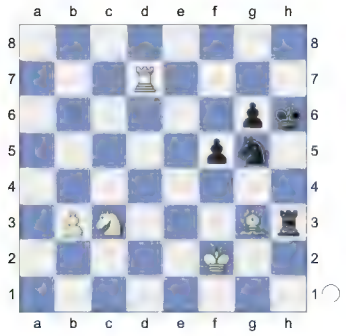
31.Nxb4 -1.01/21
[31.Bxe5= -0.01/26 Qh4 32.Bxg7]
31...Nxd3∓ 32.Bxg7 Nxb4 33.Bf6 Bxh3 34.Ra1 Nc2 -0.09/23
[34...Re3 35.Rxa7 g5 *(35...Rxf3 36.Ra8+)* 36.Ne4 Nxd5 *(36...Rxb3? 37.Nxg5 Rb1+ 38.Kh2+-)* 37.Bd4=]
[Black should try 34...a6∓ -1.38/22 Threatens to win with ...Re8-e3. 35.Ra4 Rb8]
35.Rxa7= Ne1

36.Kh2 Bf5
[36...Nxf3+? 37.Kxh3 g5 38.Kg3+-]
37.Kg3 h4+ Deflection **38.Bxh4 Kg7** 1.41/23 Against Bh4-f6+
[38...Re3= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 39.Kf2 Rxc3 *(39...Rxf3+ 40.Kxe1 g5 41.Bxg5=)* 40.Kxe1 Kg7 *(40...Rxf3 41.Bf6=; 40...Rxb3 41.Kf2=)*]
39.Be7± Rh8 40.Bxd6 aiming for Bd6-e5+.
[Much less strong is 40.Kf2 Nd3+ *(40...Nxf3 41.Bxd6 Rh3 42.Bg3+-)* 41.Ke3 Rb8±]

40...Rh3+

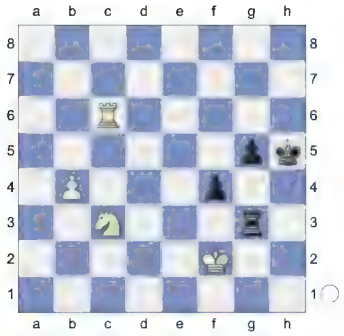


41.Kf2 White is more active. **41...Nxf3** 2.02/21
[41...Nd3+± 1.06/22 was called for. 42.Ke2 g5]
42.Bg3+- Ng5 2.38/22
[⌓42...Nd2 1.69/21]
43.d6 Strongly threatening d6-d7.
43...Kh6? 4.10/22
[43...Kf6 1.82/21 might work better. 44.Nd5+ Kg7 45.Be5+ Kh6]
44.d7 Bxd7 45.Rxd7 f5

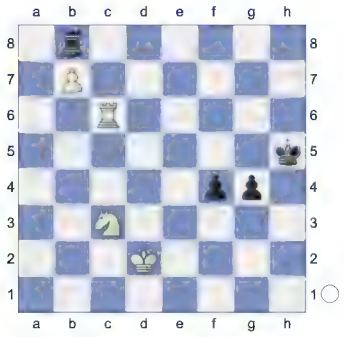


46.Rd4 Ne6

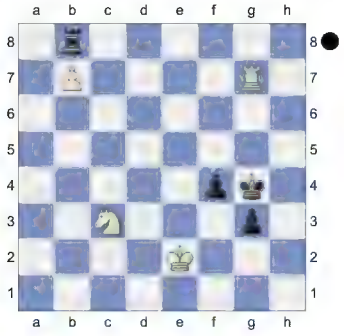
47.Rd6 f4 48.Rxe6 Rxg3 Endgame. KRN-KR **49.Rc6 Kh5 50.b4 g5**
(Diagram)



51.b5 g4? 5.47/25
[51...Kg4]
52.b6 White is clearly winning. **52...Rf3+ 53.Ke2** Intending b6-b7 and mate. **53...Re3+ 54.Kd2 Re8 55.b7** Threatening mate with Rc6-c8. **55...Rb8**



56.Rc7 g3 57.Ke2 Kg4 58.Rg7+



Never resign too early!
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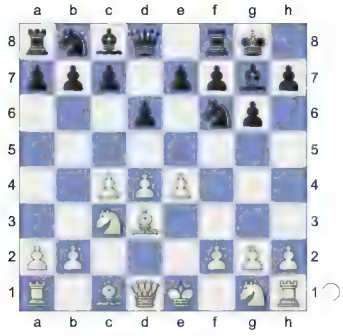
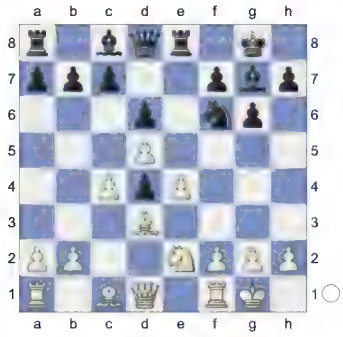
1-0

85 **E70**
□ **Korobov,Anton** **2650**
■ **Smerdon,David** **2475**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (3.14) 13.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0

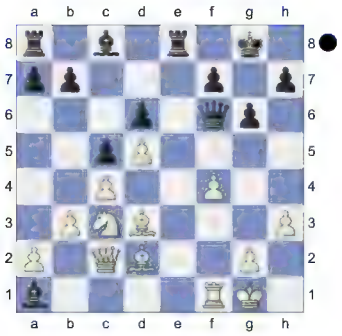


6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Re8



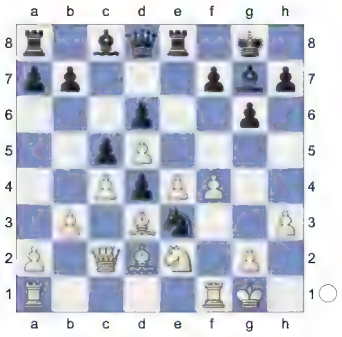
11.Qc2!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
11...Nd7 12.b3 c5 The position is equal. **13.f4** Inhibits Ne5. **13...Nf6**
14.Bd2N
[Vorgänger: 14.h3 -0.26/20 14.Bd2 0.24 Nxe4! 15.Bxe4 d3! 16.Bxd3 Bxa1 17.Nc3 -1.32/22 *(17.f5∓ -0.40/19)* 17...Qf6 -0.64/21 *(17...Qh4∓ -1.32/22* Threatens to win with ...Bxh3! *18.Kh2 Re1 19.Rxe1*

Qxe1) 18.Bd2 -1.05/21 *(18.Nb5∓* -0.64/21 *)*



18...Bf5!∓ 19.Bxf5 Black must now prevent Bd3. Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxf5 ½-½ Footner,J-Ebbett,D ENG-ch corr England 1976 21.Qb2 Re3 22.Bh8 Kf8 23.b4 Qe4 24.bxc5 Re2 25.Qg7+ Ke8 26.Rf3 Qc2 27.Kh1 Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Qd2 29.Rg3 Rxg2+ 30.Rxg2 Qxf4+ 31.Kg1 Qc1+ 32.Kf2 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 ½-½ (33) Footner,J-Ebbett,D corr 1976 UltraCorr3a [CC61 p1016]]

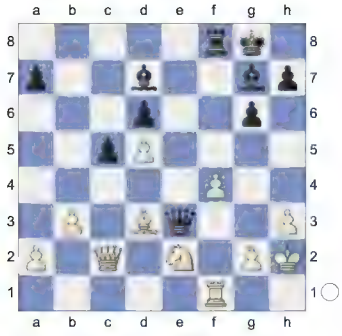
14...Ng4 15.h3 Ne3



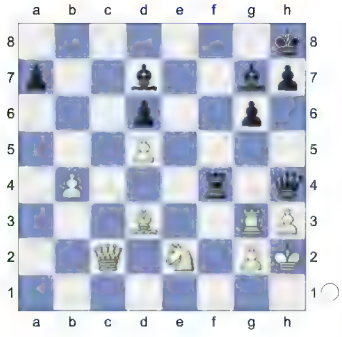
16.Bxe3 dxe3 17.Rad1 b5 0.72/20
[17...a5= 0.27/18]
18.Rf3 0.07/21
[White should try 18.cxb5± 0.72/20 Bd7 19.Rf3]
18...bxc4 0.47/22
[18...b4= 0.07/21]
19.Bxc4± f5 20.Rxe3 fxe4

(Diagram)

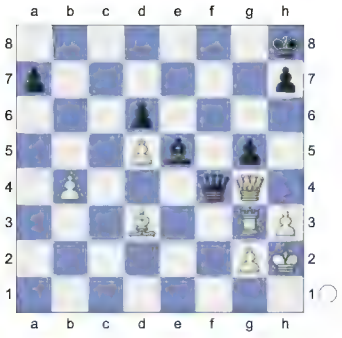
21.Rxe4 Bf5 Inhibits Re6. **22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bd3 Qe3+ 24.Kh2 Bd7 25.Rf1 Rf8**



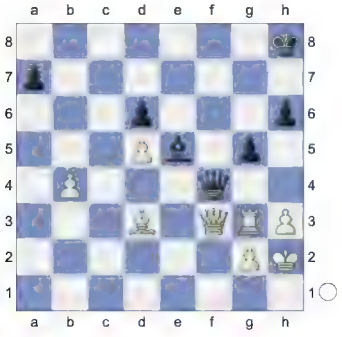
26.a3 Kh8 27.Rf3 Qe7 28.b4 cxb4 29.axb4 Qh4 1.18/20
[⌓29...Rb8 0.71/20]
30.Rg3 0.67/19
[30.Qc7± 1.18/20 Bg4 31.Rf1]
30...Rxf4? 3.85/22
[30...Qd8± 0.67/19]



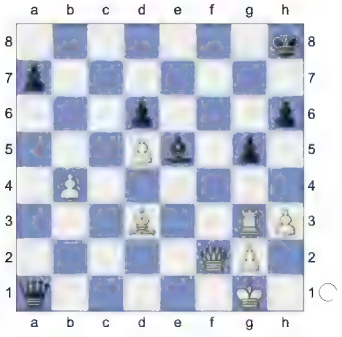
A mistake that costs the game.
31.Nxf4+- Qxf4 32.Qc7! Be5 33.Qd8+ Kg7 34.Qxd7+ Kh8? 4.20/24
[34...Kf6 2.33/23 35.Qe6+ Kg7]
35.Qg4 g5



36.Be2 White is clearly winning.
[Not 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Qg4 h5 38.Qxf4 *(38.Qd7+ Kf8=)* 38...Bxf4+-]
36...h6 37.Bd3 Qe3 38.Qf3 Qf4



Against Qf8+ **39.Kg1! Qd4+**
[39...Qc1+ 40.Bf1]
40.Qf2 Qa1+



41.Bf1 Bd4

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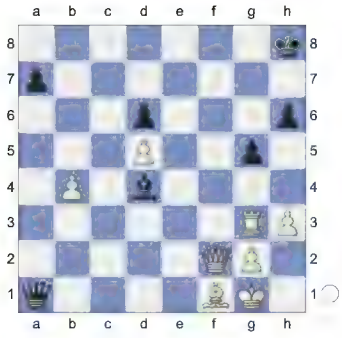
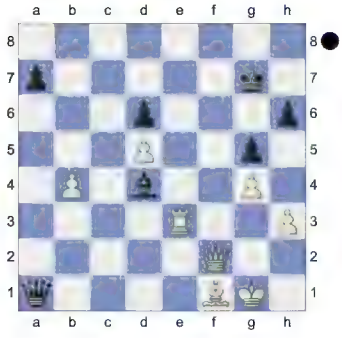


42.Re3! Kg7 Inhibits Qf8+.
[42...Kg8 43.g3]
43.g4



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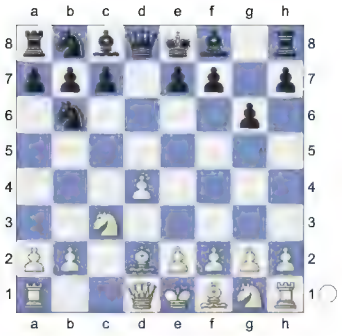
86 **D90**
□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
■ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
Masters Open 2024 (3.23) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

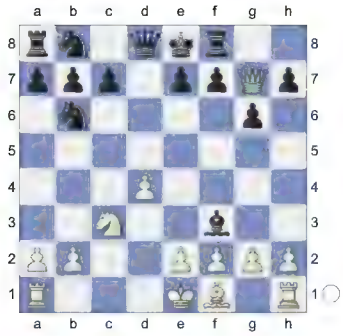
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Nb6**

(Diagram)

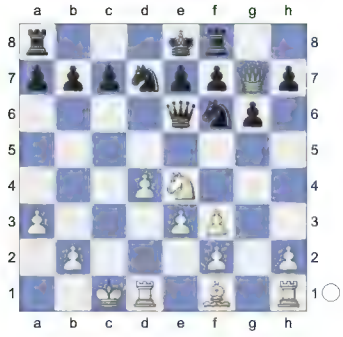


6.Nf3
[6.e3 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6 11.h4 N8d7 12.h5 e6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.e4 f5 15.g4 Nf6 16.gxf5 exf5 17.e5 Ng4 18.d5 cxd5 19.0-0-0 d4 20.Nb5 Qd5 0-1 Radjabov,T (2793)-Aronian,L (2809) Candidates Tournament London 2013 (6)]
6...Bg7!
[6...Nc6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.e3 0-0 9.Bb5 Be6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Nc4 14.b3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.Rc1 c4 17.bxc4 Bxc4 18.Re1 Qxd1 19.Rexd1 Rfd8 20.h4 c5 21.Rxd8+ 1-0 Lobanov,S (2536)-Fier,A (2599) Chessable Masters Div 3 W chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.2)]
7.Qc1N next Bh6 is good for White.
[7.Bg5 0-0 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.dxc5 N6d7 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Bb5 Nxc5 13.0-0 g5 14.Bg3 Bf5 15.Qd5 Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Nd3 17.Bxc6 Nxc1 18.Rxc1 10 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 (2) Game]
7...Bg4 8.Bh6 Bxh6
[8...Bxd4? 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Nxc7+ Kd7 11.Nxa8+-]
9.Qxh6 aiming for Qg7. White is slightly better. **9...Bxf3 10.Qg7 Rf8**

(Diagram)



11.gxf3 Qd6 12.e3
[12.Qxh7 Qxd4 13.Qh3 N8d7∓]
12...N8d7 13.0-0-0 Nd5 ...Nxc3 would now be deadly. **14.Ne4**
[14.Qxh7 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qa3+ 16.Kb1 Nf6 *(16...Qxc3 17.Qh4∓)*]
14...Qe6 15.a3 Inhibits Nb4.
[15.h4 is more complex. Nb4 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Bh3]
15...N5f6



16.Nc3 -0.47/22
[16.Bd3= 0.11/19]
16...Qf5!∓ 17.Qh6 Prevents Qh5
17...Qxf3 18.Be2! Qc6 19.e4 0-0-0
[19...Nxe4? 20.Bb5 Qe6 21.Rhe1+- *(21.Qxh7? Nxc3 22.bxc3 c6-+)*]
20.Bb5 -0.76/21
[20.Qe3∓ -0.38/19]
20...Qe6!∓

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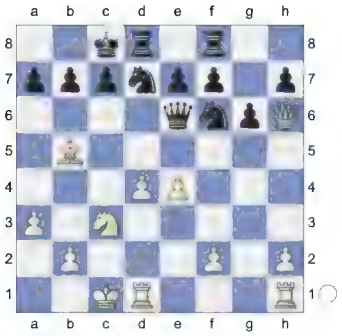
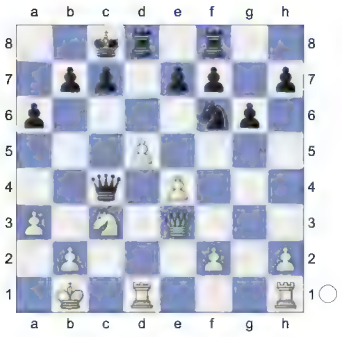
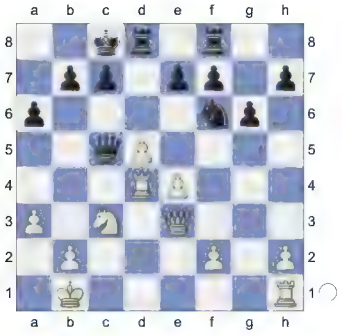


21.Qe3 a6 22.Be2 Qb3 23.Kb1 Nb6 0.00/25
[23...e5∓ -0.51/22]
24.d5 Nc4? 2.62/23
[24...e5!= 0.00/19]
25.Bxc4+- Qxc4

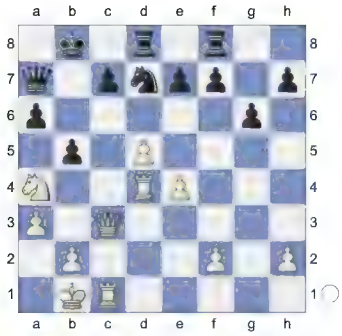


26.Rd4! Qc5



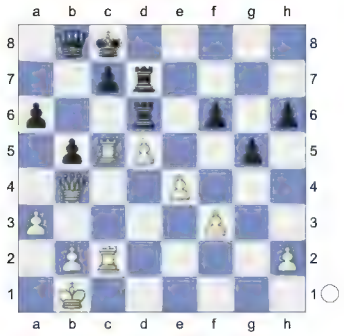
27.Na4! White has strong compensation.
27...Qa7 28.Rhd1 0.54/21
[28.Rc1+- 1.94/20]
28...Kb8
[28...e5? 29.dxe6 Rxd4 30.Rxd4+-]
29.Qc3 Hoping for Rc1. **29...Nd7**
30.Rc1↑ White fights for an advantage.
30...b5!

(Diagram)

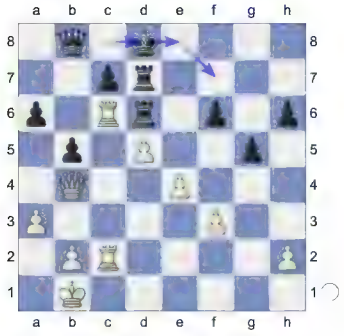


31.Qb4 Black must now prevent Rdc4!
31...Kc8 1.20/20
[31...f5± 0.48/21]
32.Nc5± White is much more active.
32...Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Threatens to win with a4. **33...e5?** 3.82/22 This move loses the game for Black.
[33...f6± 1.50/20]
34.Rd2+- Rd6 35.Rdc2 And now Rxc7+ would win. **35...Rfd8**

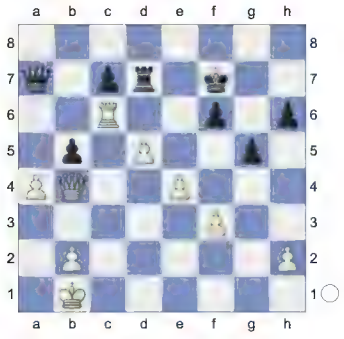
36.Qc3
[36.Rxc7+ Qxc7 37.Rxc7+ Kxc7 38.Qc3+ Kb7 39.Qxe5 f6±]
36...R8d7 37.Qxe5 Strongly threatening Qe8+. **37...f6 38.Qd4 g5 39.f3**
[Resist 39.Rxc7+?! Qxc7 40.Rxc7+ Rxc7±]
39...h6 2.41/20
[39...Rc6 1.66/20 keeps fighting. 40.b4 h5]
40.Qb4
[40.Rxc7+ Qxc7 41.Rxc7+ Rxc7+-]
40...Qb8? 4.21/19
[40...Qb7 2.20/18 41.Rxc7+ Qxc7 42.Rxc7+ Kxc7]



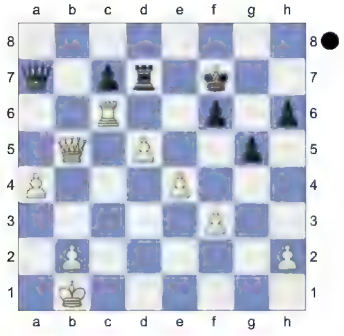
41.Rc6 White is clearly winning.
41...Kd8



42.Rxa6!! Ke8 43.Rcc6 Kf7 44.a4 Rxc6 45.Rxc6 Qa7



46.Qxb5



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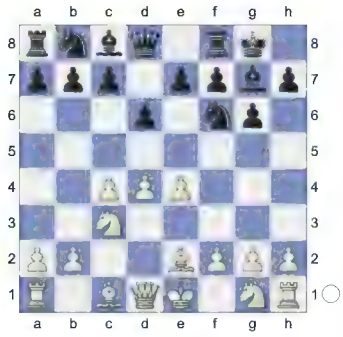
87 **E97**
☐ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
■ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**
Masters Open 2024 (1.12) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 c6

11.b4 Be6 12.Qa4 Qc7N White is slightly better.
[12...Nd7 13.b5 Qc7 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Rab1 Rfb8 16.Rxb8+ Rxb8 17.Qxa7 Qxa7 18.Bxa7 Rb2 19.Be3 Bf8 20.Rb1 Rc2 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Nb6 23.Bd3 Nxc4 24.Kf1 Bb4 25.Nb1 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.Ke2

0-1 Ahmadinia,E (2379)-Amin,B (2608) Dubai op 14th 2012 (8) fxe4 28.Bxe4 Nd6 29.a3 Nxe4 30.axb4 Ba2 31.fxe4 Bxb1 32.Ke3 g5 33.Bb2 Kf6 34.g3 h5 35.h4 g4 36.Bc3 Ke6 37.Bb2 Kf6 38.Bc3 Ke6 ½-½ Braun,F (2399)-Chapter Part (2536) Capablanca Memorial Elite 31st Cienfuegos 1996 (8.1)]

13.Rfd1

[13.Bxa7? b6 14.Rfb1 Rxa7-+ *(14...Qxa7? 15.Qc2-+)*]

13...Rfe8 14.Rac1

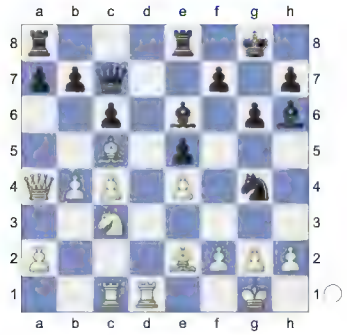
[14.Bxa7? b6 15.Qc2 Rxa7-+ *(15...Qxa7? 16.a4-+)*]

14...Ng4 15.Bc5 -0.15/22

[15.Bxa7? b6 *(15...b5? 16.cxb5 Rxa7 17.Qc2-+)* 16.h3 *(16.Bxg4? Bxg4 17.Re1 Rxa7-+)* 16...Rxa7-+]

[15.Bxg4± 0.41/19 Bxg4 16.Rd2]

15...Bh6=



16.Rb1 Red8 0.40/20 Wards off Bd6

[16...Bf8!= -0.09/22]

17.h3 0.00/23

[17.Bxa7 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 *(18.Rxd8+? Qxd8∓)* 18...Rxd1 19.Qxd1 *(19.Bxd1? b5-+; 19.Nxd1? b6-+)* 19...Rxa7=]

[17.Rxd8+± 0.40/20 is more appropriate. Qxd8 18.h3]

17...Nf6 18.Rxd8+

[18.Bxa7? Bd2 19.Qc2 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxd1+ *(20...Rxa7? 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1-+)* 21.Rxd1 Rxa7-+]

18...Qxd8 19.Rd1 Dodges Qd2

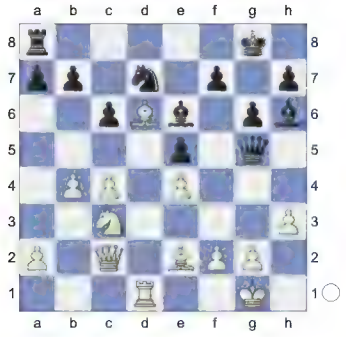
[Of course not 19.Bxa7 Qd2 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Qxa8+ Kg7 22.fxe3 Qxc3∓]

19...Nd7 20.Qc2

[Don't play 20.Bxa7 Bf8∓]

20...Qh4

Strongly threatening ...Nxc5. **21.Bd6 Qg5 22.Kh1 Qf6 23.Kg1 Qg5 24.Kh1 Qf4 25.Kg1 Qg5**



26.Kh1 Qf6 27.Kg1 Qg5 28.Kh1 Qf4 29.Kg1 Qg5 30.Kh1 Qf4

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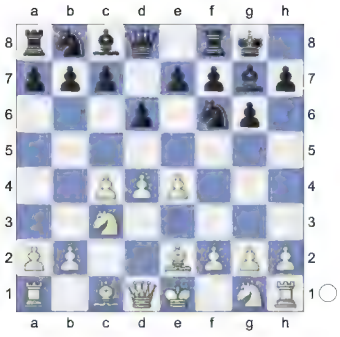
½-½

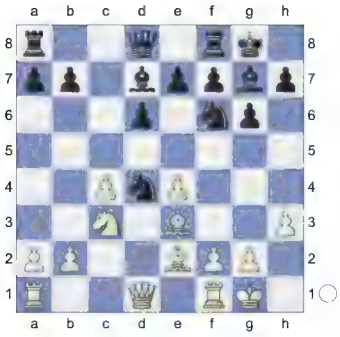
88 **B38**
□ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2643**
■ **Levitsky,Andrey** **2274**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0

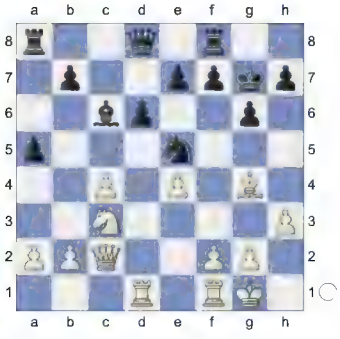
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



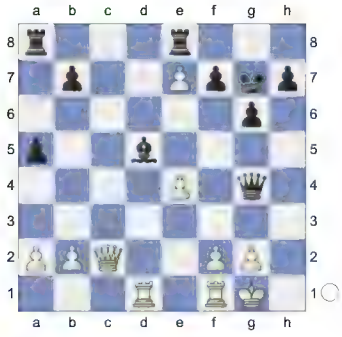
6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.h3 Nxd4



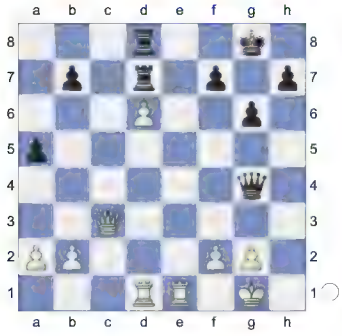
11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Qc2 a5 13.Rad1 Nd7 14.Bxg7 White is slightly better.
14...Kxg7 15.Bg4 Ne5



16.c5 Nxg4 17.hxg4 Qc8 0.85/22
[17...Rc8± 0.49/17 should be considered.]
18.cxd6± Qxg4 19.dxe7 Rfe8 20.Nd5
[Don't play 20.f3 Qh4±]
20...Bxd5



Remove Defender **21.exd5 Rxe7 22.Qc3+!?** Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **22...Kg8 23.d6 Rd7 24.Rfe1N** White is in control. &Bianco is more active.
[24.Rd5 Qb4 25.Qe5 a4 26.a3 Qb6 27.Re1 Rad8 28.Red1 Qc6 29.Kh2 Qc4 30.R1d4 Qc2 31.Rd2 Qb3 32.Qd4 h6 33.Re2 Kh7 34.f4 b5 35.Re4 Qc2 36.Re7 Qc6 37.Qe5 h5 38.f5 Rxe7 39.fxg6+ Cheparinov,I (2711)-Amin,B (2709) Zagreb 2018 CBM 196 [Stohl,Igor] 1-0 (43)]
24...Rad8? 2.88/25
[24...Qg5± 1.06/19 was called for.]

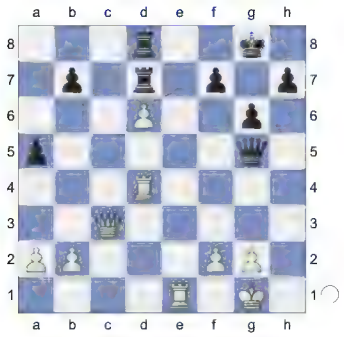


This move loses the game for Black.
25.Rd4!+-

[Less strong is 25.Qxa5 Rxd6 26.Qxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Kg7±]

25...Qg5 4.89/20

[25...Qf5 2.72/26 26.Rde4 Rf8]

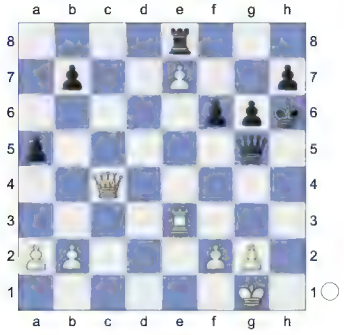


26.Rde4 Threatening mate with Re8+.

26...f6 27.Qc4+ Kg7N

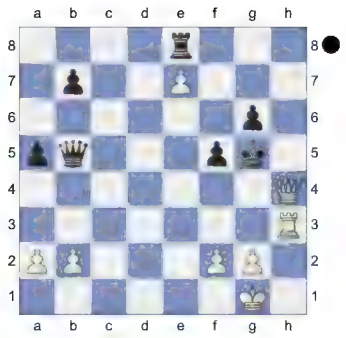
[27...Kh8 28.Re8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Kg7 30.Qg8+ Kh6 31.Qf8+ Kh5 32.Re3 aiming for Rh3+. Qd5 33.Rh3+ Kg4 34.Qxf6 1-0 Saric,A (2540)-Loew,G (2251) Bayern-chl Bank Hofmann 20th 2016 (7)]

28.Re7+ Kh6 29.R1e3 Intending Rh3+ and mate. **29...Rxe7 30.dxe7 Re8**



31.Qf7 Rh3+ would kill now. **31...Qb5 32.Rh3+ Kg5 33.Qxh7** Qf7 is the strong threat. **33...f5 34.Qh4#**

(Diagram)



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89 **E61**

□ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2642**

■ **Degenbaev,Aziz** **2227**

Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..

[Kitty Kat]

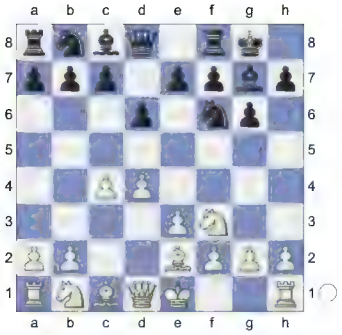
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2

[5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Nbd2 Qa5 8.Bd3 d5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nh4 cxd4 12.Nxf5 gxf5 13.exd4 Nc6 14.b4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Nxd4 16.Nb3 e5 17.Nc5 Qc6 18.Qa4 Qg6 19.Kh1 b6 Prokofiev,S (2365)-Chapter (2450) corr BdF 1984 Bilbao by Spyros Kapnisi [Keilhack/Schlenker] 0-1 (33)]

5...d6

(Diagram)



6.0-0N

[6.Nc3

A) 6...Nc6 7.0-0 *(7.d5 Nb8 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.b3 Nc6 12.Bb2* 2) ...g6 Systems-...g6 Systems #8*)* 7...e5 8.Re1 e4 9.Nd2 Re8 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Rb1 h5 12.b4 Bf5 13.b5 Nd8 14.a4 h4 15.h3 Ne6 16.Ba3 Ng5 17.Bf1 Qd7 18.Kh2 Nh5 19.Nd5 c6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Nc3 8.♕c2 a6 9. ♖d1 ♕c7_6560 (1933)-Thierry,R (2303) Southend 2023 CT-0832 [John Watson] 0-1;

B) 6...c6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.b3 Qc7 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.d5 c5 13.Qd2 a6 14.a3 Rab8 15.Rfb1 Rfe8 16.Qd3 Nf8 17.e4 Rec8 18.Be2 Bh6 19.g3 Qd7 20.Kh2 b6 Litz,K-Fischer,R www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Junior 5.0 (30s)] ½-½ 21.Bc1 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 Qc7 23.Qe3 Kg7 24.Rf1 N8d7 25.Rae1 h6 26.f3 Rf8 27.Ra1 Rfe8 ½-½ (27) Mahmoud,Y-Schudro,M Espana 98/(112) 2000 ZUS C73 [Gerhard Müller_9592]]

6...b6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 e6 10.a4!? Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **10...a5**

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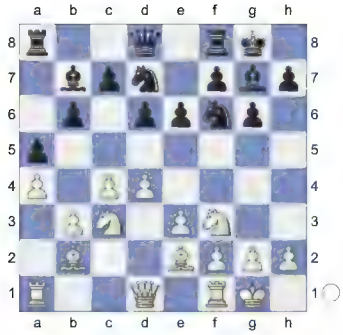
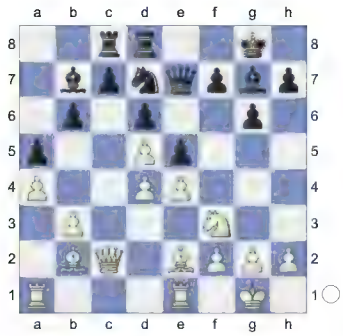


11.Qc2 Qe7N

[Vorgänger: 11...Rc8 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.e4 c5 0.65/20 *(⌓13...Rfe8* 0.32/18 *)* 14.e5 -0.37/21 *(*White should try *14.d5±* 0.65/20 *)* 14...dxe5!∓ 15.dxe5 -0.77/21 *(15.d5=* -0.22/20 remains equal.*)* 15...Ng4∓ 16.Ne4 -1.19/21 *(16.Nb5∓* -0.61/19 *)* 16...Ngxe5 -0.66/22 *(* Black should play *16...Rcd8∓* -1.19/21 *17.Nfg5 Ngxe5)* 17.Nxe5 -0.99/23 *(17.Nd6∓* -0.66/22 *Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.Nxc8)* 17...Nxe5 1-0 Hajiyev,K (2197)-Shapiro,D (2284) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (10)]

12.e4 White has an edge. **12...Rfd8 13.Rfe1 e5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Rac8**



16.Bb5 Inhibits c6. **16...exd4** 0.96/19

[16...Nb8± 0.55/19]

17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Re3 Rf8 19.Rae1 Be5 20.g3 Bg7

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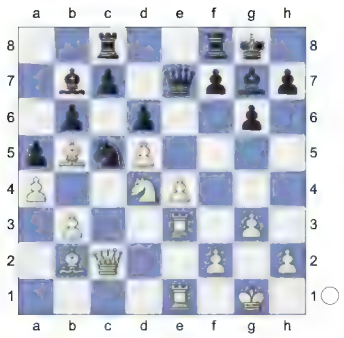
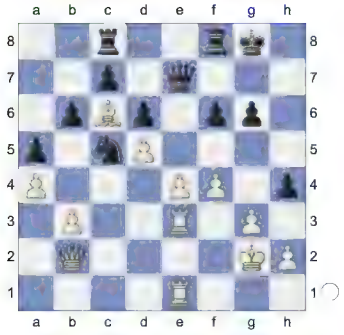
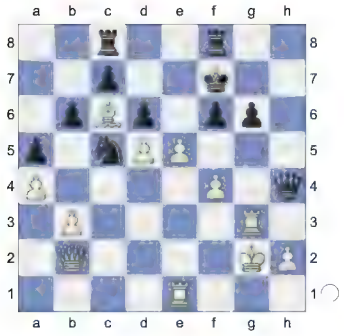


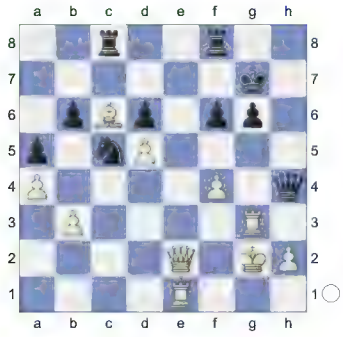
21.f4 &Bianco is more active. **21...h5** **22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.Bxc6 Bxb2 24.Qxb2 h4** 1.37/19
[24...f6± 0.57/18]
25.Kg2 0.97/20
[Better is 25.e5 1.37/19]
25...f6



26.gxh4 Qh7 27.Rg3 Kf7 1.37/19
[⌓27...Qxh4 0.85/21 28.Qf2 *(28.Rxg6+ Kf7∓)* 28...g5]
28.e5± Qxh4



29.exd6 0.43/23
[29.Ree3!± 1.50/21 Rh8 30.h3]
29...cxd6± **30.Qe2→** White threatens Qe7+ and mate. White has some attack.
30...Kg7? 1.82/22
[30...f5!= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]



31.Qe7+? 0.24/22
[31.f5!+- 1.82/22 Threatens to win with Qe7+. Rc7 32.Rg4 *(32.Rxg6+ Kh8±)*]
31...Rf7= **32.Qxd6** Re7 is the strong threat. **32...Rh8** 1.93/22
[32...Qh5!± 0.53/21]
33.h3+- The board is on fire. **33...Nd3?** 4.33/20
[33...Rhf8 1.81/21 is a better defense. 34.Ree3 g5]
34.Re4 f5 #2/6
[34...Ne5+- 4.57/23 35.Rxe5 Qxf4]
35.Qxg6+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.69
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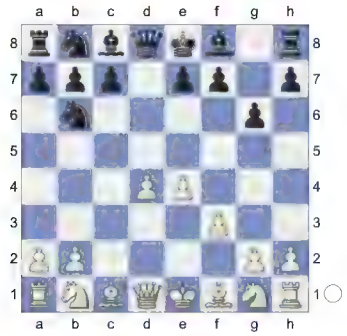
90 **D70**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2562**
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

D70: Grünfeld: Unusual White 3rd moves (met by ...d5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]

3...d5N
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6
A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;
B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

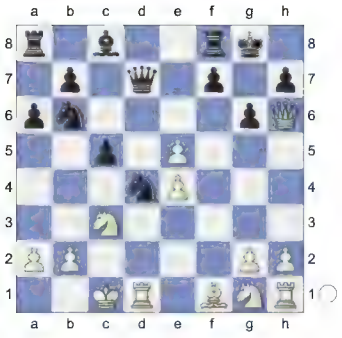
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6



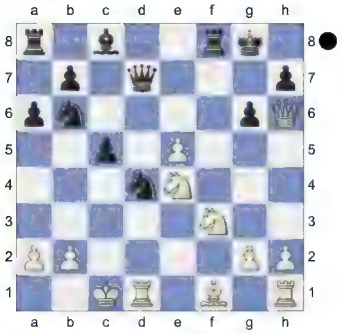
6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0! Qd6 10.Nb5 Qd7

11.Bh6! is more profitable than 11.Kb1 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 11. Kb1. **11...Bxh6** White has an edge.
12.Qxh6 a6 13.Nc3 Nxd4 14.f4! e5N
[14...f6 15.Nf3 Against e5 e5 16.fxe5 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Qd6 18.Nf3 c5 19.Bd3 Qe7 1.01/20 *(19...Qc7± 0.39/21)* 20.Nd5 -0.01/23 *(20.h4± 1.01/20)* 20...Nxd5= 21.exd5 Hoping for Bc4. Nxf3 22.gxf3 1-0 Caruana,F (2794)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) CCT Final playoff rapid 2023 (1.1)]
15.fxe5 c5

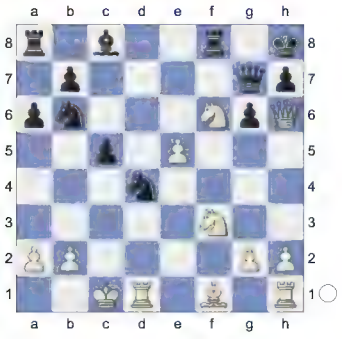
(Diagram)



16.Nf3 f6 1.11/20
[16...Qe7± 0.64/21]
17.exf6± Rxf6 18.e5 Rf8 19.Ne4



And now Nf6+ would win. **19...Qg7 20.Nf6+ Kh8**



21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Rxd4 aiming for Rh4. **23...Bf5 24.b3** 0.07/21
[Better is 24.Bd3± 0.66/20]
24...Rac8+= 25.Kb2 Black must now prevent g4. Active counter play!
25...Rc2+

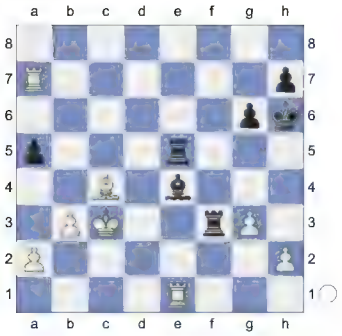
(Diagram)

26.Ka3 Rc5! 27.Rb4↑ White is pushing.
27...Ra5+ 28.Kb2 Rxe5 29.Rxb6 Rxf6 30.Rxb7+ Kh6

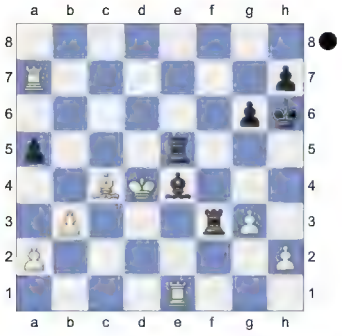
31.Ra7 -1.04/21
[31.Bc4= 0.26/22]
31...a5? 0.64/22
[Black should play 31...Re1∓ -1.04/21 Strongly threatening ...Be4. 32.Rg1 Bg4]
32.Bc4± Be4 1.59/22
[⌓32...Rd6 1.01/20]

33.Re1!± Rf2+ 34.Kc3 Rf4? 5.32/23
[34...Re8± 1.14/22]
35.g3+- Rf3+

(Diagram)



36.Kd4



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91 **E73**
☐ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2635**
■ **Papaioannou,Dimitrios1** **1991**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 e5

(Diagram)

6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Be3N A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nd5 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Kc8 11.f3 c6 12.Nc3 h6 13.Be3 Bf8 14.Na4 Kc7 15.a3 Nb6 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Nh3 Bxh3 18.gxh3 Bc5 19.Bd2 Nh5 20.Bc3 Rhe8 21.Rhe1 Bf2 22.Rf1 Be3+ Diaz Rubi,F (2234)-Velde,M (2178) ICCF 2019 Kommentierte Partien2024 [GM Ostriker,Jon] 1-0 (45) 23.Kb1 Nf4 24.Bd3 c5 25.Bc2 Nxh3 26.Rd5 f6 27.Rfd1 Bd4 28.Bd2 g5 29.Bc1 Nf4 30.Bxf4 gxf4 31.Bd3 Rg8 32.Bf1 Rg1 33.Kc2 Rh1 34.h3 Rg8 35.b4 Rgg1 36.Be2 Rxd1 37.Bxd1 Rxh3 Esen,B (2414)-9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15.♗d3 (2666) San Luis 2023 15 1... c5: model games [John Watson] 0-1 (45)]
[8.f4 Be6 *(8...Nfd7 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Rad1 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 exf4 14.Bxf4 Re8 15.e5 c6 16.Nc3 Ke7 17.Ne4 g5 18.Bg3 g4 19.Nh4 Nxe5 20.Nd6 Be6 21.Nhf5+ Bxf5 22.Rxf5 Kf8 23.Nxe8* O'Neill Mcaleenan,C-Nelson,R Sochi 1970 Telechess CBM 89 [Kunath] 1-0 *)* 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0 Kc8 11.Ng5 Nd4 12.Nxe6 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 fxe6 14.Nc3 Ne8 15.Rf3 Rf8 16.Kf2 Nd6 17.c5 Nc4 18.b3 Na5 19.Kg3 Nc6 20.Rb1 Nd4 21.Rf2 Kd7 22.b4 Rf7

Zitzelsberger,P (2386)-Games (2469) Odessa (m/2-rapid) 109/198 1997 Telechess CBM 108 [Gerfried Scholz] 0-1 (36)]

8...Be6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0-0+ White is slightly better. **10...Nd7**

11.Ng5N &Bianco is much more active.

[Vorgänger: 11.Rd2 h6 12.Rhd1 Kc8 13.h3 a6 14.Kb1 b6 15.a3 Nc5 16.Ka2 a5 17.Bxc5 bxc5 0-1 Rios,C (2469)-Yuffa,D (2592) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (9)]

11...Nd4 12.Nxe6+ fxe6 13.Bg4 0.10/19

[13.Rhe1± 0.53/16 should be considered.]

13...Ke7= 14.Nb5 c5 15.Nc7 Rac8

16.Nb5 a6 17.Nc3 b5 18.b3 -0.96/22

[18.Rhe1= -0.19/17 remains equal.]

18...bxc4∓ 19.bxc4 Nb6 Pair of Knights! **20.Be2 Nxe2+**

(Diagram)

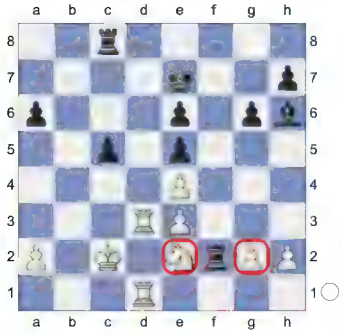
21.Nxe2 Nxc4 22.Kc2 -1.92/21

[22.Bg5+∓ -0.96/21 Bf6 23.Bxf6+ Kxf6 24.Rd7]

22...Nxe3+-+ 23.fxe3 Bh6 24.Rd3 -2.84/24

[24.Rhf1 -1.86/21 might work better.]

24...Rhf8 25.Rhd1 Rf2



26.R1d2 Rxg2 27.Rd7+ Ke8 -0.30/24

[27...Kf6-+ -1.78/23 28.Nc3 Rxd2+ 29.Kxd2 c4]

28.Rxh7= Bf8 29.h4 -1.61/22

[29.Nc3∓ -0.46/22 Rxd2+ 30.Kxd2]

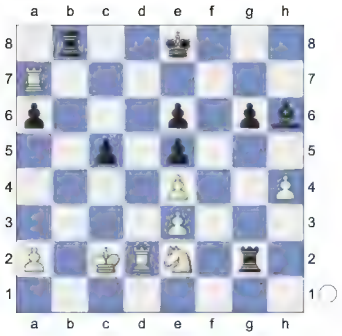
29...Rb8 -0.72/22

[29...c4!-+ -1.61/22 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Rd8. 30.Nc3 Rxd2+ 31.Kxd2 Rd8+ 32.Kc2 Rd3]

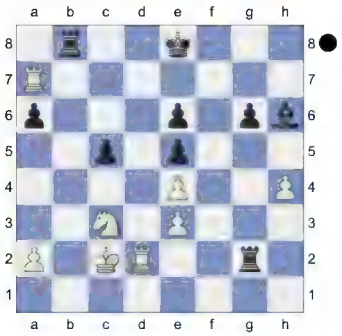
30.Ra7 Bh6 0.01/25

[30...c4∓ -0.87/21 White must now prevent ...Ba3. 31.Rc7 a5 32.Rxc4 Ba3]

(Diagram)

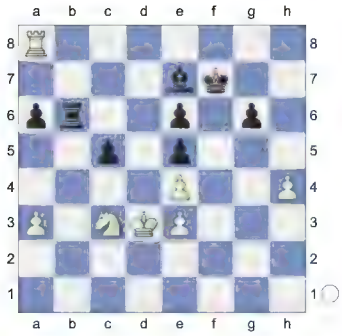


31.Nc3? -1.50/23
[31.Rh7!= 0.01/25 Bf8 32.Nc3 Rb2+ 33.Kxb2 Rxd2+ 34.Kb3]

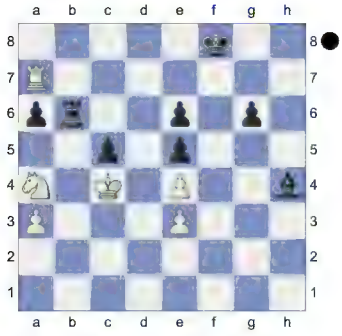


31...Rxd2+ -0.01/23
[31...Rb2+!∓ -1.50/23 32.Kxb2 Rxd2+ 33.Kb3 Rd6]
32.Kxd2∓ Endgame KRB-KRN **32...Rb6**
33.Kd3 -1.00/24
[33.Nd1= -0.01/21]
33...Bf8 0.01/22
[33...c4+!∓ -1.00/24 34.Kxc4 Bxe3]
34.a3 -0.63/21
[34.Na4= 0.01/22 c4+ 35.Kc3]
34...Be7 -0.01/25
[34...c4+!∓ -0.63/21 35.Kxc4 Bxa3]
35.Ra8+= Kf7!

(Diagram)

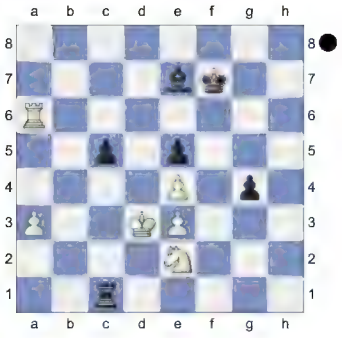


36.Ra7 Kf8 37.Kc4 -0.94/25
[37.Ra8+= -0.01/22 Kf7 38.Ra7]
37...Bxh4∓ 38.Na4

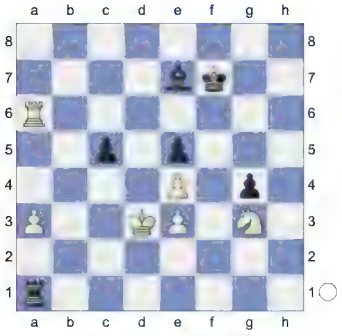


Rb1 39.Rxa6 Be7 -0.01/21
[Much worse is 39...Rc1+?! 40.Kd3=]
[39...g5∓ -1.15/20 aiming for ...g4. 40.Rxe6 *(40.Nxc5 g4∓)* 40...g4]
40.Rxe6 Rc1+ 0.45/21
[40...Kf7= -0.01/22 41.Rc6 g5]

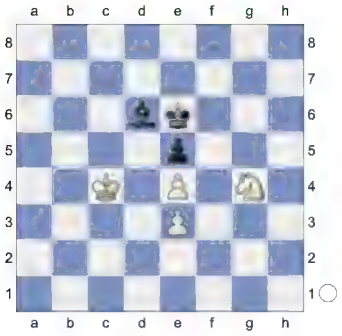
41.Nc3 -0.14/19
[Better is 41.Kd5± 0.45/21]
41...Kf7 42.Ra6 -1.15/23
[42.Rb6= -0.01/24]
42...g5 43.Kd3 g4 Hoping for ...g3.
44.Ne2



Re1 -0.11/23
[44...c4+!∓ -1.45/21 45.Kd2 Ra1]
45.Ng3 Ra1

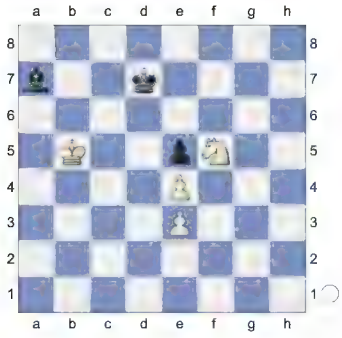


46.Nf5 Rxa3+ 47.Rxa3 White wants to mate with Ra7. **47...c4+!** Discovered Attack **48.Kxc4** White threatens Ra7 and mate. **48...Bxa3=** KB-KN **49.Nh6+ Ke6 50.Nxg4**
[50.Kd3 looks sharper. g3 51.Ke2 g2 52.Kf2]
50...Bd6

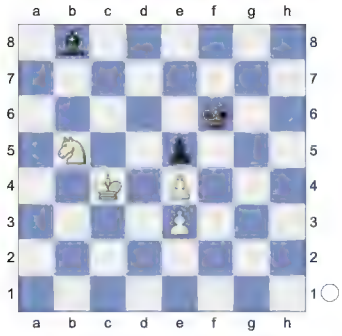


51.Nh6 Bb8 52.Nf5 Bc7 53.Kc5 Bb8 54.Kc6 And now Kb7 would win.
54...Ba7 55.Kb5 Kd7

(Diagram)



56.Kc4 Kc6 57.Ne7+ Kd6? #19/31
[57...Kd7= 0.01/32 58.Nd5 Kc6]
58.Nd5? 0.01/35
[58.Nc8+ #19/31 mates Kd7 59.Nxa7 Kd6 60.Kb5 Ke6 61.Kc5 Kd7 62.Kd5 Ke7 63.Kxe5]
58...Bb8 59.Nc3 Ke6 60.Nb5 Kf6



61.Kd5 Kg5 62.Nd6 Kf6? 2.26/37
[62...Kg4!= 0.01/40 and Black stays safe.]
63.Nc8? 0.01/36
[63.Kc6+- 2.26/37 Ba7 64.Nc4]
63...Kg5? 2.35/34
[63...Bc7= 0.01/36 and Black has nothing to worry.]
64.Ne7? 0.01/34
[64.Nb6+- 2.35/34]
64...Kf6 65.Nc6 Bc7

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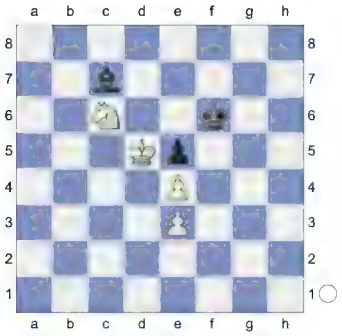
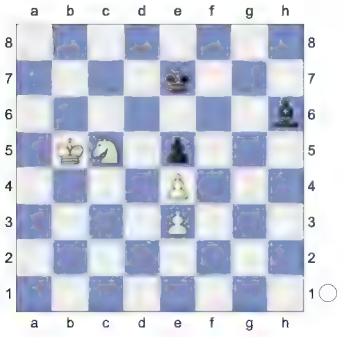
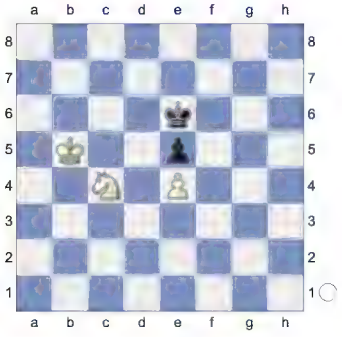


66.Kc5 Ke6 67.Nb4 Bd6+ 68.Kb5 Bf8! 69.Nd3 Bh6 70.Nc5+ Ke7



71.Nd3 Kd6 72.Nb2 Bxe3? #18/31
[72...Bf8= 0.01/29]
73.Nc4+ Ke6? #17/31
[73...Kd7± 0.68/29]
74.Nxe3 White mates. **74...Ke7 75.Nc4 Ke6**



76.Kc5 Kd7 77.Kd5 Ke7 78.Nxe5

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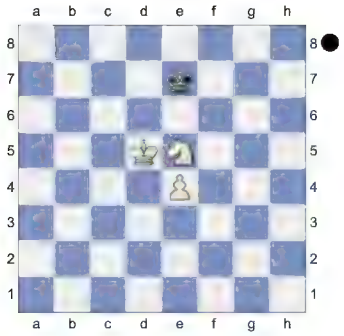

What a fight!
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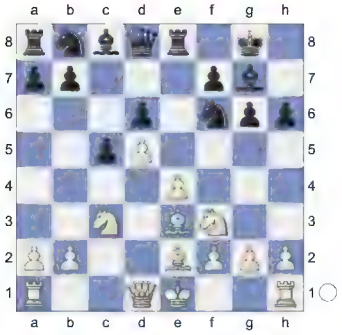
92 **E75**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2634**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2404**
Kramnik Challenge 2021 rapid (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E75: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation: 6...c5 7 d5 e6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6

6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 h6 8.Be3 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 0.66/20
[10...b5!= 0.23/21 11.Bxb5 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Nfd2 Qxb5 14.Nxd6 Qa6 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bg7 19.Rb7 Rd8 20.Rhb1 Na6 21.a3 Rxd5 22.Nc4 Bd4 23.Bxh6 g5 24.f4

g4 25.Bg5 Re8+ ö-ö (48) 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2710)-Kostka,V (2694) Alushta 1994 (1)]



11.Nd2± b6N

[11...a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.0-0 h5 14.h3 Nh7 15.f4 f5 16.Nc4 Nb6 17.e5 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 dxe5 19.Bxc5 exf4 20.d6+ Be6 21.Bxe6+ Rxe6 22.Qb3 Qd7 23.Nd5 Rae8 24.Nxf4 Nf8 25.Rfe1 Kh7 26.Nxe6 1-0 (33) Weisskohl,J (2286)-Vidal (2364) 94/132 San Luis 2005 (10) Nxe6 27.Qd5 Bxb2 28.Rab1 Nxc5 29.Rxe8 Qxe8 30.Qxc5 Qe2 31.d7 Bf6 32.Qc7 Qd3 33.d8Q+ 1-0 Machidon,C (2286)-Migot,T (2364) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Late blitz 2023 (10)]

12.a4 Na6 White is better. **13.0-0** White is more active. **13...Nb4 14.Bf4 a6 15.Bg3 Rb8**

16.Qb1 0.37/23

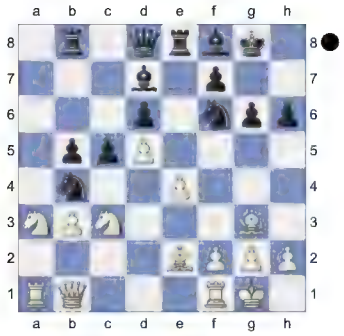
[16.h3± 1.03/20]

16...Bf8 17.Nc4 0.11/23

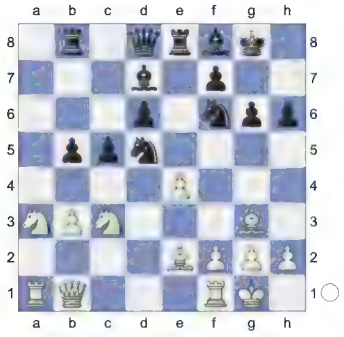
[17.h3± 0.59/19 deserves consideration.]

17...b5= 18.axb5 axb5 19.Na3 Bd7 20.b3 -1.35/20

[20.Naxb5= 0.00/24 keeps the balance. Nbxd5 *(20...Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxb5 22.Bxb5∓)* 21.exd5 Rxe2 22.Nxe2 Bxb5 23.Qc2]



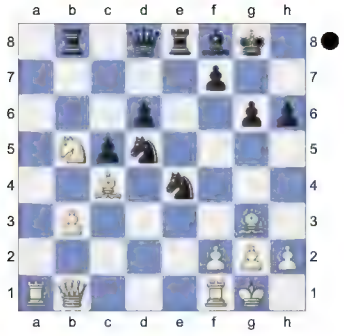
20...Nbxd5!∓



21.Naxb5 Bxb5 22.Nxb5 Nxe4

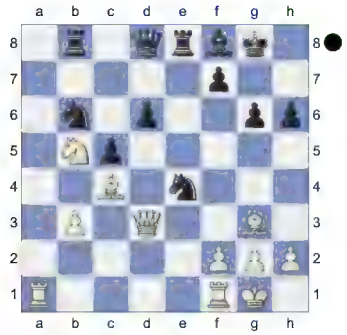
[Don't do 22...Rxe4 23.Bc4 Nb6 24.Ra6∓]

23.Bc4

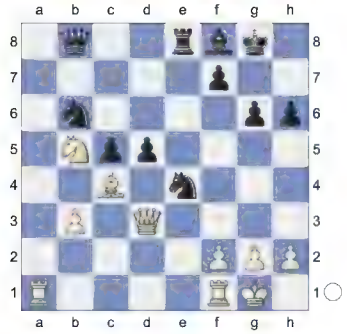


Nb6 Threatens to win with ...Nxc4. Excellent horsemanship. **24.Qd3**

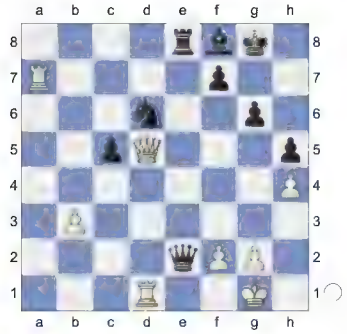
-2.63/20
[24.Qc2∓ -1.35/19 keeps fighting.]



24...d5!-+ 25.Bxb8 Qxb8



26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Ra7! is the strong threat. **27...Qxb5 28.Ra7 Nd6 29.h4 h5 30.Rd1 Qe2**



31.Rda1 Re5 32.Qd1 Qxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Nf5 34.g3 Nd4 35.Rb7 Kg7

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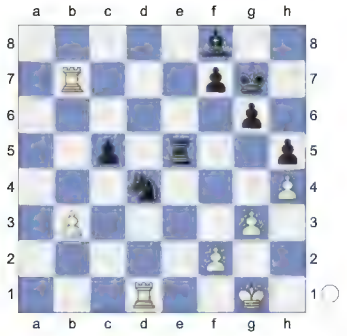
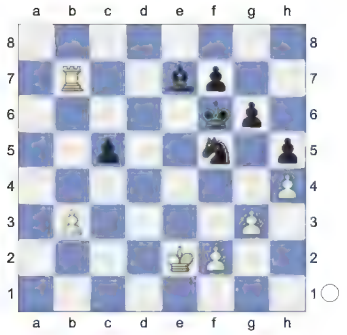
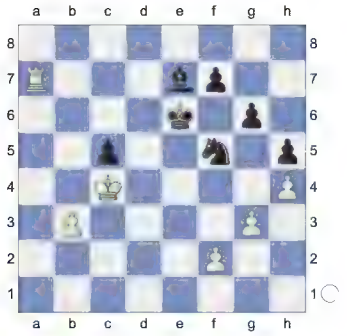


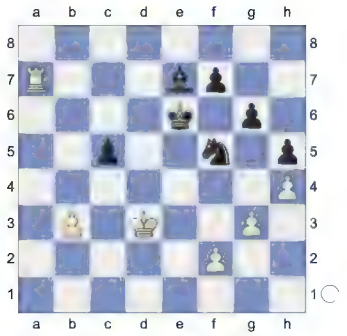
36.Ra1 Nf5 37.Raa7 Re7 38.Kf1 Rxb7 39.Rxb7 Kf6 40.Ke2 Be7



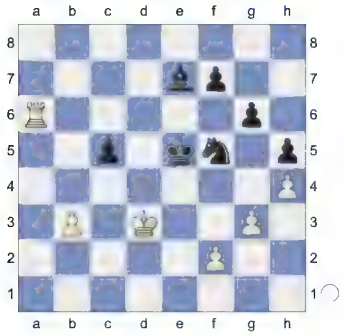
41.Kd3 Ke6 42.Ra7 Nd6 43.Rc7 Nf5 44.Kc4 Bd6 45.Ra7 Be7



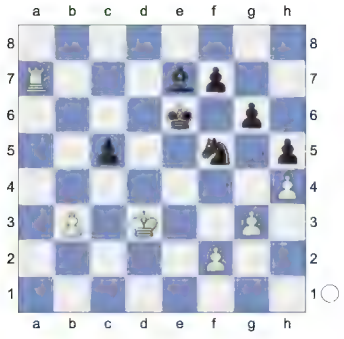
46.Ra6+ Ke5 47.Kd3 Kd5 Strongly threatening ...Nd4. **48.Ra7 Ke6 49.Kc4 Nd6+ 50.Kd3 Nf5**



51.Ra5 Kd5? -0.25/22
[51...Nd4-+ -3.13/27 52.Kc4 Nf5]
52.Ra8? -3.72/23 Loses the game.
[52.b4= -0.25/22 and White stays safe.]
52...Ke6 53.Kc4 Bd6 54.Ra6 -2.49/26
[54.Re8+ -1.65/24 was worth a try. Be7 55.Ra8]
54...Ke5 55.Kd3 Be7



56.Ra7 Ke6 -1.23/26
[Better is 56...f6-+ -2.23/28 57.Kc4 Bd6]

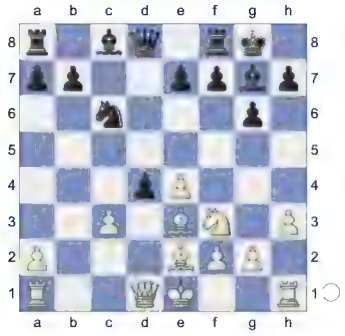


Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.30
½-½

93 **D85**
□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2633**
■ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2562**
Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

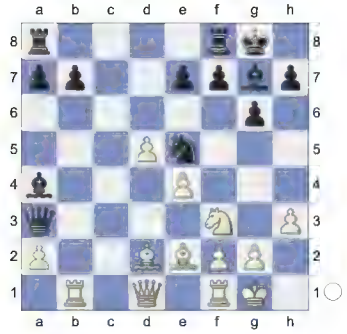
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.h3 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 9...Nc6 has lost popularity. 9...Sc6 hat an Beliebtheit verloren.
10.Be3 cxd4



11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 White is slightly better. **13.d5 Ne5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rb1**
[15.Nd4 Rfc8 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 Nd3 18.Bxd3 Bxd4 19.Rac1 e6 20.Bc4 b5 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Be2 e5 23.Rfd1 Be6 24.b4 Bb3 25.Re1 Bc2 26.Bg4 Rc7 27.Re2 Bb2 28.Be6+ Kg7 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 Gordon,F (2355)-Royal,S (2522) Hastings 2025 ½-½

(70)]

15...Ba4



16.Qc1N

[16.Qe1 Nd3 17.Bxd3 Qxd3 18.Bg5 Rfe8 19.Qa5 *(19.Qb4 b5 20.Rbc1 a5 21.Qc5 Qxe4 22.Rfe1 Qf5 23.g4 Qc8 24.Rxe7 Qxc5 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxc5 Bf8* Chapter 6 - 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4-7.Nf3 c5 8.h3 (8.Be2) _2486 [GM Ivan Cheparinov]*)* 19...b5 20.Rbc1 h6 21.Rfe1 Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxe7 Bd1 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Nxd2 Ba4 26.e5 Rc2 27.Bb4 a5 28.Bxa5 Rxa2 29.e6 fxe6 30.dxe6 Ra1 Giri,A (2752)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis USA 2023 [Milos Pavlovic] ½-½ (59)]

16...Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 0.25/25

[17.Bxf3± 0.70/23 Qd3 18.Bb4 *(18.Rxb7 Rac8±)*]

17...Qd6=

[Vorgänger: 17...Qxa2 1.74/24 17...Qd6 0.31 18.Bc4 Qc2 19.Rxb7 Strongly threatening Qxc2. Rfc8 2.20/23 *(19...Qxc1±* 1.36/22 was necessary. *20.Rxc1 Rfb8)* 20.Qxc2+- Bxc2 21.Ba6! aiming for Rc1. Bf6 3.40/22 *(⌓21...Bf8* 2.23/22 *22.Rc1 Ba4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rxa7 Rb8)* 22.Rc1+- Kg7 23.Be3 1.92/24 *(⌓23.Bf4* 3.26/23 *)* 23...Rc3 1-0 Gordievsky,D (2559)-Swiercz,D (2649) Midwest Collegiate Rapid 2020 (5)]

18.Rxb7 Threatens to win with Qc4.

[18.Bf4!? Qd7 19.Qd2=]

18...Rfc8 Against Qc4 **19.Rxa7 Rab8** 1.12/23 **20.Bf4±**

[20.Rxa4?! Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qd7=]

20...Qb6 1.79/21

21.Rc7!+-

[21.Rxa4?! Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qf6 23.Bxb8 Qg5+ 24.Bg3 Qxc1+ 25.Bf1 h5±]

21...Bd7 22.Rxd7 0.60/24 **Rxc1±**

23.Rxc1 Ra8 1.90/20

[23...Bd4± 0.65/22]

24.Rc6!+-

[24.Rxe7 Bd4 25.Rec7 Bxf2+ 26.Kf1 Bg1=]

24...Qb2 25.Bc4 And now d6 would win.

25...Bd4

26.Bg3 Be5 Against d6 **27.f4**

[Stronger than 27.Rxe7 Bxg3 28.fxg3 Qd4+ 29.Kf1 Qd1+ 30.Kf2 Qd2+ 31.Kf1 Qe3∓]

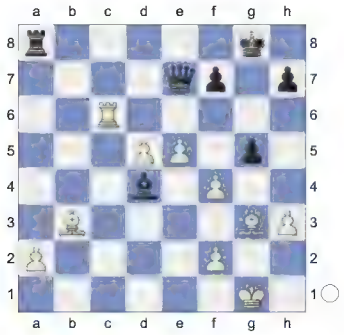
27...Bd4 28.Rxe7?? -4.13/19

[28.Kg2!+- 1.67/22]

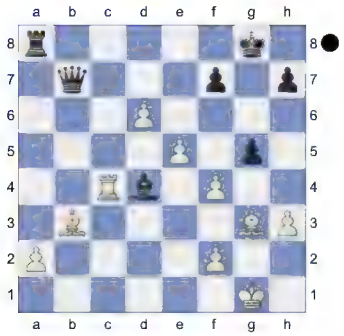
28...Qa3-+ Chess con chili. **29.Bb3**

[Wrong is 29.Bh4? Qxh3 30.d6 Qxh4 31.Bxf7+ Kh8]

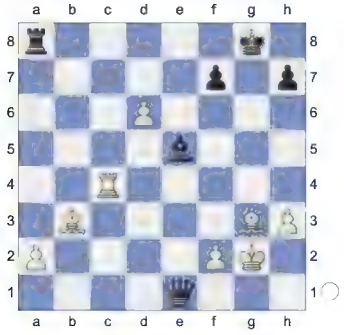
29...Qxe7 30.e5 g5



Hoping for ...gxf4. **31.d6 Qb7 32.Rc4**



gxf4! 33.Bxf4 Qe4 (-> ...Qe1+) **34.Bg3 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Bxe5**



36.d7 Bxg3? -1.22/22

[36...Rd8-+ -4.90/22 has better winning chances. 37.Rc8 Bf6]

37.Rc8+∓ Kg7 38.Kxg3 Qa5 39.Kg2

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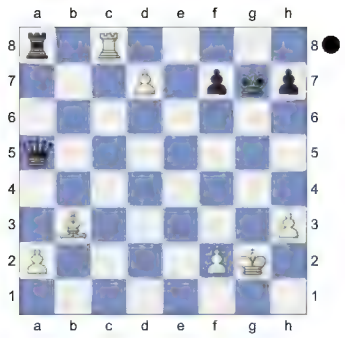
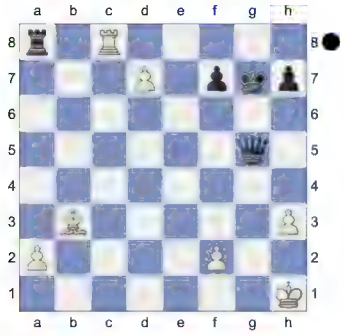


Qg5+ -0.01/21

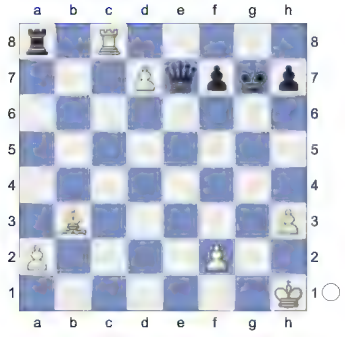
[39...Qb6!∓ -1.18/21 ...Qb7+ is the strong threat. 40.f3 *(40.d8Q Qxd8)* 40...Qa5]

40.Kh1? -2.81/25

[40.Kh2!= -0.01/21 and White stays safe.]



40...Qe7 -1.54/22



41.Kg1

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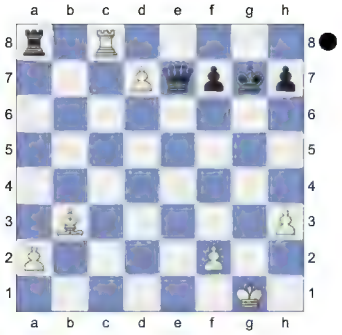
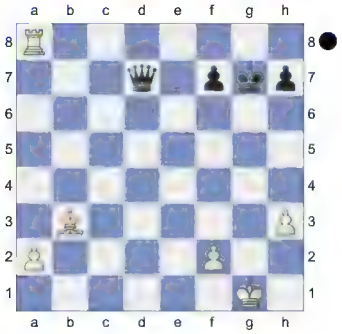
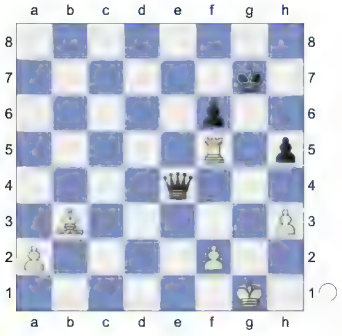


Qxd7 -0.86/20 **42.Rxa8-+** Endgame

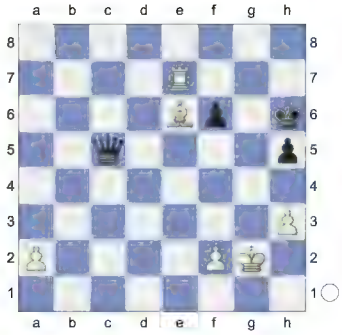


KQ-KRB **42...Qb7** -0.28/22
[42...h5!∓ -0.88/23 43.Ra5 Qxh3]
43.Ra4 h5 Black has compensation.
44.Rf4 f6 45.Rf5 -0.88/24
[45.h4∓ -0.35/23]
45...Qe4∓



46.Rd5 Qf3 47.Rd7+ Kh6 48.Be6? -5.79/24
[48.Rd6∓ -0.92/22 is a better chance.]
48...Qc6-+ Black is clearly winning.
49.Re7 Qc1+ 50.Kg2 Qc5

(Diagram)



Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.38
0-1

94 **E94**
□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2632**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2605**
EU-ch 24th Petrovac (11) 19.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 exd4
[7...h6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5
Pape,J (2631)-Mendez Fortes,E

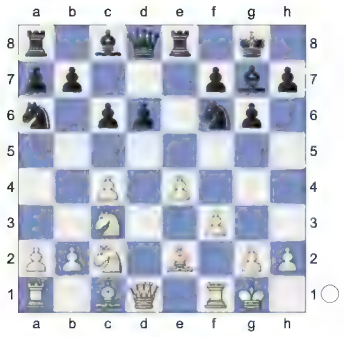
(2654) Holland 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Nedobora,M] 0-1 (48)]

8.Nxd4 Re8N

[8...Nbd7 9.Bg5 Nc5 10.f3 h6 11.Be3 a5 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Ndb5 Na6 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Rfe1 E 94/08 Survey 2008]

[8...Nc6 9.Be3 Ne5 10.Qd2 a6 11.Rfd1 Re8 12.f3 c5 13.Nc2 Be6 14.Qxd6 Qxd6 15.Rxd6 Bxc4 16.f4 Bxe2 17.fxe5 Ng4 18.Nxe2 Bxe5 19.Rd2 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Rxe4 21.Bxc5 Re5 22.Bg1 E 94/08 Survey 2008]

9.f3 c6 10.Nc2 Na6



11.Kh1! 11.Kh1 scores better than 11. Be3. 11.Kh1 punktet besser als 11.Le3.

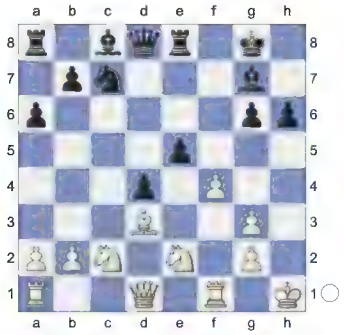
11...Nc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 a6 The position is equal. **14.Bg3N**

[14.a4 0.01/19 14.Qd3 0.34 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qe1! Bd7 17.Rd1 g5 18.Bg3 Nh5! 19.f4 Nxf4 20.Bxf4 gxf4 21.Rxf4 0-1 Yilmaz,M (2633)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha Blitz 2022 (11)]

14...d5! 15.cxd5 cxd5

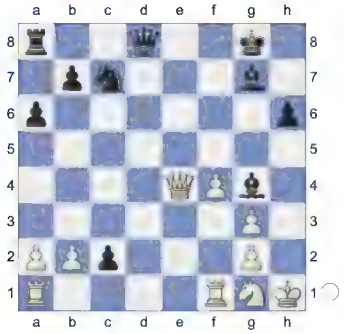
(Diagram)

16.e5! Nh5 17.f4 Nxg3+ 18.hxg3 f6 19.Bd3 d4 20.Ne2 fxe5



21.Bxg6 Bg4! 22.Qd3 e4 23.Bxe4

Rxe4 24.Qxe4 d3 25.Ng1 Threatens to win with Ne3. **25...dxc2**

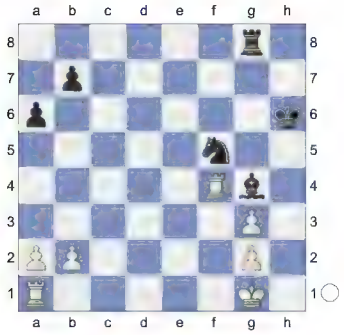


26.Qxc2 Qd5 Threatening ...Ne6. **27.Nf3**

[Of course not 27.Qxc7 Qh5+ 28.Nh3 Bxh3∓]

27...Nb5 28.Ne5 Nd4 29.Qd2⇄ White is fighting back **29...Bxe5 30.fxe5 Qxe5**

31.Qxh6 Nf5 32.Qg5+ Kh7! 33.Kg1 Really sharp! **33...Rg8 34.Qf4 Qxf4 35.Rxf4 Kh6!**



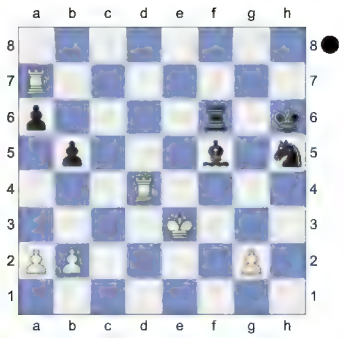
36.Re1 Nxg3 And now ...Ne2+ would win. **37.Kf2** Prevents Ne2. **37...Nh5 38.Rf7** -0.52/20

[38.Rb4!= -0.08/21 is superior.]

38...b5 39.Re4 Rg6 40.Ra7 Bf5

41.Rd4 Rf6 42.Ke3

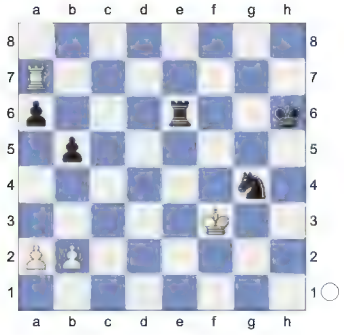
(Diagram)



Black must now prevent g4. **42...Re6+!** **43.Kf3** Strongly threatening g4. **43...Nf6 44.g4 Bxg4+** 0.01/20

[Black should play 44...Be4+∓ -0.70/21 45.Kg3 Bb1]

45.Rxg4= Nxg4

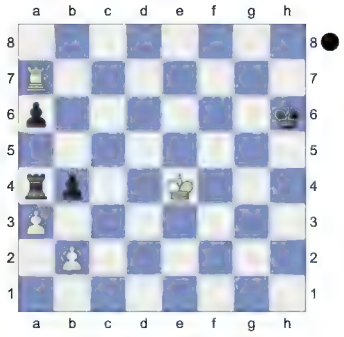


46.Kxg4 Re4+ 0.64/28

[Black should try 46...Rf6= 0.01/27]

47.Kf5± White is slightly better. **47...Ra4 48.a3 b4 49.Ke4?** -12.64/19

[49.axb4± 0.63/29 Rxb4 50.Rxa6+ Kg7 51.Rg6+ Kf8 52.Rg2]

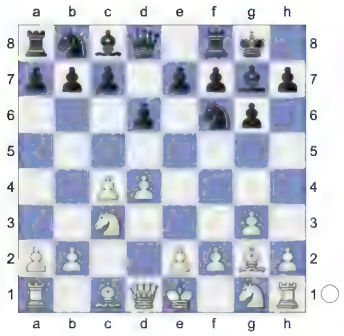


Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) . An

unexpected result.
½-½

95 **E69**
□ **Abasov,Nijat** **2632**
■ **Praggnanandhaa R** **2747**
FIDE Candidates 2024 | Open (14)
[Kitty Kat]

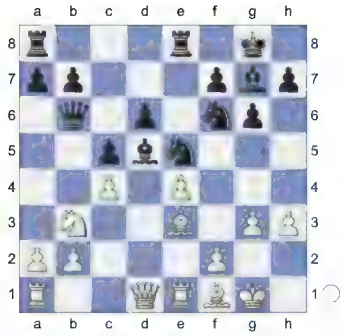
E69: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 e4 c6 9 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6



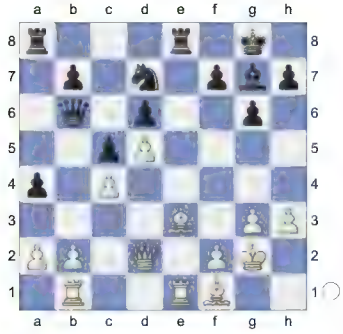
6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 Re8 9.Re1 exd4 10.Nxd4 c6

11.h3 Qb6 12.Nb3 Ne5 13.Be3 c5 14.Bf1 Be6 15.Nd5 The position is equal. **15...Bxd5**

(Diagram)



16.exd5 Ne4 0.52/18
[16...Qb4= 0.21/20 might be stronger.]
17.Kg2± a5N
[17...f5 18.Qc2 Nf7 19.Bd3 Re7 20.Re2 Rae8 21.Rae1 Qa6 Komar,M-6 c4 – The Natural 7 Be2_55 ICCF 2017 CBM 093 Extra [De Dovitis,Alejo] 22.Nc1 Nf6 23.Bd2 Ne5 24.Bc3 b6 25.Re3 Qb7 26.R1e2 b5 27.b3 b4 28.Bb2 Nh5 29.Bxe5 Bxe5 30.Rf3 Nf6 31.Rfe3 f4 32.Rf3 Nh5 33.Re4 fxg3 34.fxg3 Rf7 35.Ree3 Ref8 36.Ne2 Bd4 Beim,V (2635)-5.f3 00 6. ♗e3_45580 (2805) Herceg Novi SCG 1995 CBM 001 [Tsouros,Georgios] 0-1 (73)]
18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Qxd2 Nd7 20.Rab1 a4



21.Qc2 Qa6 22.Bd2 Bd4 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 b6 25.a3 Kg7

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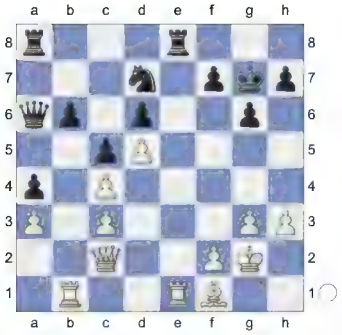
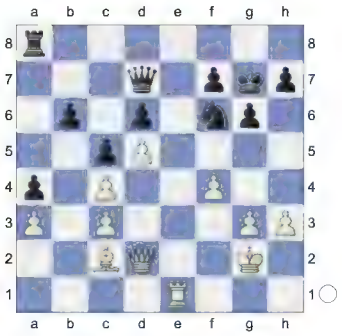
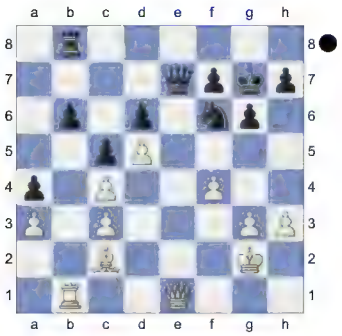


26.Bd3 Qc8 27.f4 Qc7 28.Qd2 Nf6 0.51/21
[28...Rab8= 0.08/18]
29.Bc2 -0.01/22
[29.g4!± 0.51/21]
29...Rxe1= 30.Rxe1 Qd7



31.Rb1 Inhibits b5. **31...Rb8 32.Qd1 Qe7** aiming for ...Re8. **33.Qe1** -1.33/21
[33.Qd2!∓ -0.33/22]



Black converts the advantage convincingly. **33...Qxe1!∓ 34.Rxe1** Endgame

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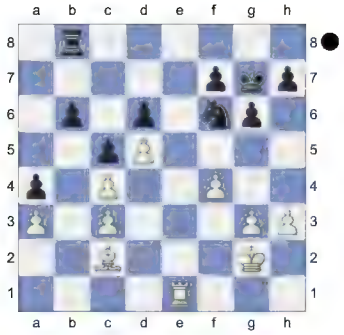
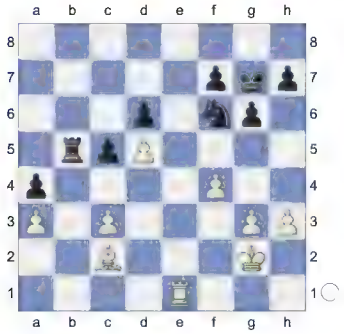
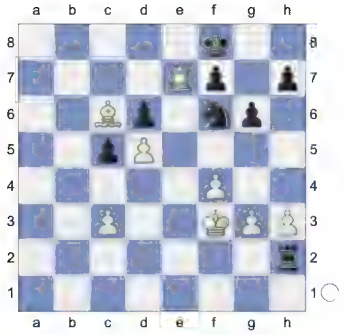


KRB-KRN **34...b5! 35.cxb5 Rxb5**



White must now prevent ...Rb2. **36.Bxa4 Ra5 37.Bc6 Rxa3 38.Re3 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Rh2 40.Re7 Kf8**



Prevents Be8. **41.Ra7 Rc2 42.Ra3 h6 43.Ba4 Rc1** &Nero is more active. **44.Bc6 Kg7 45.Rb3** -2.49/23
[45.Bb5∓ -1.38/21]
45...c4-+

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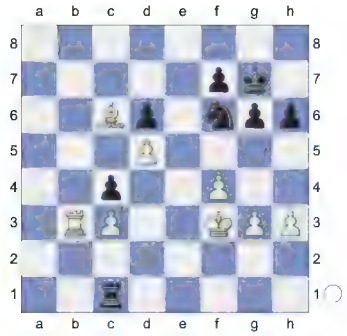
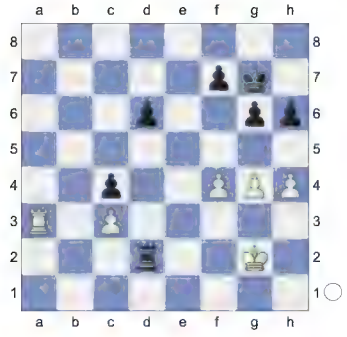
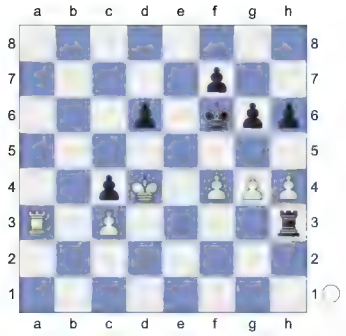


46.Ra3 Rd1 47.g4 Rd3+
[Worse is 47...Nxd5 48.Ke2 Rd3 49.Bxd5 Rxd5 50.Ra4∓]
48.Kg2 Nxd5 49.Bxd5 Rxd5 50.h4 Rd2+



51.Kf3 Rd3+ 52.Ke4? -16.66/26
[52.Ke2 -3.05/20]
52...Rh3? -2.24/23
[52...f5+ -16.66/26 53.gxf5 Kf6 54.Ra5 gxf5+ 55.Rxf5+ Ke6 56.h5 d5+ 57.Rxd5 Rxd5 58.f5+ Rxf5 59.Kd4 Rxh5 60.Kxc4 Rd5 61.Kb3 Re5 62.c4 h5 63.Kc3 h4 64.c5 h3 65.Kd2 h2 66.c6 h1Q 67.c7 Qe1+ 68.Kc2 Rc5+ 69.Kb3 Qc3+ 70.Ka2 Ra5+ 71.Kb1 Ra1#]
53.Kd4 -3.48/24
[⌓53.h5 -2.24/23]
53...Kf6

(Diagram)



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96 **E73**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2630**
■ **Saric,Ivan** **2670**
ITA-chT Final 55th (1.1) 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.h4
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
3...Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 h5N
[5...Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 *(9...Nh5 10.Nh2 Nf4 11.Bf3 f5 12.g3 fxe4 13.Nxe4* 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 #3 Kinna 2024*)* 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5... Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]

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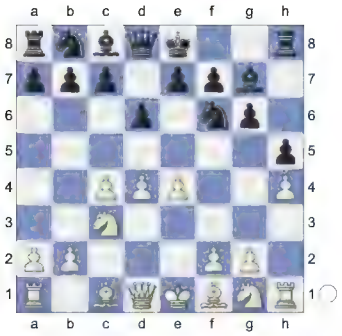
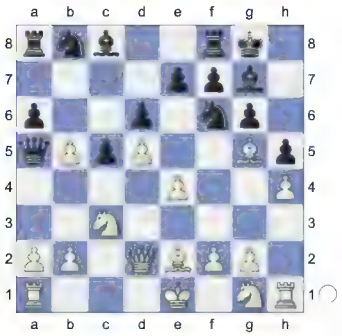
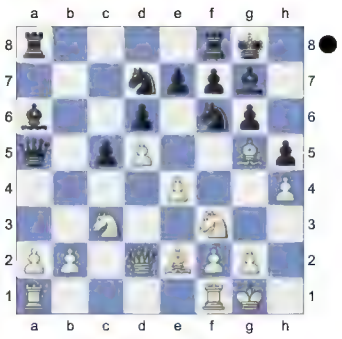


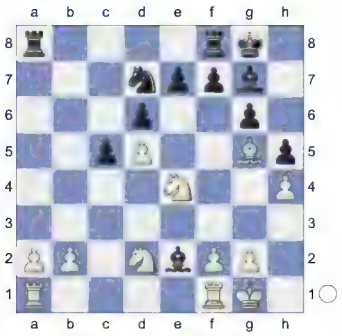
6.Be2 0-0 7.Bg5 a6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 b5** The position is equal. **10.cxb5 Qa5**



11.bxa6 Nbd7 12.Nf3 Bxa6 13.0-0



Nxe4!N 14.Nxe4 Qxd2 Remove Defender **15.Nfxd2 Bxe2**



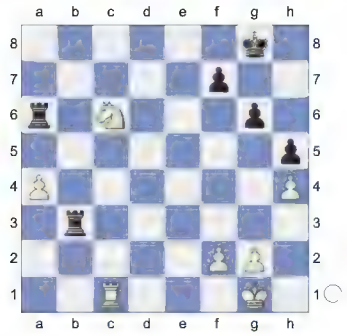
16.Bxe7 -1.13/25
[⌓16.Rfe1 -0.82/24 Bd3 17.Bxe7]
16...Rfb8∓
[16...Bxb2 17.Rfb1 Bxa1 18.Bxf8∓]
17.Bxd6 Rxb2 18.Rfe1 -1.42/22
[⌓18.Rfb1 -0.94/24]
18...Bd3 This bishop pair is nice. **19.Nf3** -2.12/22
[⌓19.Rad1 -1.62/21]
19...Rb6-+ **20.Nxc5** Strongly threatening Bc7. **20...Rxd6**

21.Nxd3 Bxa1
[Not 21...Rxd5 22.Nf4 Bxa1 23.Nxd5 Rxa2 24.g3=]
22.Rxa1 Rxd5 23.Nb4 Rb5 24.Nc6 Rb2 25.a4 Ra6

26.Nfd4 Nc5 27.Rc1? -3.52/25
[27.a5 -1.75/24 was the only chance.]
27...Nd3
[Avoid the trap 27...Nxa4? 28.g3-+]
28.Ra1 Nc5? -0.01/21
[Don't go for 28...Rxf2? 29.Nb4 Ra8 30.Nxd3-+]
[28...Nxf2-+ -3.51/25 ...Ng4 is the

strong threat. 29.a5 Nd3]

29.Rc1!= Nb3 30.Nxb3 Rxb3-+



Endgame KRR-KRN **31.Rc4 Rb7** aiming for ...Rc7. **32.Nd4** -2.50/25

[⌓32.Ne5 -1.81/28]

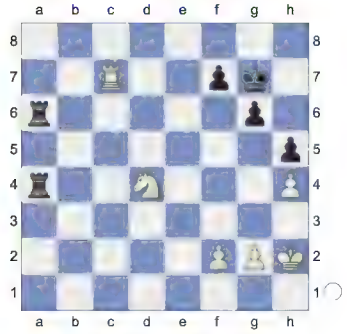
32...Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Ra1 34.Rc8+ -2.18/31

[⌓34.g3 -1.64/31]

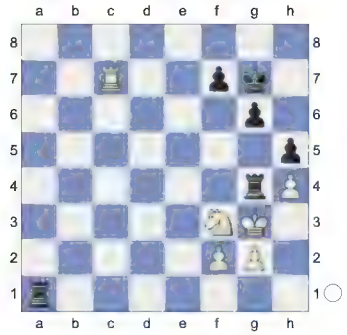
34...Kg7 35.Rc7 -3.10/26

[35.g3 -2.14/26 was worth a try.]

35...R1xa4



36.Nf3 Ra7 37.Rc5 Rf4 38.Rc2 Ra1 39.Kg3 Rfa4 40.Rc7 Rg4+



41.Kh2 Ra2 42.Kg1 Rb4 43.Rc1 Rba4 44.g3 -3.95/28

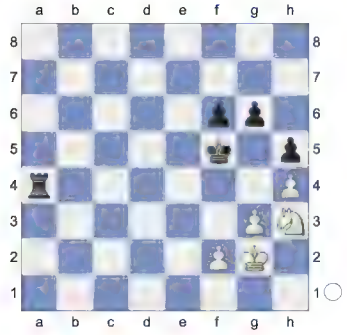
[44.Rb1 -2.80/25 was necessary.]

44...Ra1 45.Rxa1 Rxa1+

KR-KN **46.Kg2 Kf6 47.Ng5 Ra7 48.Nh3 Kf5 49.Ng5** -6.14/29

[⌓49.Ng1 -4.27/27]

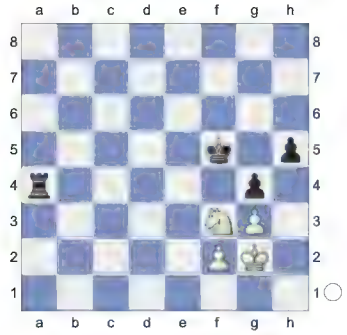
49...f6 50.Nh3 Ra4



51.Ng1 Ke4 52.Nh3 Kf5? -0.01/24

[Better is 52...Ra3-+ -3.95/25 53.Nf4 Kf5]

53.Ng1!= g5 54.hxg5 fxg5 55.Nf3 g4

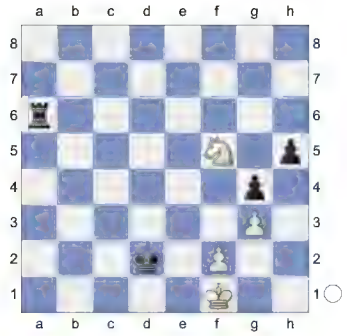


56.Nh4+ Ke4 57.Ng6 Ra2 58.Kf1 Ra6? -3.28/24

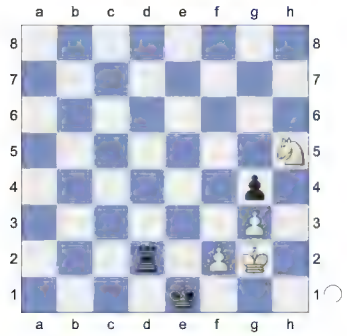
[58...Rc2 -10.13/34 59.Ke1 Ra2]

59.Nh4-+ Kd3 60.Nf5 Kd2

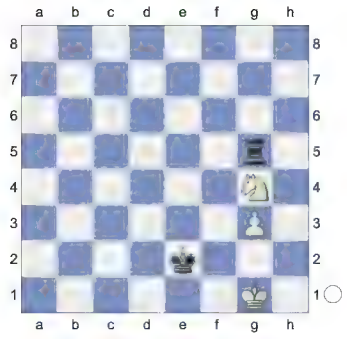
(Diagram)



61.Ng7 Ra5 62.Ne6 Ra1+? -2.01/5
[62...Re5 -9.90/33 63.Nf4 Kc3]
63.Kg2 Ke1 Hoping for ...Ra2. **64.Nf4 Rd1 65.Nxh5 Rd2**

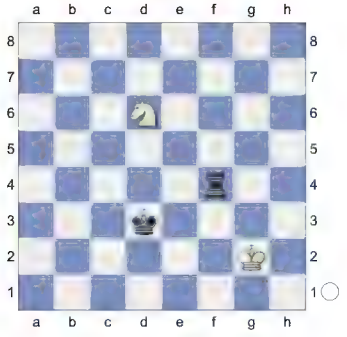


66.Nf4 Rxf2+ 67.Kg1 Rc2 -5.77/34
[⌓67...Rd2 -17.37/35 Threatens to win with ...Rd1. 68.Ng6 Re2]
68.Nd3+ Ke2 69.Ne5 Rc5 70.Nxg4 Rg5

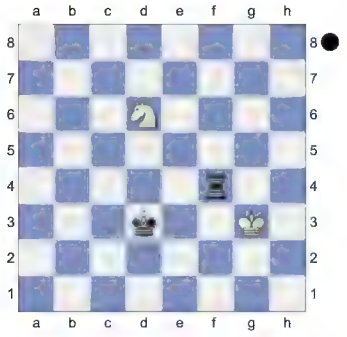


71.Nh6 Rxg3+ 72.Kh2 Rg5 (-> ...Rh5+) **73.Nf7 Rf5 74.Nd6 Rf4?** -0.42/33
[Black should play 74...Rd5-+ -9.88/33 75.Nc8 Kf3]
75.Kg2? -9.88/37
[75.Kg3∓ -0.42/33]

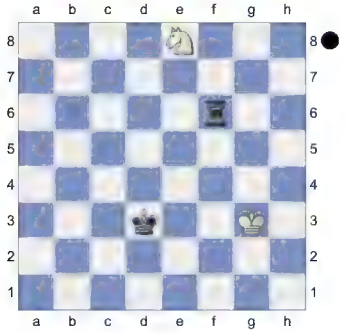
75...Kd3



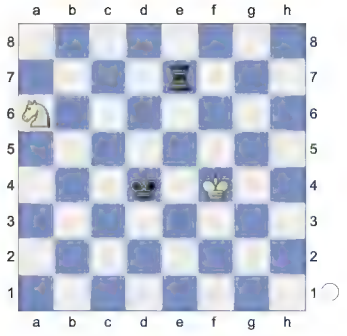
76.Kg3



Rf6! 77.Ne8

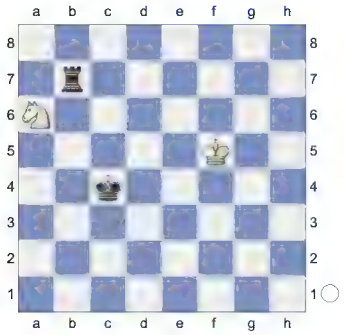


Re6! 78.Nc7 Re5 79.Kf4 Kd4 80.Na6 Re7



Against Nc7 **81.Nb4 Rf7+ 82.Kg5 Rc7** Against Nc6+. And now ...Rc4 would

win. **83.Na6 Rb7** -10.05/27
[⌓83...Ra7 -5.77/25 84.Nb8 Rb7]
84.Kf5 Kc4



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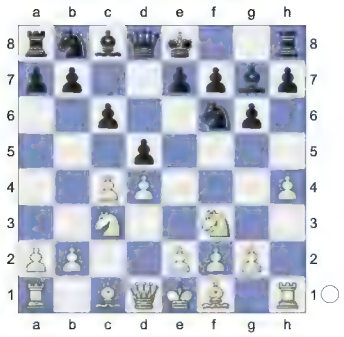
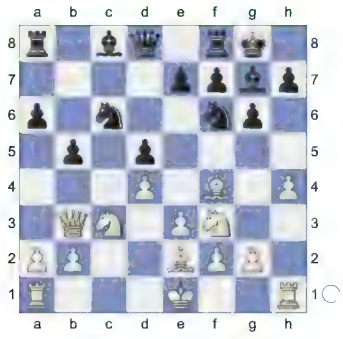
97 **D90**
□ **Xu,Xiangyu** **2628**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2762**
FIDE World Rapid Team (8.4) 03.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

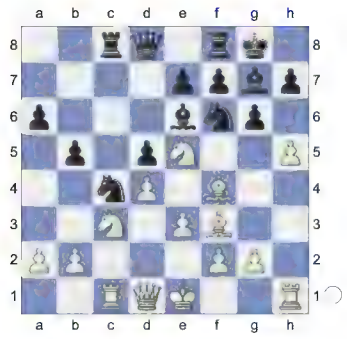
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4 c6



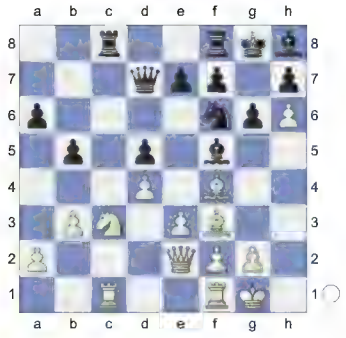
6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bf4 Nc6 8.e3
The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Qb3**
9.Be2 is more fashionable.9.Le2 ist modischer. **9...a6**
[9...Na5 10.Qa3 Nc4 *(10...Bf5 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.b4 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Qxa7 f6 18.Bg3 e5 19.0-0 exd4 20.exd4 Qd5 21.Rac1 Rxd4 22.Rc5 Qd8 23.Qxb7 Rd7 24.Qb5 e3 25.Qc4+* Orian,N (2121)-Bashylina,L (2151) Iasi 2023 0-1*)* 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne5 b5 14.Qa6 Qc8 15.Qa5 Qd8 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Nxb5 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rac1 a6 21.Na3 Nd3 22.Rc2 Rac8 23.Bg5 Re8 24.Nxc4 Fedoseev,V (2724)-Carlsen,M (2835) Wijk aan Zee 2019 [Arsovic,Zoran]]
10.Be2 b5N
[10...Na5 11.Qd1 Bg4 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Ne5 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 *(14.Qxe2 Nc4 15.Nxc4 Rxc4 16.Rac1 Nh5 17.Bh2 e6 18.g4 Nf6 19.g5 Nh5 20.b3 Rc6 21.Na4 Qd7 22.Rxc6 Qxc6 23.Nb2 Rc8 24.Nd3 Qb5 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Nxc1 Qxe2 27.Nxe2 Bf8 28.Kg2 Ba3* Wang,Y (2677)-Li,C (2687) China 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Pikula, Dejan] ½-½ (31) *29.Be5 Kf8 30.Ng3 Nxg3 31.Kxg3 Ke7* Chapter D50-Games Game 20 (31)*)* 14...Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Nc1 b6 17.Nd3 Qd7 18.Qe2 Qb7 19.Rfb1 Nc6 20.a3 Ra8 21.a4 Na5 22.Nfe5 Rfc8 23.Qe1 Nd7 Fedoseev,V (2672)-Ragger,M (2669) Ulcinj 2019 Chess Informant 142 [Pikula,Dejan]]



11.Ne5 Bd7N
[Vorgänger: 11...Bb7 12.h5 Qa5 1.04/18 *(12...Nxe5± 0.31/18 13.h6 Bh8 14.Bxe5 Ne4)* 13.hxg6 0.51/19 *(13.h6± 1.04/18 Bh8 14.0-0)* 13...hxg6± 14.Kf1 -0.28/19 *(14.0-0± 0.38/17)* 14...b4 15.Na4 -1.19/22 *(15.Nd3= -0.23/18)* 15...Ne4 -0.28/22 *(15...Nxe5∓ -1.19/22 16.dxe5 Ne4)* 16.Nf3= Rac8 0.27/20 *(⌓16...e5 -0.29/21 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5)* 17.Bd3 -0.51/20 *(17.Kg1= 0.27/20)* 17...Nd8 0.76/18 ½-½ Gurevich,D (2483)-Liang,A (2572) PRO League Stage rapid 2018 (3) *(17...e5∓ -0.51/20* keeps the upper hand. *18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5)*]
12.h5
[Stronger than 12.Nxd5 Na5 13.Qa3 *(13.Nxf6+? exf6 14.Qd5 fxe5-+)* 13...Nxd5∓]
12...Na5 13.Qd1 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
13...Rc8 14.Bf3 Be6 0.53/19
[14...Bf5= 0.21/19]
15.Rc1 0.05/17
[15.h6± 0.53/19 Bh8 16.0-0]
15...Nc4 0.78/20
[15...gxh5= 0.05/17 remains equal. 16.Bxh5 Nc4]



16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.h6 Bh8 18.0-0 Qd7 19.b3 Rcc8 20.Qe2 Bf5

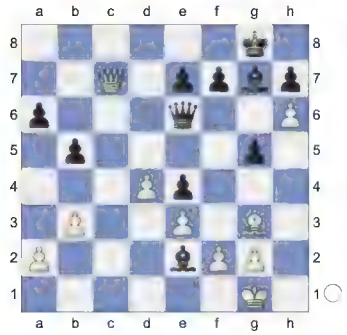


21.Be5 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Bf4 0.01/21
[23.Bxh8± 1.01/21 Kxh8 24.Qb2]
23...Bg4 0.39/21
[23...Rc6= 0.01/21 might be stronger.]
24.Qb2!± Qe6 0.90/18
[24...f5= 0.27/21 keeps the balance.]
25.Ne2 0.22/19
[25.Qd2± 0.90/18]
25...Bf6 0.59/21
[25...f6= 0.22/19]

26.Rxc8 0.20/23
[26.Ng3± 0.59/21 feels stronger.]
26...Rxc8= 27.Rc1 g5 28.Bg3 Rxc1+ 29.Qxc1 Bxe2 30.Qc7

(Diagram)

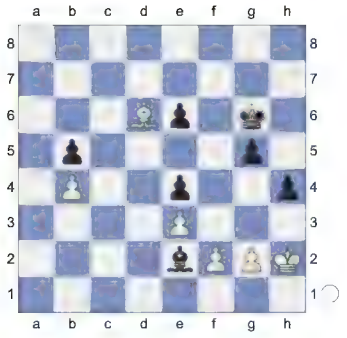
Bg7



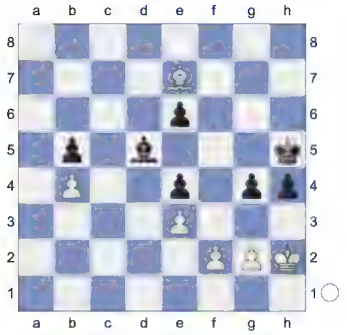
31.hxg7 Kxg7 32.d5 Qxd5 With the idea ...Qe6. **33.Qxe7 Kg6 34.Be5 Qe6 35.Qxe6+** -0.66/5
[35.Qc5= -0.01/20]
35...fxe6

Endgame KB-KB **36.a4 Kf5 37.Bd6** -1.05/27
[⌓37.Bc7 -0.72/29]
37...h5 -0.64/26
[Better is 37...e5∓ -1.05/27]
38.axb5 axb5 39.b4 h4 -1.13/33
[39...Kg6∓ -0.57/27]
40.Kh2 Kg6

(Diagram)

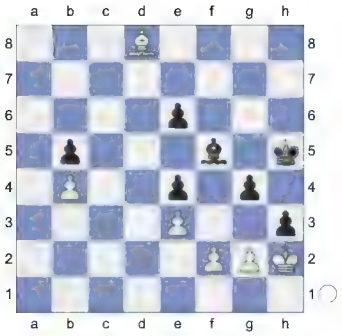


41.Be7 Kh5 -0.68/31
[41...Bg4∓ -1.11/34]
42.Bd8 -1.20/33
[42.Kg1∓ -0.68/31]
42...Bf1 -0.73/29
[⌓42...Bg4 -1.20/33]
43.Be7 g4 44.Kg1 Bc4 45.Kh2 -1.21/39
[⌓45.Bd6 -0.86/34]
45...Bd5∓

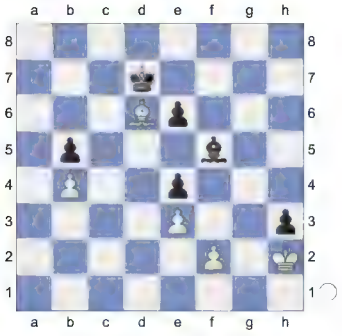


46.Bd8 -0.01/35
[46.Bf6∓ -1.21/40]
46...Bc6= 47.Be7 -0.42/32
[47.Bb6= -0.11/32 deserves consideration.]
47...Be8∓ 48.Bd8 -1.18/38
[48.Kh1∓ -0.40/33]
48...Bg6 49.Be7 Bf5 -0.61/35
[Black should try 49...Bh7∓ -1.11/36]
50.Bd8 h3

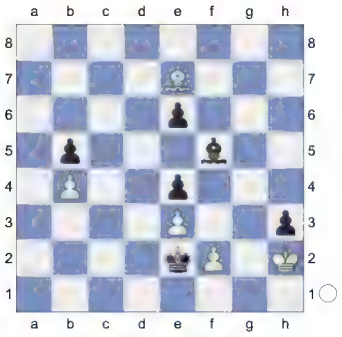
(Diagram)



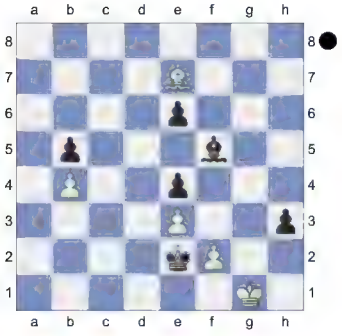
51.Be7 Black is better. **51...Kg6 52.gxh3 gxh3 53.Bd6 Kf7 54.Bc5 Ke8 55.Bd6 Kd7**



56.Bc5 Kc6 57.Bf8 Kd5 58.Be7 Kc4 59.Bf8 Kd3 60.Be7 Ke2



61.Kg1



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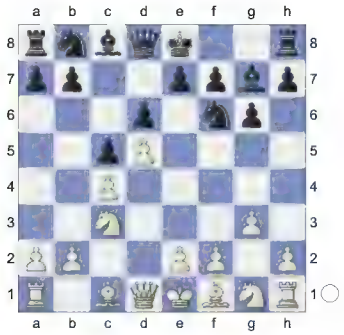
98 **E61**
Karpov,Ana **2628**
Muzychuk,Anna **2561**
5th Karpov Trophy Prelim rapid (12.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
Bareev,Evgeny: 'Bareev,E: 'Inf 52/46''
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.d5N
[4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 *(5...Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.a4 Be6 13.b3 Qa5 14.Qd2 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Ng4 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.Ne4 f6 18.Bf4 Qxb3 19.h3 Ne5 20.Bxe5* 1-0 (59) Edouard,R (2653)-Mista,A (2582) Bundesliga 1314 2013 (4.3) *)* 6.Bg2 e5 *(6...Bg7 7.Nc2 Qa5+ 8.b4 Qc7 9.cxd5 Ng4 10.0-0 Bxa1 11.Nxa1 0-0 12.Nb3 Nd7 13.Qd4 Ngf6 14.Bb2 Qb6 15.Qc3 e5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.N1d2 e5 18.Nc4 Qe6 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Rd1 Nxc5 21.Nxe5* ½-½ (61) Bareev,E (2680)-Shirov,A (2610) Biel SKA 1991 (14) *)* 7.Nf3 d4 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e3 Bg4 10.Qb3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.exd4 exd4 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Qf3 Ng8 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxf7 Nf5 1-0 (41) 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6-Peter,W Oesterreich 128/(9) 2016 19.Qxd7+ Rxd7 20.Nd2 d3 21.Rad1 Nd4 22.Kg2 Rhd8 23.Re5 Nc2 24.Ne4 d2 25.Kf1 Nb4 26.Nc5 Rd4 27.Ne6 Nd3 28.Rxd2 Rxc4 29.Nxd8 Nxe5 30.Kg2 Kc7 31.Ne6+ Kb6 32.Nf8 g5 33.Re2 Nd3

1-0 (41) 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 35829-Peter,W Oesterreich 128/(9) 2016]

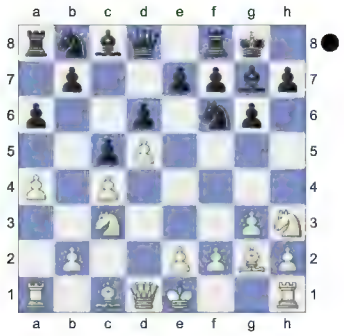
4...Bg7 5.Nc3 d6



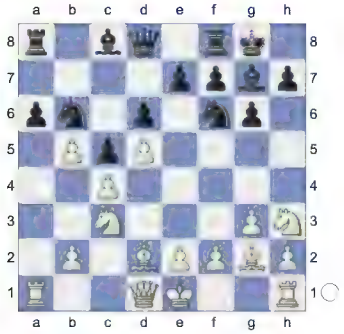
6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nh3 -0.17/21

[White should play 7.Nf3± 0.43/21]

7...a6= 8.a4



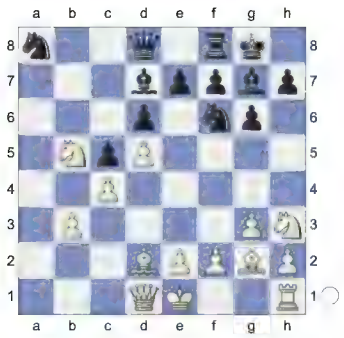
b5! 9.axb5 Black has an edge. **9...Nbd7 10.Bd2 Nb6!**



11.b3 axb5 12.Rxa8 Nxa8 13.Nxb5 Bd7 0.72/28

[13...Qb6!= -0.27/23]

(Diagram)

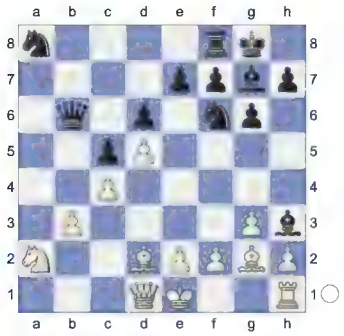


14.Nc3 0.10/23

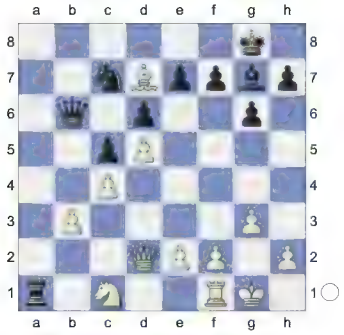
[14.Na7!± 0.72/28]

14...Qb6 aiming for ...Rb8. **15.Na2 Bxh3**

[15...Rb8!? 16.Nc1□ Ne4±]

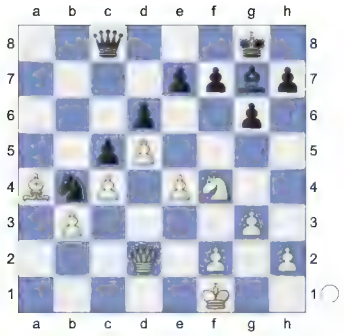


16.Bxh3 Ne4 ...Nxd2 is the strong threat. **17.Nc1 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Nc7 19.Bd7 Ra8 20.0-0 Ra1**

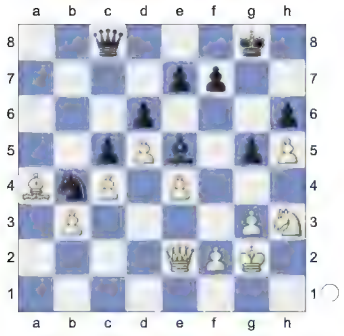


21.Ba4 Na6 22.Nd3 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Nb4 24.Nf4 Qb7 25.e4 Qc8

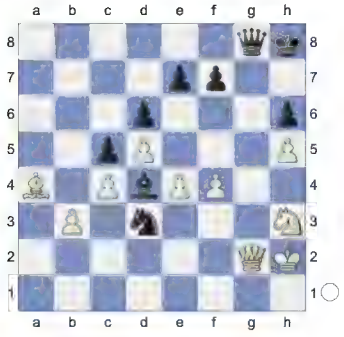
(Diagram)



26.Kg2 Bh6 1.43/25
[26...Qg4= 0.16/24 remains equal.]
27.Qe2 0.00/25
[Only move: 27.Nxg6!± 1.43/25 hxg6 28.Qxh6]
27...Bg7 28.h4 Be5 29.Nh3 h6 30.h5 g5



The position is equal. **31.f4 gxf4 32.gxf4 Bd4 33.Kg3 Kh8 34.Kh2 Qg8 35.Qg2 Nd3**



36.Qxg8+ Kxg8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Kf3 f5 39.exf5 Kf6 40.Ke2 Nc1+**

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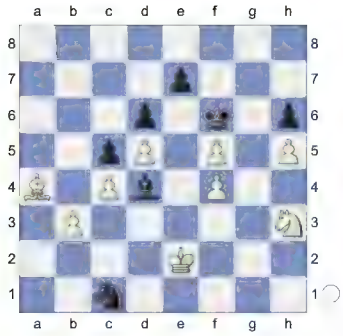
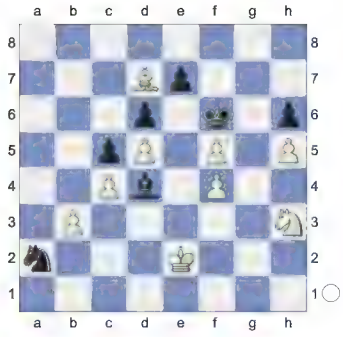


41.Kd2 Na2 42.Bd7 Nb4 43.Ke2 Na2 44.Kd2 Nb4 45.Ke2 Na2



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99 **E62**
□ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2623**
■ **Dau,Khuong Duy** **2412**
Singapore op (2) 30.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6

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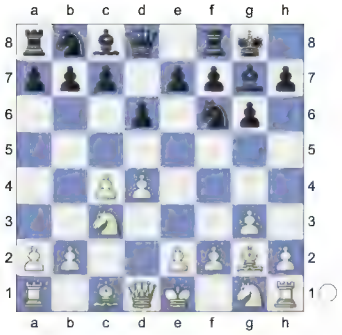
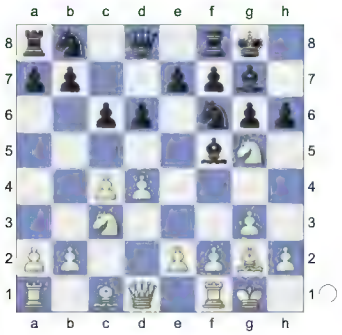


6.Nf3 c6 7.0-0 Bf5 8.Ng5 8.Ne1 is setting a new trend.8.Se1 setzt einen neuen Trend. **8...h6**

[8...e5 9.d5 a5 10.e4 Bc8 11.h3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Na6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.a4 Rc8 15.Nf3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe4 17.Qc2 Nec5 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Ra3 f5 20.f4 Re8 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bf2 b5 23.axb5 Lenderman,A (2607)-Caruana,F (2800) Saint Louis USA 2021 [Flear,Glenn] 0-1 (59)]



9.e4! Bg4 10.Nf3 White has an edge. **10...Nfd7**

[10...e5 11.d5 Qd7 12.Be3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Na6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Ne1 Rfc8 16.Nd3 Bh3 17.f3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ng8 19.h4 h5 20.Nf2 Nc5 21.Rac1 Ne7 22.Rc2 Na4 23.Rfc1 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 a6 25.b3 Ter Sahakyan,S (2622)-Murzin,V (2648) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (68)]

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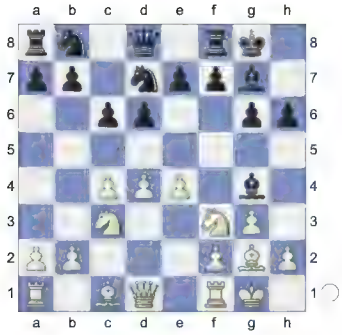

11.h3N

[11.Be3 c5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nc6 14.d5 Nd4 15.Bg2 a6 16.Qd2 -0.82/19 *(16.Ne2=* 0.16/19 *)* 16...Kh7 -0.07/18 *(16...Ne5∓* -0.82/19 *17.Qc1 h5)* 17.Ne2= Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 1-0 Kazakouski,V (2539)-Pacan Milej,K (2402) Warsaw Maciei Memorial blitz 2023 (5) b5 19.Rac1 bxc4 20.Rxc4 a5 21.Rc2 a4 22.h4 h5 23.Rb1 Ne5 24.f3 Qa5 25.Bd2 Qb6 26.Bc3 Rfb8 27.Kh2 Qa6 28.Bf1 Qxe2+ 29.Bxe2 Rb6 30.Re1 Rab8 31.Kh3 Nd7 32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.Rb1 Kazakouski,V (2539)-Pacan Milej,K (2402) Warsaw 2023 1-0 (85) Rb4 34.Kg2 Ne5 35.Kf2 Rd4 36.Ke3 Rbb4 37.Rc3 e6 38.dxe6 fxe6 39.b3 axb3 40.axb3 Nc6 41.Ra1 Ne5 42.Ra6 Nf7 43.Ra7 Kf6 44.Ra6 Kg7 45.Bc4 d5 46.exd5 exd5 47.Be2 Rb7 48.Rxc5 Antal,T (2539)-Posizione (2402) Cap d'Agde 2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John Watson] 1-0 (85)]

11...Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Na6 0.84/17

[12...Qb6± 0.42/17]

13.Be3± Nc7 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Be2 0.71/17 &Bianco is more active.

[⌓15.Bg2 1.06/15]

15...a6

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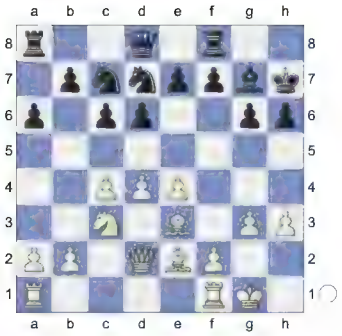
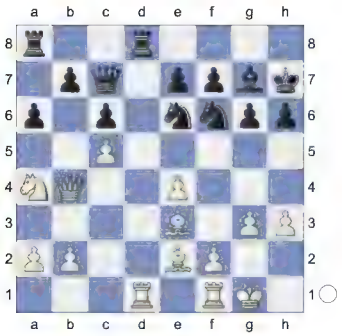
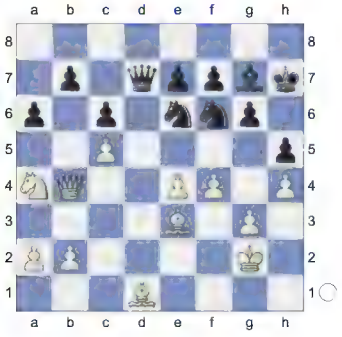


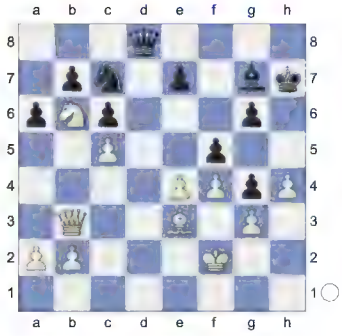
16.c5 0.43/18
[16.Rfd1± 0.90/16]
16...dxc5± 17.dxc5 Ne6 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Qb4 Nf6



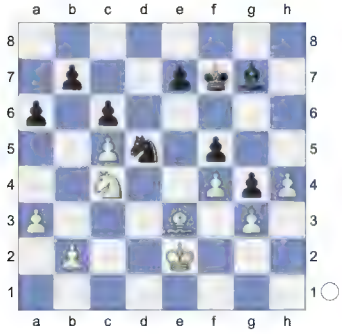
21.f4 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Kg2 Rxd1 24.Bxd1 h5 25.h4 -0.01/23
[25.Nb6± 0.58/18]
25...Qd7=



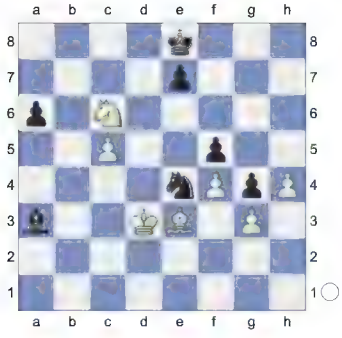
26.Be2
[26.Bf3 with more complications. Ng4 27.Bxg4 Qd3 28.Bxe6 Qxe3 29.e5]
26...Ng4 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Qb3 Prevents Qd3. **28...Nc7 29.Nb6**
[Don't blunder 29.Qxf7? Qd3 30.Qb3 Qxe4+ 31.Kg1 Nd5-+]
29...Qd8 30.Kf2 -0.01/21
[30.a3± 0.31/18]
30...f5 0.33/20
[30...Ne6= -0.01/21]



31.exf5 0.01/24
[31.e5!± 0.33/20 deserves consideration.]
31...gxf5 32.Ke2 Qg8 Inhibits Qf7.
[32...Qf8 is interesting. 33.Nd7 Qe8 34.Ne5 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Nd5]
33.Qxg8+ Kxg8 Endgame KBN-KBN
34.Nc4 Nd5 35.a3 Kf7



36.Kd3 Nf6 next ...Ne4 is good for Black. **37.Na5 Ne4 38.Nxb7 Bxb2 39.Nd8+ Ke8! 40.Nxc6 Bxa3**



41.Kc4 Nxg3 42.Nd4 -0.39/21

[42.Ne5= 0.01/21 should be considered.]

42...Bb2∓ Strongly threatening ...Bxd4.

43.Ne6 -1.32/23

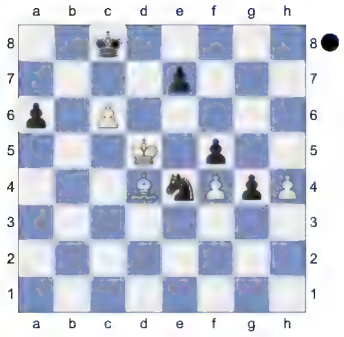
[43.c6∓ -0.45/23]

43...Kd7∓ 44.Kd5 Ne4 -0.79/21

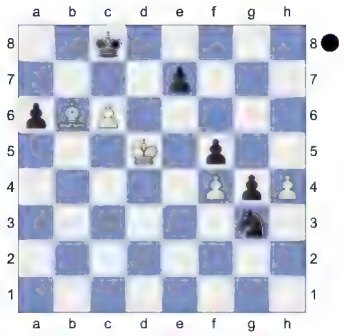
[Black should play 44...Nh5 -1.54/22 And now ...Nf6+ would win. 45.Nf8+ *(45.c6+ Kc8∓)* 45...Kc7 46.Ne6+ Kc8]

45.c6+ Kc8

White must now prevent ...g3. **46.Nd4 Bxd4 47.Bxd4**



h5 is the strong threat. **47...Ng3** Hoping for ...a5. **48.Bb6**



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½-½

100 **D70**

□ **Xu,Xiangyu** **2623**

■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**

Shenzhen Longgang 5th (6) 06.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D70: Grünfeld: Unusual White 3rd moves (met by ...d5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3

[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]

[3.h4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 h5 11.Ng5 c6 12.f3 Nh6 13.Be3 f6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 14) KID 5...Nc6-KID 5...Nc6 6. Nf3 e5 #4 Kinna 2024]

3...d5N

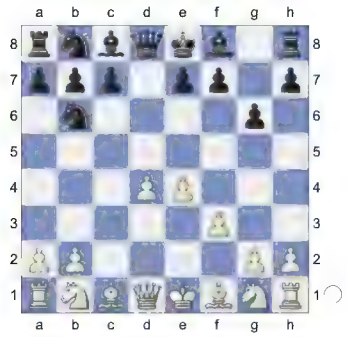
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6

A) 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.h4 *(10.b3 a5 11.a4 b5 12.Nxb5 c6 13.Nxd6 Qb8* 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #3 Forst 2023*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bf2 Bxc4 12.g4 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Nf4 14.Kb1 Ne6 2) The Anti-Grünfeld (3.f3)-3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 #4 Forst 2023;

B) 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5

Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6

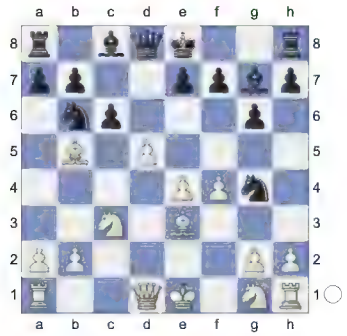


6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.f4! The main line 9.f4 scores better than 9. Bd4. Die Hauptvariante 9.f4 punktet besser als 9.Ld4. **9...Ng4**

[9...Nec4? 10.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3+-]

10.Bb5+ White is slightly better. **10...c6** 0.53/20

[10...Bd7= 0.22/21 is more appropriate. 11.Bd4 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 0-0]



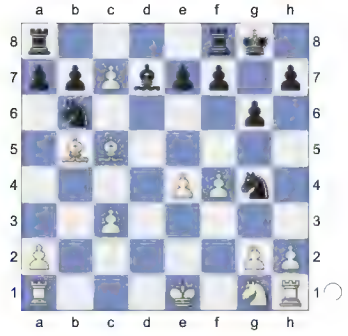
11.dxc6!± 0-0 12.Qxd8 Rxd8

(Diagram)

13.c7! 0.35/20 **Rf8 14.Bc5** 0.23/20

[14.Bxb6± 0.65/20 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 axb6 16.Nf3]

14...Bxc3+= 15.bxc3 Bd7!



16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Bd8 Rxe4+ 19.Ne2 With the idea 0-0-0! **19...Ne3N** 0.71/19

[Vorgänger: 19...Nc5 20.h3! Nh6 0.60/20 *(20...Ne3!= 0.20/22* deserves consideration.*)* 21.Rb1 0.24/21 *(21.Kf2± 0.60/20)* 21...Rc8 0.78/21 *(21...Nf5= 0.24/21 22.g4 Ng3)* 22.Kf2± f5 23.Rb5! b6 24.Rxc5! bxc5 25.Rb1! Threatens to win with Rb8. Nf7 ½-½ (38) Polishchuk,A (2317)-Poulos,G (2245) ICCF email 2022]

[19...Re8= 0.13/21 remains equal.]

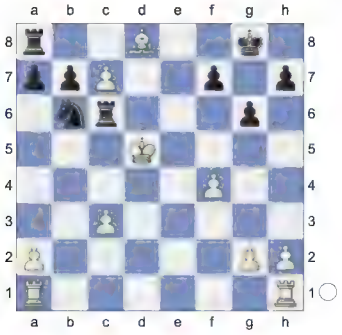
20.Kd2 -0.01/20

[20.Kf2± 0.71/19]

20...Nc4+=

(Diagram)

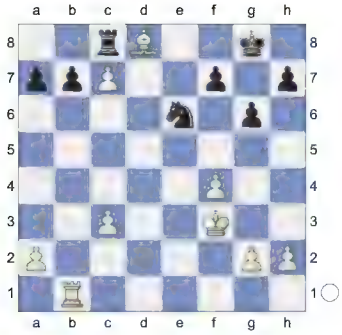
Pair of Knights! **21.Kc2 Rxe2+** 0.82/20
[21...Ne3+= -0.01/19 keeps the balance. 22.Kd2 Nc5]
22.Kd3± Re6 White must now prevent ... Ne3. **23.Kxc4 Rc6+ 24.Kd5 Nb6+**



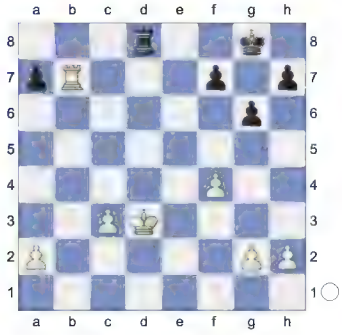
25.Kd4! Active counter play! **25...Rc8**

26.Rab1 0.42/20
[Better is 26.Rhb1± 0.76/22]
26...Rd6+!± 27.Ke4 Black is now going downhill. **27...Na4** 1.85/19
[27...f5+± 1.06/18 28.Kf3 Rd3+ 29.Kf2 Rxc3]
28.Kf3+- Nc5 29.Rhe1 aiming for Re8+. **29...Re6** Against Re8+ **30.Rxe6 Nxe6**

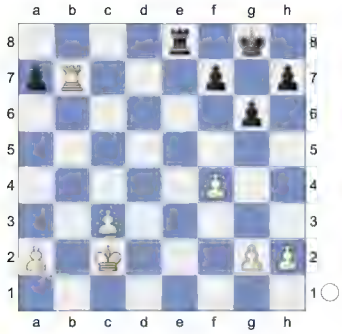
(Diagram)



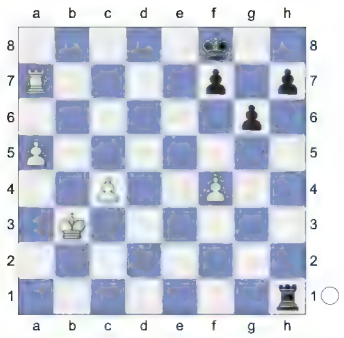
31.Rxb7 Rb8 is the strong threat.
31...Nxd8 32.cxd8Q+
[But not 32.cxd8R+ Rxd8 33.Rxa7 Rd3+ 34.Ke2 Rxc3]
32...Rxd8 Endgame KR-KR **33.Ke2** Prevents Rd3. **33...Rc8 34.Kd3 Rd8+**



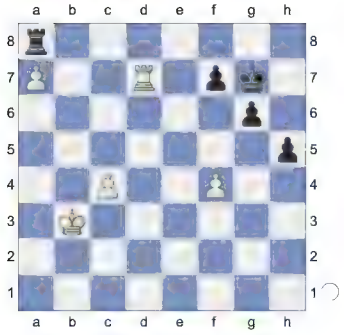
35.Kc2! Re8



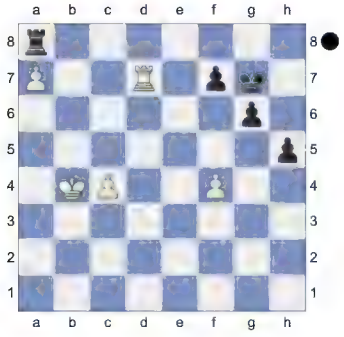
36.c4
[Don't take 36.Rxa7?! Re2+ 37.Kb3 Rxg2±]
36...Kf8? 4.63/23
[36...Kg7 2.48/21 37.Kd3 *(37.Rxa7 Re2+ 38.Kb3 Rxg2±)* 37...Rd8+ 38.Kc3 a6]
37.Rxa7 Re2+ 38.Kb3 Rxg2 39.a4 Rxh2 40.a5 Rh1



41.a6 Kg7 5.05/25
[41...Rb1+ 3.24/22 was worth a try. 42.Kc2 Ra1 43.Ra8+ Kg7]
42.Rd7 White is clearly winning.
42...Rb1+ 8.23/24
[⌓42...Ra1 4.82/23 43.a7 Kf6]
43.Ka2 Rb8 44.a7 Ra8 45.Kb3 h5



46.Kb4



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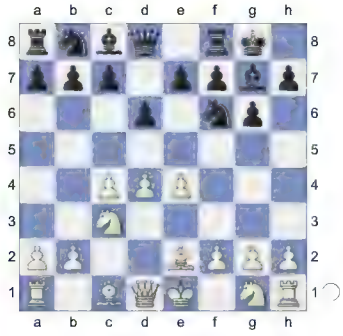
101 **E94**
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2622**
■ **Zelbel,Patrick** **2490**
Bundesliga 2425 (5.4) 11.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



6.Nf3 e5
[6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Rb1 c5 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na6 11.h4 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Be2 Nc7 14.f4 e5 15.g3 h5 16.f5 Nf6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.g4 gxf5 20.g5 Bg7 21.exf5 Paravyan,D (2586)-Pichot,A (2638) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
7.0-0N
[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) Zalakaros 1997 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter]*)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 1-0 (48)]

[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.g4 Nbd7 15.f3 a6 16.Nb3 Rec8 17.h4 b5 18.Kb1 h5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.Na5 Rab8 Moor,O-Ekstroem Zürich_76782 2002 Play the King's Indian [Joe Gallagher] 0-1 (56)]

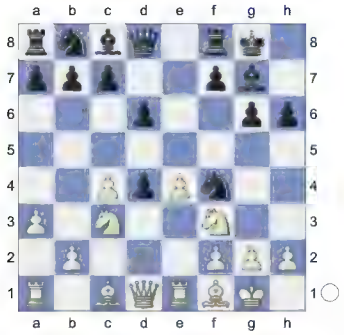
7...h6 **8.a3!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

8...Nh5N

[8...a5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Re1 Bg4 12.Rc1 Re8 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Qc2 Rad8 15.Rcd1 -0.17/20 ½-½ Daneshvar,B (2617)-Abdisalimov,A (2526) TUR-chT Ankara 2024 (6.26) *(⌓15.c5! 0.17/19)*]

9.Re1 Nf4 White is slightly better.

10.Bf1 exd4



11.Nxd4

[But not 11.Bxf4 dxc3 12.bxc3 g5∓]

11...Ne6 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Rc1 a6 0.71/17

[14...Ne5± 0.36/17 deserves consideration.]

15.b4 Re8

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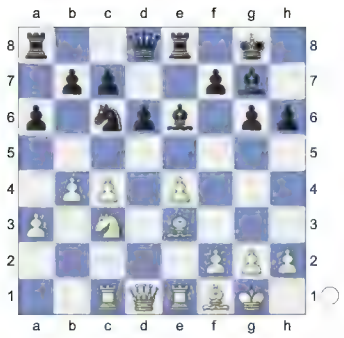

16.Nd5 Rc8 17.Qd2 &Bianco is more active. **17...Kh7 18.f4 Qd7 19.Bf2 f5 20.Bd3 Nd4**

21.Rcd1

[21.Bxd4 looks sharper. Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 Bxd5 23.cxd5 fxe4 24.Rxe4 Bf6 25.Qe1]

21...Bxd5 1.09/21

[21...Qf7± 0.37/18]

22.cxd5±

[Don't play 22.exd5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Re8=]

22...c5 23.dxc6! Rxc6 24.exf5 0.74/22

[⌓24.Bb1 1.30/19 Rc4 25.Qa2]

24...Nxf5 1.11/21

[⌓24...Rxe1+ 0.74/22 25.Rxe1 Nxf5]

25.Rxe8 Qxe8

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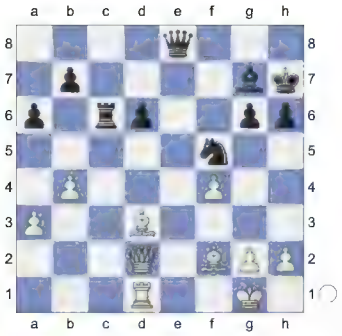
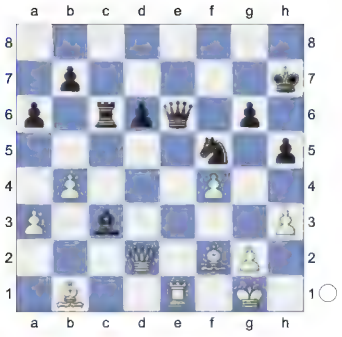
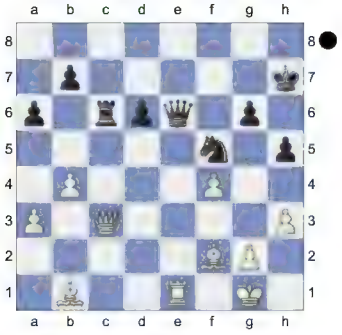


26.Bb1 Qe6 27.h3 h5 28.Re1 Bc3? 6.80/23



29.Qxc3

[Worse is 29.Rxe6 Bxd2 30.Bxf5 gxf5=]



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102 **D77**

□ **Bok,Benjamin** **2621**

■ **Ghevondyan,Arman** **2216**

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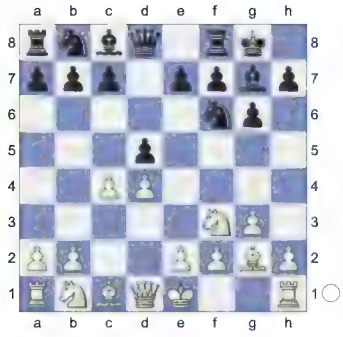
[Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies other than 6...c6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0



6.0-0 c5

[6...c6 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.Bb2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qb6 11.Qb3 Nfd7 12.e3 e5 Neo Grinfeld-6 0-0 c6 without 7 cxd5 ChessPub Guide 2024 Daring Defences [ChessPublishing.com]]

7.dxc5 dxc4 8.Na3 Qa5 9.Be3N

An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

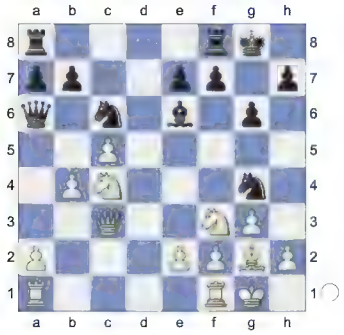
[9.Qd4 Nc6 10.Qxc4 Be6 11.Qb5 Qxb5 12.Nxb5 Bc4 13.Nc3 Nd7 14.Nd2 Ba6 15.Nde4 h6 16.Rd1 Rad8 17.Be3 f5 18.Nd2 e5 19.Nb3 f4 20.Bc1 Nd4 21.Bxf4 Nxb3 22.axb3 exf4 23.c6 f3 D 77/01]

9...Ng4N 0.32/20

[Vorgänger: 9...c3 10.Nc4 Qa6 11.b3 -0.82/20 *(11.Nce5= -0.03/19)* 11...Nc6∓ 12.Qc1 Ng4 13.h3 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Be6 15.Nce5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 0-1 Piotrowski,P (2247)-Kyc,J (2230) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (6)]

[9...c3= -0.02/20 10.Nc4 Qb5]
10.Nxc4 -0.01/20
[10.Bd4!± 0.32/20]
10...Qb5 1.11/21
[Don't take 10...Nxe3 11.Nxa5 Nxd1 12.Rfxd1± *(12.Raxd1 Na6±)*]
[10...Qa6!= -0.01/20 remains equal. 11.Rc1 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nc6]

11.Qb3± Qa6 1.33/21
[⌓11...Qxb3 0.87/20 12.axb3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 *(13.Nxe3 Nc6=)* 13...Nc6]
12.Bd4 Nc6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qc3+ Kg8 15.b4 &Bianco is more active.
15...Be6



16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.Nfe5 -0.23/23
[17.Bf1± 1.39/20]
17...Ngxe5 18.Nxe5 Nd4 19.Re1 -1.56/20
[19.Bf3= -0.01/23]
19...Nxe2+∓ 20.Rxe2 Qxe2

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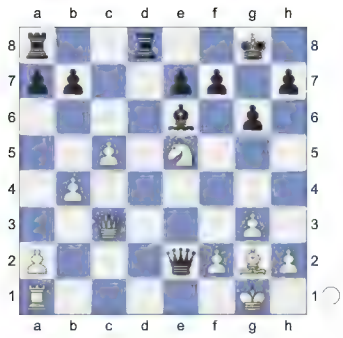
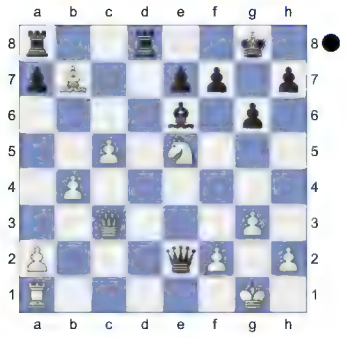
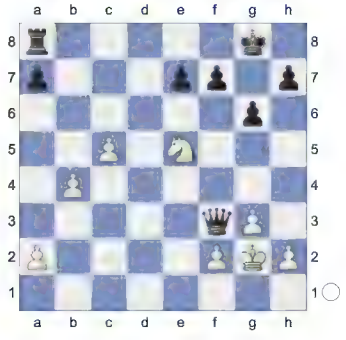


21.Bxb7 -2.09/22
[21.Bf3∓ -1.47/22 Qd2 22.Qxd2 Rxd2 23.Bxb7]



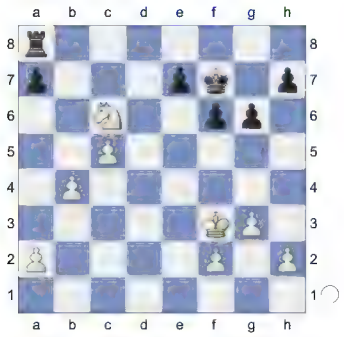
21...Rd1+? -0.01/21
[21...Rd2!-+ -2.09/22 22.Qe3 *(22.Rf1 Bh3)* 22...Rb8]
22.Rxd1= Qxd1+ 23.Kg2 Bd5+ 0.77/18
[23...Rd8= -0.25/22 keeps the balance.]
24.Bxd5± Really sharp! **24...Qxd5+ 25.Qf3 Qxf3+**



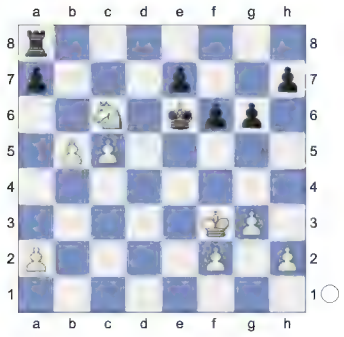
26.Kxf3= Endgame b5 is the strong threat. KR-KN **26...f6** 1.32/22
[26...Kf8!= 0.06/19]

27.Nc6± Hoping for Ke4. White now steadily converts the win. **27...Kf7** 2.85/22

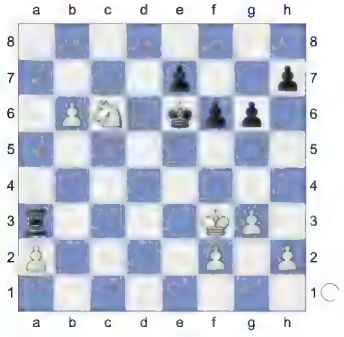
[27...Kf8± 1.45/20 was called for.]



28.b5!+- Ke6



Threatens to win with ...Kd5. **29.b6! axb6 30.cxb6 Ra3+**

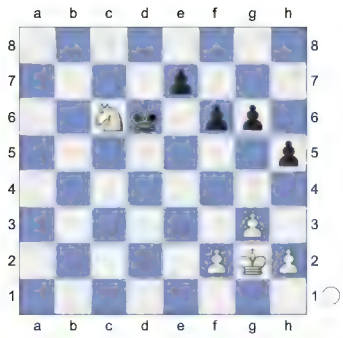


31.Kg2 Strongly threatening b7. **31...Rxa2 32.b7 Rb2 33.b8Q Rxb8 34.Nxb8** KN-KP **34...h5?** 5.77/22

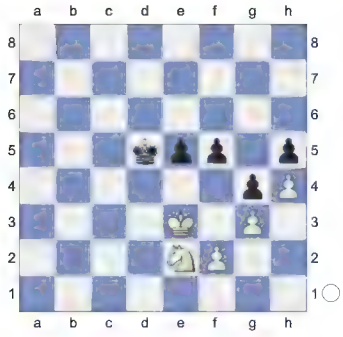
[34...Kd6 2.86/17 35.f4 h6]

35.Nc6 White is clearly winning. **35...Kd6**

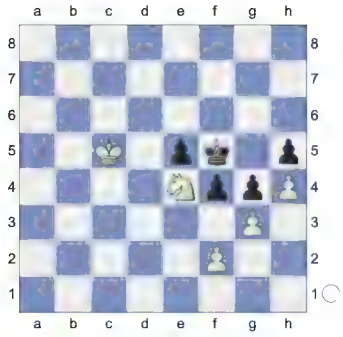
(Diagram)



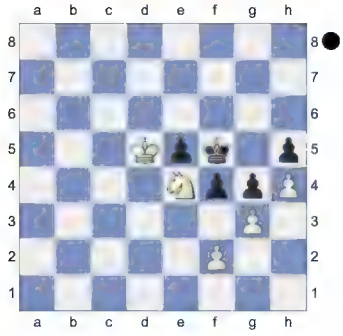
36.Nd4 e5 37.Ne2 g5 38.Kf3 f5 39.h4 g4+ 40.Ke3 Kd5



41.Kd3 Kc5 42.Nc3 Kd6 43.Kc4 f4 44.Ne4+ Ke6 45.Kc5 Kf5



46.Kd5



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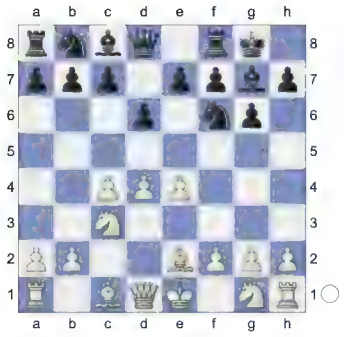
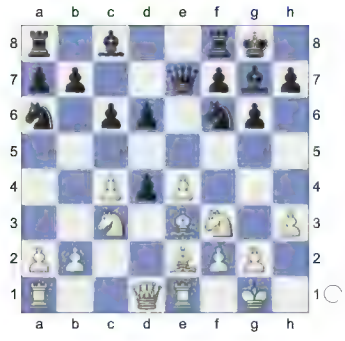
103 **E94**
□ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2619**
■ **Ankerst,Mihael** **2377**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

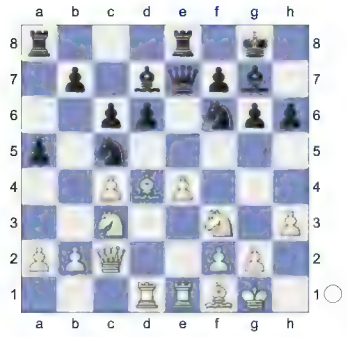
E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



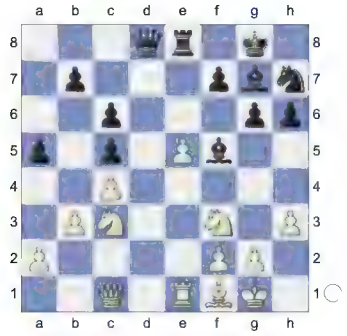
6.Nf3 Na6 7.0-0
[7.Bf4 Qe8 8.e5 Nd7 9.Qd2 dxe5 10.dxe5 Ndc5 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qe3 Na4 13.Ne4 b6 14.b3 N4c5 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.Rad1 Ne6 17.Bg3 c5 18.h3 Bf5 19.Nd5 Nc2 20.Qd2 Rd8 21.Bh4 Rd7 13.♖ad1 ♕b6 14.b3 (2629)-Klepej,J (2549) Telavi 1999 CBM 069 [Unzicker/Metz] 1-0 (38)]
[7.Be3 c5 8.d5 e6 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5 Nc7 11.a4 Re8 12.h3 a6 13.Qd2 Bf5 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.Bd3 Ne4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Ng5 Bf5 18.g4 Bd7 19.Rae1 b5 20.Qf4 Qf6 21.Nge4 Qxf4 Grebennikov,N (2176)-Muniz,R (2140) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (49)]
7...e5N
[7...c5 8.d5 Nc7 9.h3 a6 10.Bf4 Rb8 11.a4 Bd7 12.e5 Nfe8 13.a5 b5 14.axb6 Rxb6 15.Qd2 Qb8 16.Ra2 Na8 17.Ne4 Qb7 18.Bh6 Bf5 19.Ng3 Bc8 20.Bd3 Rb3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Nh5+ Petersons,A-Filipowicz,A Soviet Union 1963 EXT 2003 [Langlois,Arthur] 1-0 (34)]
[7...c6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nf6 11.Nd2 Nh7 12.Nb3 g5 13.Bg3 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.f4 Qd7 16.fxg5 Nxg5 17.Qd2 Nc7 18.Bf4 Rf6 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.d5 c5 21.Qxg5 Raf8 Sitarek,N (2500)-8.♘e2 ♘c6 9. 0-0 b6_66000 (2580) Zürich 1998 Telechess CBM 89 [Chess Post 211]]
[7...Qe8 8.Rb1 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.b4 c6 11.b5 Nc5 12.Ba3 Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Qc1 Qc5 16.Rb3 f5 17.Qa3 Be6 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Ra3 e4 20.Ng5 Bd7 21.f4 h6 22.Nh3 Riedel,H (2210)-Podzielny,K (2470) Goch 1993 EXT 1998 [Bulletin] 0-1]
8.Re1 c6 9.Be3 0.19/17
[9.d5± 0.51/18]
9...Qe7 0.68/18
[9...exd4= 0.19/17 should be considered. 10.Nxd4 *(10.Bxd4 Re8=; 10.Qxd4 Ng4∓)* 10...Re8]
10.h3!? 0.37/18 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[10.d5! 0.68/18 deserves consideration.]
10...exd4±



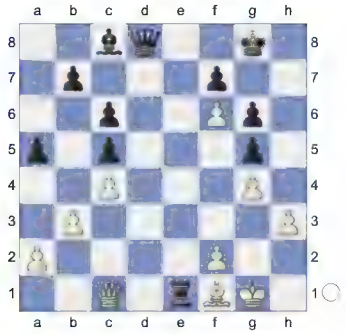
11.Bxd4
[Of course not 11.Qxd4 Ng4 12.Qd2 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Re8∓]
11...Re8N White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 11...Nc5 12.Bf1 a5 13.Qc2 Ne6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.Rad1 Nec5 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4 Ne5 0-1 Dzhumagaliev,Y (2400)-Tekeyev, Z (2380) RUS-ch rapid 2017 (9)]
12.Bf1 h6 0.67/17
[12...Nc5 0.35/17 might be stronger.]
13.Rb1 Nc5 14.Qc2 a5 15.Rbd1 Bd7 0.74/18
[15...Be6± 0.43/17 feels stronger.]



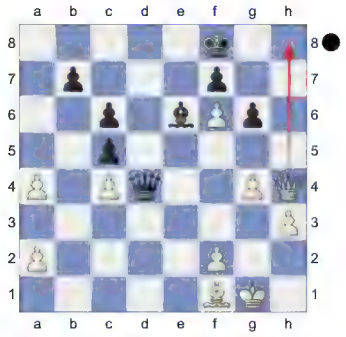
16.b3± Rad8 1.16/20
[⌓16...Be6 0.74/17]
17.Bxc5 0.17/20
[17.e5± 1.16/20 dxe5 18.Rxe5]
17...dxc5= 18.e5 Nh7 19.Qc1 Bf5 20.Rxd8 Qxd8



21.g4 Bc8 22.Ne4 Prevents Ng5.
22...Ng5 1.22/24
[Black should play 22...Bxe5± 0.40/19 23.Nxe5 *(23.Qxh6 Bg7±)* 23...Rxe5]
23.Nfxg5± &Bianco is more active.
23...hxg5 24.Nf6+
[Worse is 24.Nxg5 Rxe5 25.Rxe5 Bxe5∓]
24...Bxf6 25.exf6 And now Rxe8+ would win. **25...Rxe1**



26.Qxe1 Be6 27.Qe5 Qd4 Prevents Bd3. **28.Qxg5 a4?** 2.35/23 Loses the game.
[28...b5!± 0.49/23]
29.bxa4→ White has strong attack.
29...Kf8? 3.98/26
[29...Qa1 2.23/25 30.Qxc5 Qxf6]
30.Qh4



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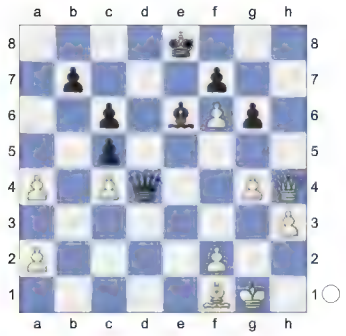
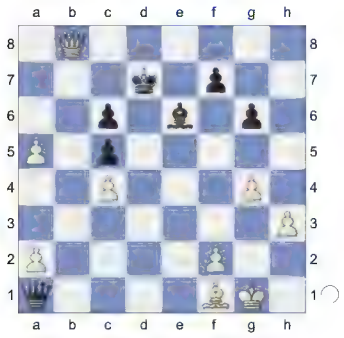
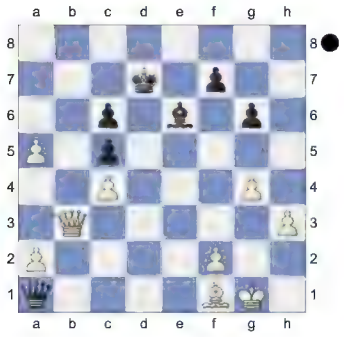


31.Qh8+ Kd7 32.Qb8 Qxf6? 6.30/26

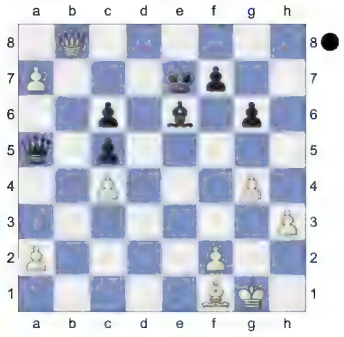
[32...Qb2 3.83/22 33.a5 Qb4]
33.Qxb7+ Kd6 34.Qb8+ Kd7 35.a5 Qa1 10.05/24
[⌓35...Qd8 4.57/23 36.Qa7+ Kd6]



36.Qb3



Black must now prevent a6. **36...Qe1 37.a6** 3.49/20
[⌓37.Qb7+ 8.10/23 Ke8 38.Qxc6+ Bd7 39.Qa8+ Ke7 40.a6]
37...Qa5 38.Qb7+ Kd6? 18.42/26
[38...Qc7 3.27/22 39.Qa8 Qb6]
39.Qb8+ Ke7 40.a7



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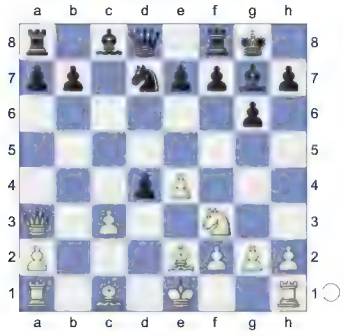
104 **D85**
□ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2617**
■ **Puranik,Abhimanyu Sameer** **2634**
CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

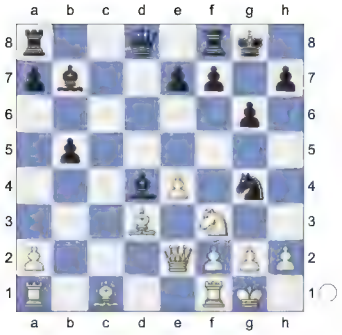
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qa3 now scores much better than the old 9.Be2.punktet besser als das ältere 9.Le2. **9...c5 10.Be2 cxd4**



11.cxd4 The position is equal. **11...Nf6 12.Qe3 b5 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Qe2 Bxd4**

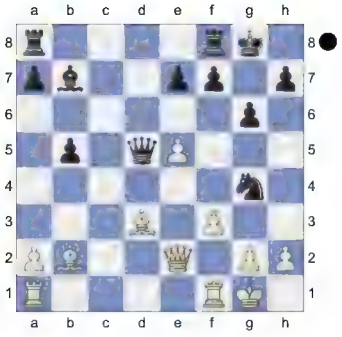
(Diagram)



16.Nxd4N

[Vorgänger: 16.Rb1 a6 17.a4 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxb5 ½-½ Shevchenko,K (2671)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (12.1)]

16...Qxd4 17.Bb2 Qd6 18.e5! Qd5 19.f3



Rad8!↑ Black fights for an advantage. **20.Bxb5** This bishop pair is nice. **20...a6**

21.Ba4 -0.86/23

[21.Bc4= 0.06/21 remains equal. Qc5+ 22.Kh1]

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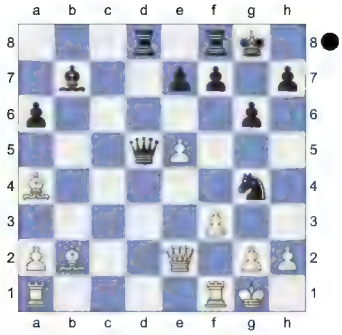
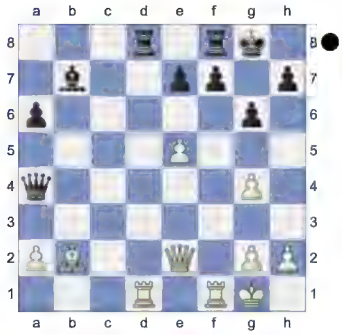


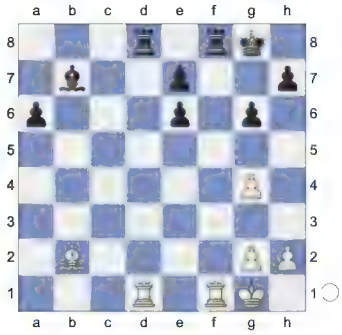
21...Qa5!∓ Hoping for ...Rd2. **22.Rad1** Against Rd2 **22...Qxa4 23.fxg4**



Qxa2 -0.37/21

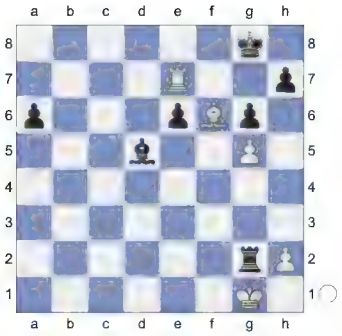
[23...Rxd1!∓ -1.01/21 24.Rxd1 Qxa2]

24.e6!∓ Qxe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6

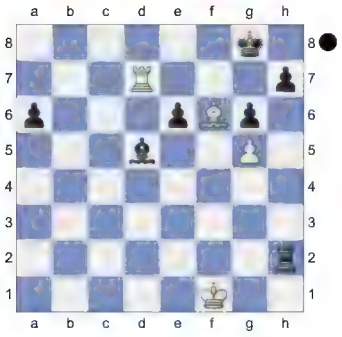


26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 Endgame KRB-KRB **27.Rd7 Bd5 28.Rxe7** White wants to mate with Rg7+. **28...Rc8 29.g5 Rc2 30.Bf6 Rxg2+**

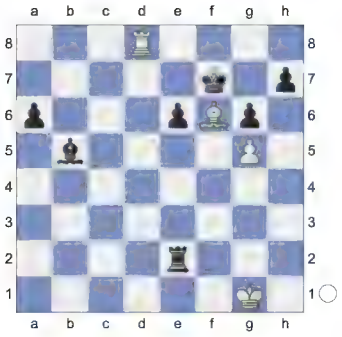
(Diagram)



31.Kf1 Rxh2 32.Rd7

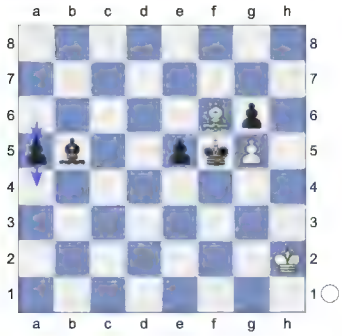


Bc6! 33.Rd6 -1.99/25
[33.Rg7+∓ -0.99/21 Kf8 34.Ra7]
33...Bb5+-+ 34.Kg1 Re2 35.Rd8+ Kf7

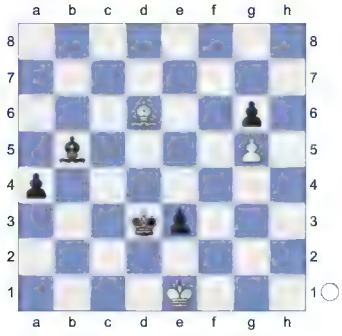


36.Rh8 e5 37.Rxh7+ Ke6 38.Rh8 Kf5 39.Rh2 -6.52/23
[⌓39.Rh3 -4.64/22 e4 40.Bc3]
39...Rxh2 40.Kxh2 KB-KB **40...a5**

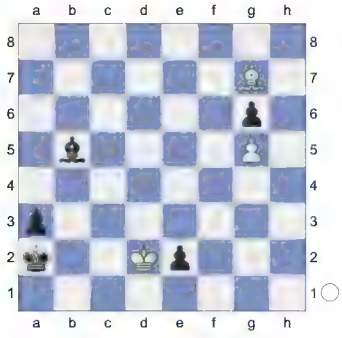
(Diagram)



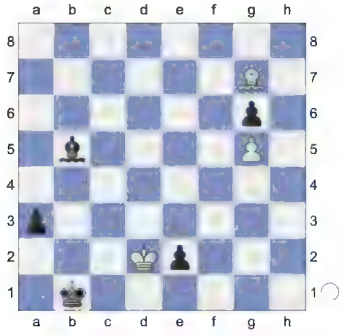
41.Kg3 a4 42.Be7 Ke4 43.Kf2 Kd3
And now ...Bc4 would win. **44.Ke1 e4**
(-> ...e3) **45.Bd6 e3**



Black mates. **46.Bc5 e2 47.Be7 Kc2 48.Bf8 Kb3 49.Kd2 a3 50.Bg7 Ka2**



51.Bf8 Kb2 52.Bg7+ Kb1



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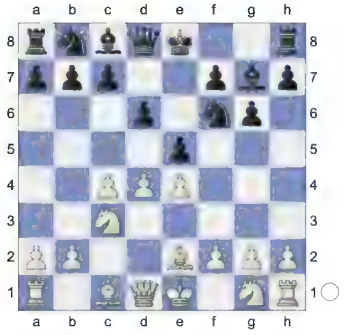
105 **E94**
□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2611**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2632**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 e5**



6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) Zalakaros 1997 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter]*)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 Karthik,V (2562)-Movahed,S (2417) Abu Dhabi 2023 1-0 (48)]
[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.g4 Nbd7 15.f3 a6 16.Nb3 Rec8 17.h4 b5 18.Kb1 h5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.Na5 Rab8 Moor,O-Ekstroem Zürich_76782 2002 Play the King's Indian [Joe Gallagher] 0-1 (56)]
7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 c6 10.Kh1 Nbd7

11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Qh4!?
An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
13.Qe1 Qxe1 White has an edge.
14.Rfxe1 a6N
[14...f5 15.Bf1 Nc5 16.Bg1 fxe4 17.Nb3 -0.15/20 *(17.b4* 0.27/20 is superior.*)* 17...b6 18.Rad1 Nb7 0.27/20 *(*Black should play *18...Nf6* -0.29/20 *)* 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Nxe4 Nf6 0-1 Radovanovic,M (1878)-Secheres, A (2143) SRB Central-ch op-A 6th 2013 (7)]
15.Rad1 Ne5

16.g4 Nf6 17.h3 0.16/19
[17.a4± 0.51/17 was preferrable.]
17...b5!= 18.cxb5 axb5 Strongly threatening ...b4. **19.a3 Bb7 20.Kg2 Nfd7**

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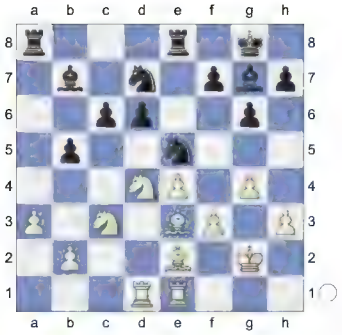
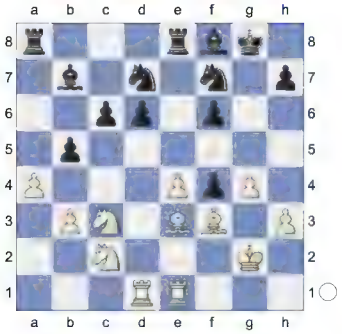
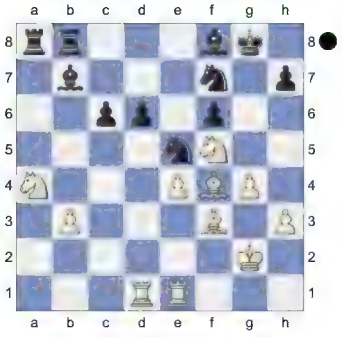


21.Nc2 Bf8 22.b3 aiming for f4. **22...f6 23.f4 Nf7 24.Bf3** -0.25/20
[⌓24.a4 0.24/20]
24...g5! 25.a4 gxf4



26.Bxf4 bxa4 27.Nxa4 Nde5 28.Ne3 Reb8 Hoping for ...Ba6. **29.Nf5** -1.41/21
[White should try 29.Nb6 -0.95/20 Ra2+ 30.Re2]



29...Bc8!∓ 30.Re3 Be6

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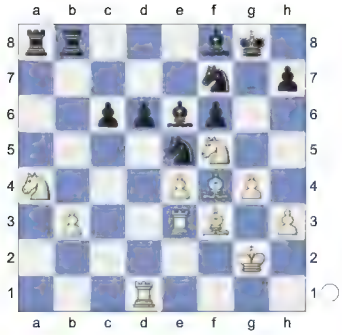
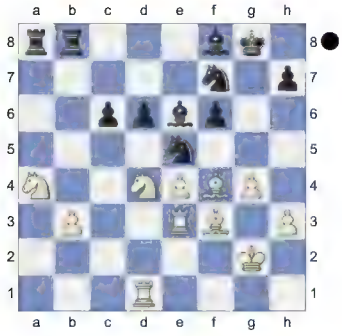
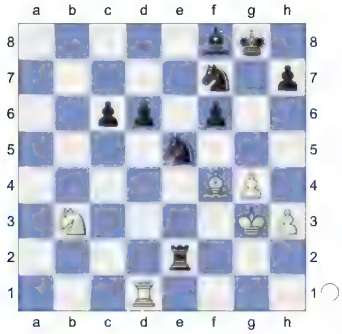


31.Nd4



Bxb3 32.Rxb3 Rxb3 33.Nxb3 Black must now prevent Nc3. **33...Rxa4 34.Be2?** -7.52/21 This move loses the game for White.
[34.Nd4∓ -1.23/20]
34...Rxe4-+ 35.Kg3 Rxe2



36.Nd4 Ra2 37.Nf5 Ra3+ 38.Kg2 Ng5 39.h4 Ne6 40.Bg3 Nxg4

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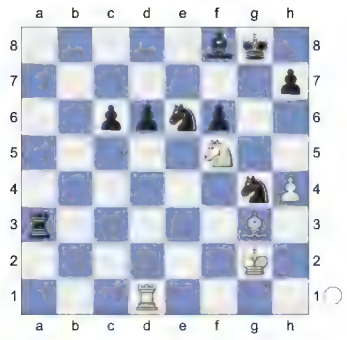
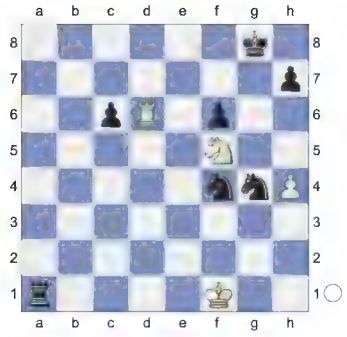


41.Bxd6 Bxd6 42.Rxd6 Nf4+ 43.Kf1 Ra1+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.22 (precise)
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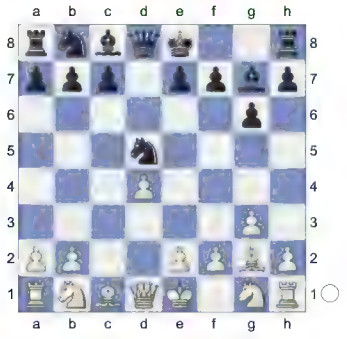
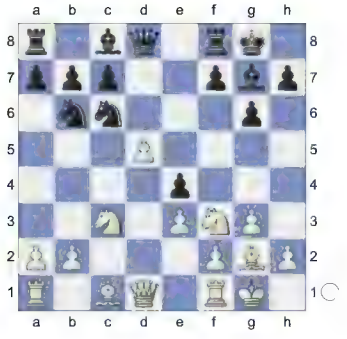
106 **D76**
□ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2605**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

D76: Fianchetto Grünfeld: Main Line with 7...Nb6
Jansa,V: 'Inf 25/93' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5N**
[4...c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Ng4 *(8...Qa5 9.e3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nd4 Nb5 20.Nf3 Qf6 21.Rac1 Rc5 22.a4 Nc7 23.e4* Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) Novi Sad 2016 CBM 176 [Sumets, Andrey] 0-1 (44)*; 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qh4 Qa5 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Rac1 Rab8 13.Rc2 Rfc8 14.b3 a6 15.Rfc1 Qd8 16.Bg5 Qa5 17.c5 dxc5 18.Bf4 c4 19.Bxb8 cxb3 20.axb3 Bxb3 21.Nd5 Rxc2 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Rxc2* Ornstein,A-Jansa,V Vrnjacka Banja 1978 CI1-130 [Jansa,Vlastimil] 0-1 (36)*)* 9.e3 d6 10.h3 Nge5 11.b3 a6 *(11...Bd7 12.Nde2 Nb4 13.e4 f5 14.f4 Qb6+ 15.Kh2 Ned3 16.a3 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Nc6 18.e5 Be6 19.exd6* ½-½ (19) Predojevic,B (2609)-Berg,E (2544) Norway 2020 CBM 195 Extra [Berg, Emanuel] *)* 12.Bb2 Nxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 14.d5 Ne5 15.Qe2 Rb8 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Rad1 Qc8 19.f4 Ilincic,Z (2259)-Li,B (2183) Pozarevac 2024 1-0 (93)]
5.cxd5 Nxd5



6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.e3 e5 10.d5 e4



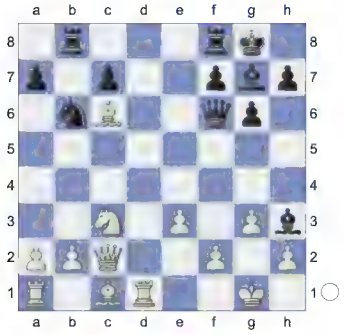
11.dxc6 Strongly threatening Qxd8. **11...exf3!?** Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **12.Bxf3 bxc6** White is slightly better. **13.Bxc6N**

[Vorgänger: 13.Qc2 Bh3 14.Rd1 Qf6 15.Be2 Qe6 16.Bd2 Nc4 17.Na4 Nxd2 18.Rxd2 Rab8 19.Rc1 0-1 Arsovic,G (2469)-Roganovic,M (2393) SRB-chT Subotica 2008 (9)]

13...Rb8 14.Qc2 Bh3 0.62/21

[14...Bf5 0.31/19 might be stronger. 15.e4 Qf6]

15.Rd1 Qf6



16.Bg2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rfd8 18.Rb1 0.01/21

[18.e4± 0.71/19]

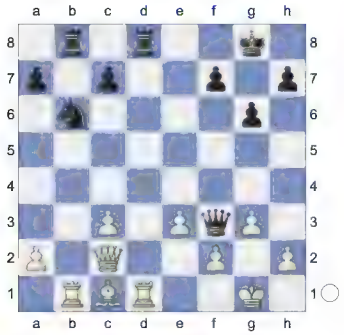
18...Qc6+!= 19.Kg1 Bxc3 0.76/23

[19...Rxd1+= -0.01/21 20.Qxd1 Nc4]

20.bxc3 0.31/20

[20.Bd2!± 0.76/23]

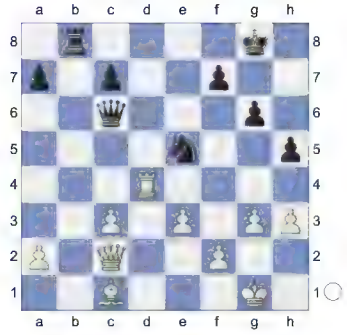
20...Qf3



21.Ba3 0.01/21

[21.Rd3± 0.49/20]

21...Nc4 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Bc1 h5 Hoping for ...h4! **24.Rd4 Ne5 25.h3 Qc6**



Threatens to win with ...Nf3+. **26.Rd1 Nf3+ 27.Kf1 Ng5** -0.03/23

[27...Qe6∓ -0.52/20 28.Kg2 Ng5]

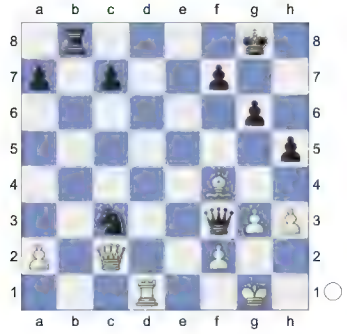
28.e4! Nxe4 29.Bf4 -1.07/25

[29.Kg1!= -0.05/22]

29...Nxc3 30.Kg1 Inhibits Qh1+.

30...Qf3 -0.13/24

[Better is 30...Re8∓ -1.37/22 31.Be3 Qf3!]



&Nero is more active. **31.Re1** Inhibits Ne2+. **31...Rd8**

[31...Nd5!? 32.Be5 h4∓]

32.Be3 Ne4 -0.01/20

[32...Nd5∓ -0.36/23 33.Bxa7 h4]

33.Qxc7 Rd6 White must now prevent ... Nxg3! **34.Qxa7**

[Don't go for 34.Bxa7?

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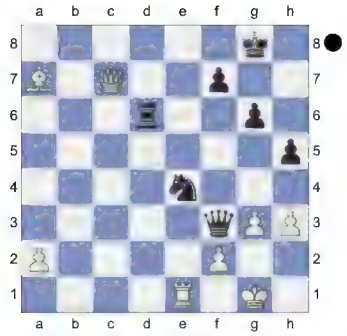
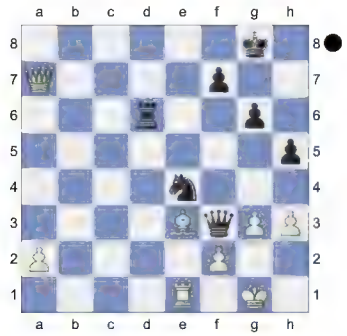
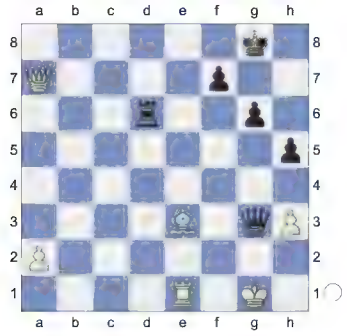


Nxg3! 35.Kh2 *(35.fxg3 Qxg3+ 36.Kf1 Rf6+ 37.Ke2 Qxc7 38.Bb8 Qc2+ 39.Ke3 Re6+)* 35...Nf5-+]

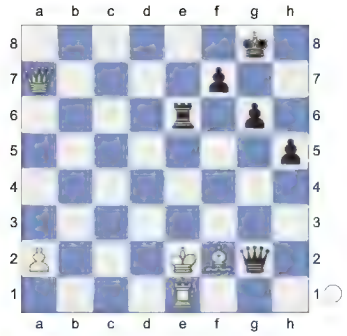


aiming for Bd4. **34...Nxg3!** Demolition **35.fxg3 Qxg3+**

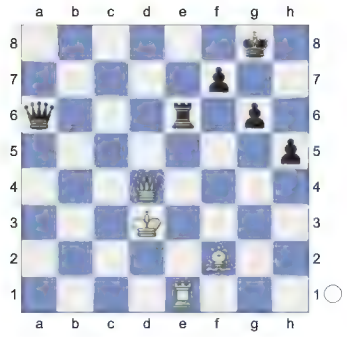


36.Kf1 Qxh3+ 37.Ke2 Qg4+ Black has compensation. **38.Kf1** Qb8+ is the strong threat. **38...Qh3+ 39.Ke2!** And now Qb8+ would win. **39...Qg2+ 40.Bf2 Re6+**

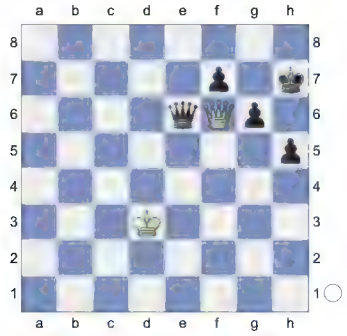
(Diagram)



41.Kd2 Qd5+ 42.Qd4
[42.Bd4!? Qg2+ 43.Kd3 *(43.Kc3 Rc6+ 44.Kb4 Qd2+ 45.Kb5 Rc8=)* 43...Qf3+ 44.Re3 Rxe3+ 45.Bxe3±]
42...Qxa2+ 43.Kd3 Qb3+ 44.Kd2 Qa2+ 45.Kd3 Qa6+



46.Kd2 Qa5+ Deflection **47.Kd3?** -7.52/20 Now White is beyond hope.
[47.Kd1= -0.01/21]
47...Rxe1-+ 48.Bxe1 Qxe1 Endgame KQ-KQ **49.Qd8+ Kh7** (-> ...Qd1+) **50.Qf6 Qe6**



51.Qh4 Kg7 52.Kd2 Qf6 53.Qh2 Qb2+ 54.Ke3 Qxh2

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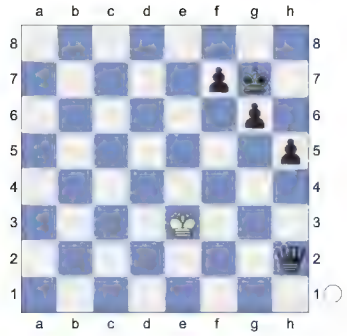

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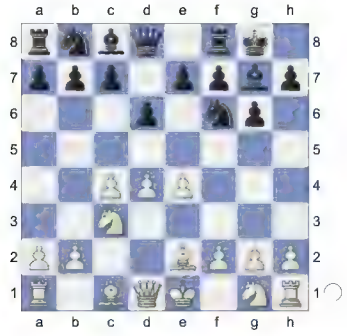
107 **E73**
□ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2599**
■ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
Leninskiy Dokhoian Memorial Rapid (9)
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Be3 **Na6!** now scores much better than the old 6...e5.punktet besser als das ältere 6...e5. **7.h4 h5 8.f3 c5** White has an edge. **9.d5 e6 10.Nh3** 0.04/19
[10.dxe6± 0.39/18 Bxe6 11.Nh3]
10...exd5=

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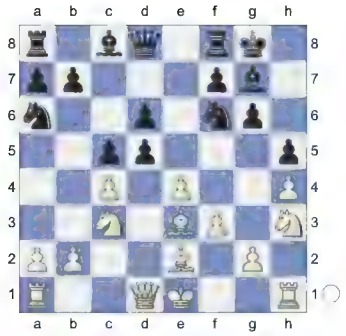
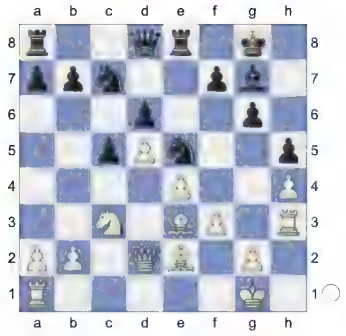


11.cxd5 Bxh3N
[11...Nc7 12.Ng5 b5 13.Bxb5 Nxb5 14.Nxb5 Qa5+ 15.Nc3 Ba6 16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Kf2 Rab8 18.Rab1 Nd7 19.Rhd1 Ne5 20.Kg1 Nc4 21.Bf4 Rxb2 22.Rxb2 Nxb2 23.Qxb2 Bxc3 24.Qc2 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Rb8 26.Rb1 Novik,M (2392)-Da Silva,L (2089) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (31)]
12.Rxh3 **Re8N**
[12...Nc7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Kf1 b5 15.a3 Nd7 16.Kg1 Ne5 17.Rf1 Qd7 18.Rg3 f5 0.73/18 *(18...Rae8= 0.30/17)* 19.exf5 0.34/19 *(19.b4!± 0.73/18)* 19...Rxf5 ½-½ Kelires,A (2530)-Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2416) Paleochora op 11th 2018 (5)]
13.Kf2 Nd7 0.33/17
[13...Nc7= 0.01/17]
14.Qd2 Ne5 15.Kg1 Nc7



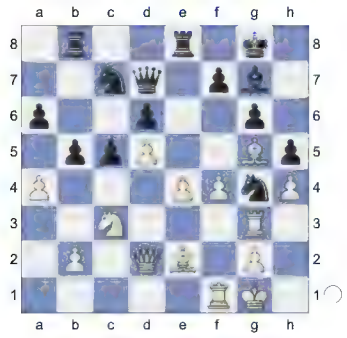
16.a4 Rb8 0.70/18
[16...a6 0.37/18 is more appropriate.]
17.Rf1 0.38/20
[⌓17.Bg5! 0.70/18 Qc8 18.Bf4]
17...a6 0.76/20

[17...b5± 0.38/20]

18.Bg5!± Qd7 19.Rg3 b5 20.f4 -0.45/20

[20.Bh6!± 0.74/18]

20...Ng4!∓



21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.f5! b4

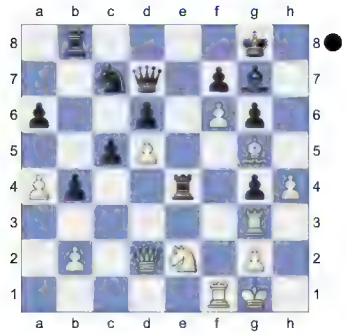
[22...bxa4 23.Rxg4 a3 24.bxa3±]

23.Ne2 -0.80/19

[23.Nd1!= -0.01/20]

23...Rxe4∓ 24.f6 -1.07/20

[24.fxg6!∓ -0.65/19 fxg6 25.Rd3]



24...Bf8 -0.69/20

[24...Rbe8!∓ -1.07/20 25.Nf4 Bh8]

25.h5∓ Rbe8↑

[25...Qxa4? 26.hxg6 Qb5 27.Nf4+-]

[25...gxh5? 26.Bh6 Re5 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Qh6!+-]

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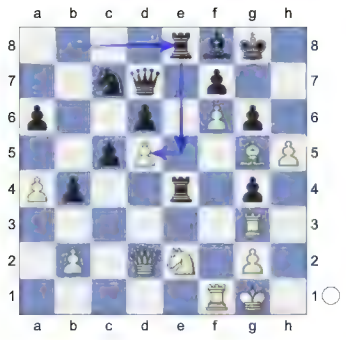


Black is more active. **26.Rf2** -1.20/18

[26.Re3∓ -0.65/21 Rxe3 27.Bxe3]

26...R8e5∓

[26...Qxa4 27.hxg6 R8e5 28.g7 Bxg7 29.fxg7 Rxd5 30.Rd3±]

[26...gxh5? 27.Bh6 R8e5 28.Bxf8+-]

27.hxg6 fxg6

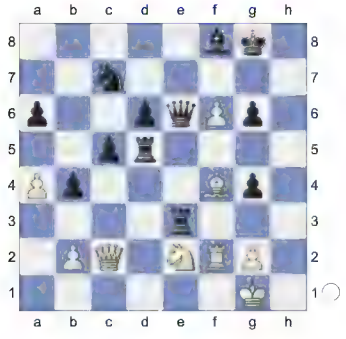
[27...Nxd5 28.Bh6 *(28.g7 Bxg7 29.fxg7 Qe6=)* 28...Qxa4 29.Bxf8 Qa1+ 30.Rf1 Rxe2 31.Qxe2! *(31.Rxa1 Rxd2 32.Bxd6 Rf5∓; 31.Qh6? Qxf1+ 32.Kh2 Qxf6-+)* 31...Rxe2 32.Rxa1±]

[27...Rxd5 28.Rd3 Ree5 29.Nf4! Rxg5 30.Nxd5 Rxg6 31.Re3 Nxd5 32.Qxd5 Qxa4 33.Rf1+-]

28.Bf4 Rxd5 29.Qc2 Qe6 30.Re3 -2.05/21

[30.Be3∓ -1.56/20 g5 31.b3]

30...Rxe3-+



31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Bh6

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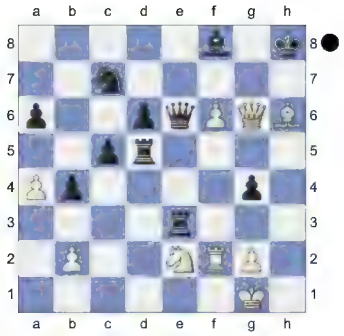
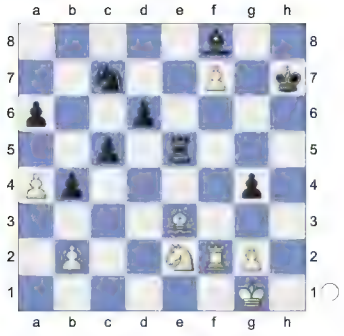
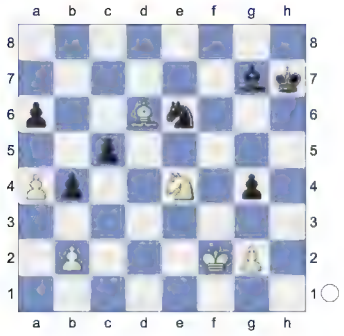


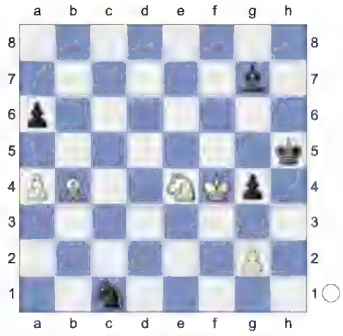
Intending Bg7+ and mate. **32...Qg8** Prevents Bg7+. **33.Qxg8+ Kxg8 34.f7+ Kh7 35.Bxe3 Re5**



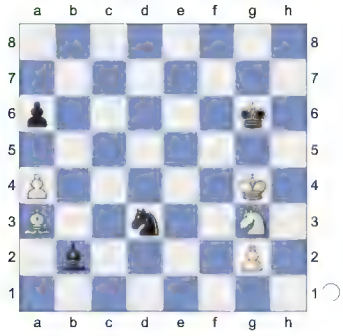
36.Bf4 Rf5 Strongly threatening ...Kg6. **37.Ng3**
[Don't go for 37.Bxd6? Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Bxd6-+]
37...Rxf7 38.Ne4 Black must now prevent Ng5+. **38...Ne6 39.Bxd6 Rxf2 40.Kxf2∓** Endgame Hoping for Bxf8. KBN-KBN **40...Bg7**



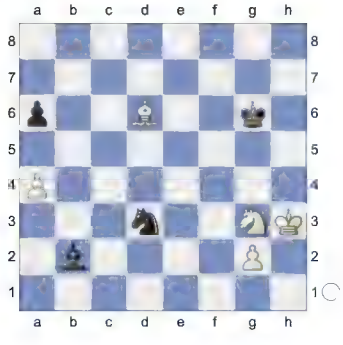
41.b3 Kg6 ...c4! is the strong threat.
[41...c4!? 42.bxc4 b3∓]
42.Kg3? -3.40/23
[42.Ke3∓ -0.32/22]
42...Nd4? 0.01/24
[Avoid the trap 42...c4? 43.Bxb4 cxb3 44.Nd2-+]
[42...Kf5!-+ -3.40/23 43.Nxc5 Be5+ 44.Bxe5 Nxc5]
43.Bxc5= Nxb3 44.Bxb4 Kh5 0.54/24
[44...Kf5= 0.17/24 is superior. 45.Nf2 Nc1 46.Nxg4 Nd3 47.Ne3+ Ke4]
45.Kf4!± Nc1



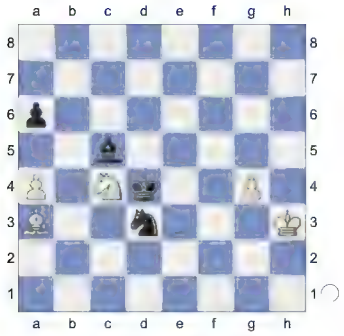
aiming for ...Nd3+. **46.Ng3+** 0.59/25
[46.Kf5!± 1.13/24 Nd3 47.Be7]
46...Kg6 And now ...Nd3+ would win.
47.Kxg4 Nd3 48.Ba3 Bb2 0.79/23
[48...Ne5+= 0.04/24 keeps the balance. 49.Kf4 Nc4]



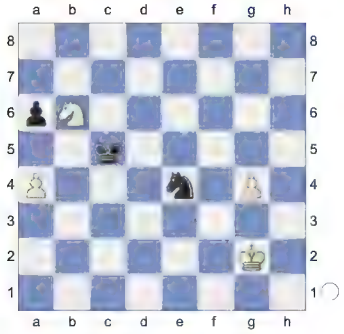
49.Bd6!± Ne1 50.Kh3 Nd3



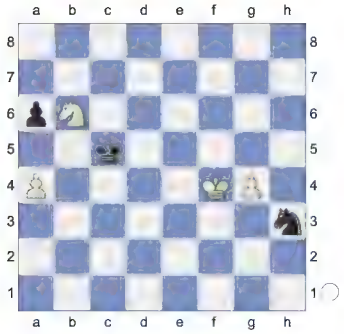
51.Ne4 Bd4 52.Ba3 Kf5 53.Nd6+ 0.01/23
[53.Nd2!± 0.57/21]
53...Ke5 0.54/20
[Black should play 53...Ke6= 0.01/23]
54.g4 0.00/27
[Better is 54.Nb7!± 0.54/20]
54...Bc5= The position is equal. **55.Nc4+ Kd4**



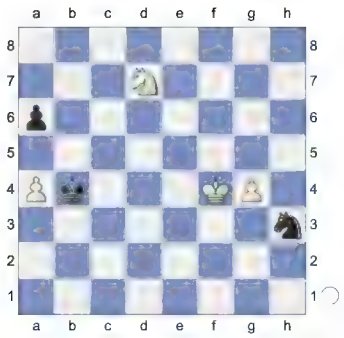
56.Bxc5+ Nxc5 KN-KN **57.Nb6 Ne4 58.Kg2 Kc5**



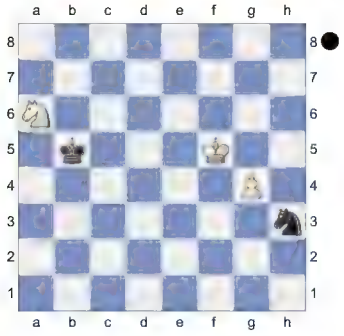
59.Kf3! Ng5+
[59...Nd6 60.Nd7+]
60.Kf4 Nh3+



61.Kg3 Ng5 62.Nd7+ Kb4 63.Kf4 Nh3+ 64.Kg3 Ng5 65.Kf4 Nh3+



66.Kf5 Kxa4 67.Nc5+ Kb5 68.Nxa6



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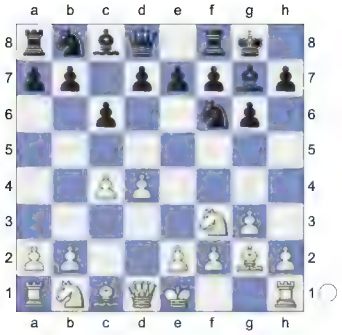
½-½

108 **D78**
□ **Goryachkina,A** **2593**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2535**
EUR Online Women CC Final rapid (2.5)
[Kitty Kat]

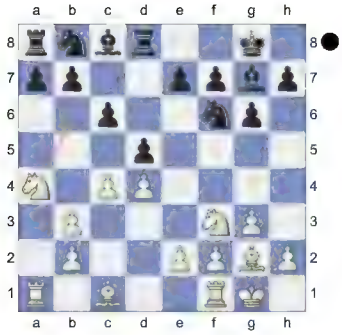
D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6
One of the most unbelievable games I have seen in a long time. It is very hard to understand what was going on all the time, with the material balance disrupted from the very beginning. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6**

(Diagram)

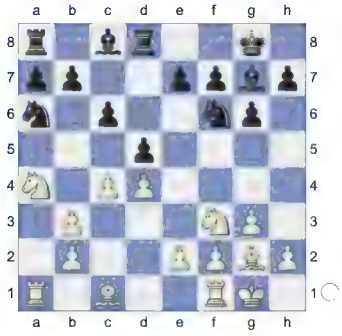


6.0-0 d5 7.Qb3N
[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 *(9...a4 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Ne5 cxb3 12.axb3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd2 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nc5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb3 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.e3 Qa5 20.Rb1 Qxa3 21.Bxa3 Na5 22.Bb4 b6 23.Bxe7 Re8 24.Rxb6* 0-1 (41) Dautov,R (2625)-Tischbierek, R (2515) GER-ch Bremen 1998 (6)*)* 10.Bxc3 Nd7 *(10...b5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rc7 Bc6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxc6 Ra7 21.e3 b4 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bb5 Kg7 24.Rc8 Nf8 25.Ne1* ö-ö (43) 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 35829 (2580)-8. ♘e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 b6 66000 (2670) 32/119 Esbjerg 32/119 1981 *)* 11.e3 Nf6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Be1 Qd6 14.f3 Nf6 15.Rc1 c5 16.g4 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#055 Main line 6...c6 slow li]
7...Qb6 8.Nc3 Rd8 9.Na4 Qxb3
[9...Qa6 looks sharper. 10.cxd5 Qxe2 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Re1 Qa6]
10.axb3

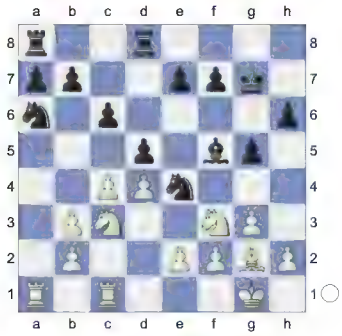
(Diagram)



aiming for Nb6! **10...Na6!**

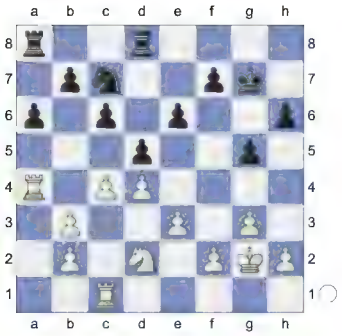


11.Bf4 Bf5 12.Rfc1 h6 13.Be5 -0.01/20
[13.Bd2± 0.35/19]
13...g5 14.Nc3 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7

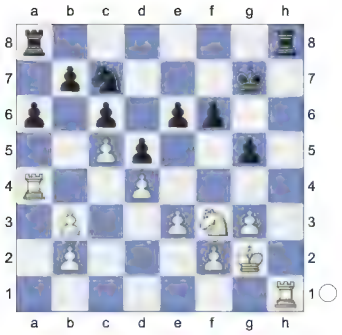


16.Ra4 Prevents Nb4 **16...e6 17.e3** -0.07/20
[17.Rca1± 0.37/21]
17...Nc7= 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Nd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 The position is equal. **20...a6**

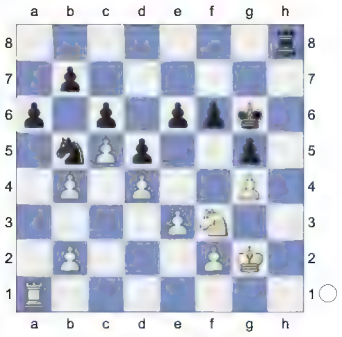
(Diagram)



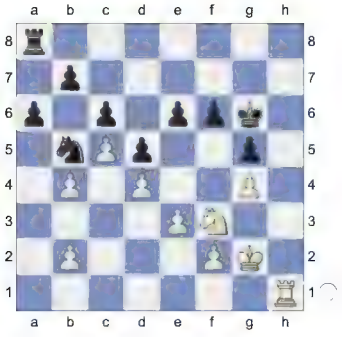
21.Nf3 Ne8 22.h4 f6 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.c5 Nc7 25.Rh1 Rh8



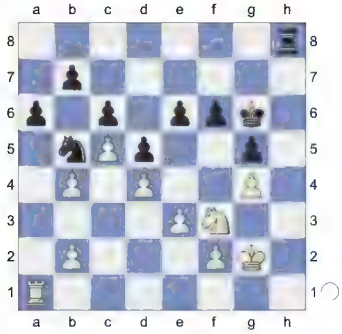
26.Raa1 Rxh1 27.Rxh1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **27...Nb5 28.g4 Rb8 29.Ra1 Rh8 30.b4 Kg6**



31.Rh1 Rb8 32.Nd2 Re8 33.Nf3 Ra8 34.Ra1 Rh8 35.Rh1 Ra8



36.Ra1 Rh8



An uneventful encounter.
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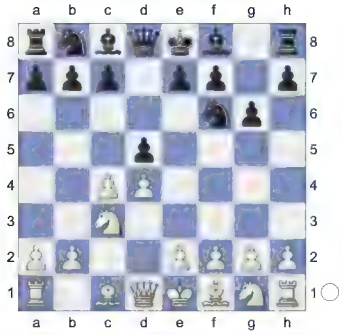
½-½

109 **D80**
□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2591**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2763**
Wch Rapid New York (13) 28.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qa4+ Bd7 5.Qd1 Bc8



6.Qa4+N
[6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qd1 Bc8 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.Rc1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc6 16.d5 Nd4 17.Bd3 0-0 18.0-0 Qxa2 19.Rc7 Ba4 20.Qb1 Qxb1 Gossnow,D

(2590)-Uzhva,A (2683) Colle NS [John Watson] 0-1 (72) 21.Rxb1 b5 22.Rxe7 Rfc8 23.e5 Bc2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.g4 Ne2+ 26.Kg2 Nc3 27.Rc7 Rxd2 28.Rxc3 Rxd5 29.Rc7 a5 30.f4 g5 31.Rbc1 gxf4 32.Rc8+ Rd8 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Bb6 Ra8 35.Rc5 a4 Gareev,T (2590)-Tabatabaei,M (2683) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 32 [Flear, Glenn] 0-1 (72)]

[6.Bg5 Ne4 7.h4 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bg7 9.e3 c5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Qb3 Qxb3 13.axb3 cxd4 14.exd4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bb5+ Nc6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Rfc1 Bd7 19.Nd2 a6 20.Be2 Ne5 Fedoseev,V (2709)-Vyval, V (2269) Skopje 2024 1-0 (35)]

6...Bd7 7.Qd1 Bc6!? An interesting side line .Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.Nf3 Bg7N** The position is equal.

[8...dxc4 9.e3 ½-½ Keinanen,T (2395)-Kulaots,K (2555) Heart of Finland op 28th 2018 (7)]

9.e3 0-0 10.cxd5 Nxd5

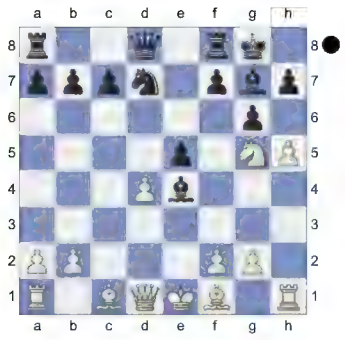
11.h4 Nd7 12.h5 e5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.e4 -1.54/19

[White should play 14.dxe5∓ -0.51/19 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qc2]

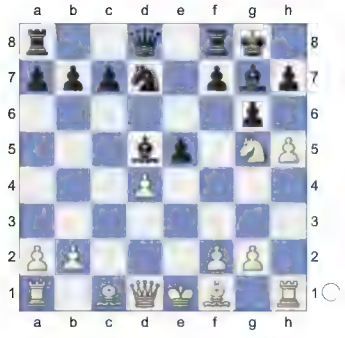
14...Bxe4∓ 15.Ng5 -2.08/17

[15.d5∓ -1.48/18 was called for.]

(Diagram)



15...Bd5!-+



16.hxg6 hxg6

[Stronger than 16...exd4 17.gxf7+ Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Qe8+ 19.Be2 Qxf7 20.Qd3=]

17.Qg4 -3.00/21

[⌓17.dxe5 -2.02/17 Nxe5 18.f4]

17...Re8 18.Qh4 exd4+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 Prevents Qh7+. **20.f3 d3**

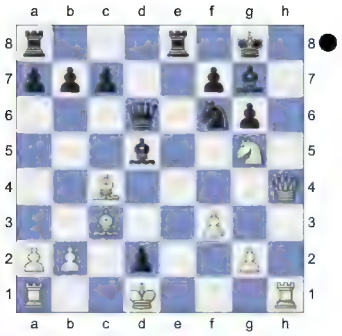
21.Bd2 Qd6 22.Bc3 d2

[But not 22...Nh5? 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qd4+ f6 25.Kd2]

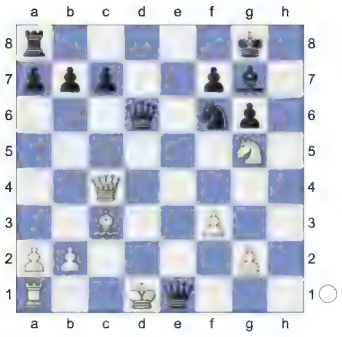
23.Bc4? -10.01/22

[23.Bb5 -3.95/19 c6 24.Ba4]

(Diagram)



23...Bxc4 Black is clearly winning.
24.Qxc4 Re1+ -4.36/5
[⌓24...Nd5 -9.67/22 25.Qb3 Ne3+ 26.Ke2 d1Q+ 27.Rhxd1 Nxd1+ 28.Ne4 Nxc3+ 29.bxc3 Qf4]
25.Rxe1 dxe1Q+



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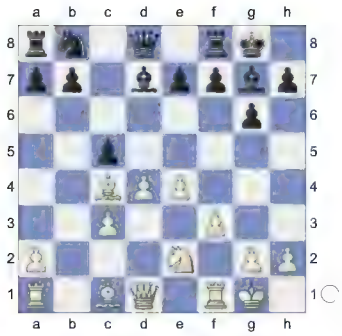
0-1

110 **D87**
□ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2591**
■ **Padmini,Rout** **2356**
Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

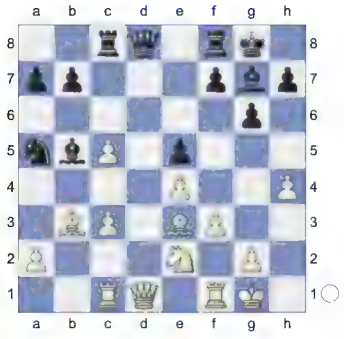
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4
[7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 0-0 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Bc2 c5 13.Rb1 Ba6 14.d5 Nd7 15.h4 Qa5 16.h5 b4 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Bc3 19.Bxc3 bxc3 20.Bd3 Rfc8 21.Rc1 Nc5 Erigaisi,A (2718)-Duda,J (2731) chess24.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 03 [TA] ½-½ (65)]
7...0-0
[7...c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 Buffa,E (1629)-Vecchione,A (1793) Bacoli 2023 1-0 (74)]
8.Ne2 c5 9.0-0 Bg4N
[9...Nc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]
10.f3 Bd7

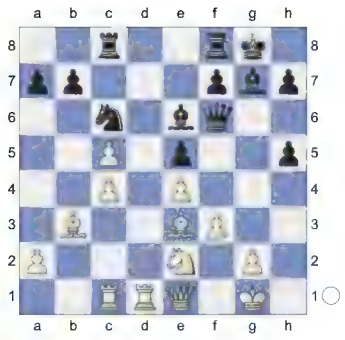


11.Be3 Nc6 12.h4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
12...Rc8 13.Rc1 e5N
[13...cxd4 14.cxd4 e5 0.75/21 *(14...h5± 0.31/19)* 15.h5? -0.98/19 *(15.d5± 0.75/21* keeps the pressure on. *Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bxd4)* 15...exd4∓ 16.Nxd4 -2.26/18 *(16.Bf4∓ -0.94/19* was necessary.*)* 16...Nxd4-+ 17.Bxd4 Bxd4+? 0.44/22 *(17...Ba4!-+ -2.61/22 18.Bxg7 Bxd1 19.Rcxd1 Rxc4 20.Rxd8 Rxd8)* 18.Qxd4± Be6 19.Bd5 Bxd5 1.15/22 *(19...Rxc1± 0.53/21 20.Rxc1 gxh5)* 20.exd5 0.84/20 ½-½ Chernobay,A (2490)-Svidler,P (2723) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Nov blitz 2020 (3) *(⌓20.Rxc8! 1.15/22 Qxc8 21.h6)*]
14.dxc5 White has an edge. **14...Na5**
15.Bb3 Bb5 0.80/20
[15...Bf6= 0.26/17]

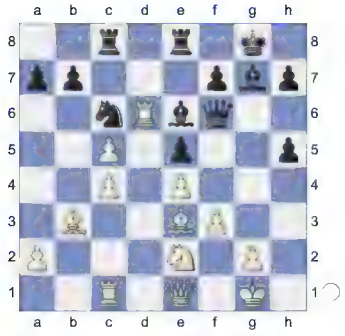


16.c4± Bd7 1.04/21
[⌓16...Ba6 0.73/21]
17.h5 Nc6 1.26/20
[⌓17...Be6 0.82/20]
18.Qd2 0.58/20
[18.h6± 1.26/20 Bf6 19.Nc3]
18...gxh5 19.Rfd1 0.43/21
[19.Bg5± 0.84/18 f6 20.Be3]
19...Be6± 20.Qe1 Qf6

(Diagram)



21.Rd6 Rfe8 1.03/19
[21...Bh6= 0.24/19 22.Bxh6 Qxh6]



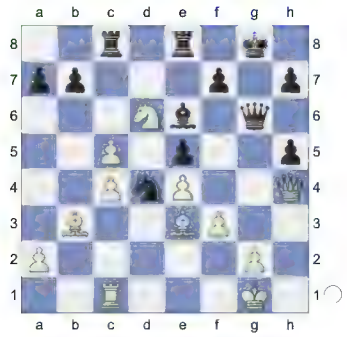
22.Ng3 0.65/20
[22.Ba4!± 1.03/19]
22...Qg6 23.Nf5 Prevents Nd4. **23...Bf8** 1.24/18
[Black should play 23...Kh8± 0.56/20]

24.Qh4 0.78/20
[Better is 24.Rcd1! 1.24/18]
24...Bxd6 1.15/20
[⌓24...Nd4 0.78/20 25.Nxd4 exd4 26.Bxd4 b6]
25.Nxd6 0.19/19
[White should try 25.cxd6± 1.15/20

aiming for c5. Kh8 26.c5]

25...Nd4 1.14/21

[25...Kh8!= 0.19/19 keeps the balance.]



26.Qf2 0.83/20 Dancing on a razor blade. Active counter play!

[⌓26.Bxd4 1.14/21 exd4 27.Rd1 *(27.Nxe8 Rxe8 28.Rd1 h6±)*]

26...Red8 1.19/21

[⌓26...Rf8 0.83/20]

27.Nxc8 0.72/22

[⌓27.Bxd4 1.19/21 exd4 28.Nxc8 Bxc8 29.Qh4]

27...Bxc8 1.08/22

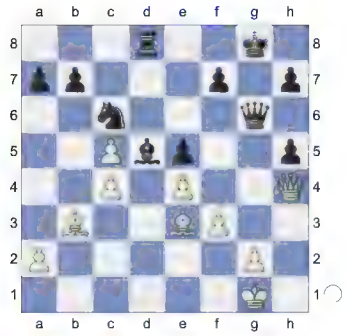
[⌓27...Rxc8 0.72/22 28.Rd1 *(28.Bxd4 exd4 29.Rd1 Rd8±)* 28...Rd8]

28.Rd1± Nc6 29.Rd5 Be6 30.Qh4 0.59/19

[30.Kh2± 1.24/21]

30...Bxd5?? 3.49/20

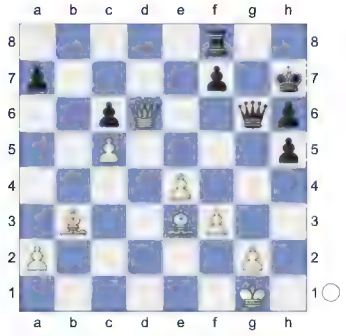
[30...Rb8± 0.59/19]



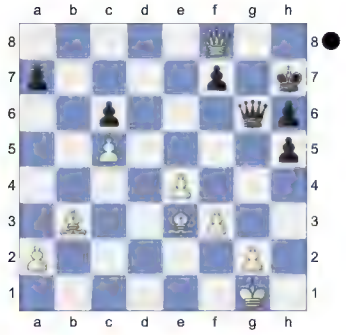
Loses the game. **31.cxd5+- Rc8** 5.55/22

[⌓31...Re8 3.49/22 32.dxc6 bxc6]

32.dxc6 bxc6 33.Qe7 Rf8 34.Qxe5 Bd4 would kill now. **34...h6 35.Qd6 Kh7**



36.Qxf8



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111 **E62**

□ **Bok,Benjamin** **2583**

■ **Garcia Garcia,Adrian Antonio** **2140**

Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b..

[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0

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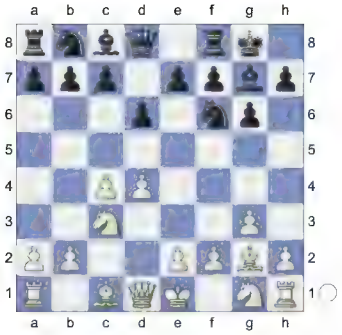


6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.b3! is recently more successful than 9. Nxe5. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 9. Sxe5. **9...c6**

[9...Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxa1 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh6 Be5 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Qd2 f5 16.Nc5 c6 17.Nd3 Bf6 18.b4 a6 19.b5 axb5 20.cxb5 c5 21.Nf4 Be5 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Rd1 Ra7 24.Bb3 Nabaty,T (2645)-Kovalev,V (2612) Astana 2023 [Nigel Davies] ½-½ (52)]

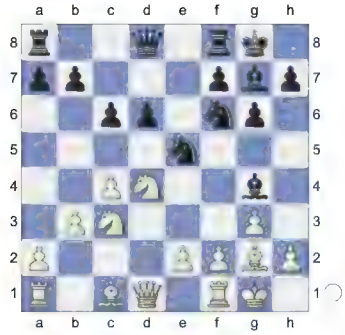
10.Nd4N White has an edge. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[10.Bb2 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Bh3 12.Re1 d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Na4 Bxb2 15.Nxb2 Qf6 16.Nd3 Rad8 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rac1 Bf5 19.e4 Bc8 20.Bg2 Nc7 Arkell,K (2450)-Bagaturov,G (2410) Marianske Lazne 2016 [Arsovic,Goran]]

10...Bg4N

[10...Re8 11.e4 a6 12.a4 Prevents b5. a5 13.Nde2 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Be3 d5 16.Bd4 -0.27/18 *(16.cxd5!± 0.39/20 cxd5 17.Bd4)* 16...Nxe4= 17.fxe4 dxc4 18.bxc4 Bxc4 1-0 Mikhalevski,V (2570)-Sepp,O (2411) EU-chT 22nd Batumi 2019 (9.4)]

(Diagram)



11.h3 Be6 0.99/18

[11...Bc8± 0.54/17]

12.f4± Ned7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qxd6 Re8 1.27/18

[⌓14...Nh5 0.80/19 15.Qxe6+ Rf7]

15.Bb2 &Bianco is more active. **15...Nb6** 1.88/21

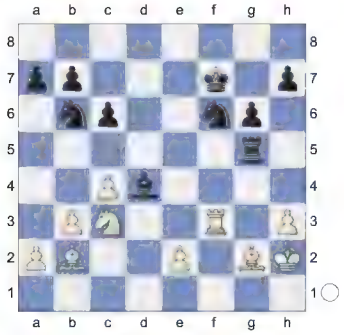
[15...Qa5± 1.35/18 was necessary. 16.Na4 Bf8]

16.Rad1+- Qxd6 17.Rxd6 Bf8 18.Rd3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Rxd3 20.Rxd3 Bc5+ 2.46/19

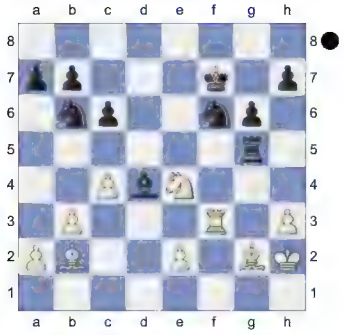
[⌓20...Bg7 1.99/19 21.Rd2 Re7]

21.Kh2 Kf7 22.g4 e5 23.fxe5 Rxe5

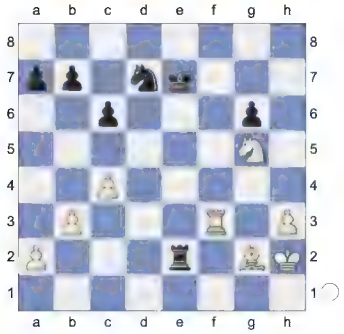
24.Rf3 Bd4 25.g5 0.19/20
[White should try 25.Rf4± 1.58/20 c5 26.Rf1 *(26.Bxb7 Re7±)*]
25...Rxg5=



26.Ne4 -0.27/23
[⌓26.Rd3 0.15/21 Be5+ 27.Kg1]

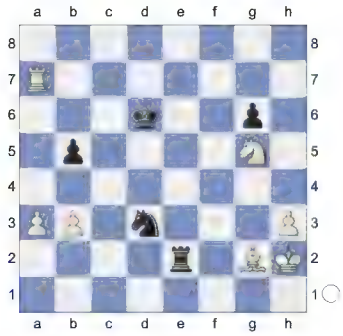


26...Be5+? 4.70/21
[26...Rxg2+!= -0.27/23 and Black is okay. 27.Kxg2 Bxb2]
27.Bxe5+- Rxe5 28.Nxf6
[Much less strong is 28.Rxf6+ Ke7 29.Rf2 Nd7+-]
28...Rxe2 29.Nxh7+ Ke7 30.Ng5 Nd7



31.a3 b5 6.18/21
[⌓31...Nf6 4.37/17 32.h4 Ra2]

32.Rf7+ Kd6 33.cxb5 cxb5 34.Rg7 Ne5 35.Rxa7 Nd3



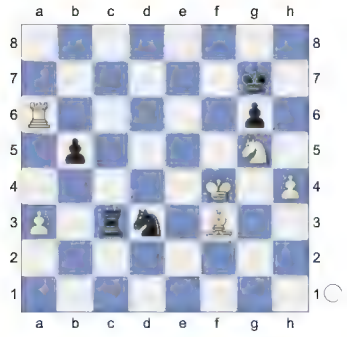
36.Ne4+ Ke6 37.Kg3 Inhibits Nf4.
37...Re3+ 38.Bf3 Ne5 39.Ng5+ Kf6 11.29/24
[⌓39...Kf5 4.58/25]
40.h4 Rxb3

41.Ra6+ Kg7 42.Kf4 Nd3+

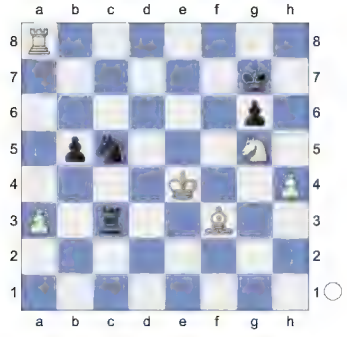
43.Kg4! Ne5+

(Diagram)

44.Kg3! Rc3 45.Kf4 Nd3+



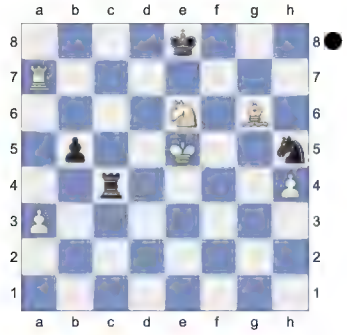
46.Kg4? 0.02/24
[46.Ke3+- 3.85/28 Nc5+ 47.Kd2 Rd3+ 48.Ke2 Nxa6 49.Kxd3]
46...Ne5+= 47.Kg3 Rb3! 48.Ra8 Rc3 49.Kf4 Nd3+ 50.Ke4 Nc5+



51.Kd4 Rc4+ 52.Kd5 Nd3 53.Be4 Nf4+ 54.Ke5 Nh5 55.Ra7+ Kf8

(Diagram)

56.Ne6+ 10.71/5
[⌓56.Bxg6 #11/22 Rc5+ 57.Kd6 Rxg5 58.hxg5 Nf4 59.Bh7 b4 60.axb4 Ke8 61.g6]
56...Ke8 57.Bxg6#



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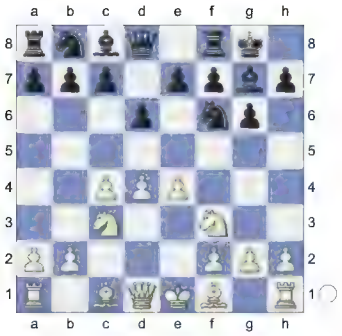
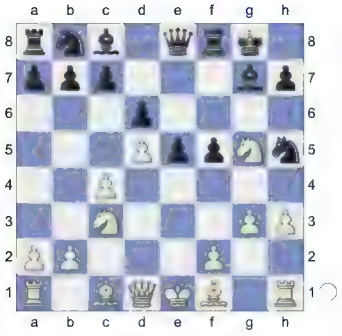
112 **E90**
□ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2582**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2680**
FIDE Grand Swiss (10) 04.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

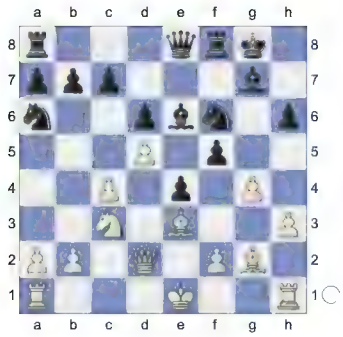
(Diagram)



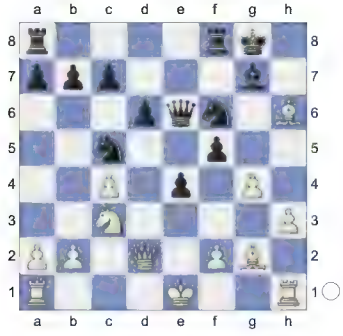
6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.g3 f5 9.exf5 gxf5 10.Ng5 White is slightly better.
10...Qe8



11.Bg2 0.08/19 is now debated instead of 11.Be2.wird nun anstelle von 11.Le2 disktutiert.
[11.Be2± 0.51/17 Nf6 12.Be3]
[11.c5 Nf6 12.Bb5 Qe7 13.g4 Na6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 Nxc5 16.g5 Ne8 17.Nd5 Qxe6 18.b4 Ne4 19.Bxe8 Qxe8 20.f3 Ng3 21.Rg1 f4 22.Nxc7 Qe7 23.Qb3+ Kh8 24.Ne6 Rfe8 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 C 06/32 (2797)-Winter (2732) Stockholm 2015 Telechess CBM 89 [Adly,Ahmed] 0-1 (55)]
11...Nf6 12.g4 -0.04/17
[12.0-0± 0.37/18]
12...e4 13.Be3N
[Vorgänger: 13.gxf5 Bxf5 14.Nb5 Na6 0.24/18 *(14...Qg6* -0.09/19 might be stronger.*)* 15.Nd4= Qg6 16.Nxf5 Qxf5 17.Ne6 Nc5 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.Be3! ½-½ Chirila,I (2504)-Jones,G (2655) Benasque op 32nd 2012 (7) Nh5 20.Qc2 Rae8 21.0-0-0 Rf6 22.Rd2 Rb6 23.Qa4 Rf8 24.Bxc5 Qg5 25.Bxe4 Rxb2 26.Be3 Qe5 27.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 28.Kd1 Nf6 29.Bf3 Ne8 30.Bg2 Qb1+ 31.Kd2 Qg6 32.Bf1 Bh6 33.f4 Bxf4 34.Bxf4 Chirila,I (2543)-Toma,R (2401) Bucharest 2023 1-0 (57) Rxf4 35.Bd3 Qg2+ 36.Kc3 Qg7+ 37.Kb3 Nd6 38.Qxa7 b6 39.Rf1 Rxf1 40.Bxf1 Qg3+ 41.Ka4 b5+ 42.cxb5 Qf4+ 43.Kb3 Qxf1 44.Qb8+ Qf8 45.Qxf8+ Kxf8 46.Kb4 Ke7 47.a4 Kd7 48.a5 Ne4 49.a6 Deuter,R (2504)-Kausche,G (2655) Kiev 2012 Telechess CBM 89 [Krasenkov Mikhalchishin Beliavsky Neven] ½-½ (57)]
13...Na6 14.Qd2! h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6



16.dxe6 Qxe6 17.Bxh6 Nc5



White must now prevent ...e3! **18.0-0-0!**
[Of course not 18.Qg5

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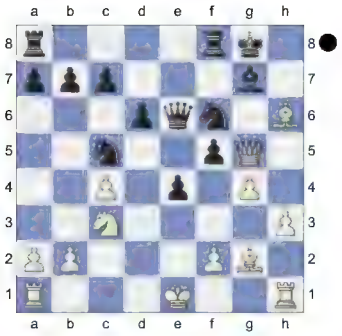
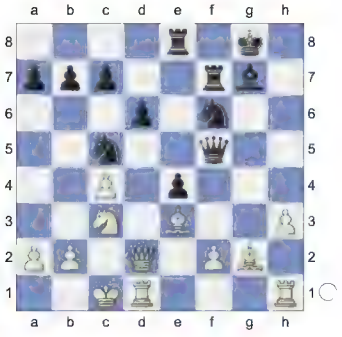


Nh5! 19.Bxg7 Nd3+ 20.Kf1 Nxg7∓]

18...Rf7 19.gxf5

[Avoid the trap 19.Qg5? Nh7 20.gxf5 Qxh6-+]

19...Qxf5 20.Be3 Re8



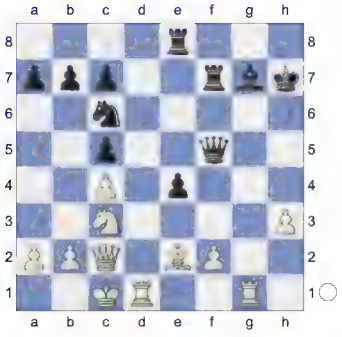
21.Bf1 -0.01/19

[21.Qc2± 0.45/19]

21...Nfd7!= 22.Be2 -0.28/18

[⌓22.Rg1 0.16/18]

22...Ne5! 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.Rhg1 Kh7 And now ...Bh6 would win. **25.Qc2! Nc6**



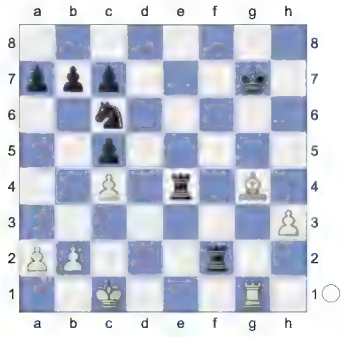
Threatens to win with ...Nd4. **26.Bg4** -0.83/23

[26.Rd5!= -0.07/20 Qxf2 27.Qd1]

26...Qxf2 -0.30/23 &Nero is more active.

[Better is 26...Qf4+∓ -0.83/23 27.Kb1 Qxf2]

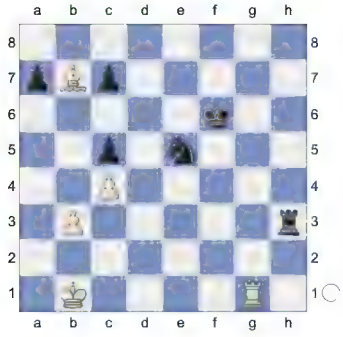
27.Qxf2 Rxf2 28.Rd7 Re7 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxg7+! Kxg7



31.Bf3+ Kf6 32.Bxe4∓ Endgame KRB-KRN **32...Ne5** Prevents Rg6+. **33.b3 Rxa2 34.Kb1 Rh2 35.Bxb7** -0.84/21

[35.Rf1+∓ -0.51/23 should be considered. Ke7 36.Rf5]

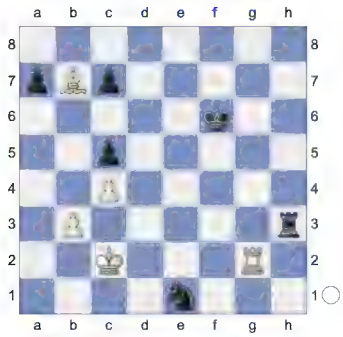
35...Rxh3∓



36.Kc2 Nd3 37.Rg2? -10.37/20

[37.Be4∓ -0.90/21 Nf4 38.Rh1]

37...Ne1+



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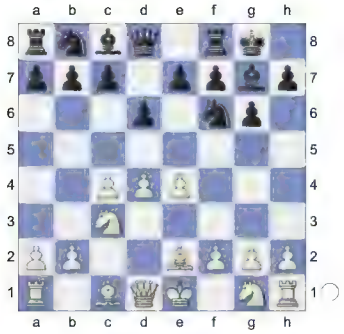
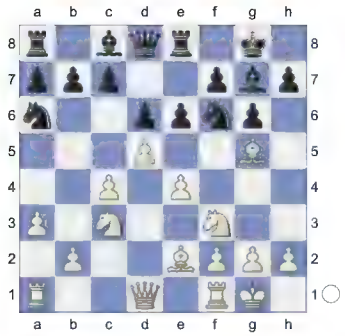
113 **E91**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**
■ **Odegov,Artem** **2261**
RUS-ch Blitz (6) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4

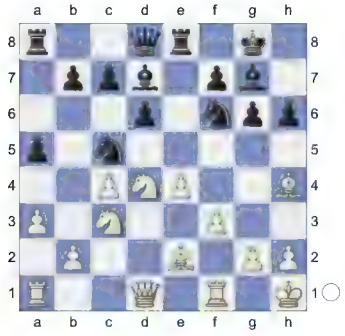
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Nf3 Re8
[6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Rb1 c5 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na6 11.h4 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Be2 Nc7 14.f4 e5 15.g3 h5 16.f5 Nf6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.g4 gxf5 20.g5 Bg7 21.exf5 Paravyan,D (2586)-Pichot,A (2638) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
7.0-0 Nc6 is recently more successful than 7...Nbd7 .ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Sbd7. **8.d5 Nb4**
9.Bg5N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[9.a3 Na6 10.Qc2 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Rd1 Bg4 13.e5 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 Ng4 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Rad1 Qf5 19.R3d2 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 h6 21.Bf4 Ne5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Be3 f5 Schut,L (2304)-Reviczki,R (2413) Kallithea 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson] ½-½ (65) 24.g3 g5 25.f3 Nc7 26.b4 Ne6 27.Nb5 a6 28.Nd6 Re7 29.Nxf5 Rf7 30.Nxg7 Nxg7 31.Kg2 Raf8 32.Rf2 Nf5 33.Bc5 Rc8 34.Rd5 Rc6 35.Re2 b6 36.Bf2 Rxc4 37.Rexe5 Ne7 38.Rd7 Nc6 Riverol,J (2304)-Aldokhin,I (2413) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (65)]
9...e6 White is slightly better. **10.a3N**
[10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 c6 13.Kh1 h6 14.Bh4 a5 15.a3 Na6 16.Rb1 0-1 Shimanov,A (2578)-Dubov,D (2710) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (3)]
10...Na6



11.dxe6 &Bianco is more active.
11...Bxe6 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.f3 Bd7 14.Kh1 h6 15.Bh4 a5



16.b3 -0.60/20
[16.Qc2= 0.22/16]

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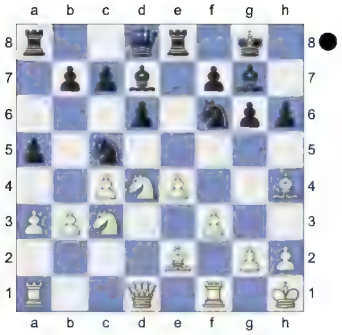
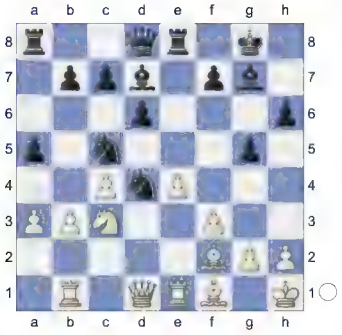
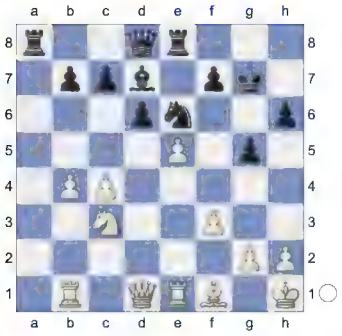


16...g5 0.21/20
[16...Nfxe4!∓ -0.60/20 17.Bxd8 Nxc3]
17.Bf2= Nh5 18.Re1 Nf4 19.Bf1 Nfe6 aiming for ...Bxd4. **20.Rb1 Nxd4**



21.Bxd4 Ne6 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Qf6 1.71/20
[24...Nf4± 0.37/18]
25.e5!+- Qd8 2.34/19
[⌓25...Qg6 1.71/18 26.exd6 cxd6]



26.exd6 cxd6 27.Qxd6 1.51/21
[27.Ne4+- 1.96/20]
27...Bc6 28.Qxd8 Rexd8 29.Kg1 Ra3 30.Rec1 f5

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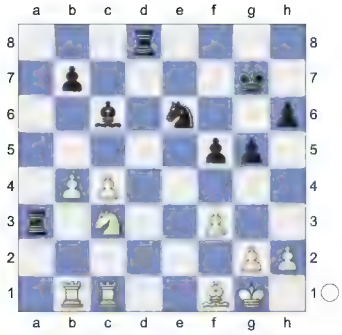
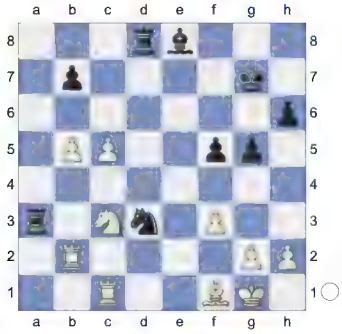
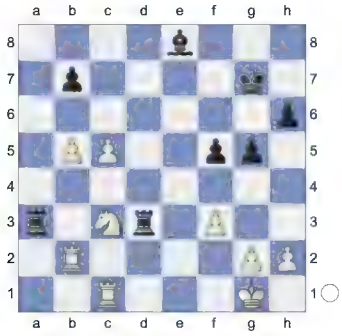


31.Ra1 Rb3 32.Rab1 -0.01/19
[Better is 32.b5!± 1.30/21 Be8 33.Re1!]
32...Ra3!= 33.Rb2 1.02/20 Inhibits Rd2.
[⌓33.b5 1.41/19 Bd7 34.Ne2]
33...Nf4 34.b5↑ White is on the roll.
34...Be8 35.c5 And now c6! would win.
35...Nd3 2.56/22
[35...Ra5± 1.19/20 36.Nd1 Nd3 37.Bxd3 Rxd3]



36.Bxd3+- Rxd3



37.c6! bxc6

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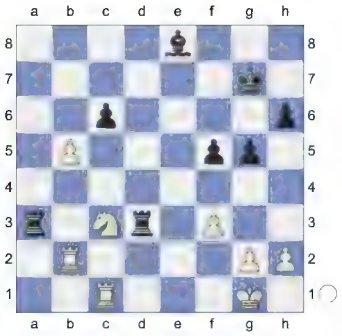
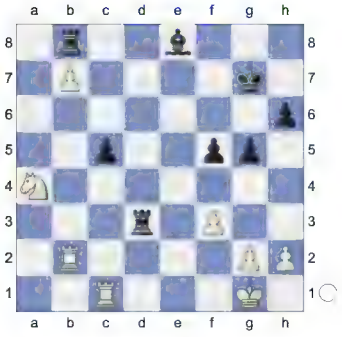


38.b6
[Not 38.Nb1 Rab3 39.Re2 *(39.Rxb3 Rxb3 40.bxc6 Bxc6=)* 39...Bd7=]
38...Ra8 3.26/22
[⌓38...Rd8 1.95/24 39.Nd5 *(39.b7 Rb8±)* 39...Rxd5]
39.b7 Rb8 40.Na4 c5 4.17/24
[40...Ra3 2.96/20 was necessary.]



41.Nxc5 Rd6 42.Ra1 Threatens to win with Ra8. **42...Bc6 43.Rb6 Kf6** 12.91/22
[⌓43...h5 4.08/20 44.Raa6 Bxb7 45.Rxd6 Bxa6 46.Ne6+ Kg8 47.Rxa6 Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Rb2+ 49.Kg3 f4+ 50.Kh3 g4+ 51.fxg4 hxg4+ 52.Kxg4 Rxg2+ 53.Kh3 f3]

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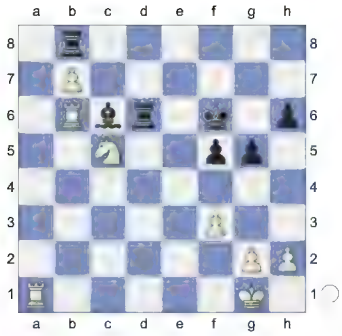
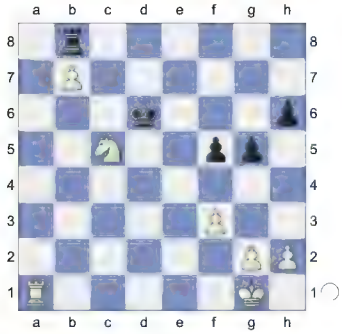
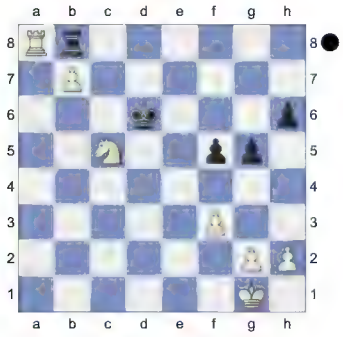


44.Rxc6! White is clearly winning.
44...Ke5
[44...Rxc6 45.Nd7+]
45.Rxd6 Kxd6



46.Ra8!



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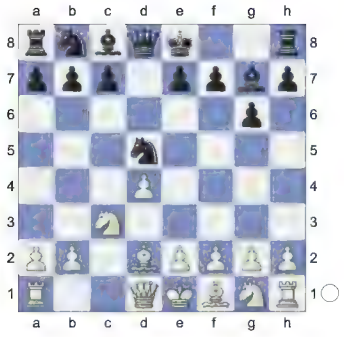
114 **D85**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
CCT Final Survival L 2024 rapid (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Bg7



6.e4 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 0-0 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.Ne2N

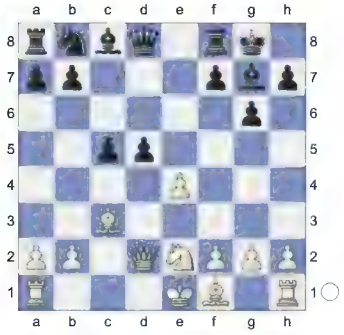
[10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Bc4 Nd7 12.Ne2 Nf6 13.Nc3 exd5 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Be6 16.Qc3+ f6 17.0-0-0 Qd6 18.g3 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Qe6 20.f3 Rad8 21.Rhd1 Rxd5 22.Rxd5 b6 23.g4 Rf7 24.Qd3 Qc6 1-0 (56) Mamedyarov,S (2760)-Sutovsky,E (2650) Baku Presidents Cup rapid 2010 (6)]

[10.Bc4

A) 10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Bxb5 exd5 13.exd5 Nd7 *(13...Bb7 14.Rd1 Nd7 15.Ne2 Nb6 16.Nf4 Qd6 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qc1 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.c4 Qb6 21.cxd5 Qxb5 22.Rfe1 Rd7 23.d6 Rfd8 24.Rd5 Rxd6 25.Rxc5 Qa4 26.Rc2 Qd4 27.h3 Kg7 28.Rc4* (30) Mohamad,A (2498)-Roiz,M (2645) (open) 110/(298) 2010) 14.Ne2 Nb6 15.Bc6 Rb8 16.0-0 Bb7 17.Bxb7 Rxb7 18.Nf4 Rd7 19.Rfd1 Re8 20.Qd3 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2299)-Faust,D (1919) corr ML-60 BdF 2000;

B) 10...exd5 11.Bxd5 Nc6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.0-0-0 Qf6 15.Ne2 Qxf2 16.Rdf1 Qxg2 17.Qc3+ Kg8 18.Ng3 Qh3 19.Qxc5 Rb8 20.Rf2 Be6 21.Rg1 Rb5 22.Qd4 c5 23.Qe5 Qh6+ 24.Kb1 Qe3 0-1 (37) Jacimovic,D (2402)-Atakisi,U (2347) SRB-chT 1st League CS 2023 (1.3)]

10...exd5



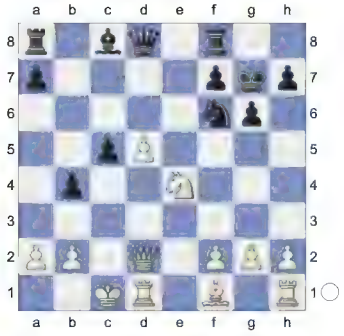
11.exd5 Nd7 12.Bxg7

[12.d6 seems wilder. Nf6 13.Ng3 Bg4 14.f3]

12...Kxg7 13.0-0-0 b5 0.51/19

[13...Qh4= 0.15/17 is more appropriate.]

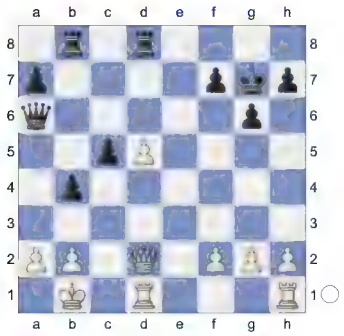
14.Nc3 b4 15.Ne4 Nf6



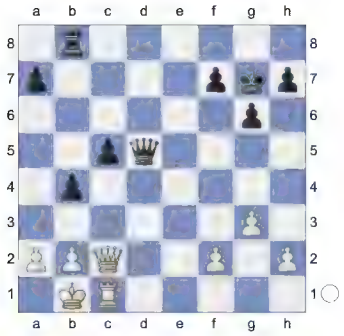
16.Nxf6 -0.31/20

[16.Nxc5? loses. Bg4 17.Nb3 *(17.f3? Rc8-+)* 17...Qc7+ 18.Kb1

Bxd1 19.Qxd1 Rad8-+]
[16.f3!= 0.11/20]
16...Qxf6∓ 17.Bb5 Dodges Bd7
17...Rb8 18.Bc4 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.Kb1 Rfd8 0.16/19
[20...Rfe8∓ -0.39/19]

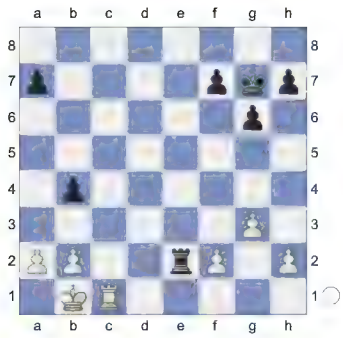


21.Rc1 -0.29/19
[⌓21.h4! 0.16/19]
21...Qd6 22.Rhd1 Re8 23.g3 Re5 24.Qc2 -0.77/22
[24.Qf4∓ -0.35/21 Rbe8 25.Rd2]
24...Rxd5∓ 25.Rxd5 Qxd5

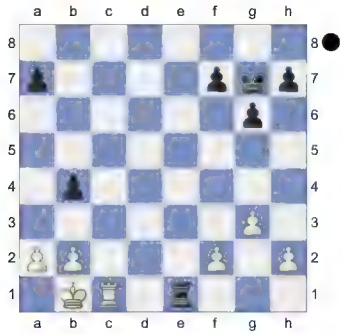


26.Qxc5 Endgame. KQR-KQR
26...Qe4+ 27.Qc2 Re8 -0.14/24
[27...Qf3∓ -0.82/22]
28.Qxe4= Rxe4 29.Rc2 Re1+ 30.Rc1 Re2

(Diagram)



31.Rc2 Re1+ 32.Rc1



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115 **D85**
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2577**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
Bundesliga 2425 (3.1) 30.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
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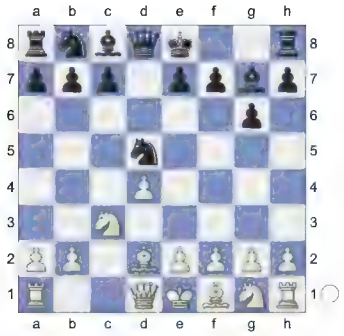
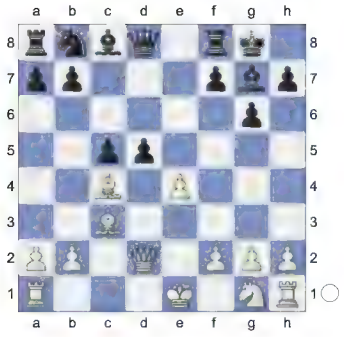


6.e4 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 0-0 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.Bc4 exd5



White is slightly better. **11.Bxd5 Nc6!** is recently more successful than 11... Nd7. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 11... Sd7.

[11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Nf3 Nf6 14.0-0 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qd6 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.c4 b6 18.Qh6 Qf6 19.Qf4 Kg7 20.Ne5 Rae8 21.Re3 Bc8 22.Qxf6+ Kxf6 23.Rae1 Kg7 24.Nc6 Rxe3 25.Rxe3 Bd7 26.Nxa7 Moiseenko,A (2707)-Rodshtein,M (2671) St Petersburg 2014 CBM 163 [Postny,Evgeny] 1-0 (54)]

12.Ne2 Against Nd4 **12...Be6 13.Rd1**

[13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qg5+ 15.Kb1 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nb4 17.Ng3 Rad8 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.f3 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Rxd5 21.g4 Qe5 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.Nxd5 Qxc3 24.bxc3 Re8 25.f4 Re2 26.g5 Rf2 27.Re1 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2740)-To,N (2299) Chess.com INT 2025]

13...Bxd5N

[13...Re8 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.0-0 Qf6 16.Nf4 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Qh4 19.Qc3+ Nd4! 20.f3 Rxd5 21.exd5 Strongly threatening Rfe1. Kg8! ½-½ Enev,Z (2382)-Monacell,J (2484) ST-2022-0-00213 2021]

[13...Qd6 with more complications. 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h4 h5]

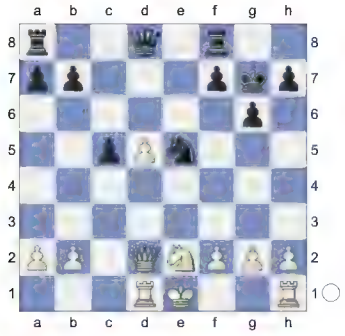
[13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne5 16.0-0 Qd6 17.Ng3 f5 18.h4 Chapter-8...c5 9.d5 e6 [IM Renato Quintiliano]]

14.Bxg7!

[Much worse is 14.exd5 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Qxd5∓]

[14.Qxd5 Qe7 15.0-0 Rfd8∓]

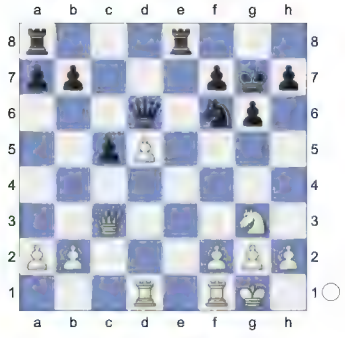
14...Kxg7 15.exd5 Ne5



16.Qc3 0.23/21

[16.Ng3± 0.68/20 deserves consideration.]

16...Qf6= 17.0-0 Rfe8 18.Ng3 Nd7! 19.Qc1 Qd6 20.Qc3+ Nf6

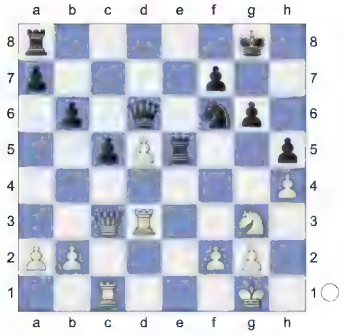


21.h4 -0.74/21

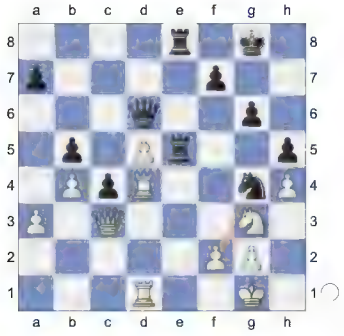
[21.f3= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]

21...h5∓ 22.Rd3 Kg8 23.Rc1 b6

[23...Nxd5? 24.Qd2+-]
24.Nf1 Re2 aiming for ...Ne4.
[24...Nxd5? 25.Qd2+-]
25.Ng3 Re5



&Nero is more active. **26.Rcd1 Rae8**
[26...Rxd5? 27.Rxd5 Nxd5 28.Qb3+-]
[26...Nxd5? 27.Qd2+-]
27.a3 Ng4→ Black is out for blood.
[Of course not 27...Rxd5?! 28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Qb3=]
[Resist 27...Nxd5 28.Qd2±]
28.b4? -3.22/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[28.Qc1∓ -1.11/20]
28...c4-+ 29.Rd4 b5



...Nxf2! is the strong threat. **30.Nf1 Re2**

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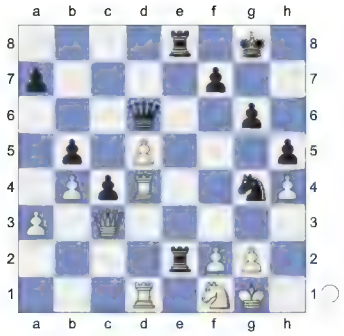
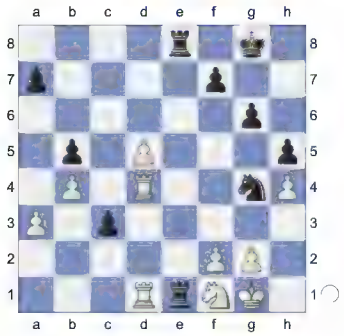
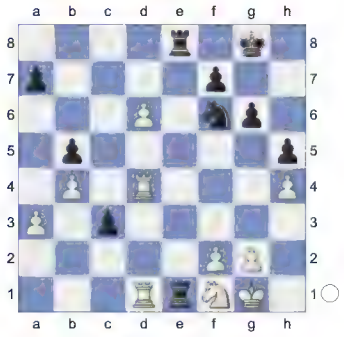


31.Qg3 Qxg3 32.Nxg3 -7.42/22
[32.fxg3 -2.36/25 Rd8 33.a4]
32...Re1+ Black is clearly winning.
33.Nf1 c3



Hoping for ...c2. **34.d6 Nf6**



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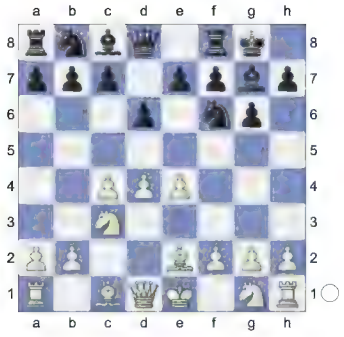
116 **E94**
□ **Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo** **2575**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2624**
ESP-ch 89th Marbella (8) 18.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Be3 Na6 7.Nf3

[7.h4 c5 8.d5 e6 9.h5 exd5 10.exd5 Re8 11.Qd2 Nc7 12.Bg5 a6 13.Qf4 Qe7 14.Nf3 b5 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.h6 Bh8 17.f3 Qd7 18.g4 b4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nce4 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Bxe4 Xiong,J (2636)-Costachi,M (2464) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]

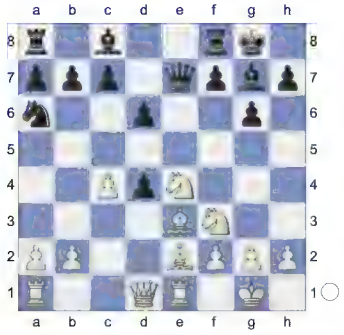
7...e5N

[7...c5 8.d5

A) 8...e6 9.0-0 *(9.h3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nd2 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.Qc2 Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.0-0 Bb5 16.Rfe1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 Nb5 18.Ree1 Nd4 19.Qd3 Nd7 20.f4 Qh4 21.Rf1 f5 22.Rae1 Qg3 23.Qb1 b5* Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2515)-Ig1 (2456) Baku 2023 Inf87 [John Watson] 0-1 (43)) 9...Nc7 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 b6 12.Qc2 exd5 13.cxd5 Ba6 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 a6 16.h3 Rb8 17.Qd3 Qc8 18.Bf4 Bf8 19.Ra3 Nd7 20.Qg3 Ne5 21.Be2 b5 22.axb5 Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Msellek,I (2406)-Marcziter,D (2220) Chess, com INT 2024 0-1 (41);

B) 8...Bg4 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nc7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rad1 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Kh1 Qc8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Na5 e6 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Na4 Rb8 21.h3 exd5 22.exd5 Sriram,A (2306)-Mitrabha,G (2509) Taleigao 2025 ½-½ (73)]

8.0-0 **Qe7!** is recently more successful than 8...Ng4.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8...Sg4. **9.Re1 Nxe4 10.Nxe4** Black must now prevent dxe5. **10...exd4**



11.Nxd4 And now Bf3 would win. White has an edge. **11...Qxe4 12.Qd2N**

[12.Bf3 Qh4 13.Qd2 c6 14.Rad1 Nc5 15.b4 0.00/21 *(15.b3± 0.36/21)* 15...Ne6= 16.b5 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Rxd4 ½-½ Sethuraman,S (2644)-Bersamina, P (2462) Asia Nations online Cup rapid 2020 (7.3)]

12...Qe5 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Bf3 Qf6 15.Nb5 Ne6

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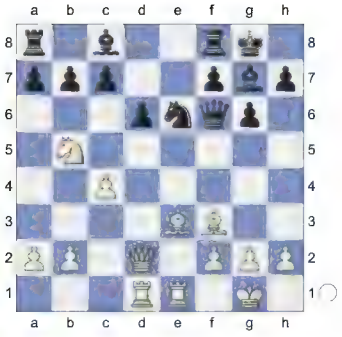
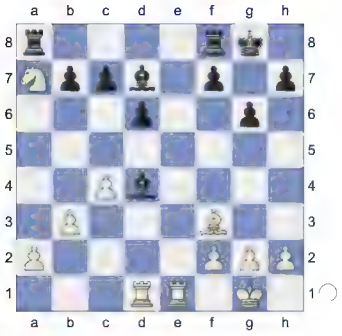
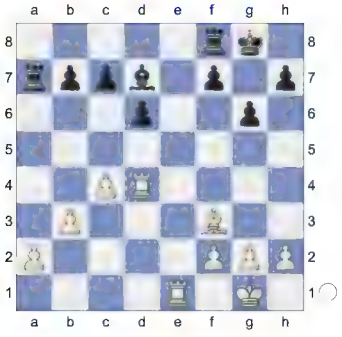


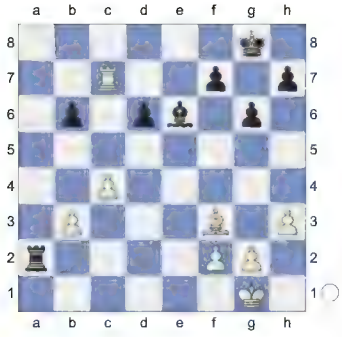
16.Nxa7 Bd7 17.b3
[But not 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Qd5 Qxb2=]
17...Nd4 18.Bxd4
[18.Qxd4 feels hotter. Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Re7]
18...Qxd4 Remove Defender **19.Qxd4 Bxd4**



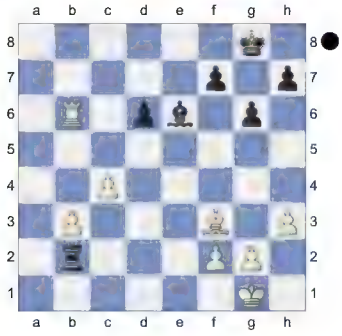
20.Rxd4 0.28/24
[20.Re7!± 0.82/25 Rfd8 21.Rxd4]
20...Rxa7=



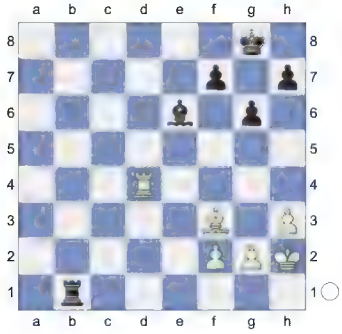
21.Re7 Re8 22.Rde4 The position is equal. **22...Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Rxa2** Endgame (-> ...Ra1+). KRB-KRB **24.h3 Be6 25.Rxc7 b6**
(Diagram)



26.Rc6 Rb2 27.Rxb6



Bxc4! 28.Rxd6 Rxb3 29.Rd4 Rb1+ 30.Kh2 Be6



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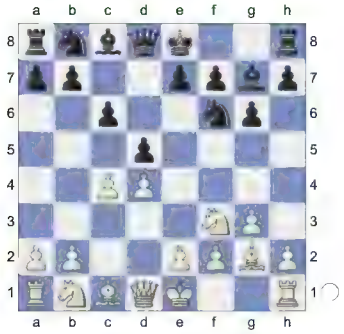
½-½

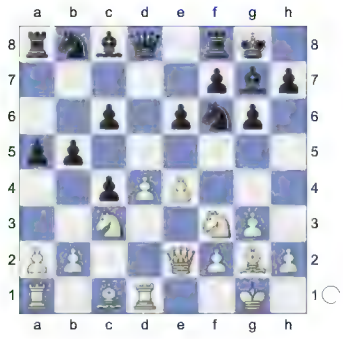
117 **D78**
□ **Khanin,Semen** **2568**
■ **Woodward,Andy** **2530**
Saint Louis Masters op (7) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6

Inf 62/(498) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 c6**
[4...c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.e3 d6 10.Bd2 Qc5 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.exd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Be6 14.b3 Ng4 15.Qe2 Ne5 16.Be3 Qd3 17.Bxb7 Bg4 18.Qxd3 Nxd3 19.Bxa8 Scandinavian Defense,C (2172)-Schubert,C (2276) Kallithea 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson] 1-0]
5.Bg2 d5

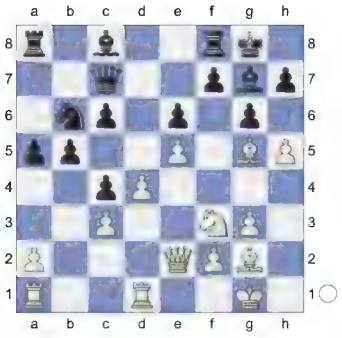


6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3N
[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2
A) 9...Nxc3 10.Bxc3 b5 *(10...Nd7 11.Rc1 Nf6 12.Ne5 Be6 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.e3 Bf5 16.Qe2 a4 17.b4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Qa6 19.Bf1 Be6 20.Be1 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 Nd5 22.Qc2 Qb6 23.a3 e6 24.Rc5 Qc7 25.Ra5* Nikolic,P (2645)-Leko,P (2555) Wijk aan Zee 1995 CI1-130 [RR] (49)*)* 11.Rc1 *(11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rc1 b4 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Qd2* 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#053 Main line 6...c6 slow li*)* 11...Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rc7 Bc6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxc6 Ra7 21.e3 b4 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bb5 Kg7 24.Rc8 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6 (2580)-8.♘e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 b6_79013 (2670) Esbjerg 32/119 1996 Telechess CBM 89 [Chess Post 211] ½-½ (43);
B) 9...a4 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Ne5 cxb3 12.axb3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd2 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nc5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb3 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.e3 Qa5 20.Rb1 Qxa3 21.Bxa3 Na5 Grasser,J (2620)-Stojkovic,A (2380) Russia 1996 CBM 098 [Womanhood xi (May 1904) p.358] 1-0 (41)]
7...dxc4 **8.e4!** is now more promising than 8.Ne5 im Vergleich zu 8.Se5 vielversprechender. **8...b5 9.Qe2 a5 10.Rd1 e6** 0.34/20
[10...Qb6= -0.13/17]

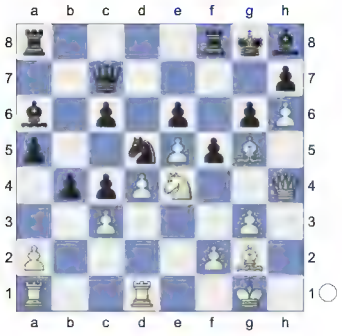


11.e5 White is slightly better. **11...Nd5 12.h4N**
[12.Ne4 0.01/19 12.h4 0.46 Nd7 13.h4 c5 14.Nxc5 -0.35/18 *(14.dxc5=* 0.01/20 *Qc7 15.a4)* 14...Nxc5∓ 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.h5 Qxc5 17.Ng5 Ra6 0.46/21 *(* Black should try *17...b4=* -0.15/18 *)* 18.h6! 1-0 Mamedyarov,S (2733)-Di Berardino,D (2472) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (11.4)]
12...Nd7 13.h5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.Bg5 White has compensation.
15...Qc7

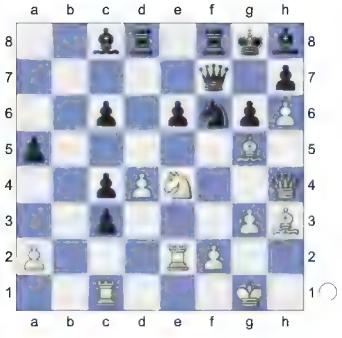
(Diagram)



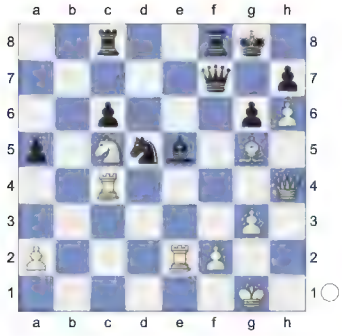
16.h6 Bh8 17.Nd2 Nd5 18.Ne4 Ba6 19.Qg4 0.28/19
[19.Bd2± 0.73/19]
19...b4= 20.Qh4 f5 1.32/20
[Resist 20...Nxc3 21.Nxc3 f6 22.exf6! bxc3 23.Rac1±]
[20...Rfb8!= 0.26/17 remains equal.]



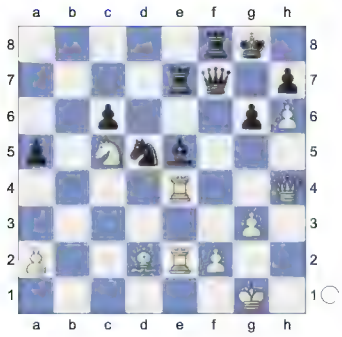
21.exf6± Qf7 22.Re1
[22.Nd6?! Qc7 23.Ne4 *(23.f7+ Rxf7 24.Nxf7 Qxf7=)* 23...Rae8±]
22...Rad8 23.Bh3 Bc8 24.Rac1 0.88/22
[⌓24.Rab1 1.55/21]
24...bxc3 25.Re2 Nxf6



26.Nc5 Rde8 1.44/22
[Better is 26...Rd6 0.76/21]
27.Rxc3 &Bianco is much more active.
27...Nd5 28.Rxc4 e5 Hoping for ... Bxh3. **29.Bxc8 Rxc8 30.dxe5 Bxe5**



31.Rce4 0.76/22
[⌓31.Qg4 1.44/21 And now Nd7 would win. Qf5 32.Qxf5 Rxf5 33.Bd2]
31...Rce8 1.62/23 **32.Bd2!+- Re7**

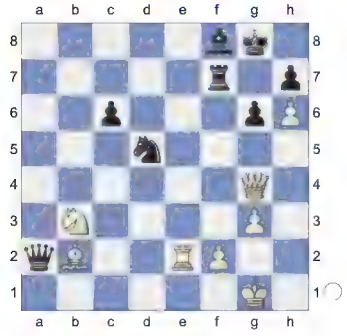


33.Bxa5 0.97/23
[⌓33.Nd7! 1.51/21 Rxd7 34.Rxe5]
33...Qf3 34.Qh1 Qa3 1.67/22 **35.Nb3 Qd6**

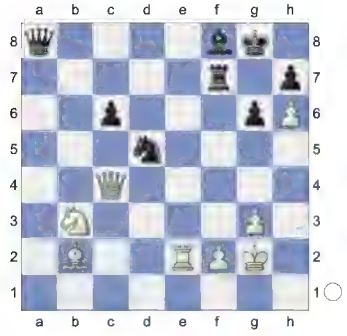
36.Qh4 0.94/21
[36.Qg2+- 1.82/21]
36...Bf6 1.73/21

[36...Rf5± 0.94/21 keeps fighting.]
37.Qg4 Ref7 3.06/23
[⌓37...Be5 1.75/21 38.Rd2 Qf6]
38.Re8 Be7 39.Rxf8+ Bxf8 40.Bd2 Qa3 1.72/21
[40...c5± 1.32/21 41.Qe4 Qd7]

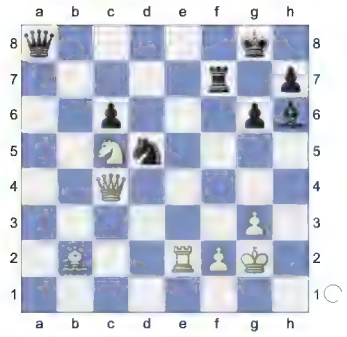
41.Bc1 Qa6 42.Bb2 Qd4! is the strong threat. **42...Qxa2** 1.66/25
[42...Qd3± 1.21/23]



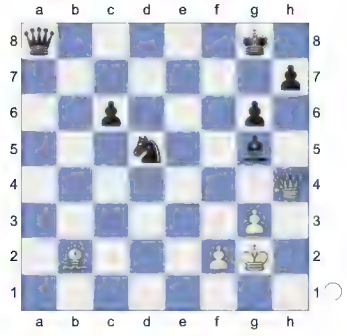
43.Qd4! Nf6 44.Qc4 0.61/22
[44.Qd3± 1.41/23 Threatens to win with Bxf6. Nd5 45.Nd4]
44...Nd5 45.Kg2 Qa8



46.Nc5 Bxh6
[46...Bxc5? 47.Qxc5 Rf8 48.Qd4+-]



47.Ne4→ 0.42/23 White mounts an attack.
[But not 47.Qd4 Bg7 48.Qd2 Bxb2 49.Qxb2 Qf8=]
[47.Re6!± 0.93/22]
47...Bf8± 48.Ng5 Re7 49.Rxe7 Bxe7 50.Qh4
[50.Ne4!?]
50...Bxg5



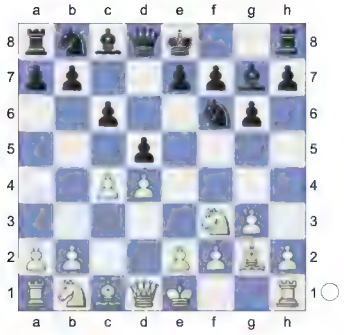
51.Qxg5 Qe8 52.Qg4 c5 53.Qc4 Qe6 aiming for ...Ne3+! **54.Kh2 Qd6**

Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very

precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

118 **D73**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2567**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2732**
Chessable Masters Div 1 Win rapid (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D73: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3 Bg7



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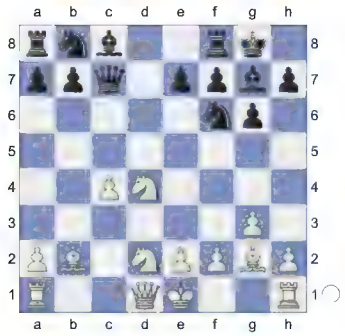
7...dxc4
[7...Bf5 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 a5 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Qc2 a4 12.e3 Qa5 13.Bc3 Qa6 14.Rab1 b6 15.Rfc1 Rfc8 16.Bf1 cxd5 is the strong threat. Qa7 17.Qd1 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 ½-½ Lazavik,D (2566)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) CCT Final playoff rapid 2023 (4.2)]
8.bxc4 c5 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7



11.0-0 Bd7N
[Vorgänger: 11...Rd8 12.Qb3 a6 13.Rad1 e5 14.Nc2 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bf5 Strongly threatening ...Rxd1. 16.Ne3 Be4 17.Bc3 Qe7 18.Rfe1 ½-½ Vieites,C (2079)-Grabarchuk,N (2219) VW-Cup10 Gr40 email 2017]
12.Rc1 a6 0.46/21
[12...Nc6= 0.13/18]
13.c5 Nc6 14.Nc4
[14.Qb3 with more complications. Rfd8 15.Nc4 Ne4 16.Rfd1]
14...Rad8 15.Qb3 Nxd4

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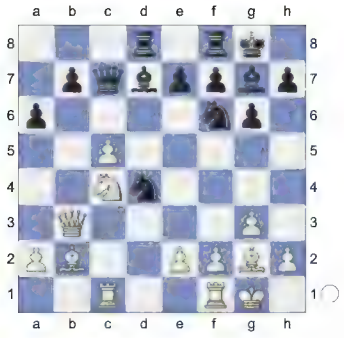
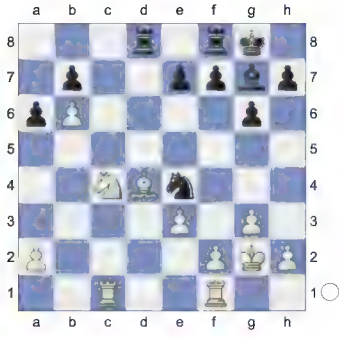
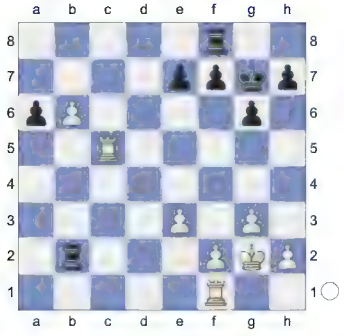


16.Bxd4 Be6 17.e3 Bd5 18.Qb6 0.23/20 &Bianco is more active.
[18.Bxd5± 0.77/20 Nxd5 19.Rfd1]
18...Qxb6= 19.cxb6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Ne4

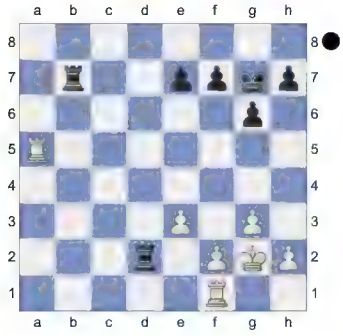


21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Na5 The position is equal. **22...Rd2 23.Nxb7** Black must now prevent a4. **23...Rxa2 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5** Endgame KRR-KRR **25...Rb2**



Inhibits Rb1. **26.Rc6 a5 27.Ra1 Rd8** Black wants to play ...Rdd2. **28.Rcc1**
[Of course not 28.Rxa5 Rdd2 29.g4 Rxf2+ 30.Kg3 Rg2+ 31.Kh4 Rxh2+ 32.Kg3 Rhg2+ 33.Kh3 Rge2-+]
28...Rdd2 29.Rf1 Rb5 30.b7 Rxb7

31.Rxa5



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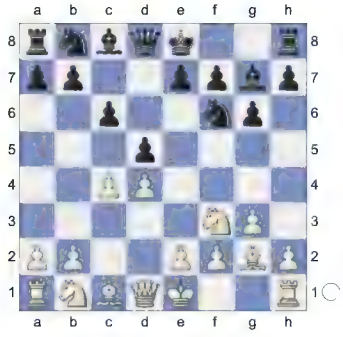
½-½

119 **D78**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2566**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
CCT Final playoff rapid (4.2) 10.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d5



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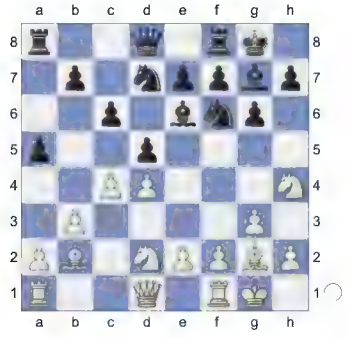

11.Qc2 was the old line (11.e4). war die alte Variante (11.e4). **11...a4 12.e3 Qa5N**
[Vorgänger: 12...Qb6 13.c5 axb3 0.27/22 *(⌓13...Qa6* -0.09/19 *)* 14.axb3= Qc7 15.h3 Ne4 16.b4 -0.51/22 *(16.Nxe4=* 0.10/19 *dxe4 17.Bxe4)*
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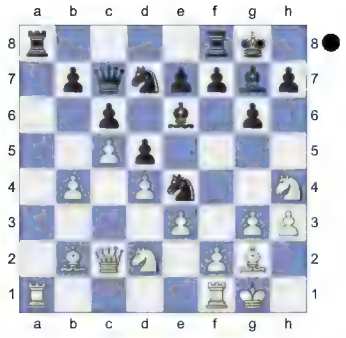
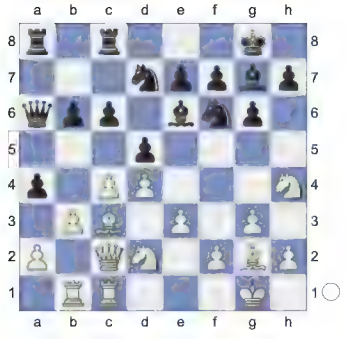


16...Nxd2 0.01/21 *(16...Nxg3!∓* -0.51/22 *17.fxg3 Qxg3)* 17.Qxd2= Bf6 18.Nf3 Bf5 19.Bc3 Be4 20.Qb2 b6 ½-½ Dautov,R (2592)-Teclaf,P (2551) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (11.7)]
13.Bc3 Qa6 14.Rab1 b6 15.Rfc1 Rfc8



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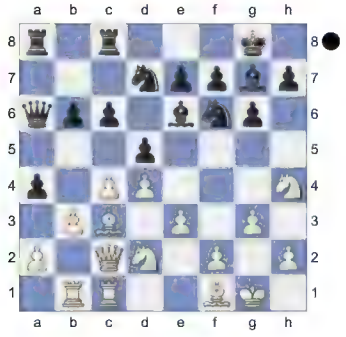
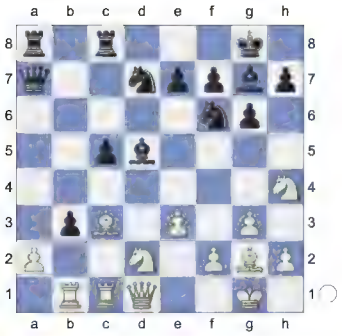
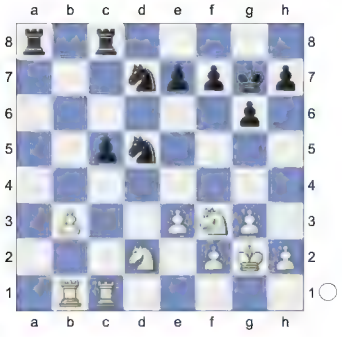


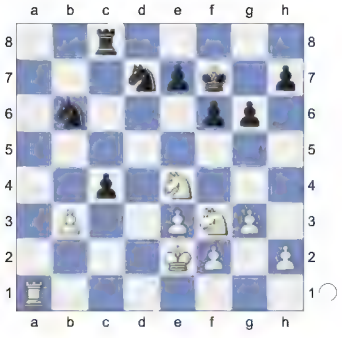
Strongly threatening cxd5. **16...Qa7 17.Qd1 c5 18.dxc5**
[18.Nhf3 with more complications. h6 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Nc4]
18...bxc5
[18...Nxc5 keeps more tension. 19.b4 Ncd7 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.a3 Qb7]
19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Bg2 axb3



21.axb3 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb7+ 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 0.10/19
[23...Nd5∓ -0.32/19 24.Bxg7 Kxg7]
24.Nhxf3= The position is equal.
24...Nd5 25.Bxg7 Kxg7



26.Ra1 N5b6 27.Kf1 f6 28.Ke2 Kf7 29.Ne4 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 c4



31.bxc4 Rxc4 32.Ned2 Ra4 33.Rxa4 Nxa4

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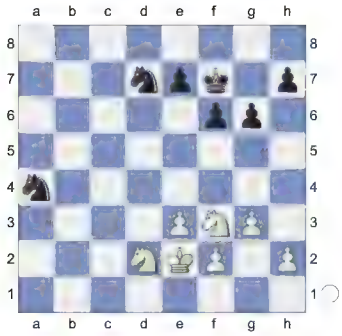

An even fight not without its subleties.
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120 **D85**
□ **Matviishen,Viktor** **2566**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2307**
Pan American Intercollegiate-chT (6.22)
[Kitty Kat]

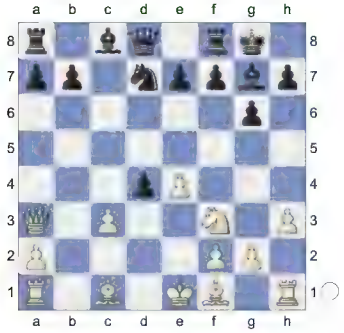
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qa3! is now more promising than 9. Be2. im Vergleich zu 9.Le2 vielversprechender. **9...c5 10.h3N** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[10.h4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.e5 Nd5 13.h5 Bf5 14.h6 Bh8 15.Bd2 Nb6

16.Be2 Be4 17.Rh4 Bd5 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.Rc5 Bc6 21.Kf1 Nd5 22.Kg1 Nc7 23.Bc4 Nd5 24.Qb3 e6 Perdomo,L (2402)-Silva,C (2129) Rio de Janeiro 2023 ½-½ (46)]

[10.Be2 b6 *(10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Qe3 b5 13.h3 Bb7 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Bd2 a6 16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Qd7 18.Ra5 Rfd8 19.0-0 Ne8 20.d5 e6 21.Bxa6 Bxa6 22.Rxa6 exd5 23.e5 Nc7 24.Ra7 Qe8 25.Rb1* Tudor,H (2347)-Negrean,A (2267) Mamaia 2024 1-0 (67)*)* 11.h4 *(11.e5 Bb7 12.h4 b5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.Qa4 Nb6 15.Qd1 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 cxd4 17.c4 Qc7 18.e6 Nxc4* 0-1 (18) King,D (2373)-Mu,K (2686) CAPA 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Adorjan,Andras] *)* 11...e5 12.d5 Nf6 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.h5 Bg4 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.c4 Qe7 18.Qc3 Bg7 19.Qe3 f5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.a4 Bf6 22.a5 Bg5 23.Qh3 Qg7 24.Qc3 Qf6 Esipenko,A (2714)-Giri,A (2772) Wijk aan Zee 2022 CBM 206 [Giri,Anish] 0-1 (64)]

10...cxd4



11.cxd4 The position is equal. **11...Nb6**
12.Bg5 **f6N** 0.61/19

[12...Re8 13.Rd1 -0.31/19 *(13.Bb5± 0.31/17)* 13...Qd6!∓ 14.Qb3 Bd7 Hoping for ...Ba4. 15.Bb5 Prevents Ba4. Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Qe6 17.Qe2 Na4 Strongly threatening ... Nc3. 18.Rd3 Inhibits Nc3. Rac8 -0.03/16 ½-½ Dzhuguryan,T (2178)-Sieciechowicz,M (2410) Baltic Cup 2nd 2018 (2) *(18...b5∓* -0.45/18 is more appropriate. *)*]

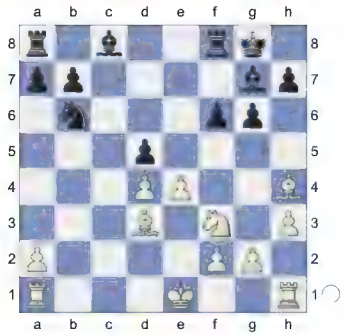
[12...Bxd4? 13.Rd1 Bxf2+ 14.Ke2+-]

[12...Re8= 0.20/19]

13.Bh4 0.14/20 &Bianco is more active.

[13.Qb3+± 0.61/19 should be considered. e6 14.Bd2]

13...Qd6 14.Qxd6 exd6 15.Bd3 d5

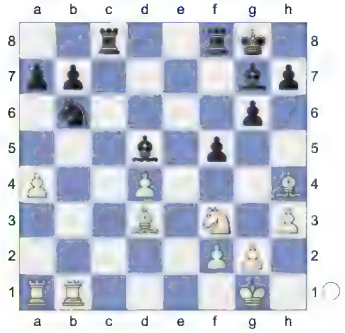


16.0-0 dxe4 0.44/21

[16...Be6= 0.10/20]

17.Bxe4± f5 18.Bd3 Be6 19.a4 Rac8 20.Rfb1 Bd5 0.83/20

[20...Rc7± 0.42/19]



21.Ne5± Rc3 22.Bf1 Rc7 0.91/20

[22...Na8± 0.58/20 was preferrable.]

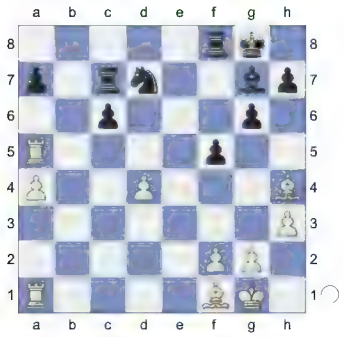
23.Rb5 Bc6 1.12/20

[⌓23...Be6 0.81/20]

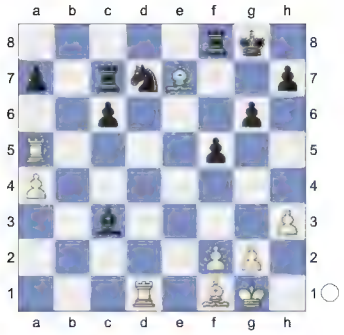
24.Ra5 Nd7 2.06/23

[24...a6± 0.87/20]

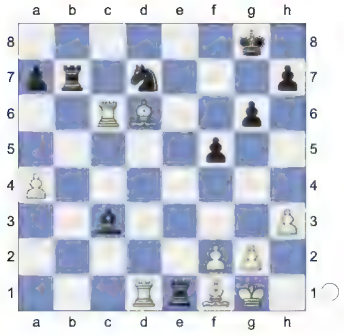
25.Nxc6 0.89/22
[25.Bc4++- 2.06/23 has better winning chances. Kh8 26.Nf7+ Rxf7 27.Bxf7]
25...bxc6



26.Be7 0.62/22
[26.Bc4+± 1.01/19 Kh8 27.Rd1]
26...Bxd4± 27.Rd1 Bc3

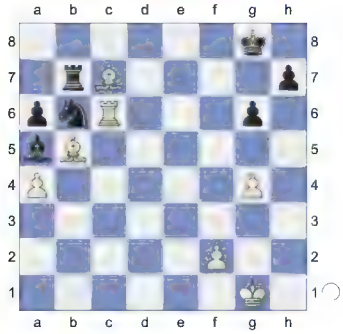


White stays focused until the end.
28.Ra6 Black must now prevent Bd6.
28...Re8 1.94/23
[28...Rfc8± 0.86/21]
29.Bd6↑ Deflection. White has strong initiative. **29...Rb7 30.Rxc6 Re1**

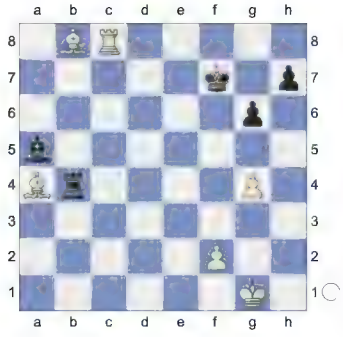


31.Rxe1 Bxe1 32.Bb5 Ba5 33.g4 Nb6? 3.54/23
[33...fxg4 1.95/19 34.hxg4 Kg7]

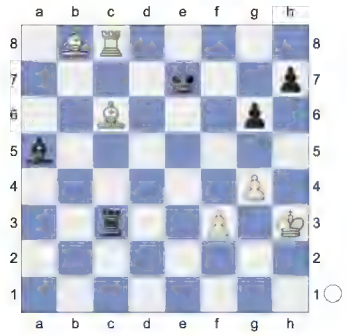
34.Bc7 gxf5 is the strong threat.
34...fxg4 35.hxg4 a6



36.Bxa6 Ra7 37.Bb5 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Not 37.Bxb6 Rxa6 38.Rc8+ Kf7±]
[Less strong is 37.Rxb6 Rxc7 38.Rb5 Bc3±]
37...Nxa4 38.Bb8 White is clearly winning.
[38.Bxa4 Rxc7 39.Ra6 Bd2=]
38...Rb7 39.Rc8+
[Stronger than 39.Bxa4 Rxb8 40.Bc2 Kg7=]
39...Kf7 40.Bxa4 Rb4



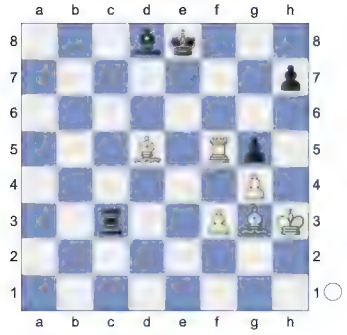
41.Be8+ Ke7 42.f3 Rb1+ 43.Kg2 Rb2+ 44.Kh3 Rb3 45.Bc6 Rc3



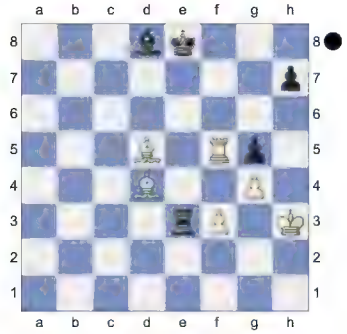
46.Bg3 g5 47.Re8+ Kf7 48.Re5 Bd8 7.74/22

[⌓48...Rxc6 4.53/20 49.Rxa5 Kf6 50.Be5+ Ke6]

49.Bd5+ Kf8 50.Rf5+ Ke8



51.Be5 Re3 52.Bd4



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121 E64

□ **Lazavik,Denis 2566**

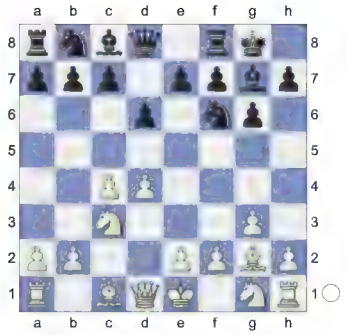
■ **Chigaev,Maksim 2622**

Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..

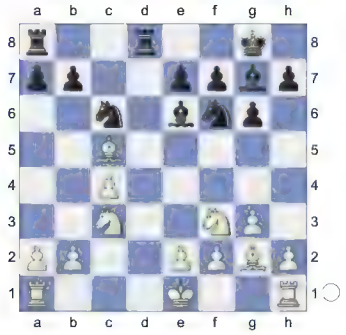
[Kitty Kat]

E64: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c5 7 d5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6



6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Be3 Nc6 is now debated instead of 9... Na6. wird nun anstelle von 9...Sa6 disktutiert. **10.Bxc5 Be6**



11.Rc1!? The position is equal. Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **11...Bxc4 12.Nd2 Bd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Ba3N** New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.

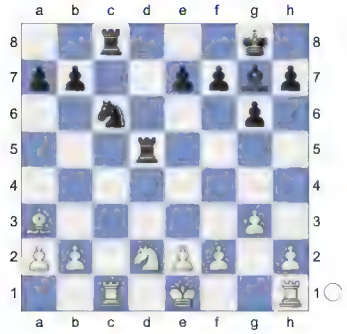
[Vorgänger: 14.Nc4 Rac8 15.0-0 Ncb4 0.02/22 *(15...b5!∓* -0.34/21 was preferrable. *16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Nd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4)*

16.Bxa7= Hoping for a3. Nxa2 17.Rcd1 b5 18.Na3 Bxb2 Strongly threatening ...Ndc3. 19.Nxb5 Ndc3 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Re1 ½-½ Fridman,D (2603)-Efimenko,Z (2599) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (1.3)]

14...Rac8 15.Bxd5 -0.63/21

[15.e3= -0.19/19]

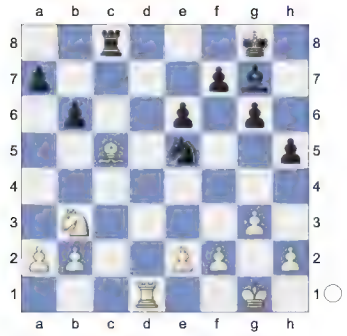
15...Rxd5∓



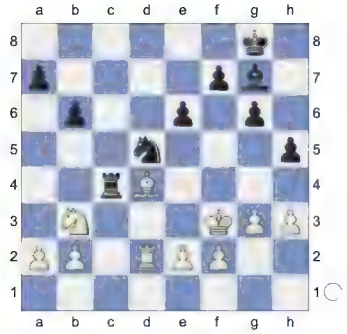
16.Nb3 e6 0.01/22

[16...a5!∓ -0.64/21 17.0-0 f5]

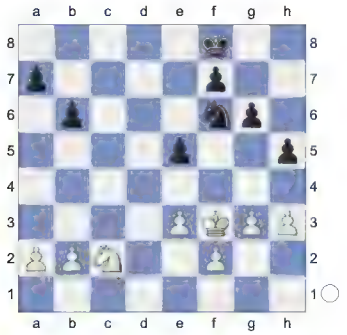
17.0-0 h5 18.Rfd1 Rxd1+! 19.Rxd1 Ne5 20.Bc5 b6



21.Bd4 Rc2 22.Rd2 Rc4 23.Kg2 Ng4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Kf3 Nd5



26.Bxg7 Kxg7= Endgame KRN-KRN **27.e3 Nf6 28.Nd4 e5 29.Rc2 Rxc2 30.Nxc2** KN-KN **30...Kf8**



31.Nb4 g5! 32.Nc6 e4+ 33.Ke2 a5 34.Kd2 0.01/22

[34.h4± 0.48/23]

34...Ke8 1.29/24

[34...Nd5!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

35.Kc3!± Kd7 1.57/24

[⌓35...h4 1.05/22 36.gxh4 gxh4]

36.Ne5+! Ke6 37.Kd4 b5 38.Nc6 a4 2.43/22

[⌓38...h4 1.85/22 39.gxh4 *(39.Nxa5? g4-+)* 39...gxh4]

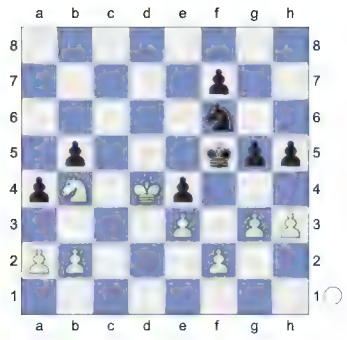
39.Nb4? 0.35/23

[39.Kc5+- 2.43/22]

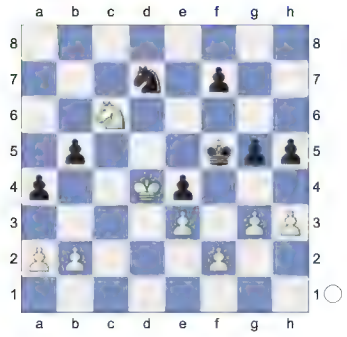
39...Kf5? 2.25/23

[Black should play 39...h4± 0.35/23 40.gxh4 gxh4]

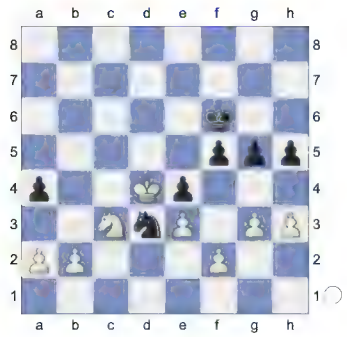
(Diagram)



40.Nc6? 0.01/21
[40.Nd5!+- 2.25/23]
40...Nd7 2.39/23
[40...Ke6!= 0.01/21 and Black is okay.]

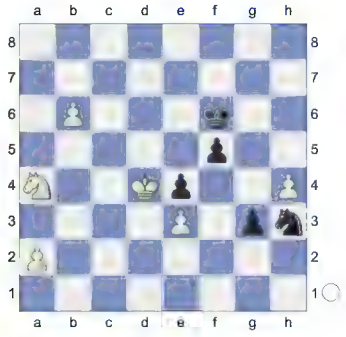


41.Ne7+ Ke6 42.Nd5 And now Nc7+ would win. **42...f5** 2.20/23
[42...Kf5± 1.45/21 keeps fighting. 43.Nc3 g4]
43.Nc7++- Kf6 44.Nxb5 aiming for Nc3. **44...Ne5 45.Nc3 Nd3** 3.42/23
[⌓45...h4 2.00/23]

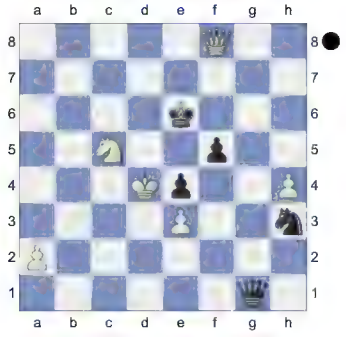


46.Nxa4 Nxf2 47.b4 1.73/21
[⌓47.Nc3 3.06/23]

47...Nxh3 48.b5 Black must now prevent b6. **48...h4?** 4.77/20
[48...Ke6± 1.53/21]
49.gxh4 g4 9.96/22
[⌓49...Ke6 4.47/22 50.b6 Kd6]
50.b6 g3



51.b7? 2.98/21
[51.Nc3 9.29/19 g2 52.Ne2]
51...g2 52.b8Q g1Q 53.Qf8+? 0.83/5
[53.Qd6++- 3.06/20 and White stays clearly on top. Kg7 54.Qe7+ Kh6 55.Qf8+ Kh5 56.Qxf5+ Kxh4 57.Qxe4+ Kh5 58.Qf3+ Kg6 59.Qc6+ Kh5 60.Qf3+ Kh4 61.Qf6+ Ng5 62.Nc3]
53...Ke6? #1/6
[53...Kg6± 0.83/5]
54.Nc5#



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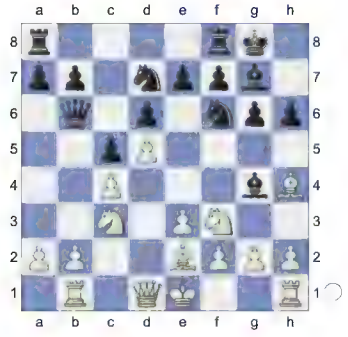
122 **E61**
□ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2564**
■ **Sanal,Vahap** **2557**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5
[4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 *(9.Nb3 Qh5 10.c5 d6 11.cxd6 Rd8 12.e4 exd6 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd4 Rac8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Kf7 20.e5 Ne8 21.exd6 Nxd6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re2 Nc4* Brunello,S (2555)-Short,N (2698) Hersonissos 134/20 2017 [Pikula,Dejan] 0-1 (39)) 9...a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Rad1 h6 Gharamian,T (2657)-Bacrot,E (2720) Nimes 2014 CBM 166 [Skembris,Spyridon] 1-0 (34)]
4...d6N
[4...c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qd2 h6 9.Bh4 Rb8 10.Rc1 *(10.e3 g5 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Rxb2 13.Qd3 Qa5+ 14.Kd1 d5 15.Nd2 Ba6* Miscellaneous Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Th Moves *)* 10...d6 11.e3 Nd7 12.Be2 Nc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.b3 a5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.Bg3 Bf5 Miscellaneous Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Th Moves]
5.e3 0-0

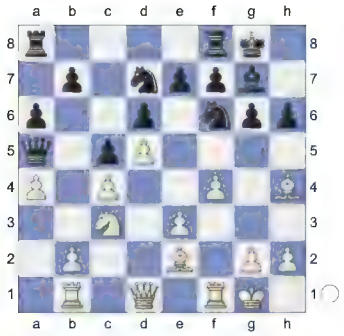
(Diagram)

6.Nf3 c5 **7.d5!** is now more promising than 7.Be2 .im Vergleich zu 7.Le2 vielversprechender. **7...Qb6 8.Rb1 h6 9.Bh4 Bg4** White is slightly better. **10.Be2 Nbd7**

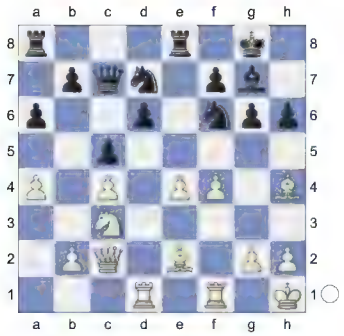


11.0-0N
[11.h3 Bf5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nh5 14.g4 Nhf6 15.0-0 a6 16.Kg2 Qa5 17.a3 -0.01/17 1-0 Tenikashvili, G (2294)-Obolentseva,A (2316) RUS-chT2 Sochi 2018 (2.5) *(17.a4!± 0.56/19)*]
11...Bxf3 0.78/18
[11...g5± 0.34/15 feels stronger. 12.Bg3 Bf5]
12.Bxf3± a6 13.Be2 Qa5 14.a4 Nb6 15.f4 Nbd7

(Diagram)



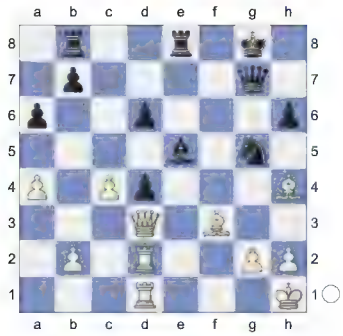
16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Kh1 e6 1.72/22
[17...Nh7± 0.99/15]
18.dxe6+- Rxe6 19.e4 Ree8 20.Rbd1 Qc7



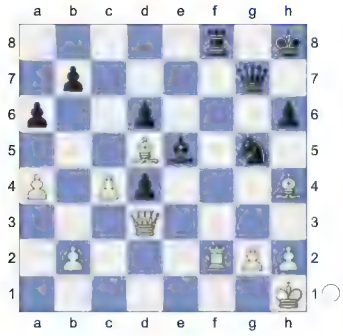
21.Bf3 Rab8 22.Rd2 Nf8 2.07/19
[22...Bf8± 1.42/17 23.e5 dxe5]
23.Rfd1 1.05/20
[23.Qd1+- 2.07/19]
23...Ne6± 24.Ne2 0.07/20 Inhibits Nd4.
[24.Rxd6 Nd4 25.R1xd4 cxd4 26.Rxd4 Qxf4=]
[24.Bxf6± 0.92/19 Bxf6 25.Rxd6]
24...Nh7 1.43/21
[24...g5= 0.07/20 25.fxg5 Nxg5]
25.f5 1.02/20
[25.Rxd6?! Nd4 26.R6xd4 *(26.Nxd4 Qxd6 27.Nf5 Qxf4±)* 26...cxd4±]
[⌓25.e5 1.43/21]
25...Nd4

(Diagram)

26.Nxd4 cxd4 1.34/20
[⌓26...Bxd4 0.91/21 27.fxg6 fxg6]
27.fxg6 fxg6 28.e5 Bxe5 29.Qxg6+ Qg7 30.Qd3 Ng5

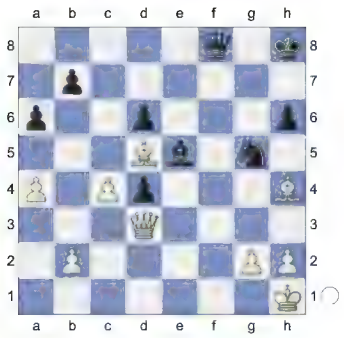


31.Bd5+ This bishop pair is nice.
31...Kh8 32.Rf1 Rf8 33.Rdf2 &Bianco is more active. **33...Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Rf8** 1.75/21
[34...Re8± 1.36/21 was called for. 35.a5 Qh7]

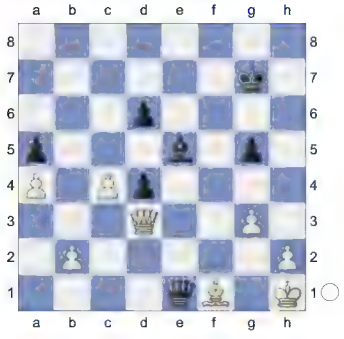


35.Rxf8+ 1.06/5
[35.a5!+- 1.75/21]
35...Qxf8

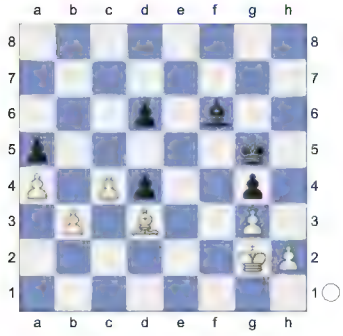
(Diagram)



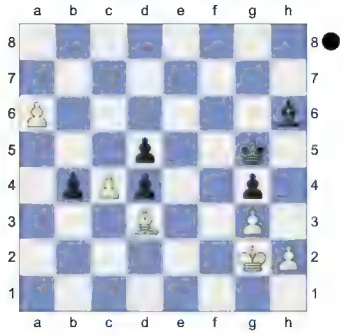
36.Bxg5 0.49/21
[36.Kg1± 1.34/20]
36...hxg5± 37.g3
[Don't play 37.Bxb7?! Qf4 38.Qh3+ Kg7 39.Qd7+ Kf8 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Bd5+ Kg7 42.Qg8+ *(42.Qd7+ Kh8=)* 42...Kh6 43.Qe6+ Kg7 44.Qg8+ Kh6 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Qg8+=]
37...Qf2 38.Bxb7 Kg7 1.21/23
[38...Qxb2± 0.55/23 39.Bg2 Qa1+ 40.Bf1 Qxa4]
39.Bg2 0.27/21
[Better is 39.b3± 1.21/23]
39...Qe1+ 1.45/21
[39...Qxb2= 0.27/21 40.Qf5 Qa1+ 41.Bf1 Qxa4]
40.Bf1± a5



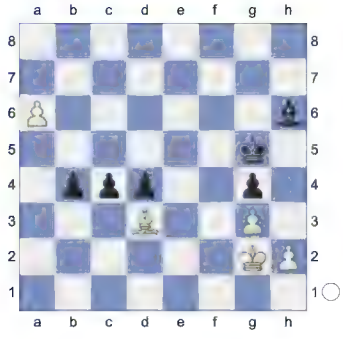
41.b3 g4 2.12/24
[41...Qf2± 1.15/21 was necessary.]
42.Kg2
[42.Qf5?! Kh6±]
42...Kf6 43.Qe2
[Don't take 43.Qh7 Qd2+ 44.Kh1 Qd1±]
43...Qxe2+ 44.Bxe2 Endgame KB-KB
44...Kg5 2.01/27
[44...Kf5± 1.31/27 keeps fighting.]
45.Bd3 Bf6



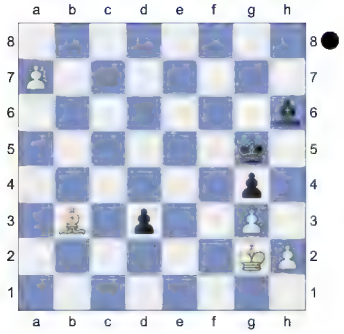
46.Be2? 0.01/22
[46.Kf2± 1.55/30]
46...Bg7 1.46/25
[46...Be5= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
47.Bd3 0.01/23
[White should play 47.b4± 1.46/25]
47...Bh6? 6.89/26 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[47...Bf6= 0.01/23]
48.b4+- axb4 49.a5 d5 50.a6



a7 would kill now. **50...dxc4**



51.Bxc4 White mates. **51...b3 52.Bxb3 d3 53.a7**



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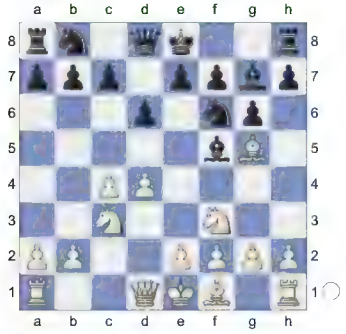
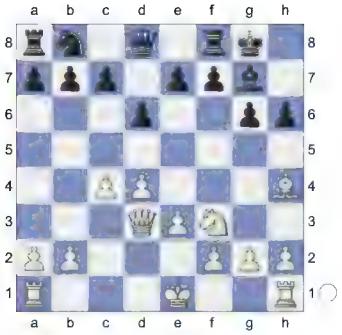
123 **E61**
□ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2564**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
Wch Blitz New York (1) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

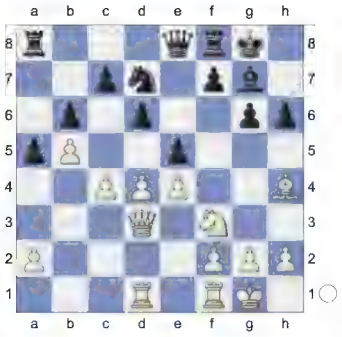
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6N
[4...0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Nxc6 *(9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Rad1 h6 19.h4 Rdc8 20.Nd5 a5 21.Nb6 Rc7 22.Nd5 Rcc8 23.Rfe1 b6* Grimm,S (2657)-Campos (2720) Russia 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (34)*; 9.Nc2 d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne5 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Be3 Nc4 15.Nf5 Nxe3 16.Nxe3 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.b3 Qa5 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Nc4 Qb4 21.Qd3 a6 22.Rfd1 h5 23.h4 Bf5* Wiratunga,J (2089)-Czopor,M (2320) London 2024 0-1 (35)*; 9.Nb3 Qh5 10.c5 d6 11.cxd6 Rd8 12.e4 exd6 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd4 Rac8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Kf7 20.e5 Ne8 21.exd6 Nxd6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re2 Nc4* Peixoto,A (2552)-Reddehase,S (2531) Bern 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (39) *24.Rxd8 Nxd8 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nd4 Nd6 27.Nf3 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Kf6 29.Ne5 N8f7 30.Ng4+ Ke7 31.Bd5 Nd8 32.Nxh6 Nb5 33.Be4 Nd4 34.Rd2 Nf5 35.Ng8+ Ke8 36.Nf6+ Ke7 37.Ng4 Rc4 38.Rd7+ Kxd7* Wauters,L (1970)-Stephan,J (2168) Issy les Moulineaux 2006 EXT 2007 [Primel,Dominique] 0-1 (39)*)* 9...bxc6 10.Bd2 Qh5 11.e4 Qc5 12.b3 d6 13.Na4 Qe5 14.Bc3 Qe6 15.Qd3 Bb7 16.e5 Nh5 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Qf3 Keres Defense,W (2050)-Posizione (2170) ICCF Email 1992 CB37_2021 [Keilhack/Schlenker] 0-1 (74)]
5.Bg5 Bf5



6.e3 Ne4 7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.Bd3 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 h6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **10.Bh4 0-0**
(Diagram)

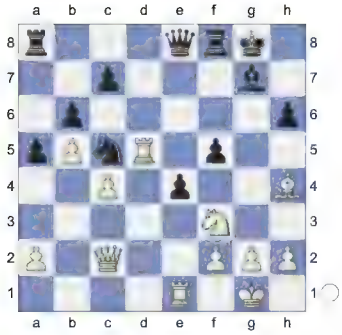


11.0-0 **Qe8!?N** New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.
[11...b6 0.63/20 11...Nd7 0.32
A) 12.Qe4!? Na6 13.Qxe7 *(13.Bxe7 Re8±)* 13...Qxe7 14.Bxe7±;
B) 12.Rad1 Nd7 13.Qc2 c5 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.d5 a6 16.e4 b5 17.b3 Re8 ½-½ Dubov,D (2708)-Mamedov,R (2646) Speed Chess Q1 KO blitz 2022 (1.3)]
12.Rad1 Nd7 13.b4 a5 14.b5 b6 15.e4 e5

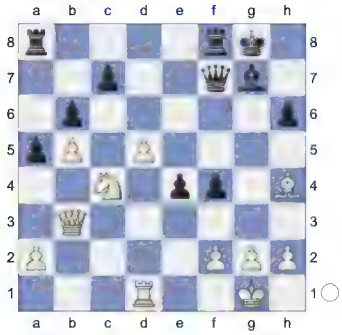


16.dxe5 Nc5 17.Qc2 dxe5 18.Rd5 f5 0.33/22
[18...f6= -0.10/19 is superior.]
19.exf5± gxf5 20.Re1 -0.70/22
[White should try 20.Qe2± 0.46/21]
20...e4∓

(Diagram)

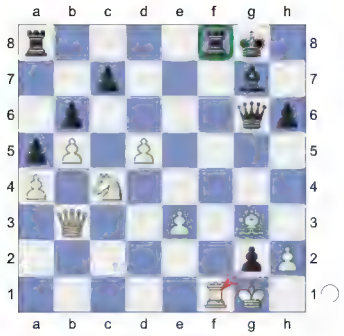


21.Nd2 -1.07/21
[21.Re3∓ -0.59/21]
21...Nd3∓ 22.Rd1 -2.50/23
[22.Rxd3∓ -1.37/21 exd3 23.Qb1]
22...Nb4 23.Qb3 -2.96/22
[⌓23.Qa4 -2.08/21]
23...Nxd5-+ 24.cxd5 Qf7 25.Nc4 -2.43/21
[⌓25.g3 -1.90/21]
25...f4

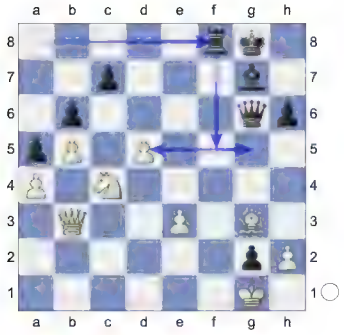


26.a4 e3 27.fxe3 f3 -1.02/22
[27...Rae8-+ -1.79/24 ...fxe3 is the strong threat. 28.Bf2 f3]
28.Rf1? -2.99/24 This move loses the game for White.
[28.Bg3∓ -1.02/22]
28...Qg6 -1.73/24
[Worse is 28...Qxd5 29.gxf3 Kh8 30.Kg2∓]
[⌓28...Qh5 -2.99/24 And now ...fxg2 would win. 29.g3 Qxd5 30.Nxa5 Qxb3 31.Nxb3 Rxa4]
29.Bg3 -2.35/25
[29.Rf2 -1.73/24 keeps fighting. Kh8 30.Bg3 fxg2 31.Rxg2]

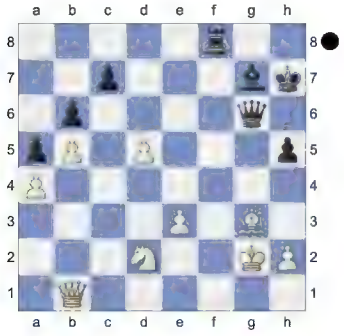
29...fxg2



30.Rxf8+ Rxf8
[Inferior is 30...Kxf8 31.d6 Qf7 32.Kxg2 cxd6 33.Qd3=]



Chess con chili. **31.Nd2** Prevents Rf1+.
31...Kh7 32.Kxg2 h5 33.Qb1



Black must now prevent Qxg6+. **33...Rf5** aiming for ...h4. **34.e4 Rg5 35.Nf3 Rxd5**

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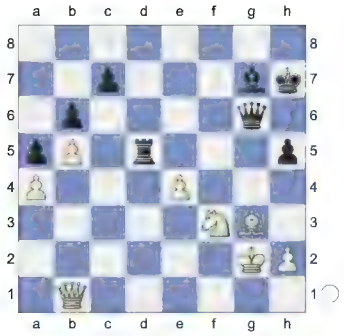
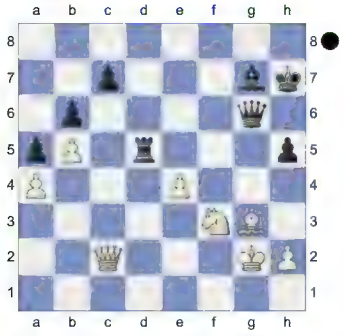


36.Qc2 -3.55/22
[36.Kf2 -2.49/22 was worth a try.]



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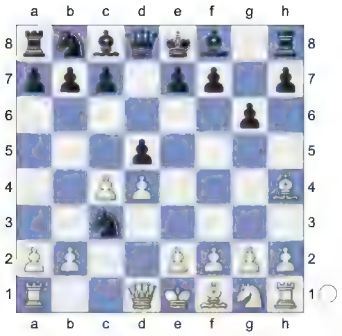
124 **D91**
□ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2564**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2614**
Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3

(Diagram)

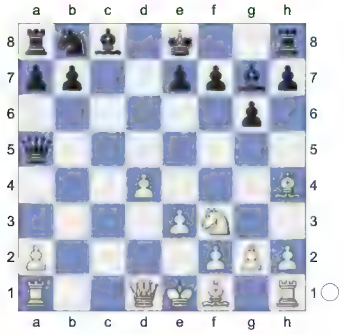


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.e3 c5 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+N

[10...Nc6 11.Be2

A) 11...0-0 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Nd2 *(13.Qa4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Rfd1 Qe4 16.Qxe4 Bxe4 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Nd4 Nd3 19.Rxc8* ½-½ (19) Lemos,J (2491)-11.d5 Reynolds: 14. ♘d4 ♘c, (2290) Medias/Romania 2011 Telechess CBM 89 [Kilgour, SCC56 p33] *)* 13...e5 14.Bf3 Qd6 15.Nc4 Qb4 16.Bxc6 Qxc4 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Qf3 exd4 19.Bd5 Qb4 20.e4 Be6 21.Rad1 Qc3 22.Qf4 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qc5 24.Bf6 Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Qxd5 26.Qxd4 Grankin,F (2758)-Molina,R (2801) Dresden 2009 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001] ½-½;

B) 11...e5 12.dxe5 Qa5+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Rab1 Nc6 *(15...0-0 16.Nd4 Nc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Rhc1 h6 19.Rxc6 g5 20.Bg3 Rd8+ 21.Rd6 Be6 22.a4 a5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8+ 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Bc7 Rc8 26.Bxa5 Bxa4 27.Be4 Bd7 28.Bd5 Rc5 29.Rb8+ Kh7 30.Be4+* Van der Sterren,P (2515)-Beliavsky, A (2640) Munich 1990 CBM 018 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] ½-½ (61) *)* 16.Rhc1 0-0 17.Bc4 h6 18.Ke2 Bf5 19.Rxb7 Na5 20.Rc7 Nxc4 21.R1xc4 Rfb8 22.Nd4 Be4 23.Nb5 Bxg2 24.Rxa7 Rxa7 25.Nxa7 Margarido,J (2634)-Wohl, R (2733) Bizovac 2004 Telechess CBM 89 [Sussex Chess Journal #3] 0-1 (41)]

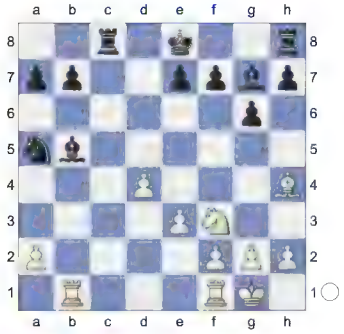


11.Qd2 **Nc6** Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **12.Qxa5 Nxa5** White is slightly better. **13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Rb1 Rc8** Hoping for ...Bxb5. **15.0-0** -0.17/21

[⌓15.Bd3 0.14/20]

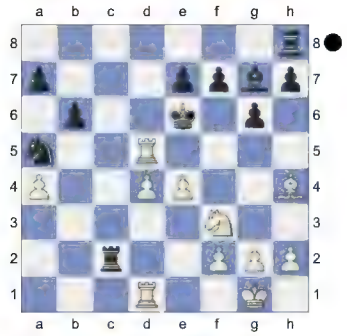
15...Bxb5=

[15...Rc2 16.a4 a6 0.33/20 *(16...Bxb5=* -0.01/20 is superior. *17.axb5 Kd7)* 17.Bd3 -0.45/22 *(17.Bxd7+± 0.33/20 Kxd7 18.Ng5)* 17...Rc3∓ 18.Be4 Bxa4 19.Bxb7 Bb5 20.Be4 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Ra3 -0.01/20 1-0 Akobian,V (2601)-Hilton,J Chicago op 17th 2008 (1) *(* Black should try *21...Nb3∓* -0.51/21 *)*]

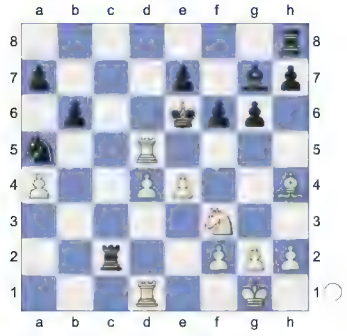


16.Rxb5 b6 17.Rd1 Rc2 18.a4 Kd7

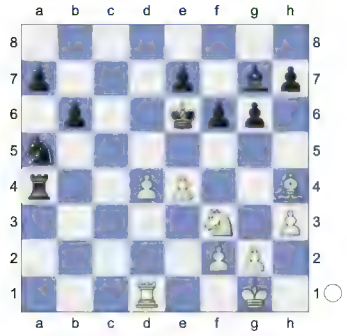
19.Rd5+ Ke6 20.e4



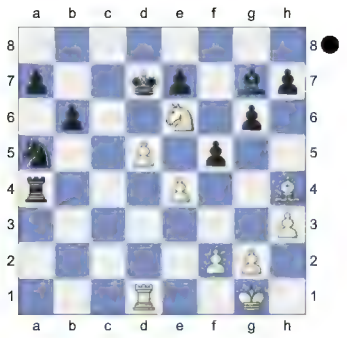
White threatens Ng5+ and mate.
20...f6→



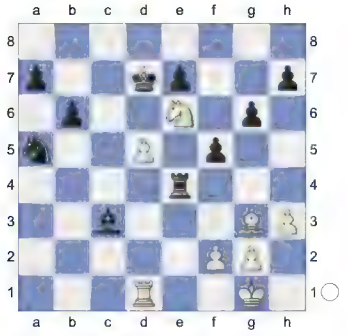
Inhibits Ng5+. White needs to defend precisely. **21.Rb5 Rhc8 22.h3** -1.10/21
[22.e5∓ -0.67/20]
22...Rc1∓ 23.Rb1 -1.58/23
[⌓23.Rf1 -1.05/20]
23...Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Rc4 25.Rd1 -2.09/22
[25.g4 -1.67/21 was called for.]
25...Rxa4



26.d5+ -2.69/20
[⌓26.g4 -1.96/20]
26...Kd7-+ Black has a decisive advantage. **27.Nd4 f5 28.Ne6**



Rxe4! 29.Bg3
[29.g4 Bc3]
29...Bc3



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125 **E70**
□ **Livaic,Leon** **2557**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2725**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
A70: Modern Benoni: 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be3 c5**

(Diagram)

6.d5 d6 7.h3 e6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...a6N** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[8...exd5

A) 9.cxd5 Re8 *(9...b5 10.Bxb5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qxb5 14.Qb3 Ba6 15.Qxb5 Bxb5 16.Nd2 Nd7 17.c4 Ba6 18.0-0 Ne5 19.Rac1 Rab8 20.Rc3 Rb6 21.Rfc1 f5 22.Bf4 Nf7 23.h4 Re8 24.Rb3* Ia4 (1775)-Oswald,T (2318) Prague 2023 Chess Today CT-733 [John Watson] 1-0 (97)*)* 10.Nd2 Nxe4 11.Ndxe4 f5 12.Bb5 Re5 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 a6 15.Bf4 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qd7 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qb3 Qf7 19.Rae1 Nd7 20.Re2 f4 21.Rfe1 Ra6 22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rf6 Pham,L (2384)-Priansh,D (2311) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0;

B) 9.exd5 Re8 10.Bd3 Rxe3+ 11.fxe3 Qe7 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qd2 Nh5 14.Rae1 Ng3 15.Rf2 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Ne2 Qh4 18.Rf4 Nxe2+ 19.Rxe2 Bxf4 20.exf4 Bd7 21.Kh2 b6 22.f5 Qf6 23.fxg6 Gukesh,D (2725)-Rapport, R (2740) Baku 2022 0-1 (41)]

9.a4 b6 10.Bd3 Nbd7

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Rb8N

[Vorgänger: 11...e5 12.Rb1 Nh5 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Bf1 Nf6 15.b4 h6 2.12/20 *(15...cxb4±* 0.94/19 was worth a try. *16.Rxb4 Nd7)* 16.a5+- cxb4 17.Bxb6 Qe7 18.Rxb4 1-0 Studer,N (2546)-Mikhailovsky,V (2209) Wch Rapid Moscow 2019 (6)]

12.Qd2 e5 13.a5 bxa5 14.Nd1 0.21/18

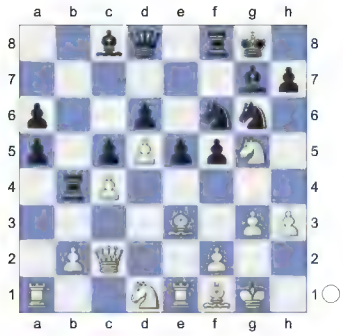
[14.Rfb1± 0.74/19]

14...Rb4 15.Qc2 Nh5

16.Re1 Nf4 17.Bf1 f5 18.exf5 -0.12/18

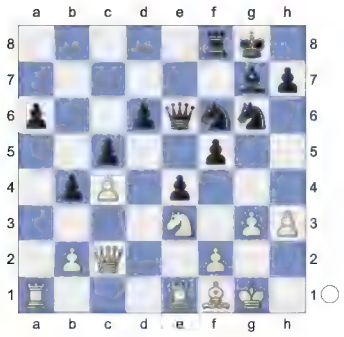
[18.Nc3!± 0.34/17]

18...gxf5= 19.g3 Ng6 20.Ng5! Nf6

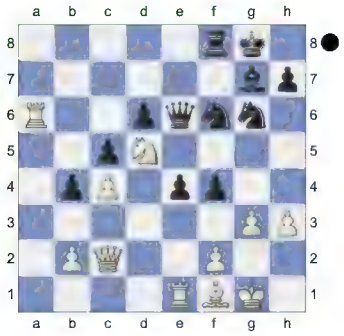


21.Bd2 e4 0.52/17

[21...Rb8= 0.09/18 was preferrable.]
22.Bxb4 -0.24/20
[22.h4± 0.52/17]
22...axb4 23.Ne6 Qe7 24.Ne3
[Don't do 24.Nxf8?! Qxf8 25.Bg2 Ne5±]
24...Bxe6 25.dxe6 Qxe6

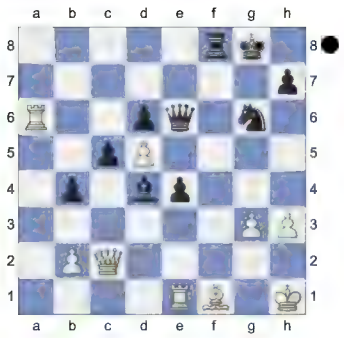


White must now prevent ...f4. **26.Rxa6 f4 27.Nd5?** -1.83/22
[27.gxf4= -0.02/19 and White has nothing to worry. Nxf4 28.Qd2]

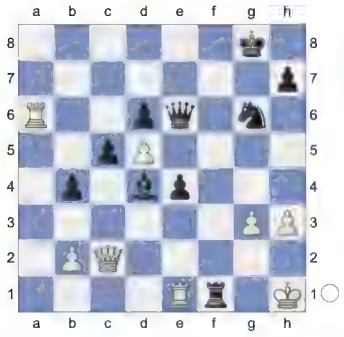


27...fxg3-+ 28.fxg3 Nxd5 29.cxd5 Bd4+
[29...Qxd5? 30.Bc4 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Qxc4 32.Qxc4++-]
30.Kh1? -7.98/19
[30.Kh2∓ -1.18/21 b3 31.Qg2]

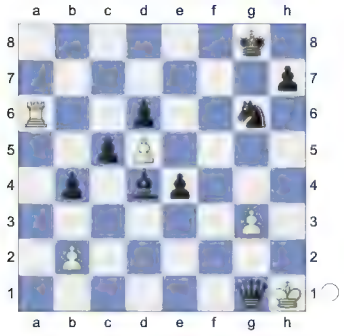
(Diagram)



30...Rxf1+!



Remove Defender, Decoy, Back Rank
31.Rxf1
[31.Kh2 Qf5]
31...Qxh3+ Black mates. **32.Qh2 Qxf1+ 33.Qg1 Qxg1#**



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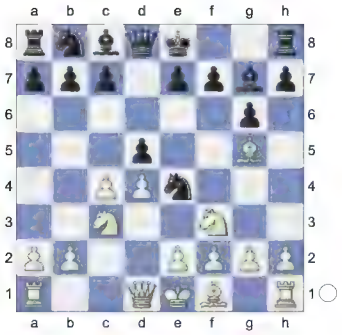
126 **D91**
□ **Corrales Jimenez,Fidel** **2555**
■ **Salem,A R Saleh** **2622**
Wch Blitz New York (8) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 Zvjaginsev,V: 'Inf 69/436' Pytel,K: 'Inf 25/687' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4**

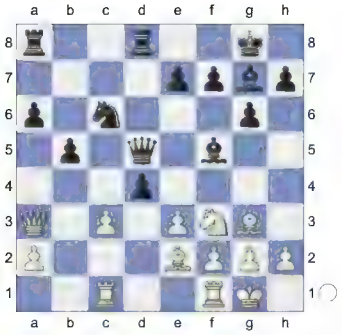


6.Bf4 c5 7.cxd5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qxd5 9.e3 Nc6 10.Be2 0-0

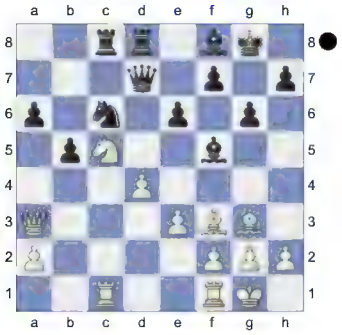
11.0-0 Bf5 0.55/19
[11...cxd4= 0.13/19 feels stronger. 12.cxd4 Bf5 *(12...b6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.Bc4 Qh5 15.Qe2 a6 16.h3 Qf5 17.Rfd1 Rfc8 18.Bg3 Na5 19.Bd3 Qd7 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.a4 Bd5 22.Rb1 Qb7 23.e4 Bc6 24.Rb4 e6 25.Qb2 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.Bxb5* Zvjaginsev,V (2610)-Zagorskis,D (2505) Pula 1997 CI1-130 [Zvjaginsev, Vadim] 1-0*)* 13.Qa4 Qa5 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Ne5 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.h4 h5 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.a3 Na5 20.Bd1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Ne5 Bf8 24.e4 Bg7 25.Bd2 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Nc4 27.Bb4 Kf8 Aakash Sharadchandra,D (2278)-Savchenko,B (2481) Taleigao 2025 ½-½ (65)]

12.Bg3N 0.01/21 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[Better is 12.c4!± 0.55/19 Qd8 *(12...Qe4 13.d5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.f3 Qc2 16.e4 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 e5 18.Bg3 Bd7 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Rfe8 21.Bd3 Rac8 22.Bd6 b6 23.a4 f5 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.Bg3 Rxc4 27.Rxf5* Franke,J-6.d3 (Deviations from 6. ♖e1 India 1978 Telechess CBM 89 [Offinger,R] 0-1 (41) *d3 28.d6 Rd4 29.Rf4 Rxd6 30.Rf3 Rd4 31.Rfxd3 Rxa4 32.Rd7 Bf6 33.h4 Re7 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.h5 Ra1 36.Rxa1 Bxa1 37.Kf2 Bf6 38.Ra8 a5 39.Rb8 Bd4+ 40.Kf3 Kh6 41.Bd6 Rd7* 0-1 (41) Johannessen,S-Pytel,K Fredrikstad 25/687 1978 CI1-130 [Pytel,Krzysztof]*)* 13.d5]

12...Rfd8N 0.35/20
[12...cxd4! 13.cxd4 Rfd8 0.32/19 *(13...Rfc8=* 0.01/20 was preferrable.*)* 14.Qa4± Be4 15.Nd2 Bf5 0.62/20 *(15...Qd7!=* 0.30/22 *16.Qa3 Bd5)* 16.Nf3 0.01/18 *(16.Nb3±* 0.62/20 *)* 16...a6 0.34/19 *(16...Be4=* 0.01/18 *)* 17.Bc4 Qd7! White must now prevent ...b5. 18.Qb3 e6 19.Qb6 Inhibits Na5. Rac8 ½-½ Jorczik,J (2407)-Schwarz,M (2482) BL2-Ost 1213 2012 (1.2)]
[12...cxd4= 0.01/21 13.cxd4 Rac8]
13.Qa4 White is slightly better. **13...a6 14.Rac1 b5 15.Qa3** Black should prevent c4. **15...cxd4**



16.cxd4 Threatening Rc5. **16...e6** 0.99/22
[16...Bf8= 0.21/22]
17.Nd2 -0.01/23
[17.Ng5!± 0.99/22 And now Bf3 would win. Qd7 18.Bf3]
17...Qd7? 1.73/24
[17...Bf8= -0.01/23 and Black is okay. 18.Qb3 Rac8]
18.Bf3+- Rac8 19.Nb3 1.04/22
[19.Qxa6+- 1.90/23 Ne7 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Qxb5]
19...Bf8± 20.Nc5 -0.41/23
[20.Qxa6± 0.97/23 Nb4 21.Qa5]



20...Qa7? 1.72/22
[20...Nxd4!∓ -0.41/23 stays ahead. 21.exd4 Qxd4]

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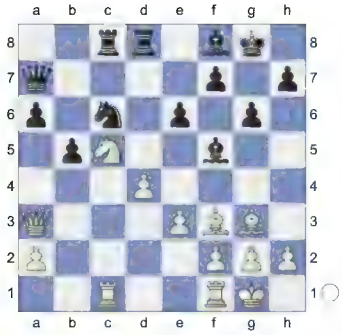
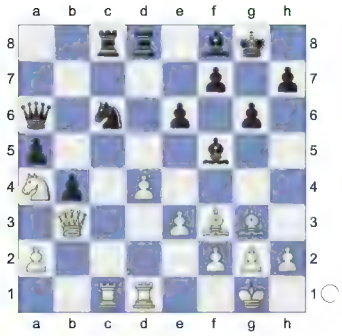
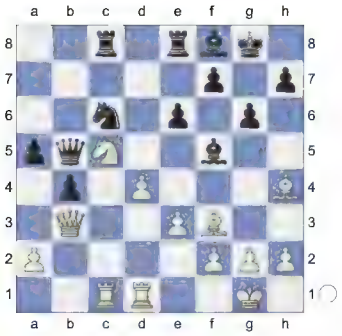


21.Rfd1 0.55/23
[21.Qxa6+- 1.72/22 Bxc5 22.Qxa7 Bxa7 23.Bxc6 *(23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Bxc6 Bd3±)*]
21...a5 1.33/23
[21...e5!± 0.55/23]
22.Qb3 &Bianco is more active. **22...b4** 2.35/23
[22...Bh6± 1.53/22]
23.Na4 1.38/24
[White should play 23.Qa4+- 2.35/23 Ne7 24.e4]
23...Qa6

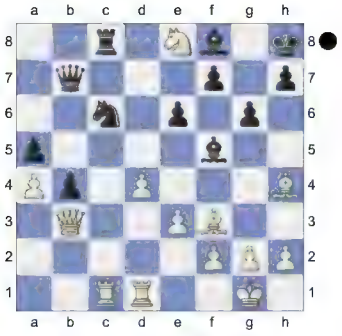


24.Bh4!↑ White is really pushing.
24...Re8 1.81/23
[24...Nxd4± 1.29/23 25.exd4 Rxd4]
25.Nc5 Qb5 4.54/22
[25...Bxc5 1.63/22 26.Rxc5 e5]

(Diagram)



26.a4+- White is clearly winning.
26...Qb6 27.Nd7 Qb7 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Nxe8



Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.72
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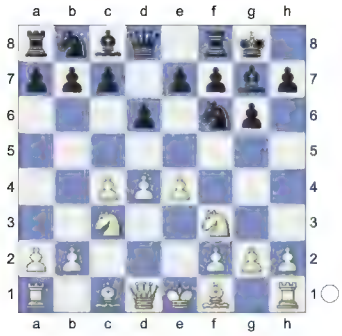
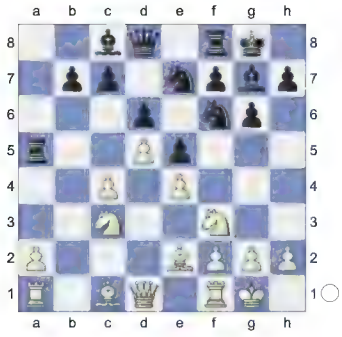
127 **E97**
□ **Drygalov,Sergey** **2547**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

(Diagram)



6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5



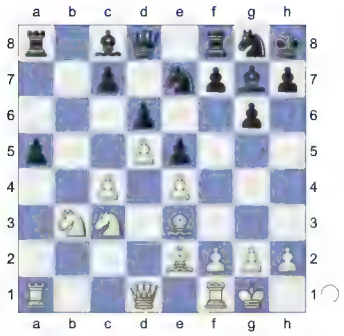
11.a4 b6 11...Ne8 is a critical line. 11...Se8 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
12.Nd2
[12.Bg5 Nh5=]
[12.Bd2 Ra8 13.Qc2 Ne8 14.Ne1 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Nd3 h5 17.Nb5 g5 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.h3 Bh6 20.a5 c6 21.dxc6 Nxc6 22.Bc3 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.fxg4 Qe7 25.Qd3 bxa5 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 Mikhalevski,V (2519)-Flom,G (2442) Philadelphia 2023 1-0 (44)]
12...Ra8
[12...Ne8 13.Nb3 Ra8 14.Be3 f5 15.f3 Bd7 16.a5 bxa5 17.Nxa5 Nf6 18.c5 Nc8 19.c6 Be8 20.Nb7 Rxa1 21.Nxd8 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Nh5 23.Ne6 Rf7 24.Rb1 Nb6 25.Nxc7 Rxc7 26.Rxb6 Nf6 27.Rb8 Santos Latasa,J (2632)-Badacsonyi,S (2289) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (32)]
13.Nb3 Kh8N
[Vorgänger: 13...Nh5 1.03/19

13...c5 0.63 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.Qxh5 f5 1.49/20 *(⌓15...Ba6 1.10/19)* 16.Bg5± f4 2.11/21 *(16...Ba6± 1.37/19)* 17.a5+- axb6 is the strong threat. Ba6 2.31/21 *(17...Ra6 1.86/19* might work better. *18.axb6 Rxb6)* 18.axb6 cxb6 19.Nd2 Qc7 1-0 Ding,L (2799)-Sokolovsky,Y (2431) Ding vs Challengers blitz 2021 (2.7)]

[13...Nd7 14.a5 Bb7 15.axb6 cxb6 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Nb5 Nc8 18.Qc2 Nc5 19.Be3 f5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Nc7 Qb8 23.Ne6 Nd6 24.f4 e4 25.Rb1 Nc8 26.Nxf8 Bxf8 27.g4 Qc7 28.Kh1 Dang,H (2360)-Tran,M (2241) Hanoi 2022 1-0 (35)]

[13...c5 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.f3 Nd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 22.Qxd4 f5 23.Bb5 fxe4 *(23...Nc5 24.e5 Nb3 25.Qb2 Nxa1 26.e6 Qg7 27.Qxa1 Qxa1 28.Rxa1 Ra7 29.Re1 Re7 30.Rc1 Kg7 31.Rc6* 8) 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.a4-11.a4 b6 12.Nd2 Ra8 #1 (31)) 24.Bc6 Ra7 25.fxe4 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Nc5 27.h3 Qxe4 28.Qf2 8) 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.a4-11.a4 b6 12.Nd2 Ra8 #3 (33)]

14.Be3 White is better. **14...Nfg8 15.a5 bxa5**



16.c5

[16.Nxa5 c5 17.Nb3 Bd7±]

[16.Rxa5 Rxa5 17.Nxa5 f5±]

16...f5 17.f3

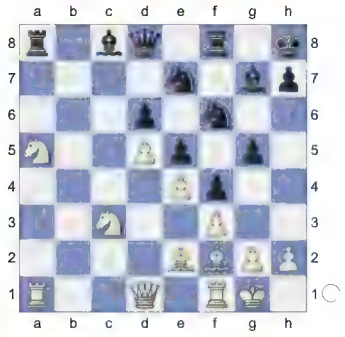
[17.Rxa5 Rxa5 18.Nxa5 fxe4±]

[17.Nxa5 fxe4 18.Qb3 *(18.Nxe4 Nf5=)* 18...Ba6±]

17...f4 1.78/19

[17...a4± 1.07/18]

18.Bf2+- g5 19.Nxa5 Nf6 20.cxd6 cxd6



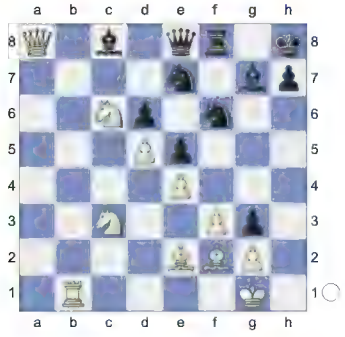
21.Nc6 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qe8 23.Qa8 1.00/22

[Better is 23.Na7 1.53/19]

23...g4± 24.Rb1? -0.33/20

[24.Nb5± 1.23/19 gxf3 25.Bxf3 *(25.Nxd6 Qd7∓)*]

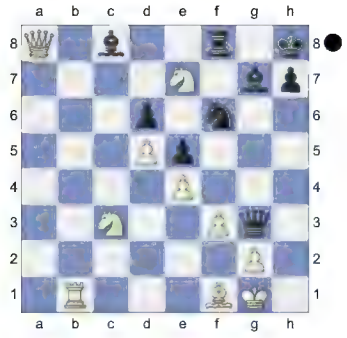
24...g3!∓ 25.hxg3 fxg3



26.Bxg3 Hoping for Bf1. **26...Qg6 27.Bh4?** -2.45/22

[Don't go for 27.Nxe7? Qxg3 28.Bf1 *(28.Nxc8? Bh6-+)*

(Diagram)



28...Bh6!-+]
[White should play 27.Kf2!∓ -0.43/20
Nxe4+ 28.Nxe4 Qxe4 29.Rb8
(29.Nxe7? Qxb1 30.Qa7 e4-+)
29...Nxd5 30.Rxc8 Qe3+ 31.Ke1
(31.Kf1 Qc1+ 32.Be1 Ne3+ 33.Kf2 Ng4+ 34.Kf1 Ne3+ 35.Kf2 Ng4+ 36.Kf1 Ne3+=) 31...Qc3+ 32.Kf1
Qc1+ 33.Be1 Ne3+ 34.Kf2 Ng4+
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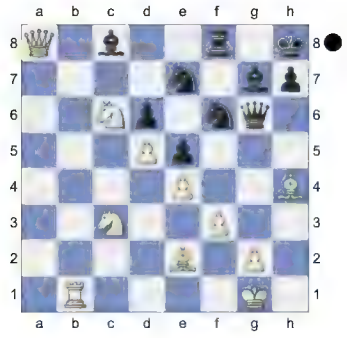
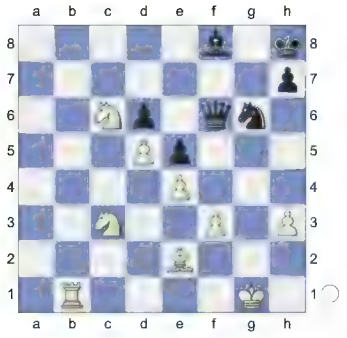
Ne3+]

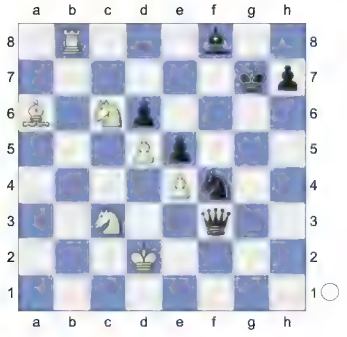


This costs White the game. **27...Bh3!-+**
Discovered Attack **28.Qxf8+ Bxf8**
Chess con chili. **29.Bxf6+** -3.69/21
[⌓29.Bf1 -2.40/21]
29...Qxf6 30.gxh3 Ng6

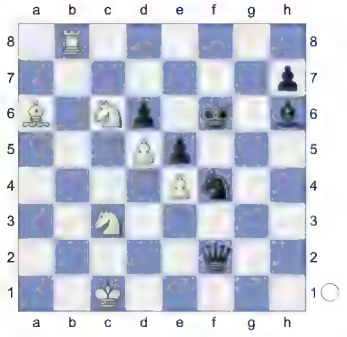
(Diagram)



31.Rb8 Qh4 32.Kf1 Against Qe1+
32...Kg7 33.Ba6? -4.41/20
[33.Nd8 -2.34/19 is a better defense.]
33...Qxh3+ 34.Ke2 Nf4+ 35.Kd2 Qxf3

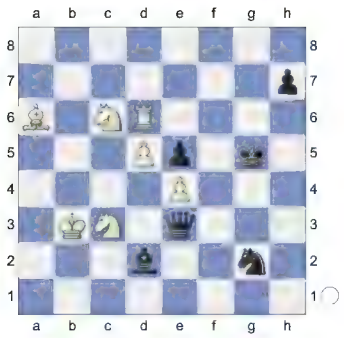


36.Nd8 Qf2+ 37.Kc1 Be7 White must now prevent ...Bg5. **38.Rb7 Kf6 39.Nc6 Bf8 40.Rb8 Bh6**

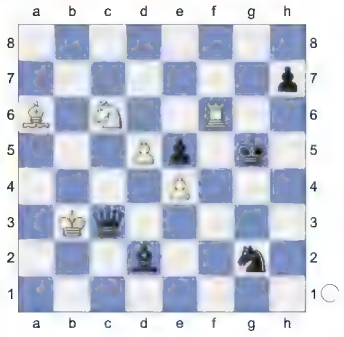


(-> ...Nxd5+) **41.Kb1 Qe1+ 42.Kc2 Ng2 43.Kb3 Bd2 44.Rd8 Qe3 45.Rxd6+ Kg5**

(Diagram)



46.Rf6 Qxc3+



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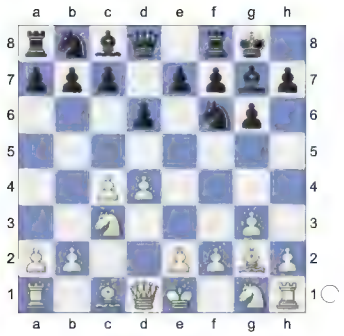
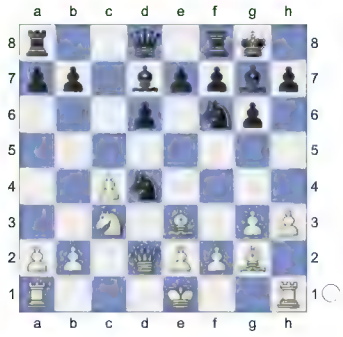
128 **E64**
□ **Aronyak,Ghosh** **2544**
■ **Kaustuv,K** **2409**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (4.1) 04.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

E64: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c5 7 d5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6**

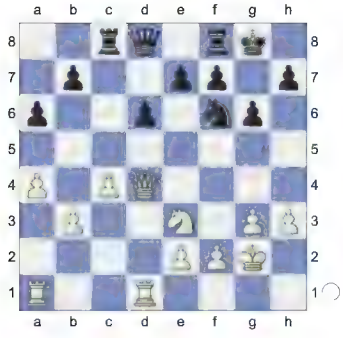


6.Nf3 c5 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 White is slightly better. **10.Qd2 Nxd4N**
[10...Qc8 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.Nd5 Qe6 14.0-0 Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Ne3 16.Bxf8 Bxg2 17.Qxe3 Qxe3 18.fxe3 Bxf1 19.Bxe7 Bxh3 20.Bxd6 Bf5 E 64/01-N,N Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]



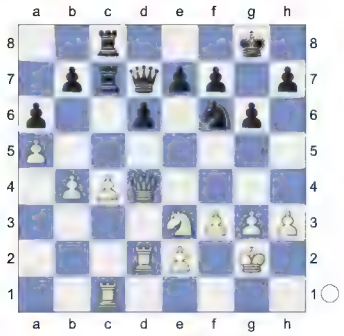
11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.0-0 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 a6 14.a4 Rc8 15.b3 Nd7

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nd5 Kg8 18.Rfd1 White is much more active. **18...Nb6 19.Ne3 Nd7 20.Qd4 Nf6**

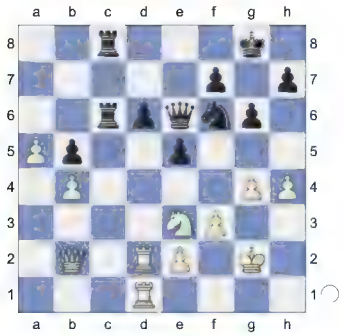


21.a5 Qd7 22.f3 Qe6 23.b4 Rc7

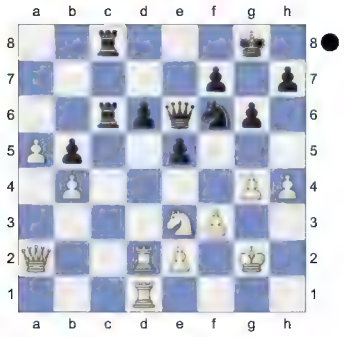
24.Rac1 Rfc8 25.Rd2 Qd7



26.g4 Rc6 27.h4 e5 28.Qb2 Black must now prevent g5. **28...Qe6 29.Rcd1 b5 30.cxb5 axb5**



31.Qa2



Hoping for Qxe6. **31...Rc3 32.Nd5** 0.00/20

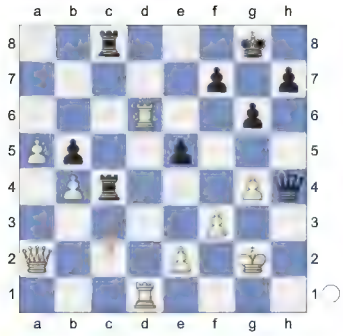
[32.Rxd6? is the wrong capture. Qxa2 33.R1d2 Qb3-+]

[White should try 32.Qxe6!± 0.60/22 fxe6 33.Rd3]

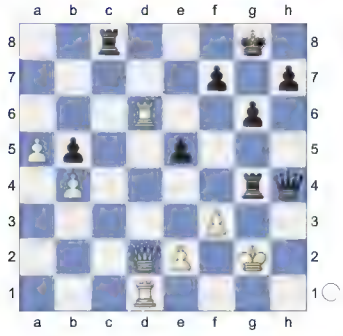
32...R3c4= The position is equal.

33.Nxf6+ Qxf6 34.Rxd6 Qxh4

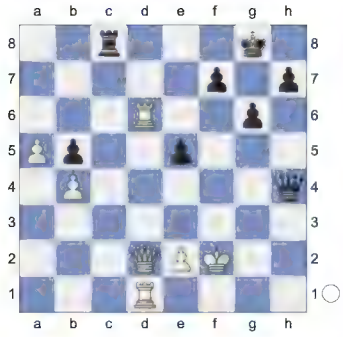
(Diagram)



aiming for ...Rc2! **35.Qd2 Rxg4+!**



36.fxg4 Qxg4+ 37.Kf2 Threatens to win with Qh6. **37...Qh4+ 38.Kg2 Qg4+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+**



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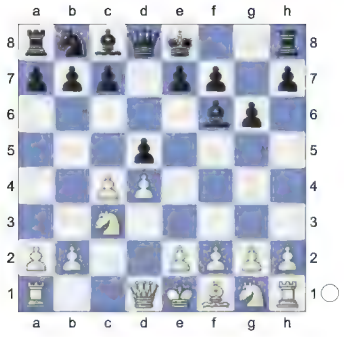
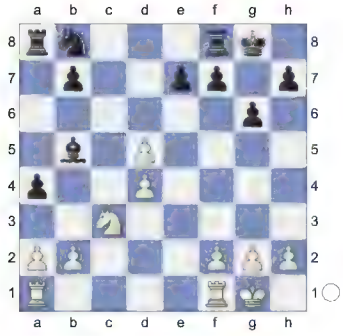
129 **E61**
□ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2543**
■ **Horvath,Dominik** **2549**
AUT-chT 2324 (5.3) 25.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bxf6 Bxf6

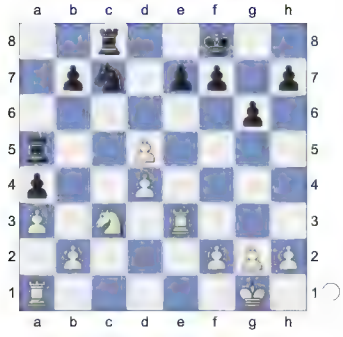


6.cxd5 c5 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.Nb3**
[Don't blunder 9.Qa4+? Bd7 10.Ndb5 *(10.Ncb5? a6-+)* 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bxb5-+]
9...a5 10.e3 a4

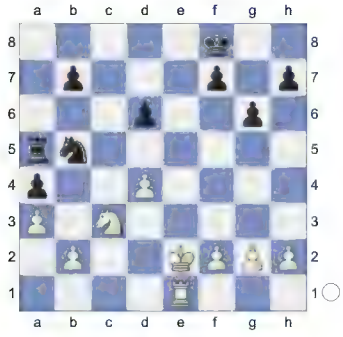
11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Nd4 0-0!?N New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.
[Vorgänger: 12...Bxd4 0.60/24 12...0-0 0.28 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nc7+ is the strong threat. Ra5 16.Nc3! Na6 17.Kd2 Kd7 18.b4 Nxb4 1-0 Sarana,A (2685)-Shevchenko,K (2694) FIDE World Cup 2023 (3.2)]
13.0-0 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.exd4 Bxb5



16.Nxb5 Ra5 17.Nc3 With the idea Rae1. **17...Rc8! 18.Rfe1 Kf8 19.Re3! Na6 20.a3** Against Nb4 **20...Nc7**

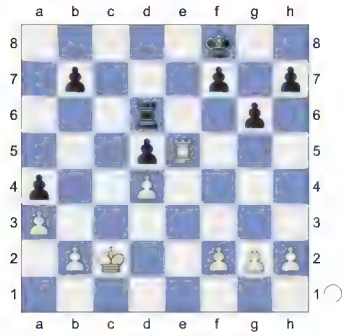


21.Rae1 Re8 22.d6 exd6 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8= Endgame KRN-KRN **24.Kf1 Nc7 25.Ke2 Nb5**

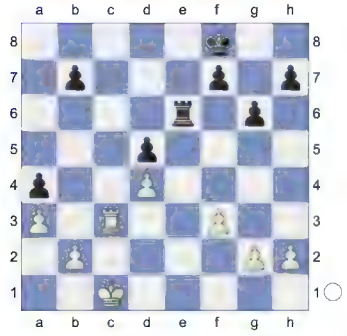


26.Kd3 Nxc3 27.Kxc3 KR-KR **27...Rb5 28.Re2 d5** 0.52/22
[28...g5= 0.17/23 deserves consideration.]
29.Kc2 -0.08/22
[29.b4!± 0.52/22]

29...Rb6 30.Re5 Rd6



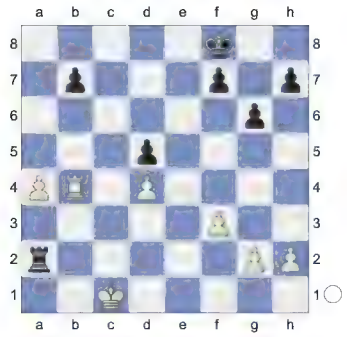
31.Re3 Rc6+ 32.Rc3 Rf6 33.f3 Re6 Threatening ...Re2+. **34.Kd2** Inhibits Re2+. **34...Rb6 35.Kc1 Re6**



36.b3 Re2 37.Rc2 Re3 38.Rb2 Rd3 0.83/22

[38...axb3= 0.12/22 remains equal. 39.Kd2 Re6]

39.bxa4± Rxa3 40.Rb4 Ra2



41.Kb1! Rxg2 42.Rxb7 aiming for a5.

42...Rd2 1.26/23

[42...Rxh2? 43.a5 Rh1+ 44.Kb2 Rh2+ 45.Kb3+-]

[⌓42...Rg1+ 0.90/25 43.Kb2 Rd1]

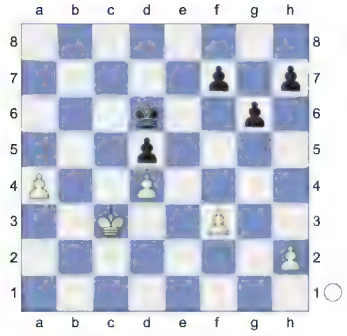
43.Rb2? -5.31/26 Now White is beyond hope.

[Don't do 43.a5 Rxd4 44.a6 Ra4±]

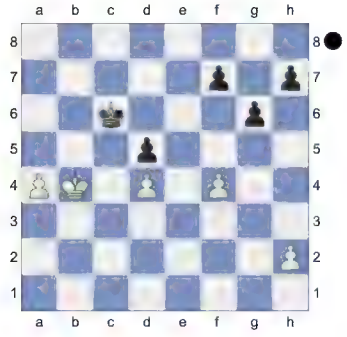
[43.Rb4!± 1.26/23 and life is bright.]

43...Rxb2+!-+ Black is clearly winning.

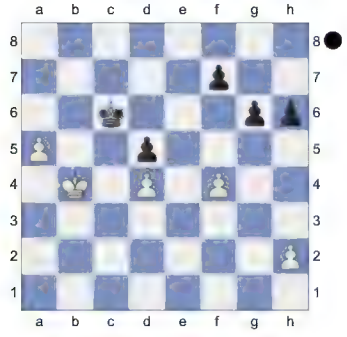
44.Kxb2 KP-KP **44...Ke7 45.Kc3 Kd6**



46.Kb4 Kc6 47.f4



h6! 48.a5



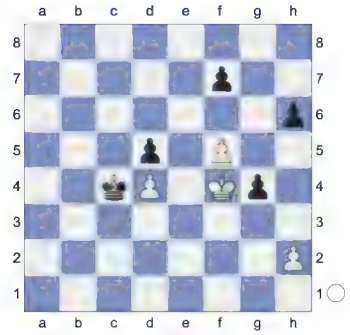
g5! 49.f5 g4 -10.13/26

[⌓49...h5 -20.31/29 50.Kc3 Kb5]

50.Kc3 Kb5

(Diagram)

51.Kd2 Kxa5 (-> ...Kb4) **52.Ke3 Kb4** Strongly threatening ...Kc4. **53.Kf4 Kc4**



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130 **D85**
☐ **Jacobson,Brandon** **2538**
■ **Zhang,Pengxiang** **2558**
Hastings Masters op (8) 04.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

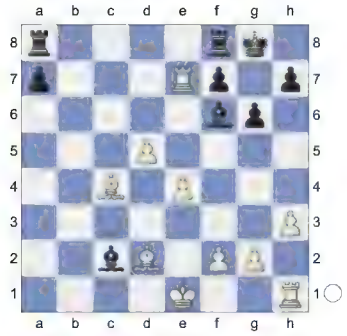
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

(Diagram)

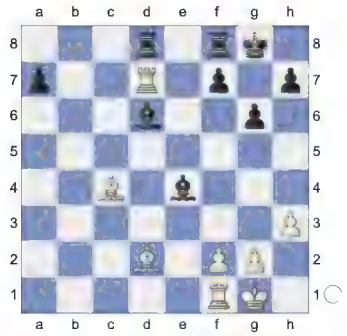
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.h3! 8.h3 is a critical line.8.h3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **8...0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4**
[10.Nxd4 b6=]
10...Nc6

11.Be3 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.d5 Ne5 14.Rb1 -0.10/21
[14.0-0± 0.40/21]
14...Bd7 0.57/19
[Better is 14...Qxa2= -0.10/21 15.Nxe5 Bxe5]
15.Nxe5±
[15.Rxb7 Rab8 16.Rxb8 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Rxb8=]
15...Bxe5

16.Rxb7 Ba4 17.Qc1 Qxa2 18.Bc4
[18.Rxe7? Rac8! 19.Rxe5 Rxc1+ 20.Bxc1 Qa1-+]
18...Qc2 19.Qxc2
[Avoid the trap 19.Rxe7? Qxe4+ 20.Be3 *(20.Kf1? Rfc8-+)* 20...Qxg2!-+]
19...Bxc2 20.Rxe7 Bf6



21.Rc7 d6 is the strong threat. **21...Be5 22.d6 Bxe4 23.0-0** And now Re7 would win. &Bianco is more active. **23...Bxd6 24.Rd7** **Rad8N** 1.14/21
[Vorgänger: 24...Rfd8]
[24...Rfd8± 0.67/27 25.Rxf7 *(25.Bxf7+ Kg7=)* 25...Bh2+ 26.Kxh2 Bd5 27.Bxd5 Rxd5]



25.Bxf7+!± Kg7

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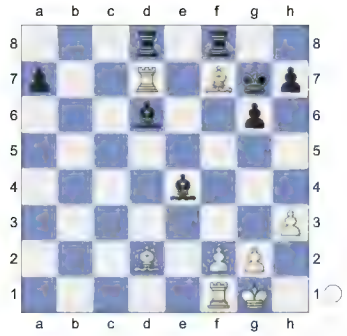
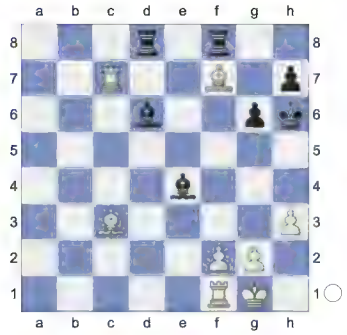
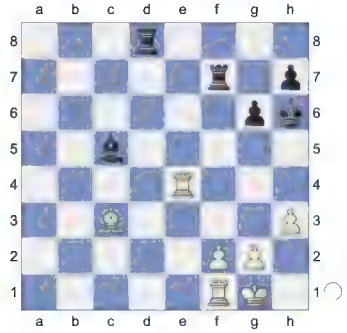


26.Bc3+ Kh6 27.Rxa7 Black must now prevent Be6. **27...Bc5 28.Rc7 Bd6**

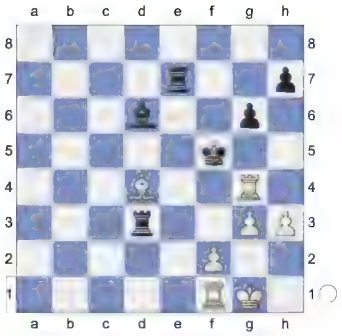


29.Rc4 Rxf7 30.Rxe4 Bc5



31.g3 Rd3 32.Be5 Bd6 1.65/21
[32...Rd5± 1.31/19 keeps fighting. 33.Kg2 Bd6]
33.Bd4 aiming for Rb1. **33...Re7 34.Rh4+ Kg5 35.Rg4+ Kf5**

(Diagram)



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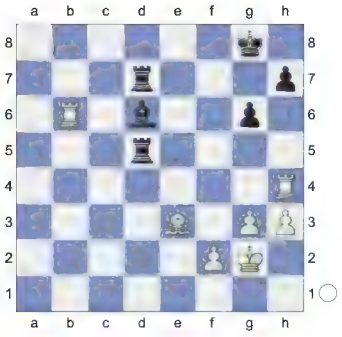
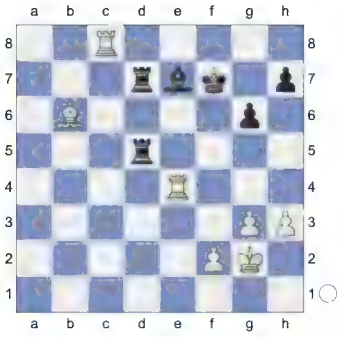
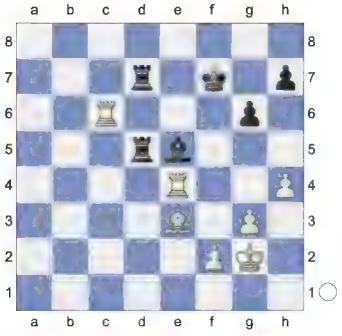


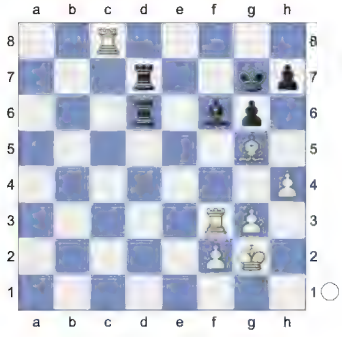
41.Ra6 Be7 42.Re4 Bg5 43.Bb6 Be7 44.Ra8+ Kg7 45.Rc8 Kf7



46.h4 Bd8 47.Be3 Bf6 48.Bc5 Rd8 49.Rc6 Be5 50.Be3 R8d7



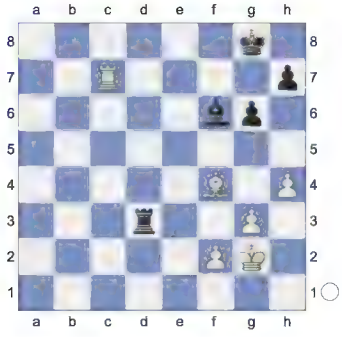
51.Bh6 Bg7 52.Bg5 Bd4 53.Rf4+ Kg7 54.Rf3 R5d6 55.Rc8 Bf6



56.Bf4 Rd3 57.Be3 R3d5 58.Bf4 0.01/17

[58.Rc6± 1.39/21 Bd4 59.Bg5]

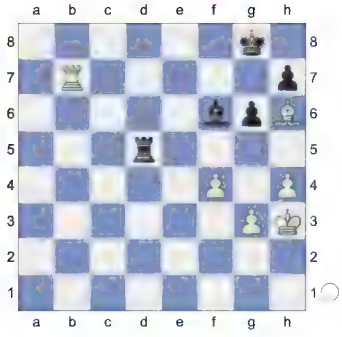
58...Rd3!= 59.Rxd3 Rxd3± Endgame KRB-KRB **60.Rc7+ Kg8**



61.Bh6 Rd5 62.f4 0.73/23

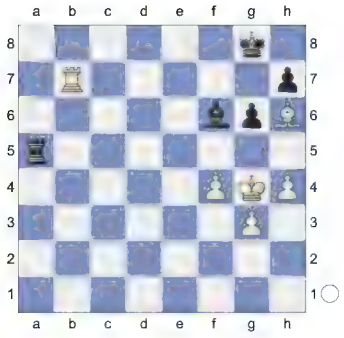
[⌓62.Rc8+ 1.05/23 Kf7 63.Rc7+ Ke6 64.Kf3 *(64.Rxh7 Rh5±)*]

62...Rd3 63.Kh3 Bc3 64.Re7 Bf6 65.Rb7 Rd5

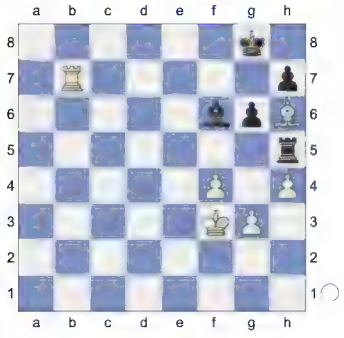


66.Ra7 Rb5 67.Rd7 Ra5 68.Kg4 Rb5 69.Ra7 Rd5 70.Rb7 Ra5

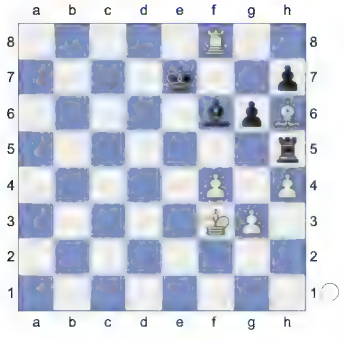
(Diagram)



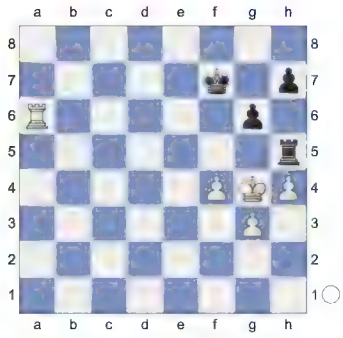
71.Rb3 Kf7 72.Kf3 Rh5? 6.91/28
[72...Ra7± 0.73/21]
73.Rb7++- Kg8 74.Rb8+
[74.Bg5 Bxg5 75.hxg5 *(75.fxg5 h6±)* 75...Rh2±]
74...Kf7 75.Rb7+? -0.01/20
[75.Bg5+- 7.67/28]
75...Kg8!=



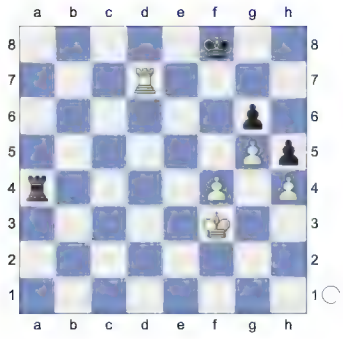
76.Rb8+ -0.01/26
[White should play 76.Bg5± 0.81/27 Bxg5 77.hxg5 *(77.fxg5 h6±)*]
76...Kf7 77.Rf8+? 0.52/28
[77.Bg5+- 7.26/29]
77...Ke7±



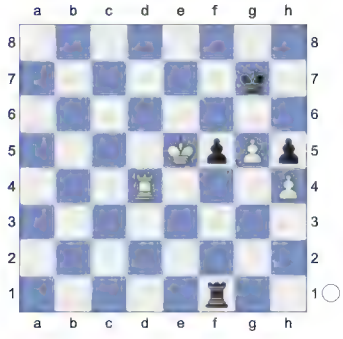
78.Rxf6! Threatens to win with Bg5.
78...Rxh6 KR-KR
[78...Kxf6? 79.Bg5+ Kg7 80.g4 Rxh4 81.Bxh4+-]
79.Ra6 Strongly threatening Ra7+.
79...Rh5 80.Kg4 Kf7



81.Ra7+ Kf8 82.Kf3 h6 83.Rd7 Ra5 84.g4 0.05/24
[84.Ke4± 0.56/25]
84...h5= The position is equal. **85.g5 Ra4**

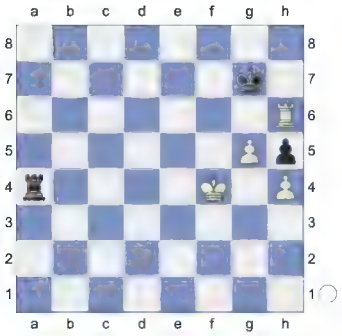


86.Ke3 Kg8 87.Rd4 Ra1 88.f5 gxf5 89.Kf4 Rf1+ 90.Ke5 White wants to mate with Kf6. **90...Kg7**

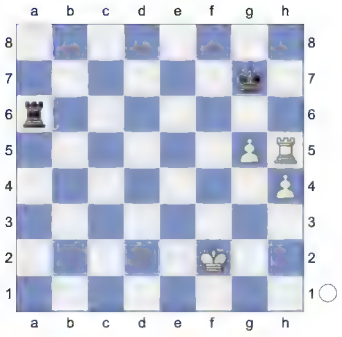


91.Rd7+ Kg6 92.Rd6+ Kg7 93.Rh6 Ra1 94.Kxf5 Ra5+ 95.Kf4 Ra4+

(Diagram)



96.Kg3 Ra3+ 97.Kf2 Ra4 98.Rxh5 Hoping for Rh6. **98...Ra6**



Prevents Rh6.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

131 **D85**
□ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2537**
■ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2610**
EU-ch Blitz Skopje (11) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

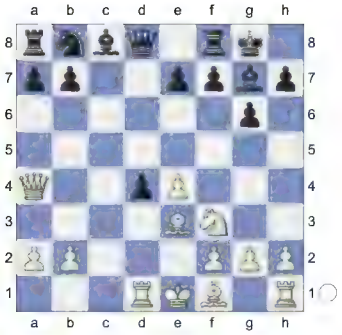
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7

(Diagram)

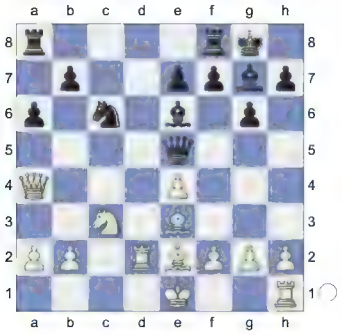
6.Na4 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be3 Nxa4! outshines the older 8...Bg4.erfolgreicher als das alte 8...Lg4. **9.Qxa4 c5 10.Rd1 cxd4N**

[10...Qb6 11.Rd2 *(11.dxc5 Qxb2 12.Bc4 Bd7 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.Bxb3 Bb5 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Nc6 17.Rd7 Ba6 18.f3 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Kf2 Kf8 21.h4 h5* Melkumyan,H (2639)-Kurnosov,I (2663) Biel 2012 CI1-130 [RR]*)* 11...cxd4 *(11...Bd7 12.Qa3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc7 14.Be2 e5 15.Rc2 Qd8 16.Nb5 Nc6 17.Nd6 Qb8 18.Bc4 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.0-0 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Rfc1 Be5 23.Rc7 Bxd6 24.Qxd6 Rf7 25.Qxe6* 1-0 (25) Baklan,N (2625)-2 b4 and 2 a3 (2595) Philadelphia 1998 CBM 45 [CCYB11/262]*)* 12.Bxd4 Bd7 13.Qc4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Nb3 Be6 Surveyabersicht-8...Na4 [Konikowski,Jerzy]]
[10...Bg4 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Qa3 Nd7 13.Be2 b6 14.b4 a5 15.cxb6 axb4 16.Qxa8 Qc3+ 17.Bd2 Rxa8 18.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 19.Nd2 Nxb6 20.Bxg4 Nc4 21.Ke2 Rxa2 22.f4 Nxd2 23.Kd3 Nb3 24.Bf3 Nc5+ 25.Kc4 Keymer,V (2342)-Carow,J (2431) Saarbr ? cken 2015 CBM 169 Extra [Fischer,Johannes] ½-½ (56)]

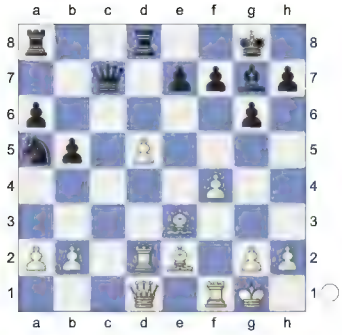
(Diagram)



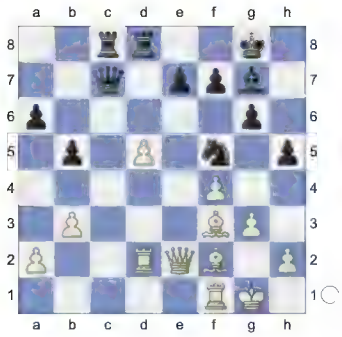
11.Nxd4 Qc7 The position is equal.
[11...Qb6 with more complications. 12.Nf5 Qxb2 13.Nxe7+ Kh8]
12.Nb5N
[12.Be2 Bd7 13.Qa3! a6 14.Qxe7 Qa5+ 15.b4 Qxa2 16.0-0 Threatens to win with Ra1. Re8 0.66/23 *(16...Nc6!= 0.12/21 17.Qxd7 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Qxe2)* 17.Qc5 *(17.Qd6!?)* 17...Nc6 18.Bc4 ½-½ Vocaturo,D (2579)-Rombaldoni,A (2488) ITA-chT 47th 2015 (7.1)]
12...Qe5 13.Be2 -0.20/20
[13.Nc3 0.11/19 is superior.]
13...Nc6 14.Rd2 a6 15.Nc3! Be6



16.0-0
[16.f4!? Qa5 17.Qxa5 Nxa5 18.Nd5±]
16...b5 17.Qd1 Rfd8 0.32/21
[17...Rad8= -0.01/18 should be considered.]
18.f4 Qc7 19.Nd5
[19.f5 feels hotter. Bxc3 20.bxc3 Bxa2 21.Rxd8+]
19...Bxd5 20.exd5 Na5

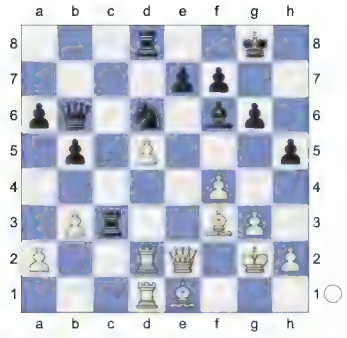


21.b3
[21.f5 looks sharper. Nc4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Qf3]
21...Nb7 22.Bf3 Nd6 23.g3 -0.40/19
[23.Rc2= -0.06/20 Qa5 24.Qe2]
23...Nf5 -0.04/22
[23...Rac8∓ -0.40/19 is more appropriate.]
24.Bf2= Rac8 25.Qe2 h5

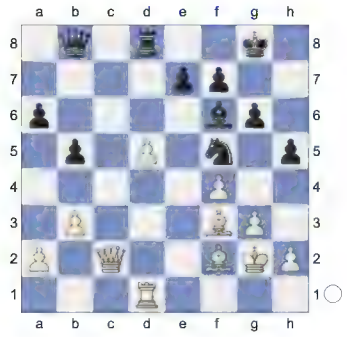


26.Rfd1 Bf6 27.Kg2 Qa5 28.Be4 Nd6 29.Bf3 -0.33/19
[29.f5± 0.44/21 Nxe4 30.Qxe4]
29...Rc3∓ 30.Be1 -0.74/21
[30.Be4∓ -0.36/20 was preferrable.]
30...Qb6 -0.03/21
[Black should play 30...Qa3∓ -0.74/21]

(Diagram)

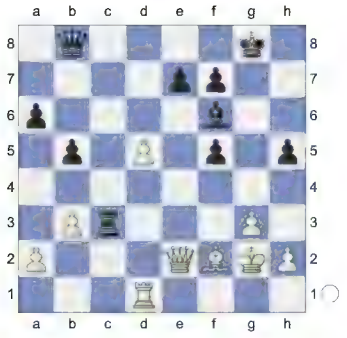


&Nero is more active. **31.Rc2 Rxc2**
32.Qxc2 Nf5 -0.01/23
[32...b4∓ -0.46/19]
33.Bf2= Qb8 0.42/21
[33...Qa5= -0.01/23]

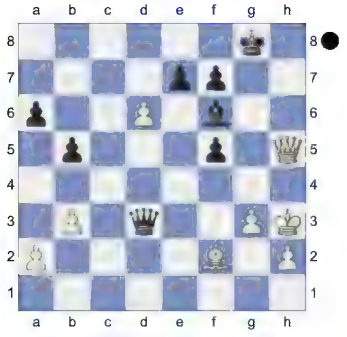


34.Qe2 -0.30/21
[34.Bxh5!± 0.42/21 Rc8 35.Qb1]
34...Rc8 35.Be4 Nd6

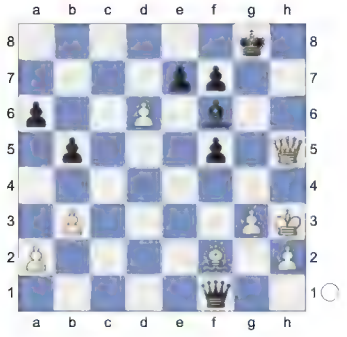
36.Bb1 Rc3 -0.01/22
[36...Qc7∓ -0.33/19]
37.Be1 Strongly threatening f5.
[37.f5 keeps more tension. Nxf5 38.Bxf5 gxf5 39.Bd4]
37...Rc5 38.f5 Nxf5 39.Bxf5 gxf5 40.Bf2 Rc3



41.Qxh5 Qe5 42.Rd2 -1.11/23
[White should try 42.Kg1∓ -0.33/22 Rc8 43.Qf3 *(43.Bd4 Qe4∓)*]
42...Qe4+∓ 43.Kh3 Rd3 44.Rxd3 Qxd3 45.d6? -#1/6
[45.Kg2∓ -1.43/22]



45...Qf1#

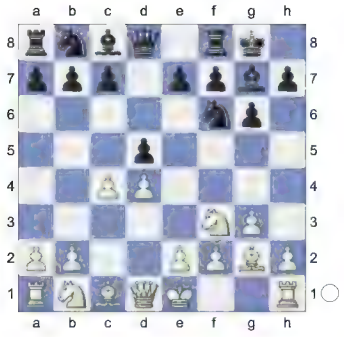


Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

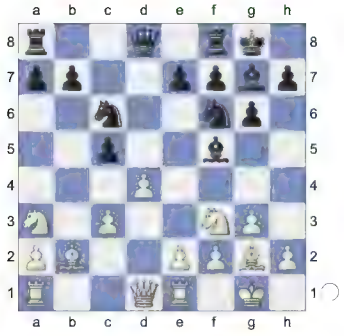
132 **D77**
□ **Stefansson,Vignir Vatnar** **2537**
■ **Zhang,Pengxiang** **2567**
London Classic Superblitz Gp-C (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies other than 6...c6

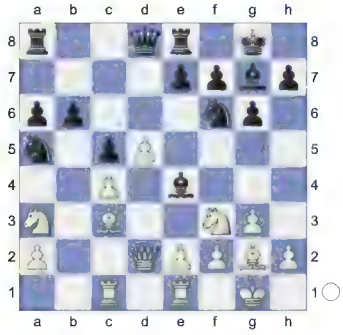
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0



6.0-0 dxc4 7.Na3 c3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Bb2
[9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qa4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bd7 13.Qc2 Nd5 14.Rd1 D 77/10]
9...Nc6 10.Re1 Bf5N 0.65/18
[10...cxd4= 0.12/18 11.cxd4 Ne4]
[10...Qb6 11.Nc4 Qb5 12.Qb3 Qa6 13.e4 Be6 14.d5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Nfd2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 b5 18.Ne3 Ne5 15) 3.g3-5. Nf3 #6]



11.d5!± White is slightly better. **11...Na5 12.c4 Be4 13.Rc1!N** An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[13.Bh3 0.28/20 13.Rc1 0.72 b5! 14.Nd2 b4 15.Nc2 Bf5 0.82/18 *(15...Bh6±* 0.43/18 is more appropriate.) 16.Bg2 0.44/18 *(16.Bxf5±* 0.82/18 *gxf5 17.e4)* 16...Bxc2 1.19/19 *(* Better is *16...Re8!±* 0.44/18 *)* 17.Qxc2± Nd7 18.e4 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 1-0 Svane,R (2613)-Ponkratov,P (2619) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Feb blitz 2021 (6)]
13...a6 14.Qd2 0.46/19
[14.Bh3± 0.79/18]
14...Re8 15.Bc3 b6

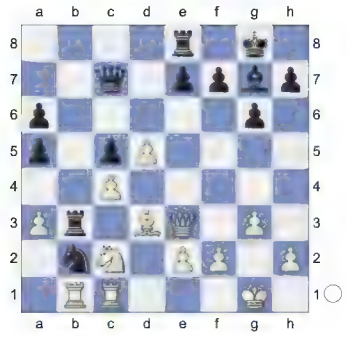


16.Red1 Qc7 17.Qe3 Bxf3 0.69/18
[17...Nb7= 0.24/18 feels stronger.]
18.Bxf3 Rad8 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Rb1 Rb8

21.Nc2 Nd7 22.Be4 -0.68/18
[White should play 22.Rxb8± 0.43/20 Qxb8 23.Ne1]
22...Nb6!∓ 23.Bd3 Na4! 24.a3 -1.53/21
[24.Rb3∓ -0.62/18]
24...Nb2!∓

[24...Nc3 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Re1∓]

25.Rdc1 Rb3!

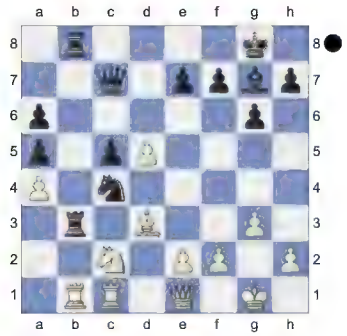


26.a4 Reb8! 27.Qd2 -2.81/21

[⌓27.Qg5 -1.90/19]

27...Nxc4!-+ 28.Qe1

[28.Qd1 Nb2]



28...Bc3! 29.Qd1

[29.Qf1 Rxb1]

29...Nb2 30.Qf1 c4

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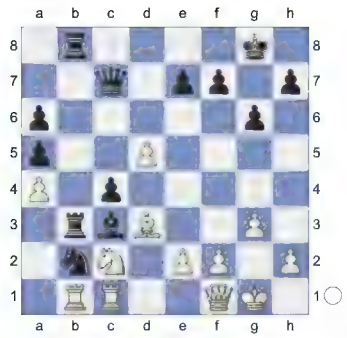
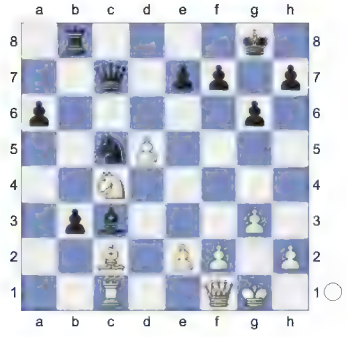


31.Be4 Nxa4 32.Ne3 Nc5 33.Bc2 R3b4 34.Rxb4 axb4

[34...Bxb4 35.Nxc4 a4 36.Qd1∓]

[34...Rxb4? 35.Bxg6 hxg6 36.Rxc3-+]

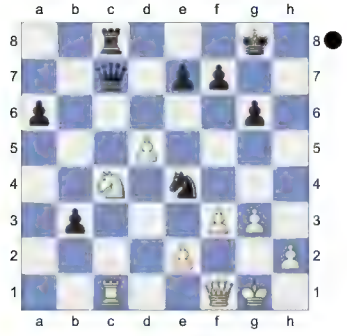
35.Nxc4 b3



36.Bxg6? -6.63/19

[36.Bb1 -3.05/19 Bg7 37.Qe1]

36...hxg6 37.Rxc3 Ne4 38.Rc1 Rc8 39.f3



Nd2! 40.Qd1

[40.Nxd2 Qxc1]

40...Nxc4

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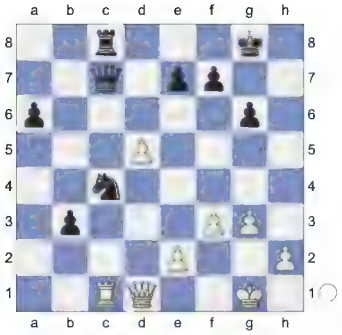
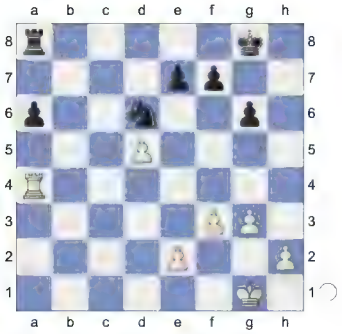
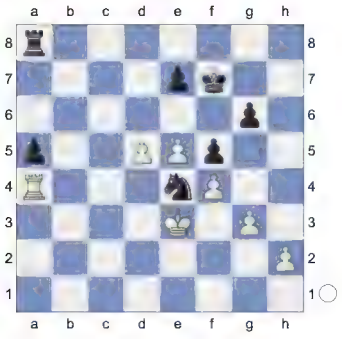


41.Qxb3 Qb6+ 42.Qxb6 Nxb6
Endgame KRN-KR **43.Ra1 Ra8**
44.Ra5 Nc4 45.Ra4 Nd6

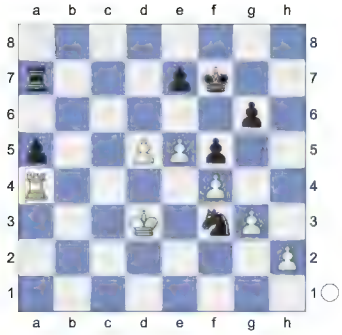


46.e4 a5 47.Kf2 f6 48.Ke3 Kf7 49.f4 f5 50.e5 Ne4

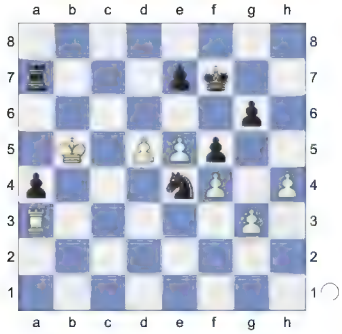


51.Kd4 Inhibits Nc3. **51...Ra7 52.Kc4?** -4.34/25
[52.g4 -2.54/21]
52...Rc7+ 53.Kd4 Ra7 0.01/20
[53...Nc5-+ -4.12/24 54.Ra3 a4]
54.Kc4!= Nd2+ 55.Kd3 Nf3

(Diagram)



56.h4 -3.81/21
[⌓56.h3 -2.70/21]
56...Nh2-+ 57.Kd4 Nf1 58.Ra3 a4 59.Kc4 Nd2+ 60.Kb5 Ne4



61.Kb6 Ra8 62.Kb5 Ke8 63.Kb6 Kd7 64.Kb5 Rb8+ 65.Kc4 Nd2+

66.Kc5 Ra8 67.Kd4 Ne4 68.g4 Nd2 69.gxf5 gxf5 70.h5 Nb3+

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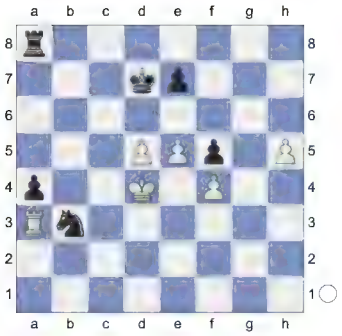
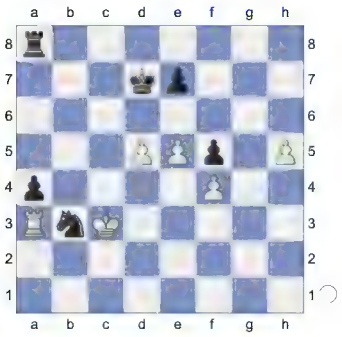
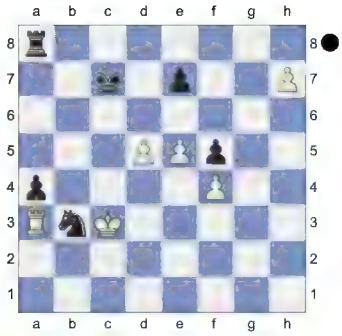


71.Kc4 Rc8+ 72.Kd3? -4.56/22
[72.Kb5∓ -1.20/24]
72...Nc5+ -2.33/24
[⌓72...Ke8 -4.56/22 Hoping for ...Kf7. 73.h6 Kf7]
73.Kd4 Nb3+? 0.01/21
[73...e6!-+ -2.19/24 74.d6 Nb3+ 75.Kd3 Ke8]
74.Kd3= Rh8? -0.87/24
[74...Ke8-+ -4.00/20 Threatens to win with ...Kf7. 75.h6 Kf7]
75.Kc3 -1.79/23
[75.Kc4∓ -0.87/24 Rc8+ 76.Kb5]
75...Ra8? -0.01/20
[75...Rxh5 76.Rxa4 Nc1 77.Ra7+ Kd8 78.Ra8+ Kc7 79.d6+ exd6 80.e6 Rh3+ 81.Kc2=]
[75...Nc5-+ -1.79/23 76.Kd4 Rc8]

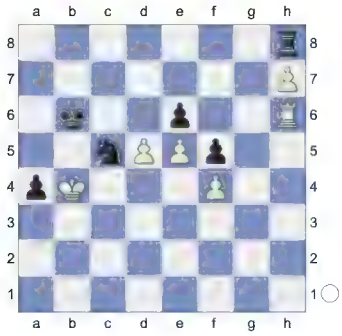


76.h6 -1.23/22
[76.Kc4!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]
76...Kc7 -0.23/23
[76...e6∓ -1.23/22 77.d6 Kc6]
77.h7

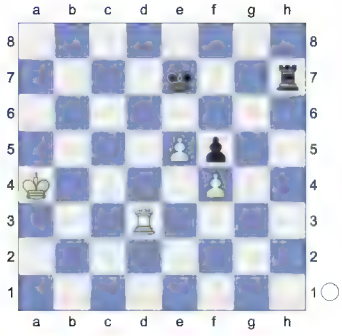
(Diagram)



Nc5 -0.01/25
[77...Rh8!∓ -0.80/24 White must now prevent ...Nc5. 78.Rxa4 Nc5]
78.Kb4 Kb6 79.Rh3 -0.64/22
[79.Rg3!= -0.02/24 Na6+ 80.Kxa4 Nc7+ 81.Kb3]
79...Rh8? 1.98/21
[79...Na6+∓ -0.64/22 stays ahead. 80.Kc4 *(80.Kxa4? Nc5+ 81.Kb4 Ra4+ 82.Kc3 Ra3+ 83.Kd4 Rxh3-+)* 80...Rc8+ 81.Kd4 Rh8]
80.Rh6++- e6

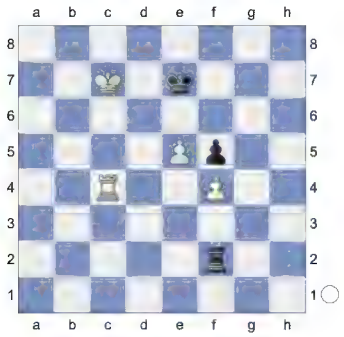


81.dxe6 Nd3+ 82.Kxa4 Kc7 83.e7 Kd7 84.Rd6+ Kxe7 Strongly threatening ...Nc5+. **85.Rxd3 Rxh7±**



KR-KR **86.Kb5?** 0.01/30

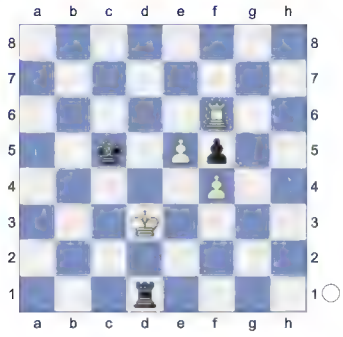
[White should try 86.Kb3+- 2.01/31]
86...Rh1= 87.Kc6 Rf1 88.Rd4 Ke6 89.Kc7 And now Kd8 would win.
[But not 89.Rd6+?! Ke7±]
89...Ke7 90.Rc4 Rf2



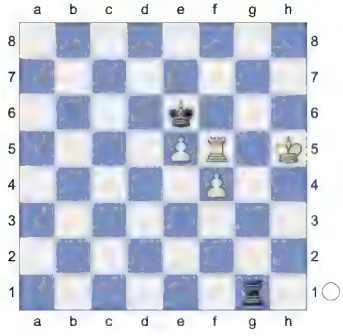
91.Kc6 Ke6 92.Kc5 Rf1 93.Rd4 Rc1+ 1.75/30
[93...Rf3= 0.30/29 and Black stays safe.]

94.Kb4!+- Kf7? 3.47/27
[94...Ke7 1.72/30 95.Kb3 Rf1]
95.Rc4? 0.81/28
[95.Rd6+- 3.47/27 and White stays clearly on top.]
95...Rf1±

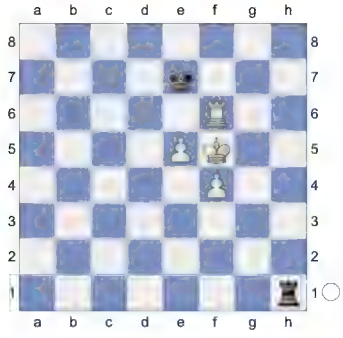
96.Kc3 aiming for Kd2. **96...Ke6** 2.08/28
[96...Kg6± 1.17/26 97.Kd2 *(97.Rc6+ Kh5±)* 97...Kh5]
97.Kd3
[Weaker is 97.Rc6+ Kd5 98.Rd6+ Kc5=]
97...Re1? 11.77/29
[97...Kd5 1.78/28 98.Rd4+ Kc5]
98.Rc6++- Kd5 99.Rd6+ Kc5 100.Rf6 White is clearly winning. **100...Rd1+**



101.Ke2 Ra1 102.Rxf5 Kd5 103.Kf3 Rf1+ 104.Kg4 Rg1+ 105.Kh5 Ke6

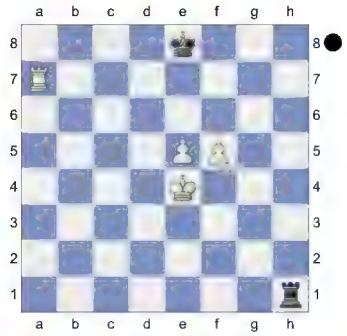


106.Rf6+ Ke7 107.Rg6 Rf1 108.Kg5 Kf7 109.Rf6+ Ke7 110.Kf5 Rh1



111.Ra6 Ra7+ is the strong threat.
111...Rh5+ 112.Ke4 Rh1 113.Ra7+

Ke8 114.f5



Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.38
1-0

133 **A50**
□ **Samunenkov,Igor** **2533**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2697**
EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)
RR: 'Inf 49/(62)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 b6**
[4...0-0 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 a6 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Rac1 b6 14.Rfd1 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.Qe4 Ra7 17.Nd5 Nc5 18.Qh4 Rb7 19.b4 Jussupow,A (2615)-Gelfand,B (2615) Linares 1990 CBM 017 [RR] 1-0 (66)]
5.Bg2 Bb7

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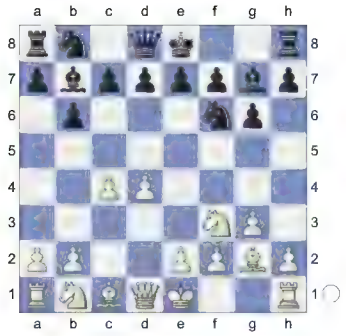
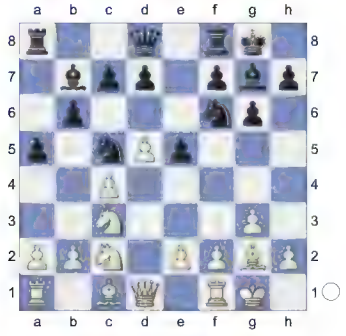


6.0-0 0-0 7.d5N 7.Re1 is a critical line. 7.Te1 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[7.b3 d6 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Re8 10.Qc2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Nb5 Rec8 14.Qb1 a6 15.Nc3 Re8 16.e4 Nc5 17.Rfe1 c6 18.b4 Ncd7 19.a3 Rad8 20.Na4 b5 21.cxb5 cxb5 Herbrig,A (2325)-Kalina, L (2076) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0]
7...Na6 8.Nc3 Nc5 9.Nd4 e5
White has an edge. **10.Nc2 a5**



11.b3 d6 12.e4 Bc8 13.Rb1 Ne8 14.a3 f5 15.exf5N
[15.f3 -0.03/20 15.exf5 0.57 a4 16.b4 Nb3 17.Be3 f4 18.Bf2 fxg3 19.hxg3 Bh6 20.Ne3 Bd7 21.Qd3 0-1 Palchuk,A (2248)-Demchenko,A (2653) Piestany Slovakia op-A 2022 (1)]
15...gxf5

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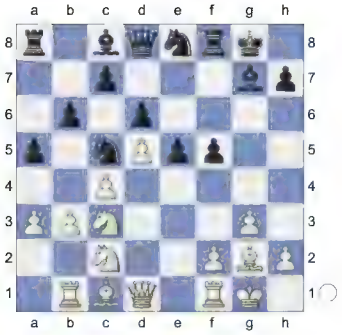
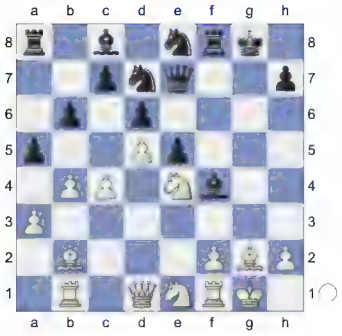
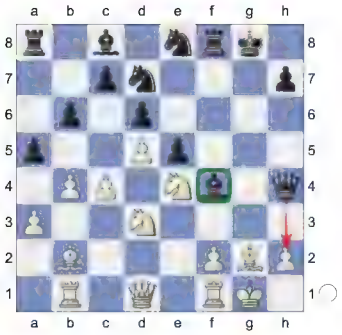


16.b4 Nd7 17.Bb2 f4 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Ne1
[19.Qg4 Nc5 20.Qe2 *(20.Qh5 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Nf6∓)* 20...Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qg5 22.bxa5 bxa5∓]
19...Bh6 20.gxf4 -0.04/18
[20.Nf3!± 0.32/15]
20...Bxf4=

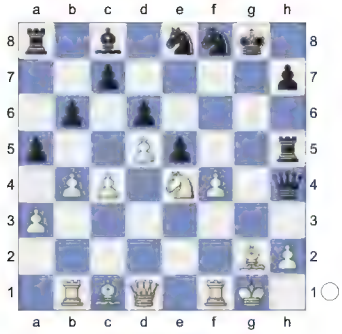


21.Nd3
[21.Qg4+ Ng7 22.Qe2 Qh4∓]
21...Qh4

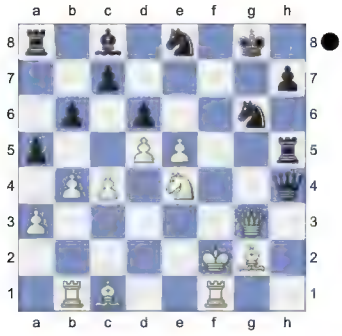


22.Nxf4 Rxf4 23.f3 Nf8 0.54/18
[23...Nef6= -0.01/20]
24.Bc1± Rf5 25.f4 -0.45/19
[White should try 25.Qe1± 0.62/19 Qxe1 26.Rxe1]

25...Rh5



And now ...axb4 would win. **26.Qf3** -0.79/19
[26.h3= -0.19/18 remains equal. Bxh3 27.Qf3]
26...Qxh2+∓ 27.Kf2 Rh1 is the strong threat. **27...Qh4+ 28.Qg3+ Ng6! 29.fxe5**



Strongly threatening e6. **29...Bf5**
[Much weaker is 29...Rxe5?! 30.Bb2 Rf5+ 31.Kg1∓]
30.Re1 Qxg3+ -0.60/21
[Much worse is 30...dxe5?! 31.c5∓]
[30...axb4∓ -0.99/21 31.Rxb4 Bxe4 32.Qxh4 Rxh4 33.Rxe4 Rxe4 34.Bxe4 Nxe5]

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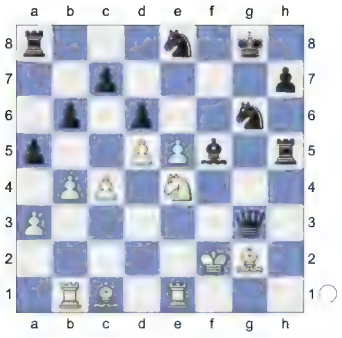
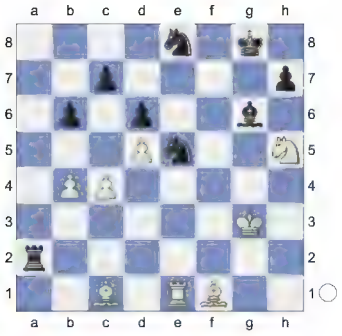


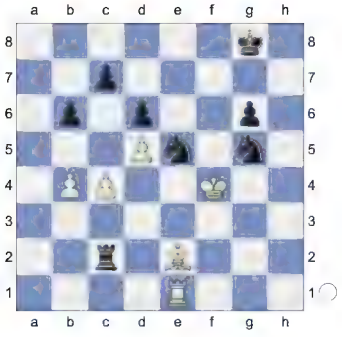
Really sharp! **31.Nxg3∓** Threatens to win with Rb2. **31...Bxb1** **32.Nxh5** Hoping for exd6. **32...Nxe5** **33.Bf1** -1.77/22

[33.Rxe5∓ -0.85/21 was worth a try. dxe5 34.d6]

33...axb4-+ **34.axb4** **Ra2+** **35.Kg3** **Bg6**



36.Nf4 **Nf6** **37.Nxg6** **hxg6** **38.Be2** **Rc2** **39.Bg5** **Ne4+** Pair of Knights! **40.Kf4** **Nxg5**



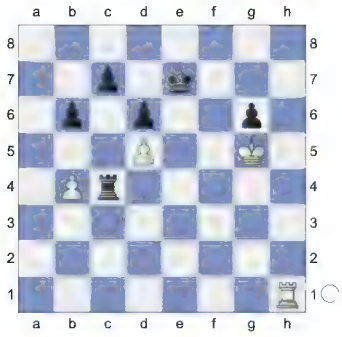
41.Kxg5 **Kg7**

[Stronger than 41...Nxc4 42.Kxg6 Ne5+ 43.Kf6=]

42.Kf4 **Nxc4** **43.Bxc4** -4.18/26

[43.Bd3 -2.85/22 was called for. Rc3 44.Re7+ Kh6 45.Ke4]

43...Rxc4+ **44.Kg5** **Kf7** **45.Rh1** **Ke7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

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134 **D85**

□ **Vetokhin,Savva** **2533**

■ **Baylav,Can** **2056**

Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..

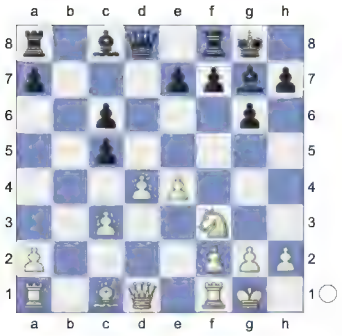
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 **Nf6** **2.c4** **g6** **3.Nc3** **d5** **4.cxd5** **Nxd5** **5.e4** **Nxc3**

6.bxc3 **Bg7** **7.Nf3** **c5** **8.Bb5+** **Nc6** **9.0-0** **0-0** **10.Bxc6!** 10.Bxc6 scores better than 10.Be3.10.Lxc6 punktet besser als 10.Le3. **10...bxc6**

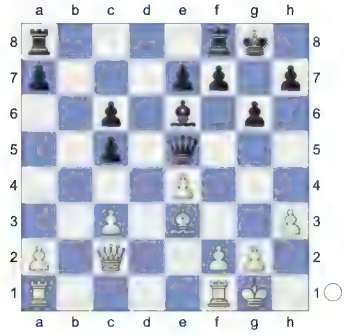
(Diagram)



11.Qc2 Bg4 0.56/20
[11...cxd4= -0.08/17 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Ne5 Qxd4 14.Bb2 Qb6 15.Rab1 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qa5 17.Bc3 Qc5 18.h3 Be6 19.Kh2 Rab8 20.Rbc1 Qc4 21.f4 Qxa2 22.Qd1 Bc4 23.Rf3 f6 24.Qe1 Qe2 25.Qh4 Bd3 26.e5 Be4 27.Rg3 Rb1 Dubov,D (2708)-Giri,A (2762) Shenzhen CHN 2024 [Milos Pavlovic] 1-0 (40)]
12.Ne5!± Bxe5 13.dxe5 White is slightly better. **13...Qc7N**
[13...c4 14.Bh6 *(14.Ba3 Qd3 15.Qxd3 cxd3 16.f3 Be6 17.Bxe7 Rfb8 18.Rfd1 Bc4 19.Rd2 Rb5 20.Bd6 a5 21.Kf2 a4 22.a3 Rb3 23.Ke3 Rxc3 24.Kd4* 1-0 (24) Meessen,R (2196)-Van Meegen,R (2285) Groningen 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson]*)* 14...Re8 15.h3 Be6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.f4 Qc8 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Bd5 20.Qf2 Kh8 21.f6 Rg8 22.Bg7+ Rxg7 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Rd4 Kh8 25.Rg4 Qe6 26.Qf4 Rg8 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Qg5+ Baches Garcia,G (2318)-Schut,H (2088) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (42)]
14.h3 Be6

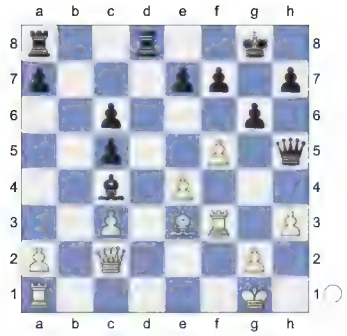
(Diagram)

15.Be3N 0.52/20
[15.f4! Rfd8 16.Be3 0.46/18 *(16.Qe2± 0.80/19)* 16...Bc4± 17.Rfd1 Prevents Bd3. Qa5 18.f5 Qa6 1.55/20 *(18...Rxd1+± 0.53/21 19.Rxd1 Qxa2 20.Qxa2 Bxa2)* 19.Bxc5 Bd3? 3.31/21 *(19...Rxd1+± 1.59/19 20.Qxd1 Bd3)* 20.Qf2 Bxe4 21.Rxd8+ 1.53/5 *(21.e6+- 2.72/22 f6 22.fxg6)* 21...Rxd8± 22.Bxe7 1.47/17 1-0 Kavyev,R (2282)-Elsness,F (2418) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jul Early blitz 2024 (8) *(22.e6+- 2.56/21 Qc4 23.Re1)*]
[15.f4± 0.88/20]
15...Qxe5

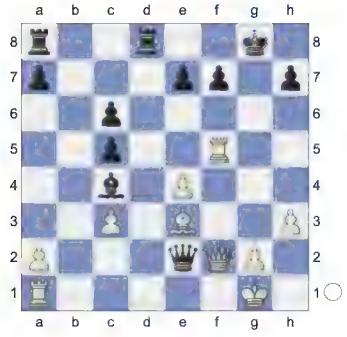


16.f4 Qh5 17.f5 Bc4 18.Rf3 Rfd8? 2.55/18
[18...Qh4± 0.95/19 might work better.]

(Diagram)

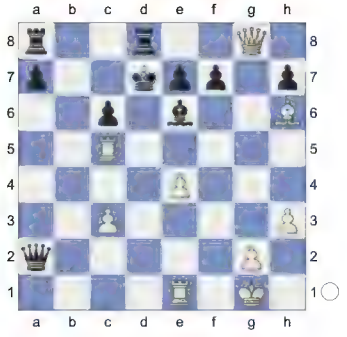


19.Qf2!+- Threatens to win with g4.
19...gxf5 4.65/23
[19...g5 2.42/23 20.Bxg5 *(20.Bxc5 Rd7±)* 20...f6]
20.Rxf5 Qe2

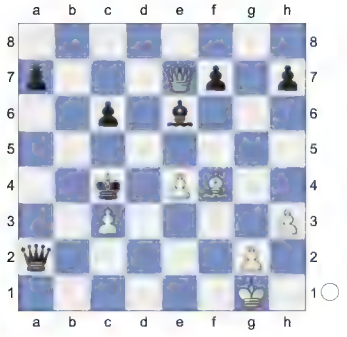


21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Rxc5? 1.57/21
[22.Bxc5+- 4.83/21 is the precise move to win. Black must now prevent Qe5. Rd2 23.Re1 Qxg2+ 24.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 25.Kxg2]
22...Be6 2.30/18
[22...Rd6± 1.57/21 was necessary.]
23.Re1
[23.Rxc6?! Rac8 24.Re1 Qxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Rxc6±]
23...Qxa2 4.88/21
[23...Rd1 1.97/21 24.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 25.Kh2 Qd6]
24.Bh6+? 1.59/5
[24.Rg5+- 4.88/21 f6 25.Rg7]
24...Ke8± 25.Qg8+? 0.76/5
[25.Rxc6 Qa5±]
[25.Qg7 Qb3±]
[25.Rg5+- 3.35/20 has better winning chances.]

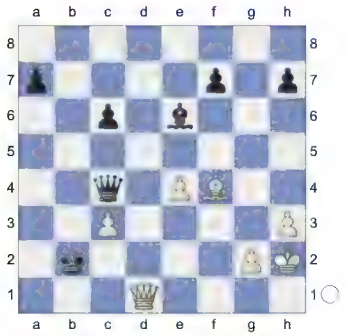
25...Kd7



26.Rd1+ Kc7 27.Bf4+ Deflection
27...Kb6 28.Rxd8 The board is on fire.
28...Rxd8 29.Qxd8+ Kxc5 30.Qxe7+ Kc4!

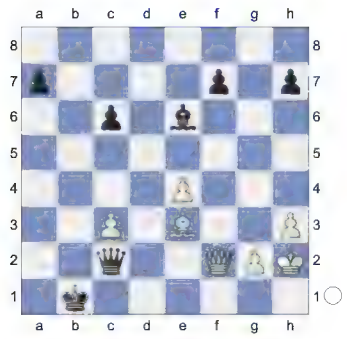


31.Qb4+ Kd3 32.Qd4+ Kc2 33.Kh2 Qc4 aiming for ...Qxd4. **34.Qd2+ Kb3 35.Qd1+ Kb2**



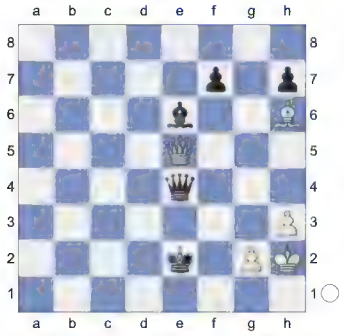
36.Qc1+ Ka2 37.Qc2+ Ka1 38.Bc1 -0.42/22
[38.Bd6= 0.01/20]
38...Qb3!∓ 39.Qf2 Kb1 -0.01/23
[Better is 39...a5∓ -0.57/21]
40.Be3 -0.55/21
[40.Bf4= -0.01/23]
40...Qc2 0.26/24

[40...a5!∓ -0.55/21]

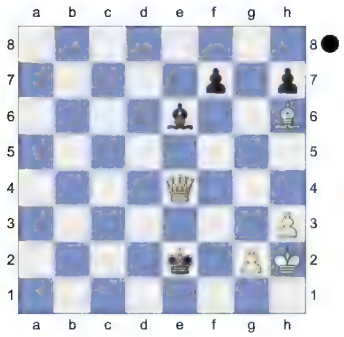


41.Qf1+ Ka2 0.75/23
[41...Kb2= 0.01/23 remains equal.]
42.Qa6+±
[Of course not 42.Bxa7 Qxe4 43.Qf6 *(43.Bd4 Bd5=)* 43...Kb3=]
42...Kb3 43.Qxa7 -0.01/23
[43.Qxc6± 0.71/22 Qxc3 44.Qb7+ *(44.Qb5+ Qb4±)* 44...Qb4 45.Qxa7]
43...Kxc3 0.31/23
[43...Qxe4= -0.01/23 is more appropriate. 44.Bh6 Qe5+ 45.Kh1 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qe5+ 47.Kh1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qe5+]
44.Qc5+ Kd3 45.Qd4+ Ke2

46.Bh6 0.01/24
[46.Bg1± 0.40/21]
46...Qd3 0.87/22
[46...c5!= 0.01/24 47.Qe3+ Kf1 48.Qg1+ Ke2]
47.Qb4 0.01/24
[47.Qb2+± 0.87/22 Ke1 48.Qc1+ Kf2 49.Qb2+ Ke1 50.Qc1+ Kf2 51.Qb2+ Ke1]
47...c5 0.61/24
[47...Qc2= 0.01/24]
48.Qxc5± Qxe4 49.Qb5+ 0.23/23
[49.Kg1!± 0.69/22 was preferrable.]
49...Qd3 0.81/19
[49...Ke1= 0.23/23 keeps the balance.]
50.Qe5+± Qe4? #4/10



51.Qxe4+



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135 **E62**
□ **Batsuren,Dambasuren** **2531**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2588**
Wch Blitz New York (7) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6
E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6

and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 Ding Liren plays a very unusual move in on of the main lines of the Panno variation. There is a sneaky idea involved, but when its implementation is mistimed, White seizes the initiative with an exchange sacrifice. Ding Liren plays a very unusual move in on of the main lines of the Panno variation. There is a sneaky idea involved, but when its implementation is mistimed, White seizes the initiative with an exchange sacrifice. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6**

6.Nf3 a5

[6...Nc6 7.0-0 Rb8 8.d5 Na5 9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 a6 11.Nd2 b5 12.Qc2 Bh6 13.f4 bxc4 14.bxc4 e5 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Nd5 Rxb2 17.Qxb2 Bg7 18.Qc1 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Bd7 20.Rb1 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Mikhailov,S (2543)-Cardenas,R (2581) Bucuresti 102/59 2006 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311]]

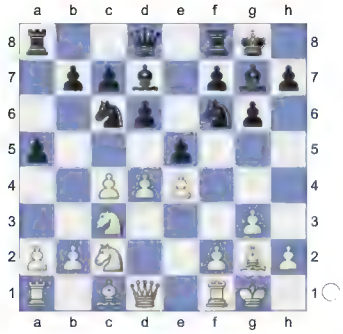
7.0-0 Bf5!? Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8.Ne1N**

[8.h3 Ne4 9.Nd5 c6 10.Ne3 Bc8 11.Qd3 Nf6 12.b3 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bb2 e4 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Rad1 Re8 17.Nd2 Nbd7 18.g4 Nxg4 19.hxg4 Bxb2 20.Nxe4 Be5 21.f4 Bg7 22.Rd3 Nf6 Tan,Z (2561)-Lagno,K (2515) Novotel, bld. Princesse Charl 2025 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (107)]

8...Nc6 White is slightly better. **9.e4 Bd7N**

[9...Bg4 10.f3 Bd7 11.Be3 e5 12.Nc2 exd4 13.Nxd4 a4 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Rc1 Re8 16.Qd2 1-0 Roiz,M (2594)-Shtembuliak,E (2420) EU-ch blitz Minsk 2015 (16.10)]

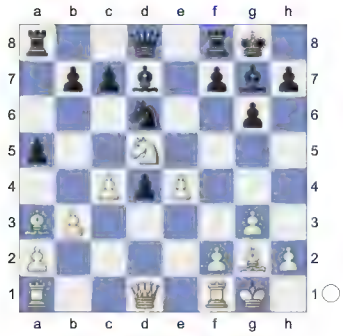
10.Nc2 e5



11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Ne8 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Nd4 1.72/21

[14...Re8± 0.65/17]

15.Nxd4+- exd4



16.Bc5 Bc6 2.04/18

[⌓16...f5 1.69/17 17.e5 *(17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nxe4±)* 17...Bxe5]

17.Bxd4 Bxd5 18.cxd5

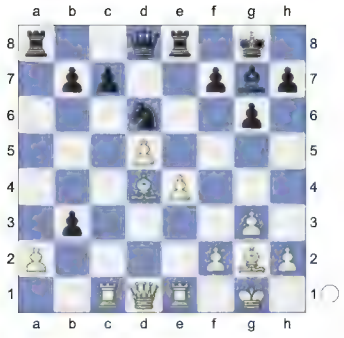
[18.exd5?! Bxd4 19.Qxd4 b6]

18...Re8 19.Re1 a4 20.Rc1

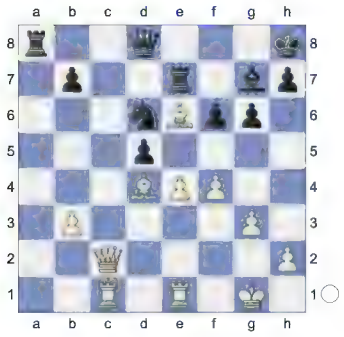
[Resist 20.bxa4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 b6+-]

20...axb3

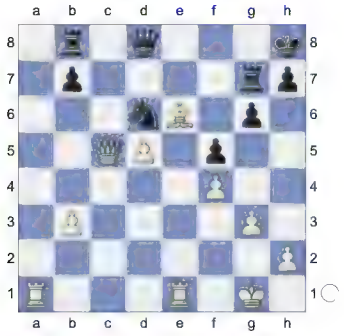
(Diagram)



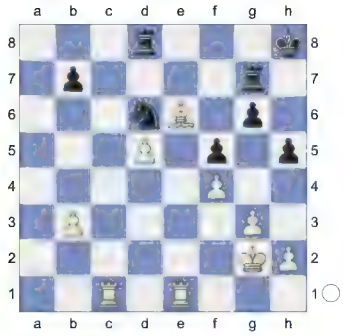
21.axb3 f6 22.Qc2 Re7 23.f4 Kh8 24.Bh3 c6? 3.87/19
[24...Qe8 2.14/18 25.Be6 Nb5]
25.Be6 1.83/21 This bishop pair is nice.
[⌓25.dxc6 3.87/19 bxc6 26.Qxc6]
25...cxd5



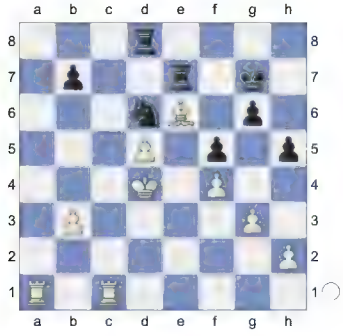
26.exd5 f5 27.Qc3 1.33/20
[27.Bc5+- 1.82/20]
27...Nb5± 28.Bxg7+ Rxg7 29.Qc5 Nd6 30.Ra1 Rb8 1.58/16
[⌓30...Rxa1 1.11/20 31.Rxa1 h6]



31.Kg2 Ne4 2.76/19
[31...h6± 1.45/17 was worth a try. 32.Rec1 Kh7]
32.Qd4 Qd6 2.04/20
[⌓32...Nd6 1.66/15 33.Re3 h6]
33.Rac1+- Rd8 34.Qe5 0.87/20
[34.Rc2+- 1.92/21]
34...h5? 3.13/19
[34...Qxe5± 0.87/20 35.fxe5 Ng5]
35.Qxd6? 1.06/21
[35.Rxe4+- 3.13/19 and the rest is easy. fxe4 36.Qg5 *(36.Qxe4 Rf8±)*]
35...Nxd6±

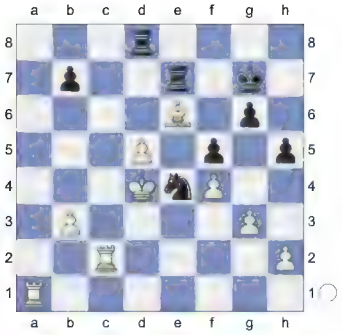


36.Kf3 Ra8 37.Ra1 Prevents Ra3.
37...Rd8 38.Ke3 Rc7 39.Rec1 Re7 40.Kd4 Kg7

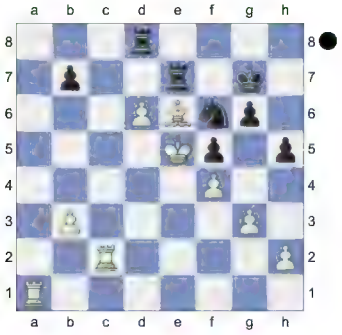


41.Rc2 0.47/21
[Better is 41.Kc5± 1.08/20]
41...Ne4 1.37/22
[Black should try 41...Nb5+± 0.47/21 42.Kc4 Nc7]

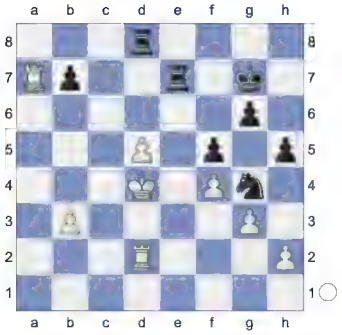
(Diagram)



42.Ke5? -3.91/23
[42.Rc8!± 1.37/22 is necessary to keep the advantage. Rxc8 43.Bxc8]
42...Nf6-+ 43.Rd2
[Don't play 43.d6



Rxe6+! 44.Kd4 Rexd6+ 45.Kc3 Ne4+ 46.Kb2 Rb6-+]
43...Ng4+ Deflection **44.Kd4 Rxe6 45.Ra7 Re7**



aiming for ...Nf6. Black is clearly winning.
46.Kc5 Nf6 47.Rd4 Red7 48.Kc4 Nxd5 49.Kc5 b6+

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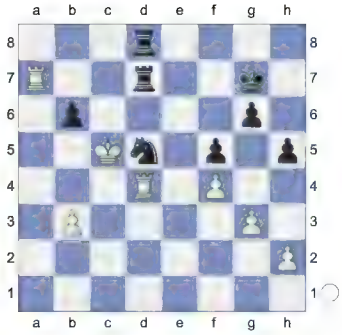

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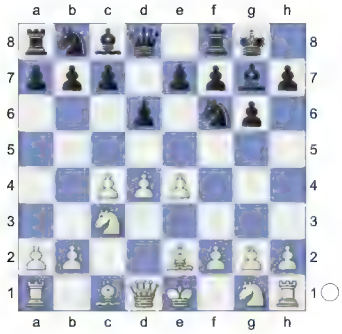
136 **E94**
□ **Woodward,Andy** **2530**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2638**
Wch Rapid New York (4) 26.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

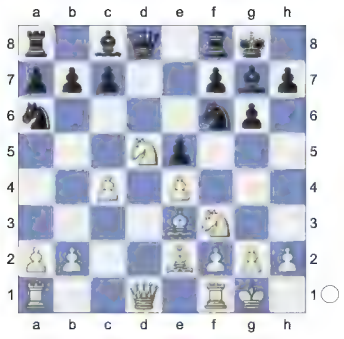
E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Be3 Na6 7.Nf3
[7.h4 c5 8.d5 e6 9.h5 exd5 10.exd5 Re8 11.Qd2 Nc7 12.Bg5 a6 13.Qf4 Qe7 14.Nf3 b5 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.h6 Bh8 17.f3 Qd7 18.g4 b4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nce4 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Bxe4 Xiong,J (2636)-Costachi,M (2464) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]
7...e5N

[7...c5 8.d5
A) 8...e6 9.0-0 *(9.h3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nd2 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.Qc2 Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.0-0 Bb5 16.Rfe1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 Nb5 18.Ree1 Nd4 19.Qd3 Nd7 20.f4 Qh4 21.Rf1 f5 22.Rae1 Qg3 23.Qb1 b5* Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2515)-Ig1 (2456) Baku 2023 Inf87 [John Watson] 0-1 (43)) 9...Nc7 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 b6 12.Qc2 exd5 13.cxd5 Ba6 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 a6 16.h3 Rb8 17.Qd3 Qc8 18.Bf4 Bf8 19.Ra3 Nd7 20.Qg3 Ne5 21.Be2 b5 22.axb5 Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Msellek,I (2406)-Marcziter,D (2220) Chess, com INT 2024 0-1 (41);
B) 8...Bg4 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nc7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rad1 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Kh1 Qc8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Na5 e6 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Na4 Rb8 21.h3 exd5 22.exd5 Sriram,A (2306)-Mitrabha,G (2509) Taleigao 2025 ½-½ (73)]

8.0-0 Qe7 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nd5 Qd8



11.Qc2 White is slightly better. **11...Ng4 12.Bd2 c6 13.Nc3 Qe7 14.h3 Nf6 15.Be3 Nh5**

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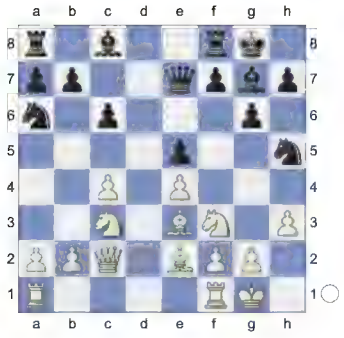
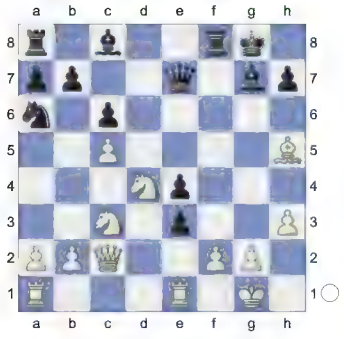


16.Rfe1 f5!?N 0.69/18
New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.
[16...Nf4 17.Bf1 Qf6 18.Nd2 Rd8 19.a3 Bf8 20.b4 Nc7 21.Nb3 Nce6 22.Rad1 Re8 23.Ne2 h5 0.85/19 *(23...a5=* 0.27/18 remains equal.*)* 24.c5± Nxe2+ 25.Qxe2 Nf4 26.Qc2 0.63/18 *(*Better is *26.Qb2±* 0.94/20 *)* 26...g5 0.97/17 ½-½ Cramling,P (2453)-Hillarp Persson,T (2542) Lund CellaVision Cup 2018 (8) *(26...b6±* 0.63/18 *)*]
[16...Nf4 0.33/19 should be considered.]
17.exf5± gxf5 18.c5 e4! 19.Nd4 0.05/20
[19.Nd2± 0.45/18]
19...f4!= 20.Bxh5 -0.69/21
[White should try 20.Bd2± 0.36/19 Bxd4 21.Nxe4]
20...fxe3∓



21.fxe3
[21.Nxe4? Nxc5! 22.Bf3 *(22.Nxc5? exf2+ 23.Qxf2 Qxc5-+)* 22...Nxe4

23.Rxe3 Qc5! 24.Bxe4 Bxd4-+]

21...Nxc5 Threatens to win with ...Qh4.

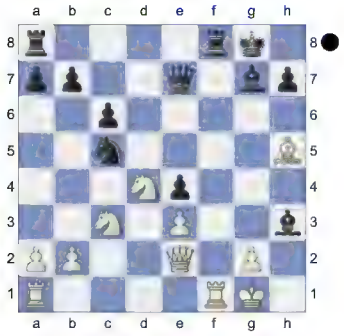
22.Rf1 -1.38/22

[22.Qe2!∓ -0.43/19]

22...Bxh3∓ And now ...Qg5 would win.

23.Qe2 -2.20/21

[⌓23.Rxf8+ -1.68/20 Rxf8 24.Qe2]



23...Qg5!-+ ...Kh8 is the strong threat.

24.b4 -3.44/22

[⌓24.Nb3 -1.96/21 Bxg2 25.Qxg2 *(25.Rxf8+? Rxf8 26.Qxg2 Qxh5-+)* 25...Qxh5 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rf1]

24...Bxg2 Dancing on a razor blade. A strong pair of Bishops. **25.Qc4+?** -14.00/22

[Reject 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Qxg2 Qxe3+ 27.Kh1 Qxd4-+]

[25.Qxg2 -3.66/21 Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Qxd4 27.bxc5 Qxc5 28.Qh3 Qxc3 29.Qxc3 Bxc3 30.Rad1]

25...Kh8

26.Qxc5 Qg3? -3.43/23

[26...Qxe3+ -14.01/22 27.Kxg2 Rg8]

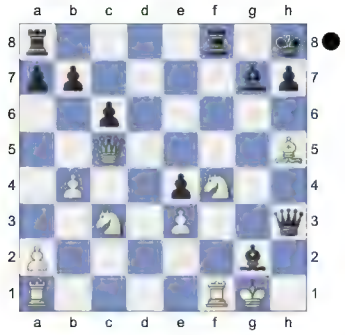
27.Nde2? -7.33/21

[27.Nce2 -3.43/23 Qh3 28.Rf7 Rxf7 29.Bxf7]

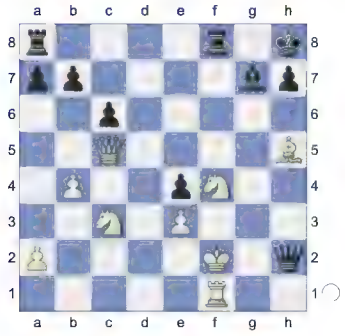
27...Qh3

[And not 27...Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Qh3 29.Rf7=]

28.Nf4



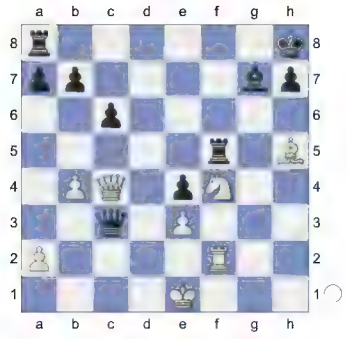
Qh1+!→ Black wants a kill. **29.Kf2 Bxf1** Black is clearly winning. **30.Rxf1 Qh2+**



31.Ke1

Rf5!! 32.Qc4 Qc2 33.Rf2 Qxc3+ -7.08/23

[⌓33...Bxc3+ -19.19/25 34.Kf1 Qc1+ 35.Kg2 Rg5+ 36.Kh3 Qxe3+ 37.Rf3 exf3 38.Bg4 f2+ 39.Kh4 Rag8 40.Qf7 Rxg4+ 41.Kh5 Qe5+ 42.Qf5 Qxf5+ 43.Kh6 Bg7#]



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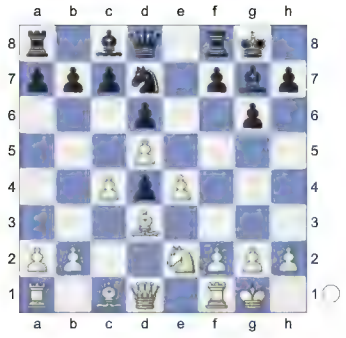
137 **E70**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2530**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2439**
E Women GP Shimkent 2024 (6.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
Kiselev,Sergey; Gagarin,V: 'Kiselev,S; Gagarin,V: 'Inf 55/579'' **1.d4** 5 **Nf6** 8 **2.c4** 10 **g6** 14 **3.Nc3** 17 **Bg7** 8 **4.e4** 16 **d6** 9 **5.Bd3** 19 **0-0** 1:26

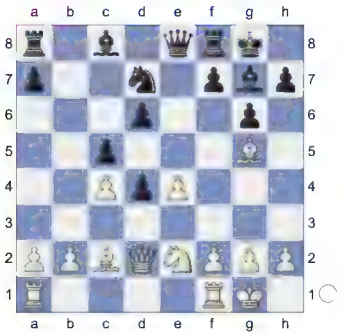
6.Nge2 10 **Nc6** 2:30 **7.0-0** 25 **e5** 3:46 **8.d5** 41 **Nd4** 1:39 **9.Nxd4** 55 **exd4** 6 **10.Ne2** 11 **Nd7** 3:30

(Diagram)

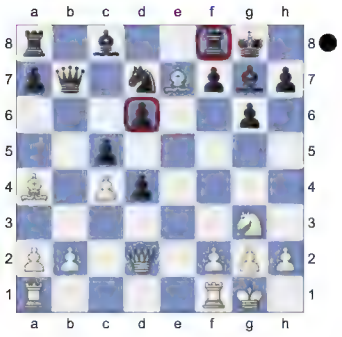


11.Bf4N 11:23
[11.Bc2 Ne5 12.Nxd4 Nxc4 13.b3 Nb6 14.Bb2 Bd7 15.a4 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qd2 c5 18.Rad1 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Be6 21.a5 Nd7 22.f4 Rc8 23.Rf2 Bg4 24.Ra1 Qf6 25.e5 dxe5 0-1 Pavlidou,E (2178)-Kowalski,I (2344) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (6)]
[11.Rb1 c5 12.f4 Re8 13.Ng3 Qh4 14.Qf3 a6 *(14...b5 15.cxb5 a6 16.a4 Nf6 17.h3 axb5 18.axb5 Bd7 19.b4 c4 20.Bxc4 Rac8 21.Bd3 Rc3 22.Bd2 Bg4 23.hxg4 Nxg4 24.Rfd1 Nh2 25.Qe2 Qxg3 26.Be1 Qxf4 27.g3 Nf3+ 28.Kf2 Qh6 29.Qxf3* 1-0 Kiselev,S (2530)-Ryskin,A (2445) 55/579 Wisla 1992*)* 15.Bd2 Rb8 16.a4 b6 17.Rbe1 Rb7 18.h3 a5 19.Re2 Ra7 20.b3 Nf8 21.e5 dxe5 22.f5 gxf5 23.Bxf5 e4 24.Nxe4 Bxf5 25.Nf6+ Qxf6 1-0 Moiseenko,A (2701)-Van Kampen,R (2612) Qatar Masters op 2014 (8)]
11...Qe7 13:45 **12.Qd2** 22:33 **c5!** 5:36 The position is equal. **13.dxc6** -0.38/20 10:39
[13.Rae1= -0.01/19 is more appropriate.]
13...bxc6∓ 5 **14.Bg5** 29 **Qe8** -0.01/19 7:59
[14...f6∓ -0.41/21 is superior. 15.Bh4 c5]
15.Bc2 -0.63/22 4:53

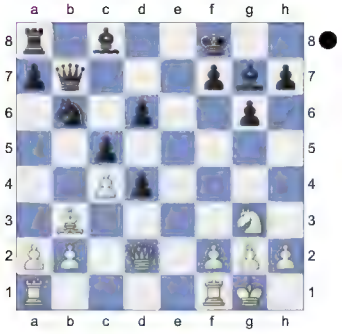
[15.Bf4= -0.01/19 Qe6 16.Rfe1]
15...c5 6:15



16.Ba4 -0.85/21 9:55
[16.b3= -0.28/22 remains equal.]
16...Qxe4∓ 8:52 **17.Ng3** 5 **Qb7** 2:26
18.Be7 8

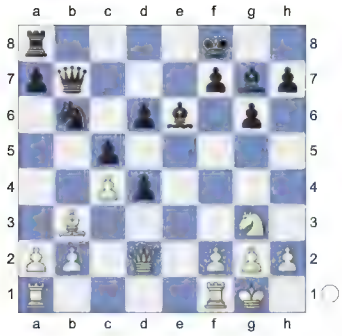


Nb6! 12:45 Discovered Attack, Double Attack **19.Bxf8** 7 **Kxf8** 11
[19...Nxc4 20.Qc2 Kxf8 21.Qxc4±]
20.Bb3 2:10

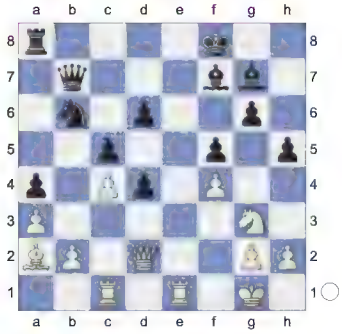


Be6 -0.38/21 29
[20...a5!∓ -0.89/21 ...a5-a4 would now be deadly. 21.Qf4 Qc7]

(Diagram)

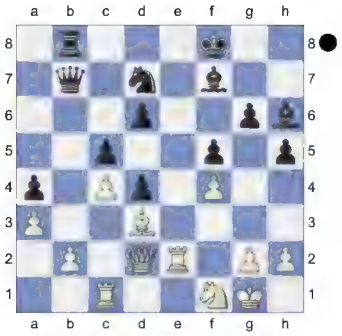


21.Rac1 -1.01/21 3:53
[21.Rfe1∓ -0.38/21]
21...a5→ 2:14 Hoping for ...a5-a4. Black has strong compensation. White is in trouble. **22.a3** 5:29 **a4** 1:43 **23.Ba2** 5 **h5** -0.30/21 2:46 Black is more active.
[23...Nd7∓ -1.01/19 24.f4 f5]
24.f4 -1.20/20 14:01 White is on the road to losing.
[24.Rfe1= -0.30/21]
24...f5 14 **25.Rfe1** 4:31 **Bf7** 1:21

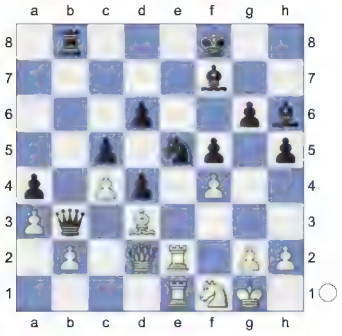


26.Nf1 -1.39/22 1:09
[White should try 26.Nh1 -0.86/21]
26...Nd7 2:05 **27.Bb1** -1.72/22 2:33
[27.Rb1∓ -1.07/21]
27...Rb8-+ 1:48 **28.Re2** -2.05/23 43
[⌓28.Qe2 -1.67/22]
28...Bh6 2:13 And now ...Nd7-e5! would win. **29.Bd3** -2.81/24 2:31
[29.Rce1 -1.79/21 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)

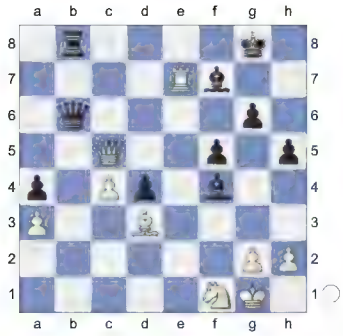


29...Ne5! 1:02 **30.Rce1** 1:07
[30.Rf2 h4]
30...Qb3 6:19
[30...Bxc4 31.Rxe5 Bxd3 32.Re6=]
[30...Nxc4 31.Bxc4 Bxc4 32.Re7 Qxb2 33.Qa5 Bxf4 *(33...Qxa3 34.Qc7 Qb2 35.Qxd6)* 34.Qa7=]

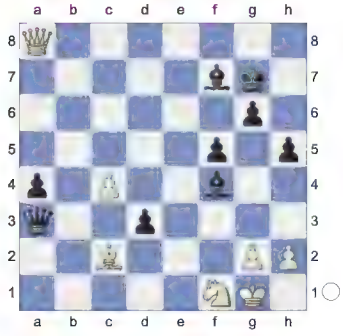


31.Rxe5 47 **dxe5** 3 **32.Rxe5** 5 **Qxb2** 25
33.Qa5 53 **Bxf4** 2:51
[33...Qxa3 34.Qc7 Re8 35.Bxf5 Rxe5 *(35...gxf5 36.Rxf5 Re7 37.Qd8+ Re8 38.Qf6; 35...Bxf4 36.Rxe8+ Bxe8 37.Qxf4=)* 36.fxe5-+]
34.Qxc5+ 37 **Kg8** 4 **35.Re7** 1:34 **Qb6** 2:19

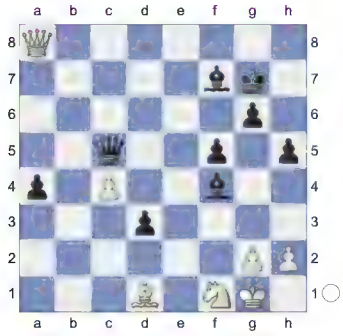
(Diagram)



36.Qb5 1:35 **Qd6** 2:02 Black is clearly winning. **37.Rb7** -7.76/23 34
[⌓37.Qd7 -4.90/23 Qxd7 *(37...Qxa3? perishes. 38.Rxf7 Bh6 39.Re7+-)* 38.Rxd7]
37...Rxb7 44 **38.Qxb7** 3 **Qxa3** 18
39.Bc2 45 **d3** 1:57
[Weaker is 39...Bxc4 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qxc4 Be3+ 42.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 43.Kf1=]
40.Qa8+ 1:04 **Kg7** 46



41.Bd1 30:05 **Qc5+** 30:58



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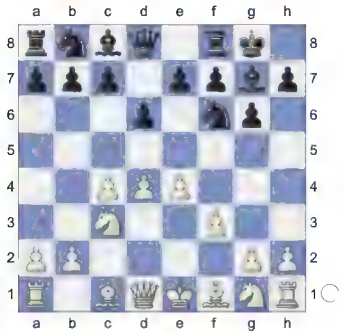
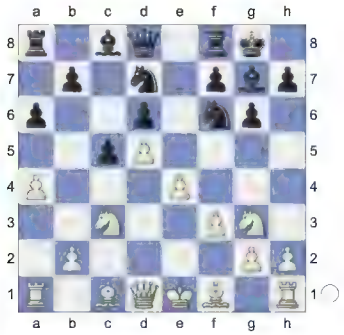
138 **A65**
□ **Tang,Andrew** **2529**
■ **Alrehaili,Ahmed Abdullah S** **2154**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0



6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7



11.Be2 Rb8 now supersedes 11...h5. löst 11...h5 inzwischen ab. **12.0-0 Ne8**
[12...Re8 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Qd2 c4 15.Qc1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra7 Qd8 18.b4 Ne5 19.Qa3 h5 20.Nh1 Bd7 21.Nf2 Ra8 22.h3 Rxa7 23.Qxa7 Qa8 24.Ra1 Qxa7 25.Rxa7 Rc8 26.Bd4 Nd3 27.Nxd3 Wu,D (2232)-Montano Vicente,G (1970) Chess.com INT 2025 ½-½ (116)]
13.Be3
[13.Bf4 f5 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.Kh1 Bd7 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Nh5 Bh8 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.g4 Ng7 20.Rg1 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7 b4 23.gxf5 bxc3 24.Qxc3 Qh4 25.Bxg7 Bxg7 26.Nxg7 Kh8 27.Bb5 Bxb5 Abdusattorov,N (2777)-Mahdavi,R (2394) Doha 2024 Mega2025 Update 07 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]
13...Nc7 14.f4N was the old line (14. a5). war die alte Variante (14.a5).
[14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 h5 18.Rfe1 h4 19.Nf1 h3 20.g4 Qh4 21.Ng3 Rb4 22.Rg1 Nb5 23.Nf5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Nxc3 25.Qxc3 Ne5 26.Qa3 Rxe4 27.Bg5 Qf2 28.fxe4 Qxe2 Chapter Part9 Complete Games-4. ♗g2 ♗b7 5.0-0 c5 Deutschland 60/473 1999 Telechess CBM 108 [Bauer] 0-1 (49) 29.Rae1 Qf3+ 30.Qxf3 Nxf3 31.Bf6 Nxg1 32.Rxg1 Rxe4 33.Rxg7+ Kf8 34.Kg1 Bxf5 35.Rg5 Bg4 36.Bg7+ Ke8 37.Bc3 Rf4 38.Bd2 Rd4 39.Bc3 Rd1+ 40.Kf2 f5 41.Rg7 Kf8 42.Ke3 Rd4 43.Ra7 f4+ Webb,S-Trapl,J ICCF corr 1999 Corr 2002 [Konikowski] 0-1 (49)]
14...b5 15.e5 dxe5

The position is equal. **16.f5 b4** 0.63/20
[16...c4= 0.01/16]
17.Nce4± Nf6N 1.27/20
[17...Bb7 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Bg5! f6 20.d6 *(20.Bc4!? Nb6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qg4+-)* 20...Nd5!

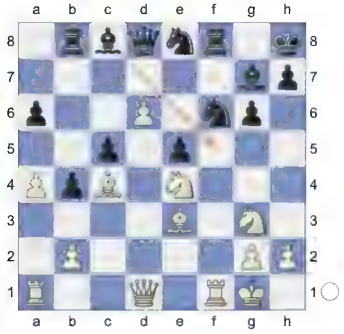
21.Bg4 -0.64/19 (*21.a5=* 0.22/19)
21...Qe8∓ 22.Bxd7 -1.68/19
(White should play *22.Qb3!∓* -0.54/18)
22...Qxd7-+ 23.Nxc5 Qxd6 24.Nxb7 Rxb7 ½-½ Gual Pascual,A (2320)-Glavina,P (2405) St Cugat op 1992 (9)]
[Black should try 17...Bb7± 0.65/20]

18.d6
[18.Bxc5?! Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxf5±]

18...Nce8 **19.fxg6**
0x0.0026aa86e69edp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed.
[Don't play 19.Nxc5?! a5±]
[Much weaker is 19.Bxc5?! Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxf5=]

19...fxg6 1.91/20
[19...hxg6± 0.97/19 20.Bg5 (*20.Bxc5 Bb7±*) 20...Rb6]

20.Bc4+ Kh8



21.Bxc5 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Bf5? 3.82/18
[22...Rxf1+ 1.64/20 was worth a try. 23.Kxf1 Bb7]

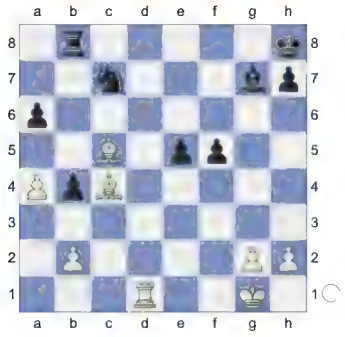
23.d7+- Nc7? 5.83/19
[23...Nf6 3.11/20]

24.Nd6? 2.03/20
[24.Bxf8 5.83/19 Bxf8 25.Rxf5! gxf5 26.Nd6]

24...Qxd7 **25.Nxf5→** Discovered Attack. White attacks with force. **25...Qxd1**

(Diagram)

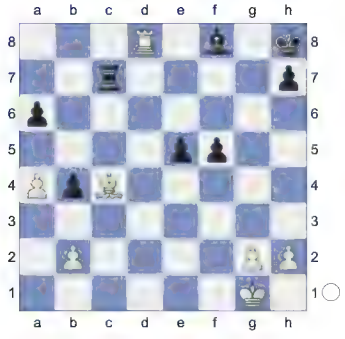
26.Raxd1 Rxf5 27.Rxf5 gxf5



28.Bd6 0.28/25 This bishop pair is nice.
[Better is 28.Bxb4!+- 1.76/20 Strongly threatening Ba5. h6 (*28...e4 29.b3*) 29.Ba5]

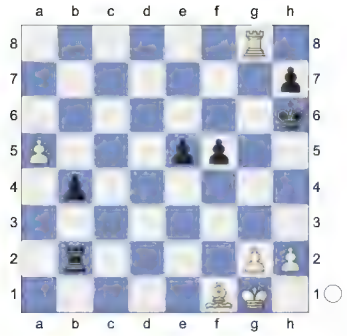
28...Rc8? 4.82/20 Loses the game.
[28...Rd8= 0.28/25 29.Rd2 b3]

29.Bxc7 Deflection **29...Rxc7** Endgame KRB-KRB **30.Rd8+ Bf8**

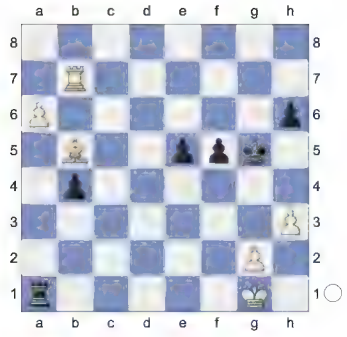


31.Rxf8+ KRB-KR **31...Kg7** **32.Rg8+** White is clearly winning. **32...Kh6** **33.Bxa6 Rc1+** **34.Bf1** aiming for a5. **34...Rb1** **35.a5 Rxb2**

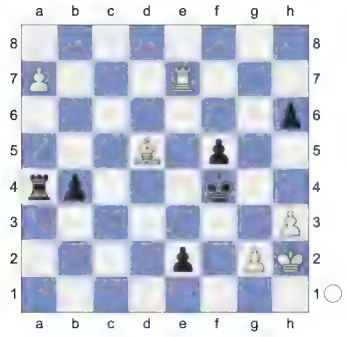
(Diagram)



36.a6 Ra2 37.Rb8 Ra4 38.h3 Kg5 39.Rb7 h6 40.Bb5 Ra1+



41.Kh2 Kf4 42.Bc4 Ra4 43.a7 e4 44.Bd5 e3 45.Re7 e2



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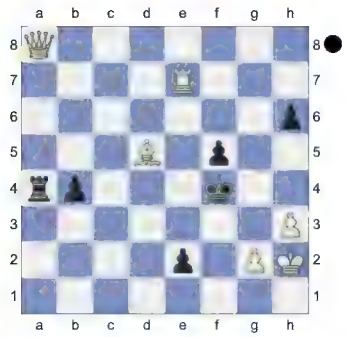

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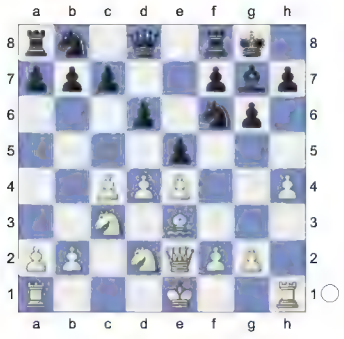
139 **E91**
Makarian,Rudik **2525**
Albornoz Cabrera,Carlos Daniel
Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4
ChessCalisthenics: 'B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.h4 Nf6N
Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[8...h5 9.Qd2 c5 10.d5 Na6 11.Bh6 Nc7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nd1 Nf6 14.Ng5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Qd7 16.Ne3 b5 17.b3 bxc4 18.bxc4 e5 19.0-0 Ng4 20.f4 exf4 21.Rxf4 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 f6 23.Nh3 Ehlvest,J (2540)-Ivanovic,B (2535) Vrsac 1987 CI1-130 [Ehlvest,Jaan; Truus,T] 1-0 (63) Rae8 24.Raf1 Qe7 25.Nf2 Qe5 26.Nd3 Qc3 27.Rc1 Qa3 28.Qd2 Rb8 29.Rcf1 Rb6 30.R4f3 Ra6 31.R1f2 Qa5 32.Qe3 Qc3 33.e5 dxe5 34.Nxc5 Qxe3 35.Rxe3 Rb6

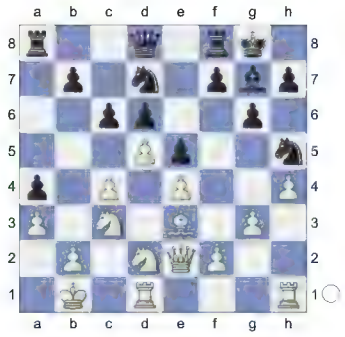
36.Ra3 a6 37.Rb3 Rxb3 38.axb3 Olsen,J (2615)-Perrot,H (2545) Bad Oeynhausen 1992 Telechess CBM 89 [Cafferty/Harding] ½-½ (63)]
[8...Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Rc1 c5 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 h5 13.g4 Nf6 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Rg1 Qd7 16.Qf3 Kh7 17.Ke2 Bf6 18.b3 e5 19.dxe6 Qxe6 20.Nd5 Nc6 21.Nc7 Qe7 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Qg4 Wang,Y (2306)-Bytchek,V (2622) Hastings 2016 200 Traps In The Opening [Velasco,S] 1-0 (83)]
[8...e5 9.d5 a5 10.h5 Bxh5 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nxf7 Rxf7 13.g4 Bxg4 14.Bxg4 Nf8 15.Be6 Nxe6 16.dxe6 Rf6 17.Nd5 Rxe6 18.Qg4 Kf7 19.Bxh6 Bf6 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Rh7+ Kg8 22.Qh3 Bf6 23.Rxc7 Mikhalevski,V (2548)-Vitebsky,G (2257) Ashdod 89/479 2003 CI1-130 [Mikhalevski,Victor] 1-0 (31)]

9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 e5

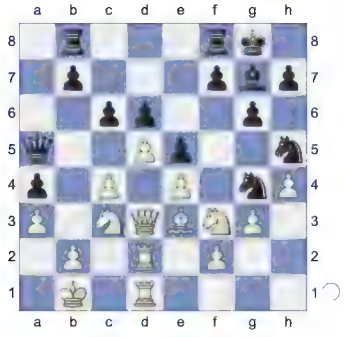


White is slightly better. **11.d5 Nh5 12.g3 a5N**
[Vorgänger: 12...a6 13.c5 Nd7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.a4 Prevents b5. Rc8 16.0-0 Nc5 1.07/19 *(16...Ndf6± 0.58/19 is superior.)* 17.b4 0.02/21 *(17.Ra3± 1.07/19)* 17...Nb3= 18.Nxb3 Threatens to win with Rac1. Rxc3 ½-½ Bluebaum,M (2661)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2583) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Mar Late blitz 2023 (3)]

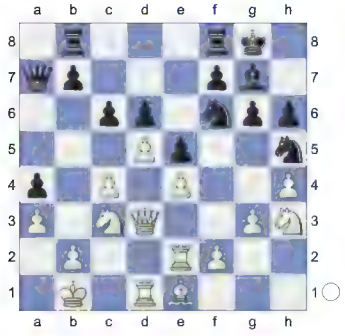
13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.Kb1 a4 15.a3 c6



16.Nf3 Qc7 17.Qd2 0.30/19
[17.g4± 0.63/16 is more appropriate. Nf4 18.Qc2]
17...Ndf6!= 18.Qd3 Ng4 19.Rd2 Qa5 Against c5 **20.Rhd1 Rab8**



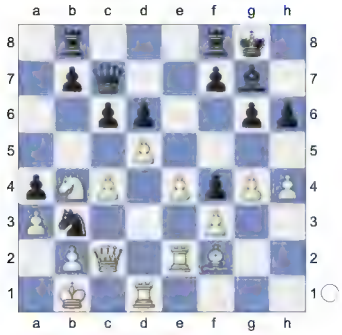
21.Re2 Rfc8 22.Bd2 Qa7 23.Be1 Rf8 0.98/19
[23...h6± 0.38/18]
24.Ng5 0.27/17
[24.dxc6± 0.98/19 bxc6 25.Qxd6]
24...h6 0.74/21
[24...Rfc8= 0.27/17]
25.Nh3± Ngf6



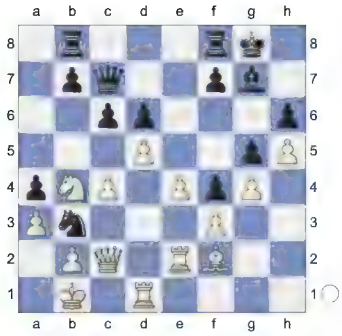
26.f3 Nd7 27.Bf2 Qa5 28.Qc2 Nc5

1.15/21
[⌓28...Nhf6 0.79/20]
29.Be1? -0.42/20
[29.Bxc5± 1.15/21 Qxc5 30.g4 *(30.Nxa4 Qa7±)*]
29...Qa6∓ 30.Na2 Nb3!

31.Nb4 Qb6 0.00/18
[31...Qa8!∓ -0.31/20 deserves consideration.]
32.Bf2 -0.57/20
[Better is 32.dxc6= 0.00/18 bxc6 33.g4 *(33.Rxd6 Nd4=)*]
32...Qc7 0.38/22
[32...c5∓ -0.57/20 33.g4 Nf6]
33.g4 0.05/20
[33.dxc6± 0.38/22 was preferrable. bxc6 34.Na6]
33...Nf4 0.71/22
[33...c5= 0.05/20 34.gxh5 cxb4 35.axb4 Rbc8]
34.Nxf4± exf4



35.h5 0.12/20
[35.dxc6!± 0.81/20 Black must now prevent Nd5. bxc6 36.Na6]
35...g5



36.Ka2? -1.27/21
[36.dxc6= 0.28/19 bxc6 37.Na6]
36...c5∓ 37.Nd3 b5 38.Rb1 -1.78/21
[38.Kb1∓ -0.90/19]
38...bxc4 39.Qxc4 Nd4 -0.49/18
[Black should play 39...Qd7∓ -1.30/20 And now ...Na5 would win. 40.Be1 Rb6]
40.Bxd4∓ Bxd4

41.Rc2 -0.89/22
[41.Nb4∓ -0.40/20 Qb7 42.Nc6 Qb3+ 43.Qxb3 Rxb3 44.Rf1]
41...Qb7 -0.42/23 &Nero is more active.
[41...Qa5∓ -0.89/22]
42.Qxa4 Ra8 43.Qc4 Rfb8↑
Keeping White busy. **44.b4** -1.48/20
[⌓44.Rbc1 -0.96/21]

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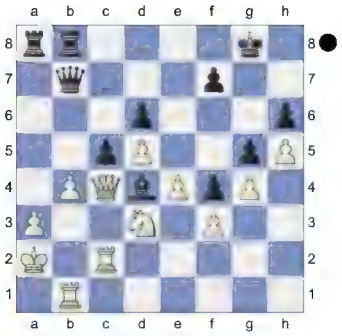
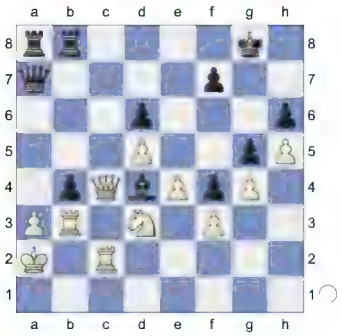
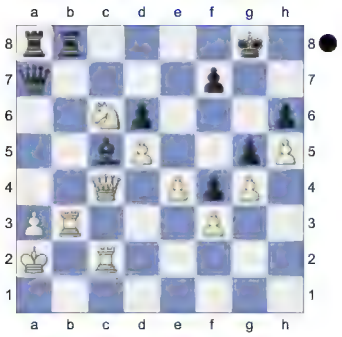


44...Qa7 -0.01/22
[44...Ra4!∓ -1.48/20 Strongly threatening ...Qa7. 45.Rb3 Rba8]
45.Rb3!= cxb4



46.Nxb4 Nc6 is the strong threat.
46...Bc5 Hoping for ...Rxb4. **47.Nc6** -#2/6
[47.Qc3= -0.01/24]



47...Qxa3+!

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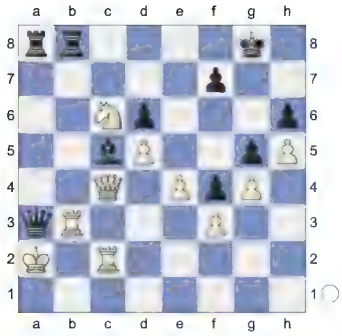

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140 **E61**
□ **Erdogmus,Yagiz Kaan** **2524**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2635**
Jeddah YM 1st (9) 30.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
Jansa,V: 'Inf 25/93' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6N**
[4...c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Ng4 *(8...Qa5 9.e3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nd4 Nb5 20.Nf3 Qf6 21.Rac1 Rc5 22.a4 Nc7 23.e4* Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) Novi Sad 2016 CBM 176 [Sumets, Andrey] 0-1 (44)*; 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qh4 Qa5 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Rac1 Rab8 13.Rc2 Rfc8 14.b3 a6 15.Rfc1 Qd8 16.Bg5 Qa5 17.c5 dxc5 18.Bf4 c4 19.Bxb8 cxb3 20.axb3 Bxb3 21.Nd5 Rxc2 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Rxc2* Ornstein,A-Jansa,V Vrnjacka Banja 1978 CI1-130 [Jansa,Vlastimil] 0-1 (36)*)* 9.e3 d6

10.h3 Nge5 11.b3 a6 *(11...Bd7 12.Nde2 Nb4 13.e4 f5 14.f4 Qb6+ 15.Kh2 Ned3 16.a3 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Nc6 18.e5 Be6 19.exd6 ½-½ (19) Predojevic,B (2609)-Berg,E (2544) Norway 2020 CBM 195 Extra [Berg, Emanuel])* 12.Bb2 Nxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 14.d5 Ne5 15.Qe2 Rb8 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Rad1 Qc8 19.f4 Ilincic,Z (2259)-Li,B (2183) Pozarevac 2024 1-0 (93)]

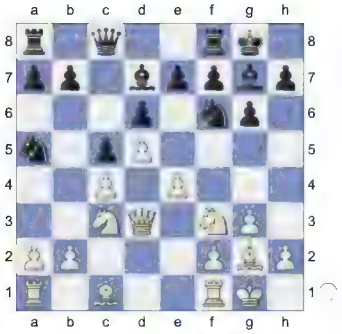
5.Nc3 Nc6

6.Nf3 Bd7 7.0-0 Qc8!?

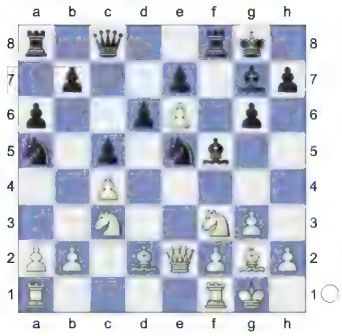
Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.d5** White is slightly better. **8...Na5N**

[Vorgänger: 8...Ne5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.f4 0.36/19 *(10.e4± 0.78/15)* 10...exf4± 11.Bxf4 0-0 12.Rc1 Ng4 13.e4 *(13.h3!? Ne5 14.Kh2±)* 13...Ne5 14.c5 c6 0-1 Iniyan,P (2506)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2608) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Apr blitz 2021 (10)]

9.Qd3 c5 10.e4 0-0



11.Bd2 a6 12.e5 Bf5 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.dxe6 Ne5



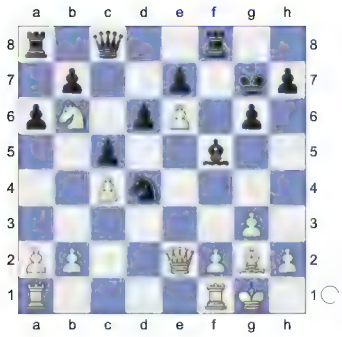
16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nd5 Nc6 18.Bh6 Bg7 1.22/20

[18...Qxe6± 0.51/17 19.Nc7 *(19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Rae1 Qd7±)* 19...Nd4]

19.Bxg7± Kxg7 20.Nb6 0.85/22

[⌓20.Rfe1! 1.37/21]

20...Nd4



21.Qe3 Qxe6 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Rae1 Strongly threatening Qg5. **23...Qxe3 24.Rxe3** 0.02/18

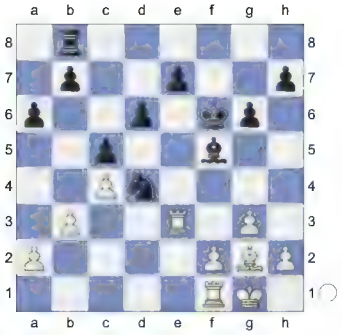
[24.fxe3± 0.59/22 Nc2 25.Rc1 *(25.Bxb7 Rb8∓)*]

24...Kf6= 25.b3 -0.24/20

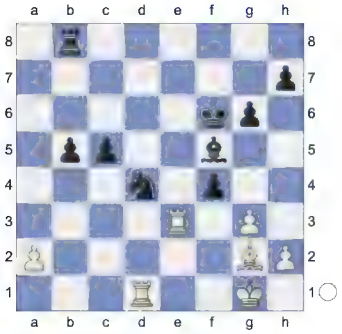
[25.a4 0.07/18 deserves consideration.]

25...Rb8

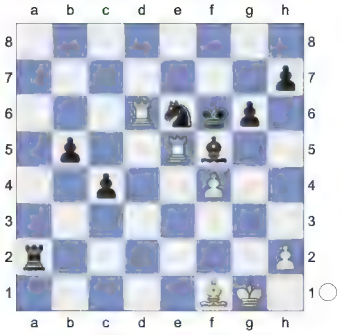
(Diagram)



26.Rd1 b5 27.cxb5 axb5 28.b4 e5 White should prevent ...c4. **29.bxc5 dxc5 30.f4! exf4**

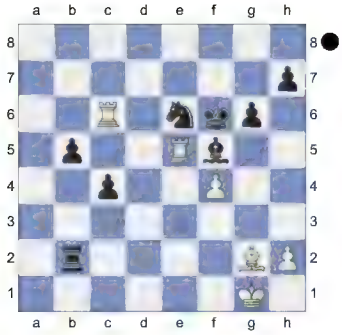


31.gxf4 Rb6 32.Re5 Ne6 33.Rdd5 Ra6 34.Bf1 -0.78/22
[34.Be4!= 0.01/22]
34...Rxa2∓
[Don't play 34...Nd4?! 35.Re3=]
35.Rd6 c4!

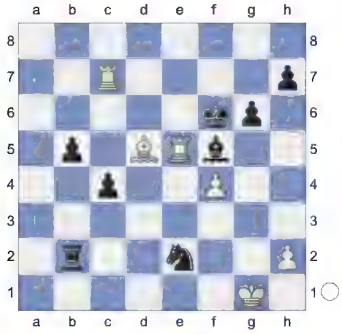


Threatens to win with ...c3. &Nero is more active. **36.Rc6** -2.04/21
[White should try 36.Re3∓ -0.59/22]
36...Rb2-+ 37.Bg2

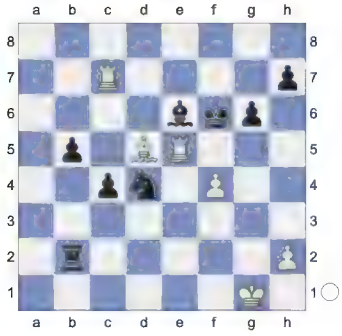
(Diagram)



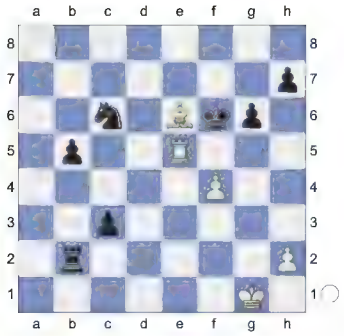
Kg7! 38.Be4 Nd4
[Weaker is 38...Nxf4 39.Bxf5 Ne2+ 40.Rxe2 *(40.Kf1 Nd4=)* 40...Rxe2 41.Be6=]
39.Rc7+ -2.62/23
[⌓39.Rd6 -1.87/23 Bxe4 40.Rxd4]
39...Kf6? -0.48/23
[39...Kh6-+ -2.62/23 aiming for ... Bxe4. 40.Ree7 Kh5 41.Bxf5 gxf5]
40.Bd5∓ Be6
[40...Ne2+?



41.Rxe2! Rb1+ 42.Kg2+-]



Against Rf7+. ...Ne2+ is the strong threat. **41.Rc6 c3** Really sharp! **42.Bxe6?** -10.34/22 **Nxc6**



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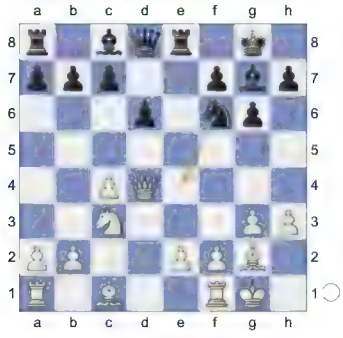
141 **E62**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without . .. a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0**

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.h3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Re8N
[10...Nd7 11.Qd2 a5 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Rd1 Nc5 14.e4 Be6 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Qd7 17.Qxd7 Bxd7 18.Rb1 Bc6 19.f3 a4 20.Kf2 Ra5 21.Bd2 Rc5 22.b3 axb3 23.axb3 Ra8 24.Bb4 Re5 25.Bc3 ½-½ Stefansson,V (2487)-Perez Candelario,M (2573) Leca da Palmeira 2nd Leba da Palmeira 2023 (6)]
[10...Be6 11.Qh4 Nh5 *(11...Nd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 g5 14.Qd4 f5 15.Qd2 f4 16.gxf4 gxf4 17.Bxf4 Nb6 18.Qe3 Qf6 19.Bg5 Qg6 20.Qg3 Nxc4 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Bh6 c6 23.Bxg7 Qxg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Nc7 Kf6 26.Nxa8* 1-0 Benko,P-Fischer,R Buenos Aires Rd: 1960 *Rxa8 27.b3* 1-0 Benko,P-Panno,O Piatigorsky Cup-01 Los Angeles 1963 (5) *)* 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 f5 14.Qxd8 Raxd8 15.b3 c6 16.Rfd1 Nf6 17.Rac1 d5 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bb4 Rfe8 21.Bxd5+ cxd5 22.Kf1 Rd7 23.Bc5 a6 24.Bd4 Bxd4 25.Rxd4 1-0 Banusz,T (2611)-Draskovic,L (2503) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.3)]



11.Qh4 Nd7 1.05/23
[Black should try 11...Re5± 0.41/19]
12.Qxd8± Rxd8 White is better. **13.Nb5** Deflection **13...c6 14.Nxd6 Nc5 15.Nxc8 Raxc8**

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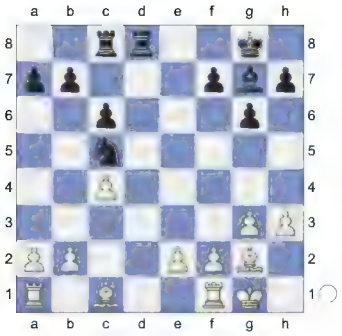
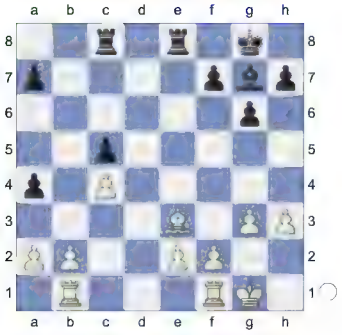
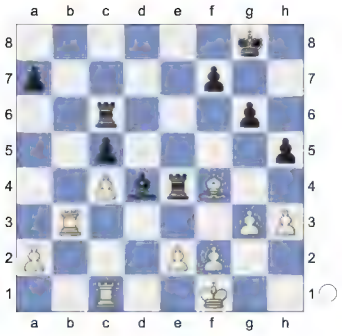


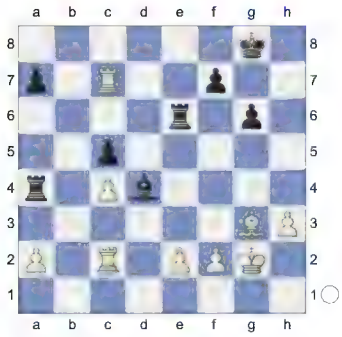
16.Rb1 Na4 1.41/21
[⌓16...Rd7 0.93/21]
17.Be4 Re8 18.Bc2 b5 19.Bxa4 bxa4 20.Be3 c5 1.81/23
[20...Re4± 1.38/23 is a better defense.]



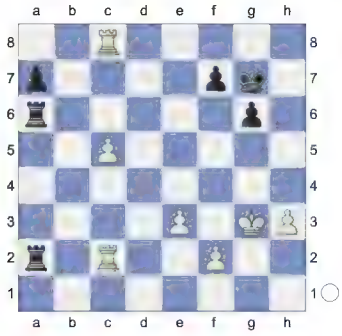
21.Rfc1+- Re4 22.Kf1 Bd4 23.Bf4 h5 24.b3 axb3 25.Rxb3
[25.axb3 h4 26.e3 hxg3]
25...Rc6



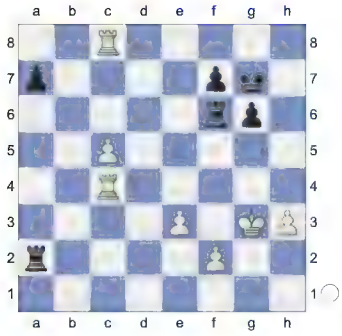
26.Rb7 Ra6 27.Rc2 h4 28.Rc7 1.28/25
[28.e3+- 1.92/23 hxg3 29.Bxg3]
28...hxg3± 29.Bxg3 Ree6 30.Kg2 Threatens to win with e3. **30...Ra4** 1.96/25
[30...Ra5± 1.32/25 keeps fighting. 31.Bf4 Kg7]



31.e3+- Deflection **31...Be5 32.Rxc5 Bxg3 33.Kxg3** Endgame. KRR-KRR
[33.fxg3 Rxe3 34.Rg5 Rea3=]
33...Rea6 34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.c5 Rxa2

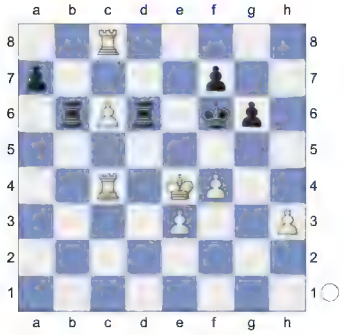


36.Rc4 Rf6 3.13/22
[⌓36...R2a4 1.76/24 37.Rc3 Kf6]

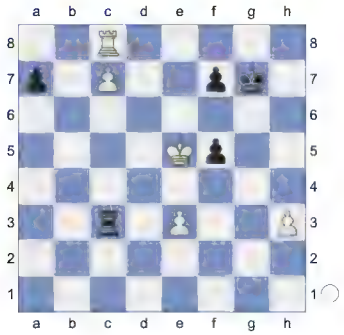


37.c6! Ra6? 5.08/23
[37...Raxf2 2.72/23 38.c7 R6f3+ 39.Kh4 Rg2 *(39...Rxe3? loses. 40.Rb8+-)* 40.Rg8+ Decoy, Clearance, Promotion Kxg8 41.c8Q+ *(41.c8R+?*

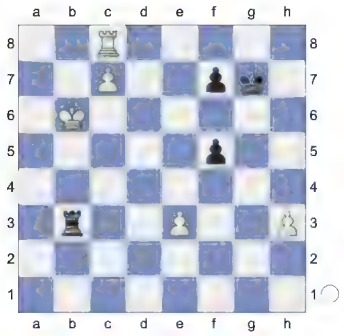
Kg7-+) 41...Kh7]
38.f4 Rd6 39.Kf3 Rb6 40.Ke4 2.28/25
[⌓40.Kg4 4.25/22]
40...Kf6



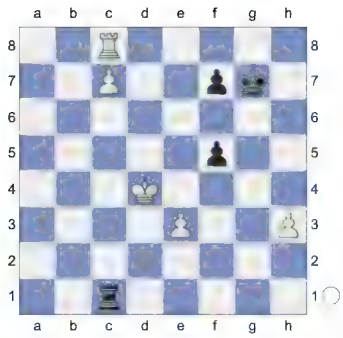
41.f5! gxf5+ 42.Kf4 Kg7 4.40/24
Prevents Rh8
[42...Ke7 1.93/25 was necessary.
43.h4 *(43.Kxf5 a5±)* 43...Rg6]
43.c7 Threatening mate with Re8!
[43.Kxf5 Rb5+ 44.Ke4 Rdd5]
43...Rdc6 44.Rxc6 Rxc6 KR-KR. White is clearly winning. **45.Ke5 Rc3**



46.Kd6 Rd3+ 47.Kc6 Rc3+ 48.Kb7 Hoping for Rd8. **48...Rb3+ 49.Kxa7 Rc3 50.Kb6 Rb3+**



51.Kc5 Rc3+ 52.Kd4 Rc1



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142 **E61**
□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2518**
■ **Lei,Tingjie** **2549**
Wch Blitz (Women) (10) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

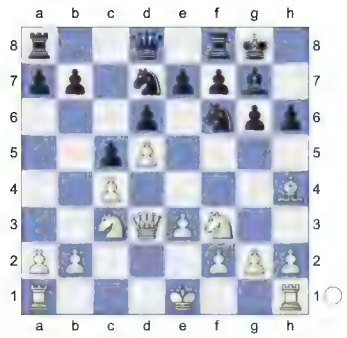
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5N
[5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Nxc6 *(9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Rad1 h6 19.h4 Rdc8 20.Nd5 a5 21.Nb6 Rc7 22.Nd5 Rcc8 23.Rfe1 b6* Grimm,S (2657)-Campos (2720) Russia 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (34); *9.Nc2 d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne5 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Be3 Nc4 15.Nf5 Nxe3 16.Nxe3 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.b3 Qa5 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Nc4 Qb4 21.Qd3 a6 22.Rfd1 h5 23.h4 Bf5* Wiratunga,J (2089)-Czopor,M (2320) London 2024 0-1 (35); *9.Nb3*

Qh5 10.c5 d6 11.cxd6 Rd8 12.e4 exd6 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd4 Rac8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Kf7 20.e5 Ne8 21.exd6 Nxd6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re2 Nc4 Peixoto,A (2552)-Reddehase,S (2531) Bern 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (39) *24.Rxd8 Nxd8 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nd4 Nd6 27.Nf3 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Kf6 29.Ne5 N8f7 30.Ng4+ Ke7 31.Bd5 Nd8 32.Nxh6 Nb5 33.Be4 Nd4 34.Rd2 Nf5 35.Ng8+ Ke8 36.Nf6+ Ke7 37.Ng4 Rc4 38.Rd7+ Kxd7* Wauters,L (1970)-Stephan,J (2168) Issy les Moulineaux 2006 EXT 2007 [Primel,Dominique] 0-1 (39)*)* 9...bxc6 10.Bd2 Qh5 11.e4 Qc5 12.b3 d6 13.Na4 Qe5 14.Bc3 Qe6 15.Qd3 Bb7 16.e5 Nh5 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Qf3 Qc7 Keres Defense,W (2050)-Posizione (2170) ICCF Email 1992 CB37_2021 [Keilhack/Schlenker] 0-1 (74)]

5...c5

6.d5 h6 7.Bh4 7.Bf4 is vanishing. 7.Lf4 scheint zu verschwinden. **7...d6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7**

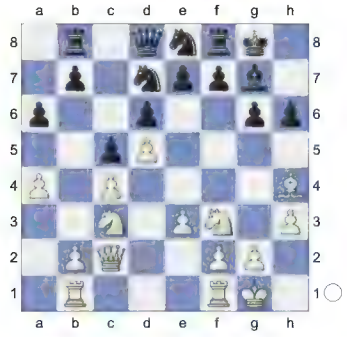
(Diagram)



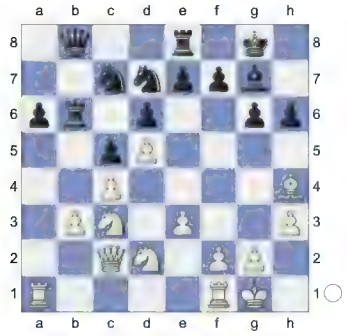
White has an edge. **11.0-0 a6 12.a4 Ng4!?N** New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[12...g5 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Nd2 f5 15.f4 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Qe8 17.Rf3 0.05/16 *(17.Ra3± 0.41/17)* 17...Qg6= 18.Raf1 h5 0-1 Caruana,F (2829)-Giri,A (2768) London Classic Elite blitz 6th 2014 (5)]

13.Qc2 Rb8 14.h3 Ngf6 15.Rab1 Ne8

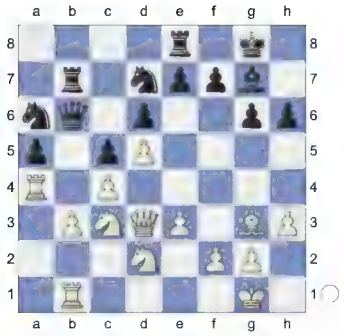


16.Nd2 Nc7 17.a5 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.b3 Re8 20.Ra1 Qb8

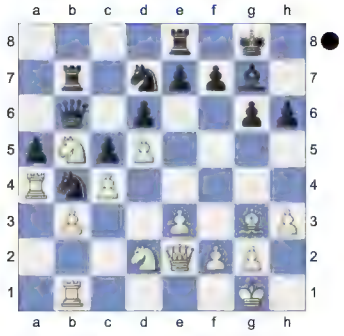


21.Ra3 Rb7 22.Bg3 Qa7 23.Rb1 Qb6 aiming for ...Qb4. **24.Ra4** Inhibits Qb4. **24...a5 25.Qd3 Na6**

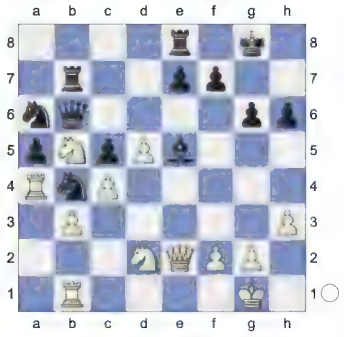
(Diagram)



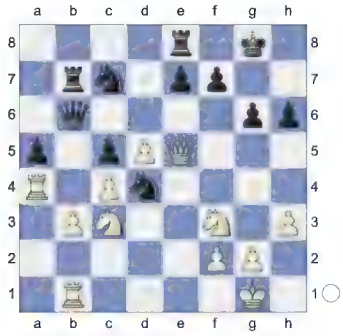
26.Nb5 Nb4 27.Qe2 -0.65/21
[27.Qe4= 0.08/20]



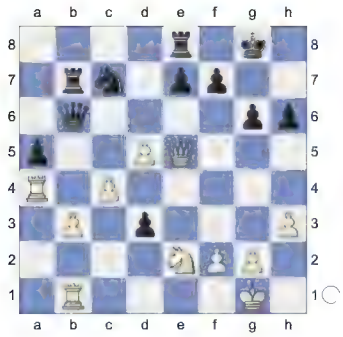
27...Nb8 0.68/20
[27...Nxd5!∓ -0.65/21 28.Ne4 N7f6! 29.Nxf6+ Bxf6]
28.e4±
[28.Ne4 looks sharper. Nxd5 29.Nbxd6 Nc3 30.Nxc3 exd6 31.Nb5]
28...N8a6 29.e5 0.62/18
[29.Nf3± 1.05/19]
29...dxe5 30.Bxe5 Bxe5



31.Qxe5 Nc7 1.45/21
[31...Nxd5!± 0.42/19 32.Ne4 *(32.Qxd5 Rd8±)* 32...Rd8]
32.Nc3 Nc2 1.77/20
[32...Rc8± 1.16/17 33.Nde4 Ne8]
33.Nf3 Nd4 2.19/21
[33...Rc8± 1.60/18 was worth a try. 34.Qf4 *(34.Qxe7 Nb5±)* 34...Nd4 35.Nxd4 *(35.Qxh6 Nxf3+ 36.gxf3 Ne8±)* 35...cxd4]

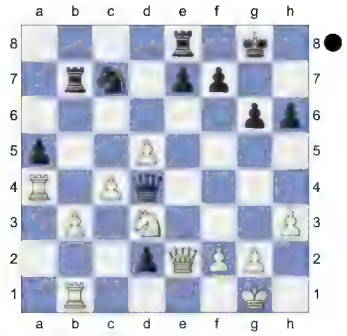


34.Nxd4!+- cxd4 35.Ne2 d3



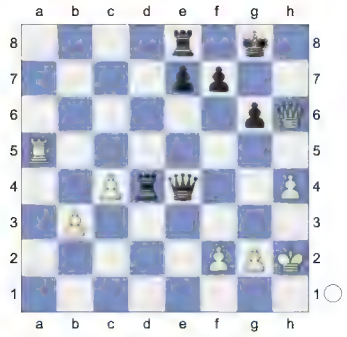
36.Nf4 0.13/21
[Only move: 36.Nd4!± 1.32/19]
36...d2= Threatens to win with ...Qxb3!
37.Qe2 -1.32/21
[37.Raa1= 0.18/19]
37...Qd4↑ White must now prevent ... Rxb3! Black is in control. &Nero is more active. **38.Nd3?** -4.86/21
[38.g3∓ -1.53/22]

(Diagram)

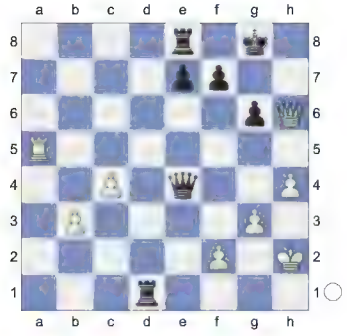


Loses the game. **38...Nxd5!-+ 39.Qxd2**
[39.cxd5 Qxa4]
39...Nc3 40.Rba1 Nxa4

41.Rxa4 Rd7 42.Rxa5 Qxd3 43.Qxh6 Qb1+ 44.Kh2 Qe4 45.h4 Rd4



46.g3 Rd1



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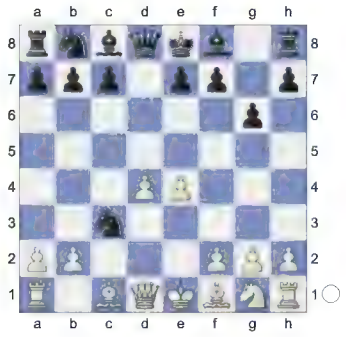
143 **D87**
□ **Saric,Ibro** **2513**
■ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2553**
CRO-chT1B 32nd (5.1) 09.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

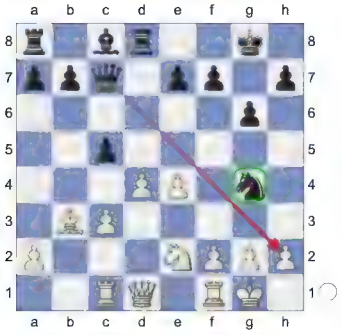
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere,Y (2224) Caioba 2023 0-1 (74)]
8...Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ (20) Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) Tilburg 1989 CI1-130 [RR]]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7N 10...b6 is more fashionable. 10...b6 ist modischer.
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6

13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01]

11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Bf4 is the legacy move (12.h4). ist old school (12.h4). **12...Be5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Bb3 Ng4**



White has an edge. **15.Ng3 Qf4**

16.Qe1 b6 0.56/21

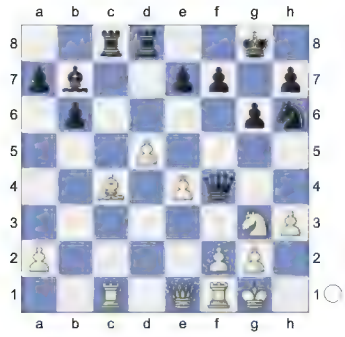
[16...a5= 0.23/19]

17.h3± Nh6 18.Bc4N 0.37/17 Prevents Ba6.

[18.Qe3 Qxe3 ½-½ Moise,O (2474)-Thaler,A (2552) olm17 fin email 2009 [6]]

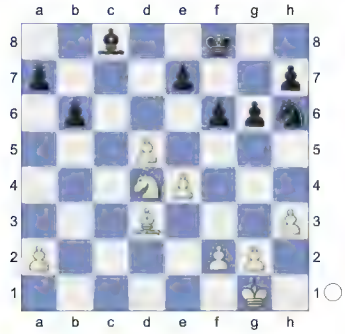
[18.dxc5± 0.84/19 aiming for Qe3. bxc5 19.Qe2]

18...cxd4 19.cxd4 Bb7 20.d5 Rac8



21.Bd3 f6 22.Ne2 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Qxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc7 is the strong threat. **24...Rc8** Prevents Rc7. **25.Rxc8+ Bxc8±**

Endgame KBN-KBN **26.Nd4 Kf8**

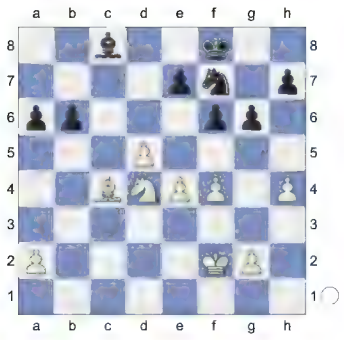


27.f4! Nf7 28.h4 Nd8 29.Bc4 a6 0.90/21

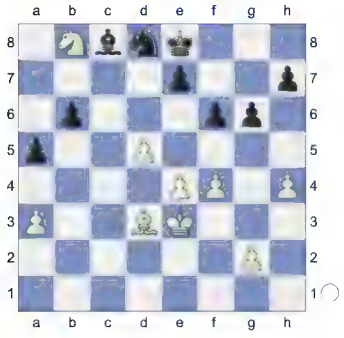
[Black should play 29...Bb7± 0.37/21]

30.Kf2± Black is on the road to losing. **30...Nf7**

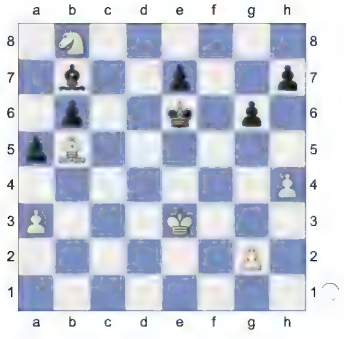
(Diagram)



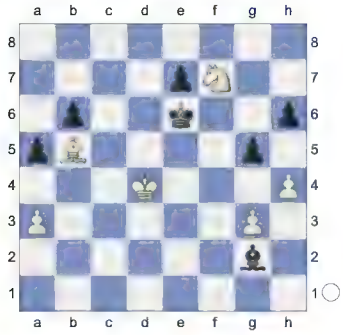
31.Ke3 Nd6 32.Bd3 Nf7 1.32/20
[Black should try 32...Ne8 0.97/18]
33.a3 Ke8 34.Nc6 Nd8 1.47/23
[⌓34...a5 1.00/22]
35.Nb8 &Bianco is more active. **35...a5** 2.24/23
[⌓35...e5 1.65/20]



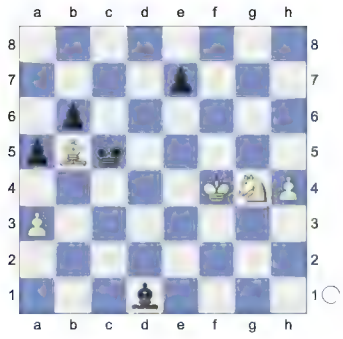
36.Bb5+
[Not 36.Nc6 Nxc6 37.Bb5 *(37.dxc6 Be6=)* 37...Kd7=]
36...Kf7 37.e5 fxe5 38.fxe5 Bb7 39.e6+
[Don't do 39.Nc6 Nxc6 40.dxc6 Bc8+-]
39...Nxe6 40.dxe6+ Kxe6



41.Nd7 Kd6 42.g3 h6 43.Kd4 Bg2 5.38/24
[⌓43...g5 3.70/22 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Nxb6 e5+ 46.Kc4 Bg2]
44.Ne5+- White is clearly winning.
44...g5 45.Nf7+ Ke6



46.Nxh6 gxh4 47.gxh4 Bf3 48.Ke3 Bd1 49.Kf4 Kd5 50.Ng4 Prevents e5+.
50...Kc5



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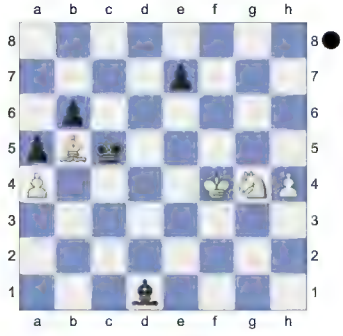

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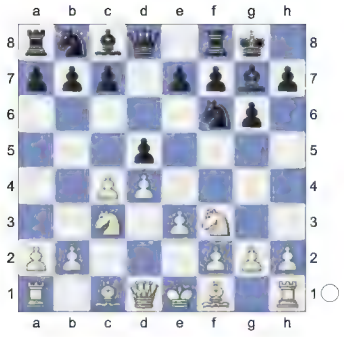
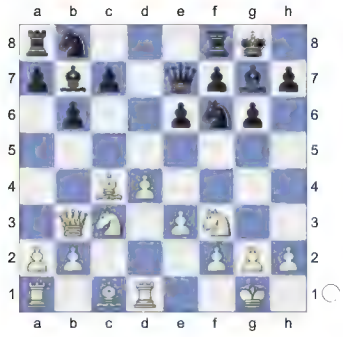
144 **D95**
□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (8.1) 23.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D95: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 Qb3 Plachetka,J: 'Inf 44/(585)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0**



6.Qb3 e6 7.Be2 dxc4N
[7...b6 8.cxd5 *(8.0-0 Bb7 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bd2 c5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qa3 Qb8 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bc3 Ne4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.b3 Kg8 19.Qb2 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Qd8 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Rc8* Genc,U-Mellado Trivino, J corr ICCF 1933 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] ½-½ *)* 8...exd5 9.0-0 *(9.Ne5 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 c5 12.Bd2 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Rad1 c4 15.Qc2 Ba8 16.b3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.b4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Nxd7 Qxd7* Farago,S (2285) -Plachetka,J (2430) Harkany 1987 CI1-130 [Plachetka, Jan] *)* 9...Bb7 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 a5 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.Rac1 c6 14.Be1 Rfe8 15.h3 Rab8 16.Nd2 Ba8 17.Nf1 h6 18.f3 Nh5 19.g4 Nhf6 20.Bg3 Rb7 21.e4 Qb4 22.Qc2 Letic,S-Raty,S Finland 1987 Corr Nr. 1 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (41) Nh7 23.e5 Rbb8 24.f4 Rbd8 25.Nh2 Qe7 26.Nf3 Nb8 27.f5 gxf5 28.gxf5 f6 29.e6 Ng5 30.Kh2 c5 31.Nb5 Nxf3+ 32.Bxf3 Na6 33.Bh5 Bc6 34.Bf4 Qf8 35.Rg1 Kh8 36.Qd2 Re7 37.Nd6 Lothian,R-Sanchez Miguel,J Cappelle la Grande FRA 1987 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (41)]

8.Bxc4 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rd1 Qe7



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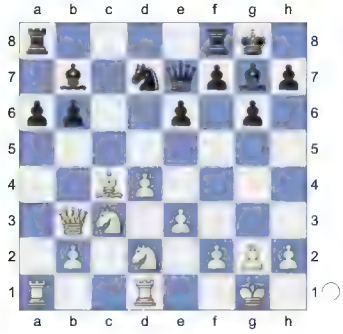
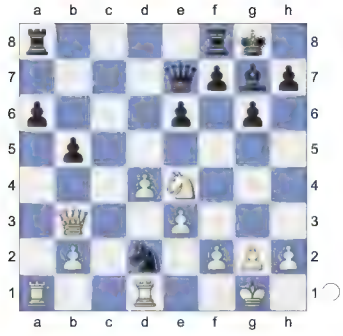
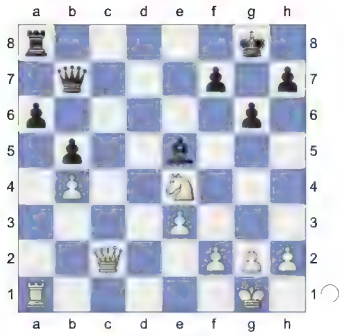


16.Be2 b5 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Nb6 19.Ne4 Nc4 20.Nfd2 Nxd2

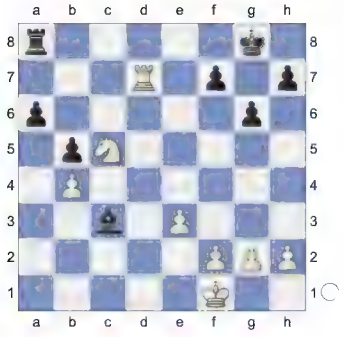


21.Rxd2 Rfc8 22.Rc2 Rxc2 23.Qxc2 Qb7 Prevents Qc6. **24.b4 e5 25.dxe5**

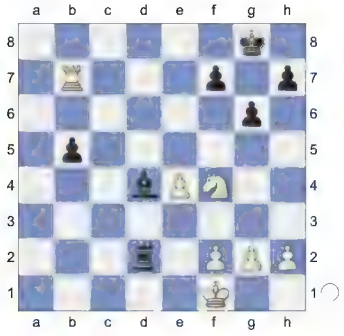
Bxe5



26.Rd1 Qc7 0.17/23
[26...Qc8∓ -0.31/22 27.Qd2 Qc4]
27.Qxc7= Bxc7 Endgame KRB-KRN
28.Kf1 Be5 29.Rd7 Bb2 30.Nc5 Bc3



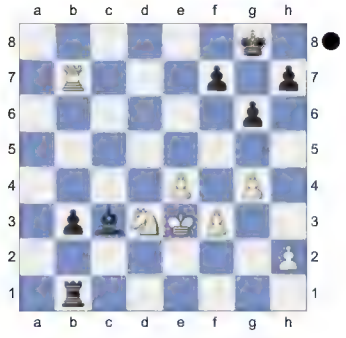
31.Nd3 a5 32.bxa5 Rxa5 33.e4 Ra2 34.Rb7 Rd2 35.Nf4 Bd4



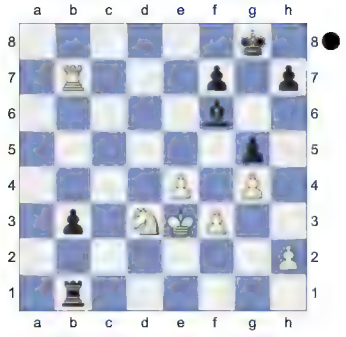
36.f3 Rf2+ 37.Ke1 Rb2 38.g4 -0.88/22
[38.Rb8+∓ -0.45/22 should be considered. Kg7 39.Rb7 Bc3+ 40.Kf1]
38...b4∓ 39.Nd3 -1.59/23
[⌓39.Kd1 -0.73/22]
39...Bc3+! 40.Kf1 Rb1+

(Diagram)

41.Ke2 b3 42.Ke3

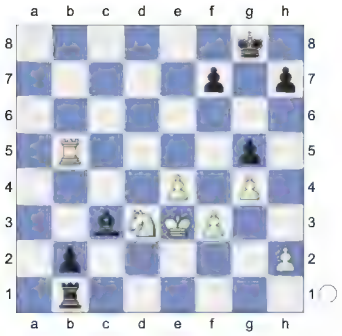


g5 -0.46/25
[Black should play 42...b2!-+ -1.86/24 aiming for ...Rd1. 43.f4 g5 44.fxg5 Rd1 45.Nxb2 Bd4+ 46.Kf4 Rf1+ 47.Kg3 Be5+ 48.Kg2 Rb1]
43.Rc7 -1.01/24
[43.Rb8+∓ -0.46/25 Kg7 44.e5]
43...Bf6 44.Rb7

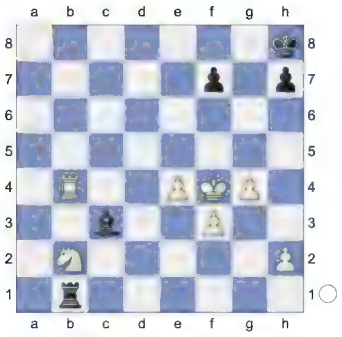


b2! 45.Rb5 Bc3 -0.07/26
[45...h6∓ -1.10/23 Threatens to win with ...Rd1. 46.Kd2 Rh1 47.Nxb2 Rxh2+ 48.Kc1 Rf2]

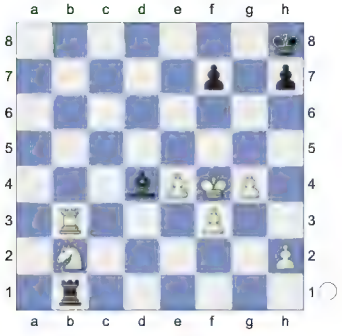
(Diagram)



46.Rxg5+= Kh8 Hoping for ... Re1+!
47.Rb5 Rd1 -0.86/24
[47...f6= -0.01/25]
48.Nxb2∓ Bd4+ -0.01/24
[Better is 48...Rb1∓ -0.86/24]
49.Kf4= Rb1 50.Rb4 Bc3

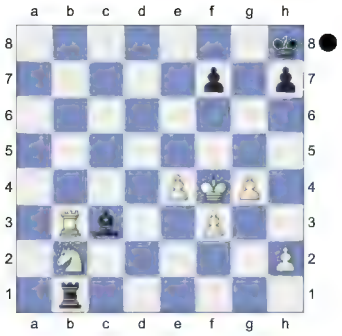


51.Rb3 Bd4 0.01/27
[51...Bxb2 -0.30/26 deserves consideration. 52.Kf5 Rf1]



52.Rb4! Bc3 53.Rb3

(Diagram)



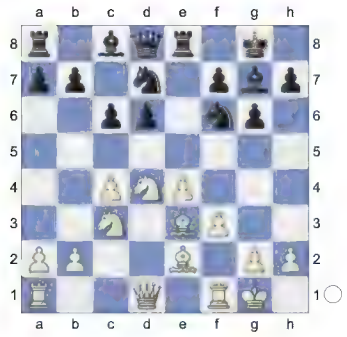
Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

145 **E94**
□ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
Masters Open 2024 (2.34) 04.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

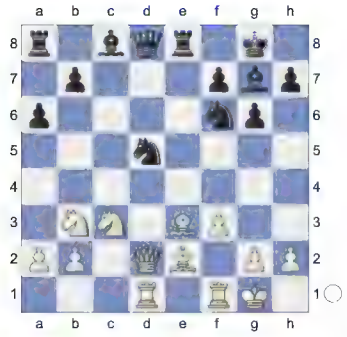
E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves **1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6**

6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Nf3
[7.h4 h5 8.Nh3 c5 9.d5 Ne5 10.f3 Bxh3 11.gxh3 a6 12.f4 Ned7 13.Qc2 Bh6 14.Qd2 b5 15.e5 b4 16.Nd1 Ne4 17.Qc2 Ng3 18.Rg1 Nxe2 19.Kxe2 dxe5 20.f5 Bg7 21.Bf2 b3 0-1 Liebert,H (2353)-Andy Samuelson (2444) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (3)]

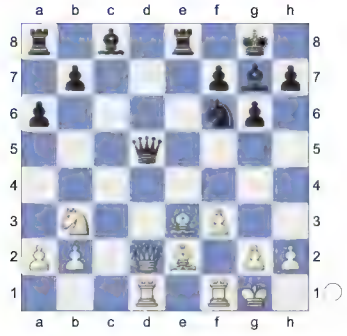
7...e5N
[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nge5 12.Nd5 41) King's Indian: Be2-Be3 wi-NN Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]
8.0-0 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 c6



11.Qd2 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Rad1 a6 14.cxd5 Threatens to win with Rfe1. White has an edge. **14...Nb6 15.Nb3** 0.02/20
[15.Bf2!± 0.57/21]
15...Nbxd5!=



The position is equal. **16.Nxd5 Qxd5**



Remove Defender **17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5** aiming for Kf2. **18...Be6!**
[18...Rxe3 19.Rd8+ Bf8 20.Kf2±]
19.Rd3 Kf2 is the strong threat.
19...Bxb3! 20.Rxb3
[But not 20.axb3 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Bd4∓]

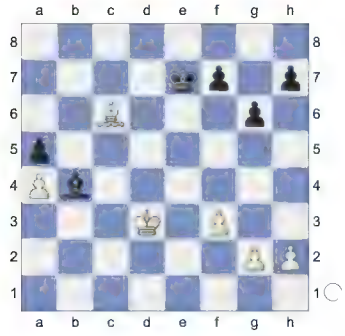
Kf2! would now be deadly. **20...Rxe3!**

21.Rxe3 Bd4! Pin **22.Rd1 Bxe3+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **23.Kf1 Rc8 24.Bd3 Rc1 25.Rxc1 Bxc1**

KB-KB **26.Be4 Bxb2 27.Bxb7 a5 28.a4 Kf8 29.Ke2 Ke7 30.Bc6 Bc3**

(Diagram)

31.Kd3 Bb4



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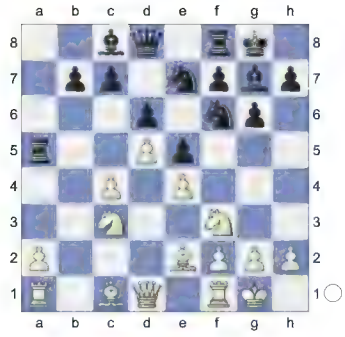
½-½

146 **E97**
□ **Iniyan,Pa** **2508**
■ **Vaz,Ethan** **2412**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (6.2) 05.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0**

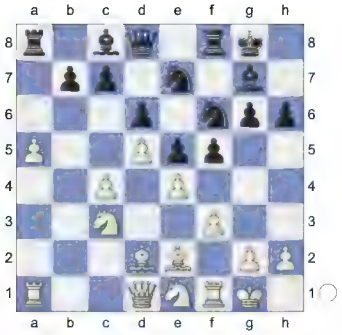
(Diagram)

6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5

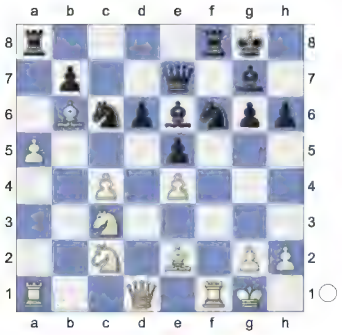


11.a4 Ne8 12.Bd2
[12.Be3 f5 13.c5 dxc5 14.Nd2 b6 15.Nc4 Ra8 16.a5 f4 17.Bd2 Nd6 18.axb6 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 cxb6 20.Rb1 f3 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxf3 Rxf3 23.gxf3 Qf6 24.Qa2 Kh8 25.Qc4 Qxf3 26.Qe2 Qh3 Vidit,S (2710)-Karthikeyan,M (2623) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 154/(201) 2022]
12...Ra8 13.a5N
[13.Qc2 h6 14.Ne1 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 e4 17.Be3 Nf6 18.Qd2 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Nc2 d5 21.Bc5 Rf7 22.Rad1 Be6 23.Nb4 Qc8 24.Bxe7 Rxe7 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Nbxd5 Rd7 27.Qa2 Nxd5 1-0 Gubaydulin,T (2385)-Hassan,S (2279) FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz 2024 (7.20)]
13...h6 White is better. **14.Ne1** White is more active. **14...f5 15.f3 Nf6**

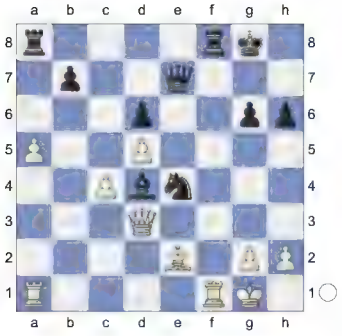
(Diagram)



16.Be3 c5 17.dxc6! Nxc6 18.Bb6 Qe7 19.Nc2 fxe4 20.fxe4 Be6



21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Nd4 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Bxd4 Ne4 25.Qd3 Bxd4+

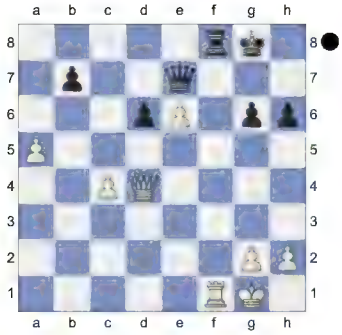


26.Qxd4 Black must now prevent Qe3. **26...Nc5 27.Bg4**

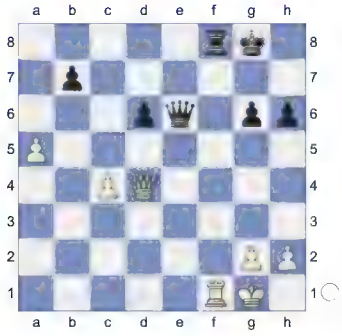
[27.Qd2 simplifies h5 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Bf3]

27...Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Rf8 29.Be6+ Nxe6 30.dxe6

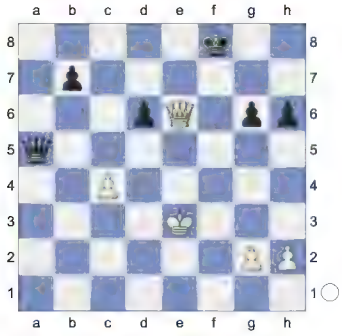
(Diagram)



Threatens to win with Rxf8+. **30...Qxe6**



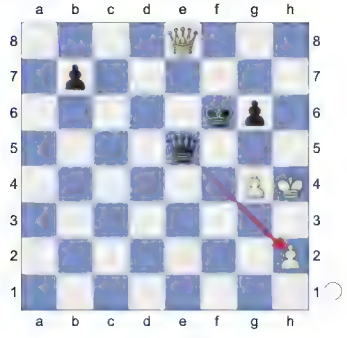
31.Rxf8+ Kxf8± Endgame. KQ-KQ **32.Kf2** Dodges Qe1+ **32...Qf5+** The position is equal. **33.Ke3 Qxa5 34.Qf6+ Ke8 35.Qe6+ Kf8**



...Qe1+ would now be deadly. **36.Qxd6+ Kf7 37.Qf4+ Ke6 38.Qxh6 Qc3+ 39.Kf2 Qc2+ 40.Kf3 Qd1+**

(Diagram)

41.Kg3 Qd3+ 42.Kh4 Qxc4+ 43.g4
[43.Kg5 Qc1+ 44.Kxg6 Qxh6+ 45.Kxh6 b5 46.g4 b4 47.g5 b3 48.g6 b2 49.g7 Kf7 *(49...b1B 50.g8Q+ Kf6 51.Qd8+ Kf5 52.Qc8+ Kf6 53.Qc6+ Ke7 54.Qb7+ Kd6 55.Qxb1)* 50.Kg5 b1Q *(50...b1B 51.g8R=)* 51.Kf4 Kxg7 *(51...Qf1+ 52.Ke5 Kxg7 53.Ke6 Qh3+ 54.Ke5 Qxh2+ 55.Kd5 Qd2+ 56.Kc5 Qc3+ 57.Kd6 Kf6 58.Kd5 Qb4 59.Kc6 Ke6 60.Kc7 Qb5 61.Kc8 Kd6 62.Kd8 Qd7#)* 52.Ke5 Qb2+ 53.Ke6 Qxh2 54.Kd5 Qh4 55.Kc6 Qc4+ 56.Kb7 Qb5+ 57.Kc7 Kf6 58.Kd6 Qc4 59.Kd7 Qc5 60.Kd8 Ke6 61.Ke8 Qe7#]
43...Qe4 44.Qf8 Qe5 And now ...Qf6+ would win. **45.Qe8+ Kf6**



46.Qh8+
[46.Qxe5+ Kxe5 47.Kg3 g5-+]
46...Ke6 47.Qe8+
[47.Qxe5+ Kxe5 48.Kg3 g5 49.Kf3 Kd4 50.Kg3 b5 51.h4 gxh4+ 52.Kh2 Ke4 *(52...b4 53.g5 Ke5 54.g6 Kf6 55.Kh3 b3 56.Kxh4 b2 57.Kg4 b1Q 58.g7 Kxg7 59.Kg3 Qe4 60.Kf2 Kg6 61.Kg3 Kf5 62.Kf2 Kf4 63.Kg1 Kf3 64.Kh2 Qc2+ 65.Kh3 Qh7#)* 53.g5 Kf5 54.g6 Kxg6 55.Kh3 Kg5 56.Kg2 b4 57.Kh2 b3 58.Kg2 b2 59.Kf3 b1Q *(59...b1B 60.Ke3 h3 61.Kf3 Bf5 62.Kf2 Kf4 63.Kf1 Ke3 64.Kg1 Ke2 65.Kh2 Kf2 66.Kh1 Be6 67.Kh2 Bg4 68.Kh1 Kg3 69.Kg1 h2+ 70.Kh1 Bf3#)* 60.Ke3 h3 61.Kd4 h2 62.Kd5 Qb4 *(62...h1R 63.Ke6 Rd1 64.Ke7 Qe4+ 65.Kf8 Kg6 66.Kg8 Qe8#)* 63.Ke5 h1Q *(63...h1B 64.Ke6 Bc6 65.Kf7 Qb7+ 66.Kg8 Kh6 67.Kh8 Qh7#)* 64.Ke6 Qc6+ 65.Kf7 Qg6#]
47...Kf6 48.Qh8+
[48.Qxe5+ Kxe5 49.Kg3 g5 50.h3 b5 51.Kf3 Kd4 52.h4 gxh4 53.g5 Ke5 54.g6 Kf6 55.g7 Kxg7 56.Kf4 Kf6 *(56...h3* is a self mate. *57.Kg3 b4 58.Kh2 b3 59.Kg3 b2 60.Kxh3 b1Q 61.Kg3 Qe1+ 62.Kh2 Kf6 63.Kg2 Qe2+ 64.Kh3 Ke5 65.Kg3 Kf5 66.Kh3 Kf4 67.Kh4 Qh2#)* 57.Kf3 b4 *(57...h3* gets mated. *58.Kg3 Kf5 59.Kxh3 b4 60.Kg3 b3 61.Kf3 b2 62.Ke2 b1Q 63.Kd2 Qb3 64.Ke2 Kf4 65.Kd2 Qc4 66.Ke1 Qc2 67.Kf1 Kf3 68.Kg1 Qg2#)* 58.Ke4 h3 59.Kd4 h2 60.Kc4 h1Q *(60...h1R 61.Kxb4 Rc1 62.Kb5 Ke6 63.Kb4 Kd5 64.Kb3 Kd4 65.Kb4 Rb1+ 66.Ka4 Kc3 67.Ka5 Kc4 68.Ka6 Kc5 69.Ka7 Kc6 70.Ka8 Kc7 71.Ka7 Ra1#)* 61.Kxb4 Qd5 62.Kc3 Ke5 63.Kc2 Kd4 64.Kb2 Qf5 65.Ka3 Qb5 66.Ka2 Kc3 67.Ka3 Qb3#]
48...Ke6

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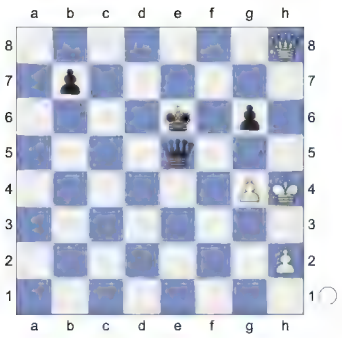

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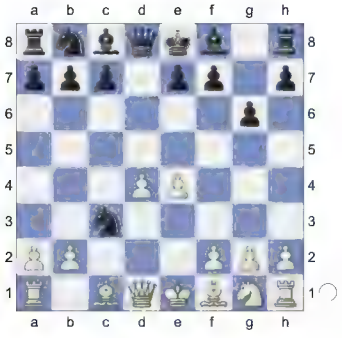
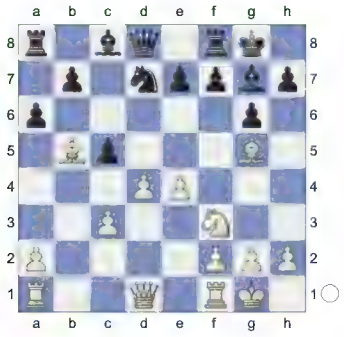
½-½

147 **D85**
□ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2506**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2731**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

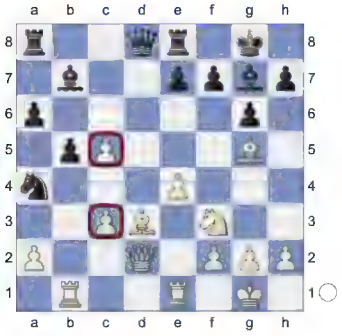


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 a6 The modern move. Der moderne Zug.
[10...Nf6 11.Re1 Qa5 12.Qa4 Qxa4 13.Bxa4 cxd4 14.cxd4 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Be6 17.Be5 Rac8 18.h4 g4 19.Nh2 Rfd8 20.Rab1 Bxa2 21.Rxb7 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 Rc1+ 23.Nf1 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Bc4 25.Rxg4+ Kantor,G (2527)-Papp,P (2335) Ajka 2023 1-0 (67)]

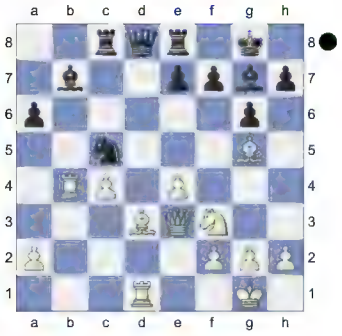


11.Bd3 b5 12.Re1N An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Bh6 Bb7 14.h4 cxd4 0.86/20 *(14...e6± 0.43/17)* 15.cxd4± Rc8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.d5 Qd6 18.a4 -0.21/16 1-0 Timofeev,A (2549)-Borisovsky,D (2304) Chigorin Memorial 25th 2017 (3) *(18.h5± 0.70/17)*]
[12.Qc1 Bb7 13.a4 b4 14.a5 cxd4 15.cxd4 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxd4 17.Bxe7 Bxe5 18.Qc5 Qxc5 19.Bxc5 Bxa1 20.Bxf8 Bc3 21.Bd6 Re8 22.e5 b3 23.Rb1 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.f3 Rxa5 26.Rxb3 Bd5 Biriukov,O (2390)-Khalifman,A (2660) St Petersburg 1998 CBM 065 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] 0-1 (42) 27.Rb8+ Kg7 28.Rd8 Be6 29.Ra8 Ra1+ 30.Kf2 a5 31.Bb5 Bb3 32.Ke3 a4 33.Kd4 a3 34.Bc4 Bxc4 35.Kxc4 Ra2 36.g4 Rxh2 37.Rxa3 Rd2 38.Kc3 Rd7 39.Ra5 h6 40.Kc4 Rd2 41.Ra6 Rd1 Biriukov,O (2407)-Solovjov,S (2447) Saint Petersburg 77/583 1999 CI1-130 [Solovjov,Sergey] (42) 42.Rb6 h5 0-1 (42) Chapter Main Line (2390)-Molaei,M (2660) Hrvatska 100/(126) 1998 CBM 45 [Dressel]]
12...Bb7 The position is equal. **13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rab1** 0.02/16

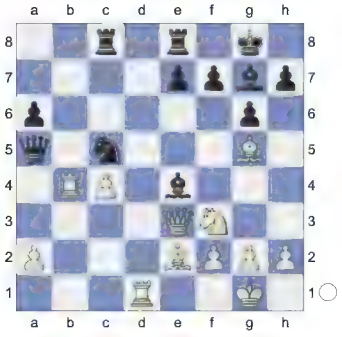
[14.a4± 0.41/16]
14...Nb6 15.dxc5 -0.79/21
[15.d5= 0.24/17]
15...Na4!∓



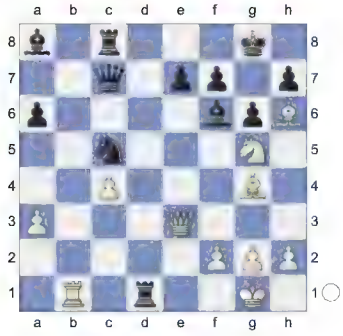
16.Qe3 Rc8 17.c4 Nxc5 18.Red1 -0.87/19
[18.Bf1∓ -0.56/21 was preferrable.]
18...b4 19.Rxb4



Bxe4! 20.Be2 Qa5



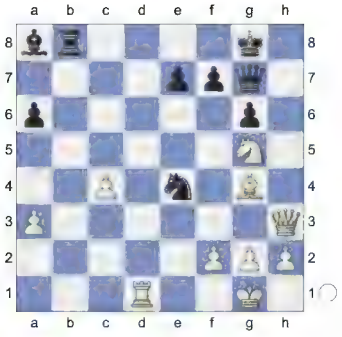
21.a3 Ba8 22.Bh6 -1.10/21
[22.Bxe7? Bf8 23.Bxc5 Rxe3 24.Bxe3 Bxb4-+]
[22.Bh4∓ -0.63/18]
22...Bf6 -0.10/21
[22...Bxh6∓ -1.10/21 23.Qxh6 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Qxa3]
23.Ng5 -0.46/20
[23.Ne5= -0.10/21 is superior.]
23...Red8 24.Rbb1 Qc7 25.Bg4 Rxd1+



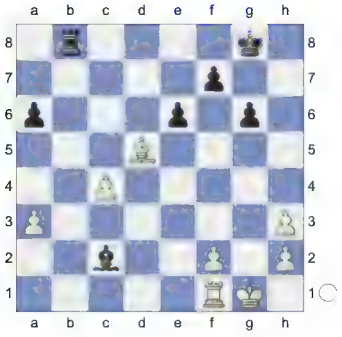
26.Rxd1 Really sharp! **26...Rb8 27.Qh3** -1.18/19
[27.h3= -0.16/21]
27...Qe5? 0.72/22
[27...Rb3!∓ -1.18/19 stays on course. 28.Bf3 Bxf3 29.Nxf3 e5]

28.Nxh7!± Bg7
[28...Bh8 29.Be3]
29.Ng5! And now Bxg7 would win.
29...Ne4? 2.17/23
[29...Bf6= 0.09/20 and Black stays safe. 30.Nf3 Qc7]
30.Bxg7+- Qxg7

(Diagram)

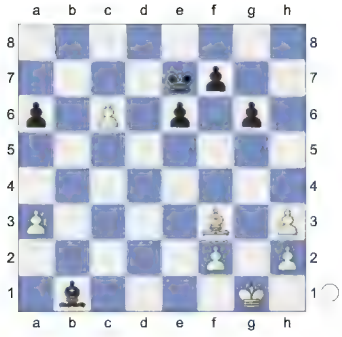


31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.Bf3 0.09/23
[32.Qe3± 1.20/21 Bc2 33.Rc1 *(33.Qxe7? Bxd1 34.Bxd1 Qd4-+)*]
32...Bc2= 33.Rf1 Qc3 34.Bd5 -0.30/19
[⌓34.Qg3 0.01/20 Rb2 35.h3]
34...Qxh3 35.gxh3 Endgame KRB-KRB **35...e6** 0.18/23
[⌓35...Rb3 -0.24/23]



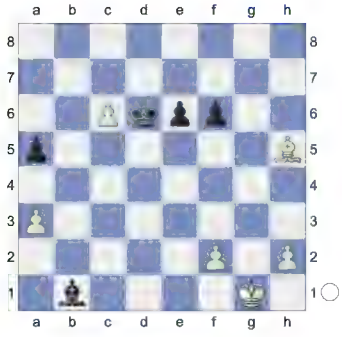
36.Rc1! Bd3 0.91/22
[36...exd5= 0.12/21 remains equal. 37.Rxc2 Rc8]
[36...Bf5 37.Bg2]
37.Bf3 0.55/22
[White should try 37.Bg2± 0.91/22]
37...Kf8 0.99/23
[37...e5!± 0.55/22]
38.c5± Ke7 39.c6 Strongly threatening c7. **39...Rb1 40.Rxb1 Bxb1**

(Diagram)

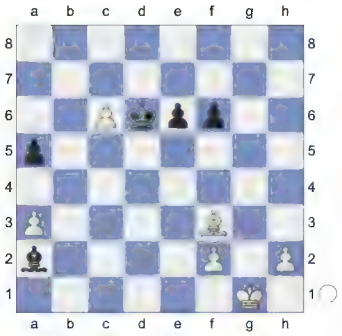


KB-KB **41.Be2** 0.25/24
[41.h4± 1.02/22]
41...a5!= 42.h4 Kd6 1.26/25
[42...Be4= 0.12/26 keeps the balance.]

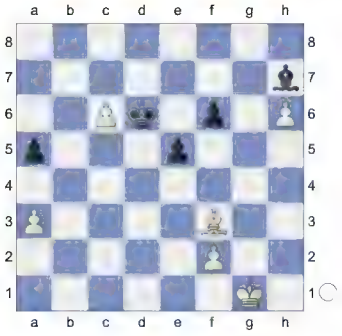
43.h5!± Black must now prevent h6.
43...gxh5 44.Bxh5 f6? 3.18/25
[44...Kxc6± 1.24/23 was necessary. 45.Bxf7 Kd6]



45.Bf3? 1.26/24
[45.Be8!+- 3.18/25]
45...Ba2? 6.56/28
[45...e5± 1.26/24]

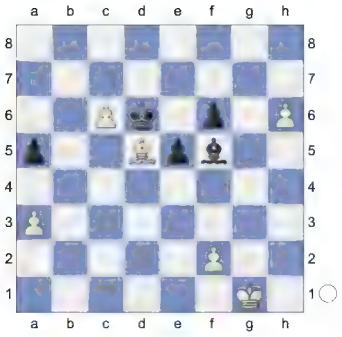


46.h4+- Bb1 47.h5 Bh7 48.h6 e5



49.Bd5 Bf5

[49...Kc7 50.Kh2]



50.Kf1! Kxd5 9.98/23

[⌓50...Bh7 4.63/26 51.Kg2 Bg6]

[50...Bd3+ 51.Kg2]

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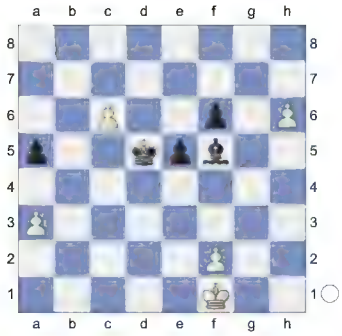
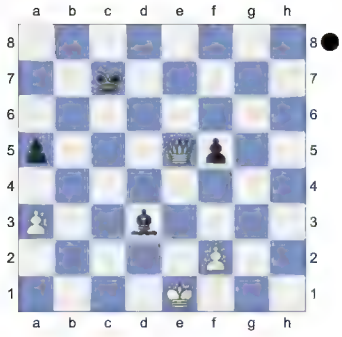


51.c7 Kd6 52.h7 Kxc7 53.h8Q Bd3+ 54.Ke1 f5 55.Qxe5+



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148 **E94**

□ **Samadov,Read** **2501**

■ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2618**

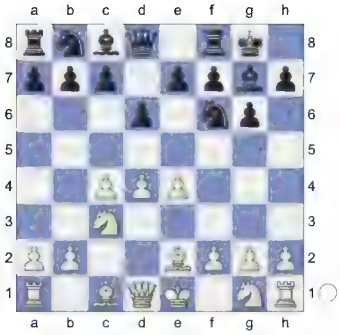
Wch Blitz New York (12) 30.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves

Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 e5
[6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Rb1 c5 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na6 11.h4 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Be2 Nc7 14.f4 e5 15.g3 h5 16.f5 Nf6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.g4 gxf5 20.g5 Bg7 21.exf5 Paravyan,D (2586)-Pichot,A (2638) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
7.0-0N
[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) Zalakaros 1997 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter]*)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 1-0 (48)]
[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.g4 Nbd7 15.f3 a6 16.Nb3 Rec8 17.h4 b5 18.Kb1 h5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.Na5 Rab8 Moor,O-Ekstroem Zürich_76782 2002 Play the King's Indian [Joe Gallagher] 0-1 (56)]
7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 c6 10.Kh1 Na6

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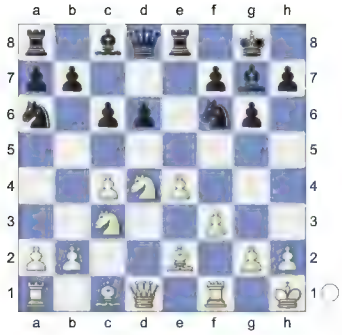
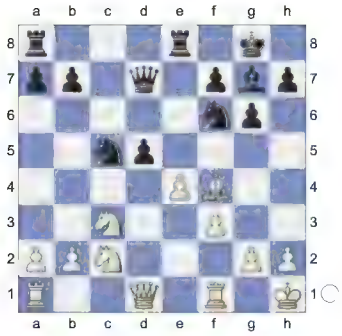


11.Nc2 Nc5!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **12.Bf4 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5** White is slightly better. **14.Bb5N** -0.10/20
[14.exd5 Bf5 15.g4 -0.23/23 *(15.Bg5± 0.45/17)* 15...Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Rad1 Qxa2 19.Bc4 Qxb2 20.Bxf7+! Kxf7 21.Qxc5 0-1 Williams,H-Haik,A (2440) EU-chT 08th Group5 1982 (1)]
[14.e5 0.29/21 might be stronger. Nfd7 15.Qxd5]
14...Bd7= 15.Bxd7 Qxd7



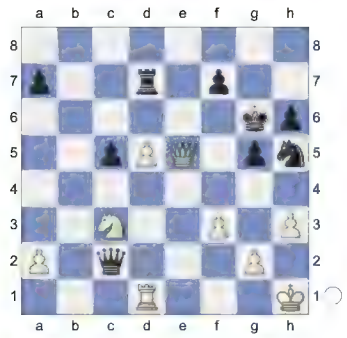
16.exd5 Rad8 17.Bg5 h6! Black has compensation. **18.Bh4** -0.70/20
[⌓18.Bxf6 -0.37/20 Bxf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Bxb2 21.Rb1]
18...b6 0.66/20 &Nero is more active.
[18...Na4!∓ -0.70/20 19.Nxa4 Qxa4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6]
19.Nb4!↑ White is pushing.
[Don't play 19.b4 Na6 20.Qd3 Nc7∓]
19...g5 20.Bf2 0.44/18
[20.Bg3± 0.78/19]

20...Qf5 1.01/18
[20...Nh5± 0.44/18]

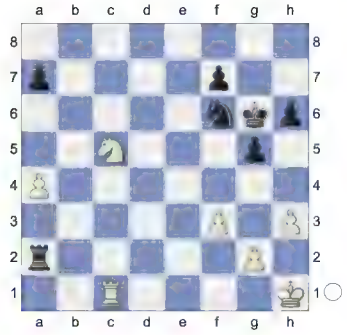
21.Bxc5 0.21/22
[21.Qd2!± 1.01/18]
21...bxc5= 22.Nc6 Rd7 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Ne7+ is the strong threat.
24...Kh7 25.Ne7 -0.62/20
Pair of Knights!
[25.Rd1± 0.31/21]
25...Qc2∓

26.Rd1 -1.21/20
[26.h3∓ -0.39/21]
26...Qxb2 0.19/20
[26...Rb7!∓ -1.21/20 27.b3 Ne8]
27.Nf5 Qc2 0.52/21
[27...Nh5= 0.09/21 28.Qe8 Rb7]
28.Nxg7± Kxg7 29.Qe5 Kg6 White must now prevent ...Rxd5! **30.h3 Nh5** 0.67/19
[30...Rb7= 0.09/19]

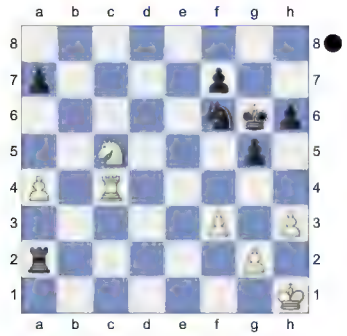
(Diagram)



31.Qe4+ 0.01/18
[31.a4± 0.67/19]
31...Qxe4= 32.Nxe4 Endgame KRN-KRN **32...Nf6 33.Nxc5 Rxd5 34.Rc1 Rd2 35.a4 Ra2**

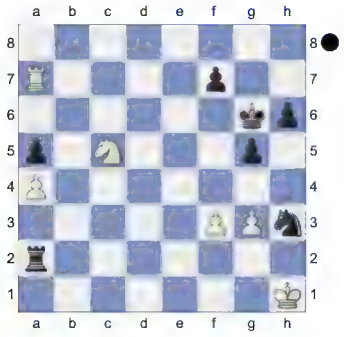


36.Rc4 -0.84/20
[36.Rd1∓ -0.36/21]

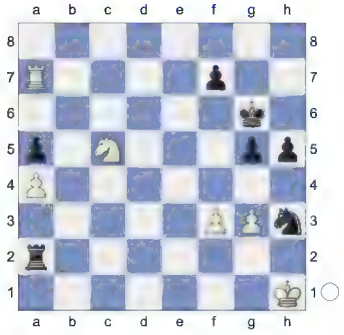


36...Nd5!∓ Threatens to win with ...Ne3.
37.Re4 -1.73/21 Inhibits Ne3.
[37.Ne4∓ -0.76/19]
37...Nf4-+ 38.g3 -2.32/22
[38.g4∓ -1.43/21 was necessary.]
38...Nxh3 -1.27/21
[Black should play 38...Ne2-+ -2.32/22 39.Re7 Nxg3+ 40.Kg1 a5]

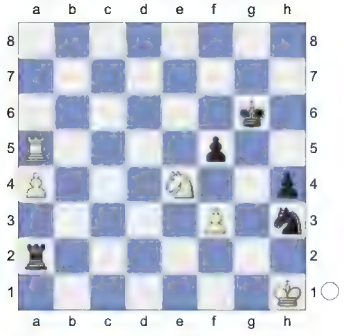
39.Re7 a5 -0.74/23
[⌓39...Nf2+ -1.29/21 40.Kg1 Rc2]
40.Ra7∓



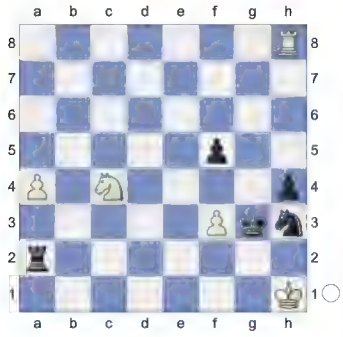
h5 -0.60/20
[40...g4!∓ -1.52/22 41.f4 h5]



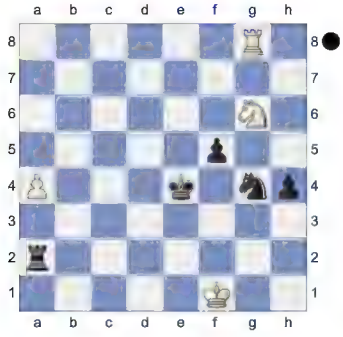
41.Rxa5∓ h4 42.gxh4 gxh4 43.Ne4 Inhibits Ng5. **43...f5** -0.01/23
[Black should try 43...f6∓ -0.62/20]
44.Ra6+= Kh5 45.Ra5! Kg6



46.Ra6+ Kg7 47.Nd6 -0.32/22
[47.Ra7+= -0.01/23 was preferrable. Kg6 48.Ra6+]
47...Kf6∓ And now ...Ke5 would win.
48.Ra8? -2.18/25 Now White is beyond hope.
[48.Ra5= -0.28/22 and White stays safe.]
48...Ke5-+ 49.Nc4+ -4.06/21
[49.Nb5 -1.88/21 was worth a try.]
49...Kf4 50.Rh8? -8.14/22
[50.Rd8 -3.98/21 Ng5 51.Nd2]
50...Kg3? -2.70/5
[50...Ng5 -8.14/22 (-> ...Kg3) 51.Kg1 Kxf3 52.Ne5+ Kg3]



51.Rg8+ Kxf3 52.Ne5+ Ke4 53.Ng6 Nf2+
[Worse is 53...Rxa4 54.Nxh4 Nf2+ 55.Kg2∓]
54.Kg2? -9.03/19
[54.Kg1 -2.68/24 h3 55.Rb8]
54...Ng4+ 55.Kf1



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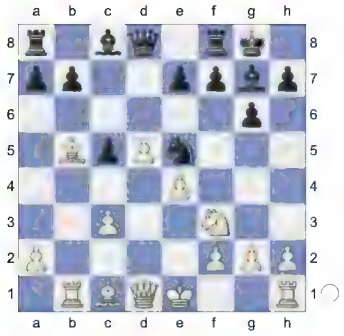
149 **D85**
□ **Iniyan,Panneerseluam** **2500**
■ **Tiglon,Bryce** **2485**
Sitges Sunway op playoff rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+! is currently scoring better than 8.Rb1. wohl besser als 8.Tb1. **8...Nc6 9.Rb1 0-0 10.d5 Ne5**

[10...a6!? 11.Be2 *(11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.dxc6 Bxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qd3∓)* 11...Bxc3+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Na7=]



11.Nxe5 White has an edge. **11...Bxe5 12.0-0 Bxc3**

[12...Qc7 with more complications. 13.Bh6 Rd8 14.Qd2 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5]

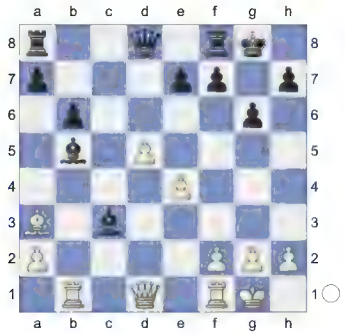
[12...a6 13.Be2 Bxc3 14.Be3 Qa5 15.h4 Rb8 16.h5 Bd7 17.f4 Qxa2 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bg4 f5 20.Bh3 Qa4 21.Qxa4 Bxa4 22.Bxc5 Rf7 23.Rb6 Kh7 24.Rf3 Ba5 25.Re6 fxe4 26.Rg3 Rg8 27.f5 Ding Liren vs. Leko,P (2763)-Sergeev (2776) Russia 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [Frutstaert,Roger] 1-0 (43)]

13.Be3 Bd7N 0.45/21

[Vorgänger: 13...b6 14.Qc2 *(14.Qd3 Bg7 15.Bc6 Rb8 16.Bxc5 Bd7 17.Bxd7 bxc5* 20. Modern Exchange Variation-Modern Exchange 8.Bb5+ â?? *)* 14...Bg7 15.Bc6 Rb8! 16.Bf4 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxb8 Qxb8 19.f4! Qd6 ½-½ Akobian,V (2614)-Grandelius,N (2661) FIDE World Cup 2021 (2.1)]

[13...b6= 0.10/19]

14.Bxc5 b6 15.Ba3 Bxb5

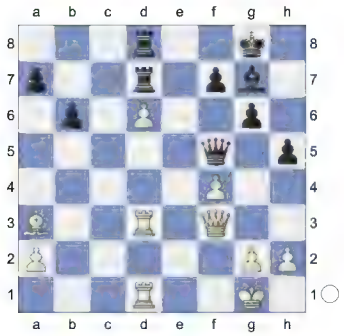


16.Rxb5 Qd7 17.Rb3 Rac8 18.Qd3 Bg7 19.f4 Rfd8 20.Rd1 Rc7

[20...e6 is interesting. 21.d6 Qa4 22.Rb4 Qc2]

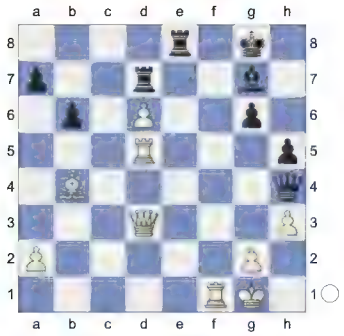
(Diagram)

21.e5 Qg4 22.Qf3 Qf5 23.Rbd3 h5 24.d6 exd6 25.exd6
[But not 25.Rxd6 Rdc8∓]
25...Rcd7

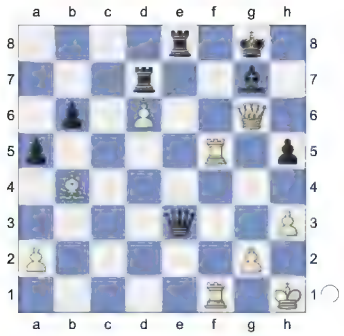


26.Rd5 Qf6 0.51/20
[26...Qg4= 0.12/19]
27.f5 Bf8 1.12/21
[Black should try 27...Re8!± 0.31/20]
28.Qd3 Bh6 29.Bb4 And now Bc3 would win. **29...Bg7 30.h3** &Bianco is more active. **30...Re8** 2.09/21
[30...Qb2± 1.21/20 might work better.]

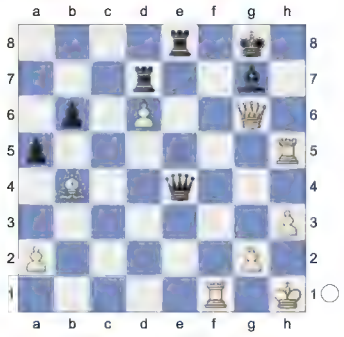
31.fxg6+- fxg6 32.Rf1 Qh4 9.91/21
[32...Qe6 1.83/22]



33.Qxg6! Qe4
[33...Re5 34.Rxe5]
34.Rdf5 Qe3+ 35.Kh1 a5



36.Rxh5! Qe4



37.Rhf5! 5.84/24 **Qe3**
[37...axb4 38.Rf8+]

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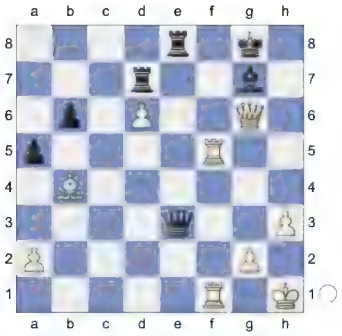
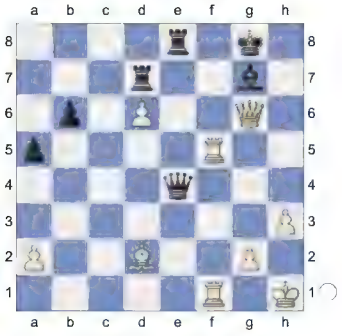
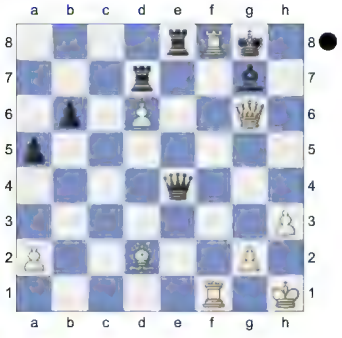


38.Bd2 Qe4
[38...Qe2 39.Rf7]



39.Rf8+!! 8.44/5



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150 **E91**
□ **Mikaelyan,Arman** **2495**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2687**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6... Bg4
E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6.. . Bg4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

6.Nf3 Bg4
[6...c5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nc6 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Rad1 Nd4 13.Nb5 e5 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.b4 b6 16.Rc1 Qh4 17.g3 Qh6 18.Qxh6 Bxh6 19.Rc2 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 Schut,L (2304)-Samuelsen,C (2333) San Luis 2023 15 1... c5: model games [John Watson] 1-0 (52)]
7.Ng1 0.01/16
[7.Be3± 0.51/16 Nfd7 8.Rb1 c5 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na6 11.h4 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Be2 Nc7 14.f4 e5 15.g3 h5 16.f5 Nf6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.g4 gxf5 20.g5 Bg7 21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Ne4 Paravyan,D (2586)-Pichot,A (2638) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (41)]
7...Bd7N 0.34/17
[7...Bc8= 0.01/16

is more appropriate.]
[7...Bxe2 8.Ngxe2 a6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Rb1 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Rxa2 13.Na3 Nd7 14.Qb3 Rxa3 15.bxa3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Be3 Nc5 18.Qd5 Bxe3 19.fxe3 e6 20.Qc6 Qa8 21.Qxc7 Nxe4 22.Rxf7 Steiner,G (2205)-Neulinger,M (2295) Frstenwalde 1998 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0 (38)]

8.Nf3 -0.01/17
[8.Be3± 0.34/17]

8...c5 0.40/19
[8...Bg4!= -0.01/17]

9.d5± White is slightly better. **9...b5!?** 0.89/20 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[9...e6± 0.41/18 was preferrable.]

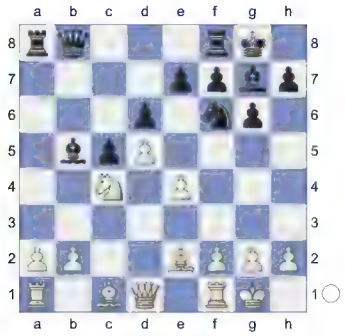
10.cxb5± a6

11.bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 Nc7 13.Nd2 0.48/18
[Better is 13.a4± 0.81/18]

13...Qb8 0.85/22
[13...e6± 0.48/18 should be considered.]

14.Nc4N 0.30/21
[14.a4! Qb4 1.24/19 *(⌓14...e6 0.78/19)* 15.Ra3± Rfb8 16.Nc4 Qb7 17.h3 Ra7 18.f4 Qa8 19.Bf3 Rb4 20.b3 Nh5 21.e5 1.03/16 1-0 Rietze,C (2257)-Stubbe,W (2185) Oberliga Nord O 1314 2013 (2.3) *(⌓21.Qd3 1.49/17)*]
[14.a4± 0.85/22]

14...Nb5= Prevents Ra3. **15.Nxb5 Bxb5**



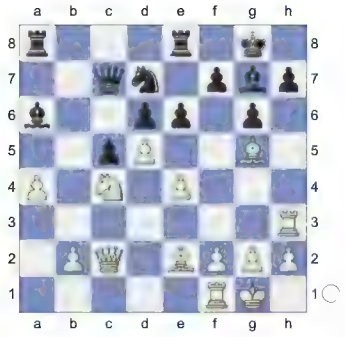
16.Qc2 Nd7 0.91/20
[16...Ba4= 0.08/20 17.Qd3 Bb5]

17.Bg5 0.06/19
[White should play 17.a4± 0.91/20]

17...Re8 0.53/20
[17...Bxc4= 0.06/19 18.Qxc4 *(18.Bxc4 Qxb2 19.Qxb2 Bxb2=)* 18...Qxb2]

18.a4 Ba6 0.90/17
[18...Bxc4± 0.53/21 19.Bxc4 Qxb2 20.Qxb2 Bxb2]

19.Ra3 Qc7 20.Rh3 e6

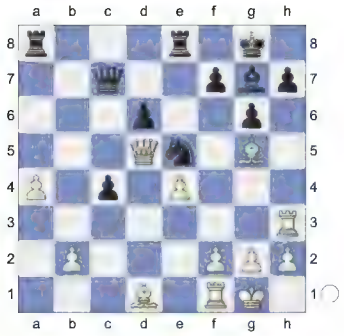


21.dxe6 Rxe6 22.Bg4 0.14/22
[22.b3± 0.60/17]

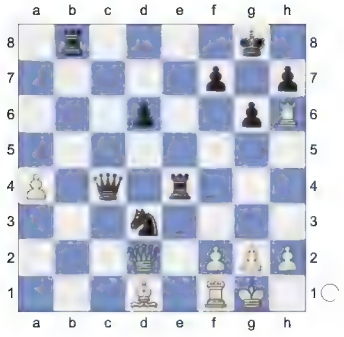
22...Bxc4 0.57/19
[22...Ree8= 0.14/22 might be stronger.]

23.Qxc4± Ne5 24.Qd5 Ree8 25.Bd1 c4

(Diagram)

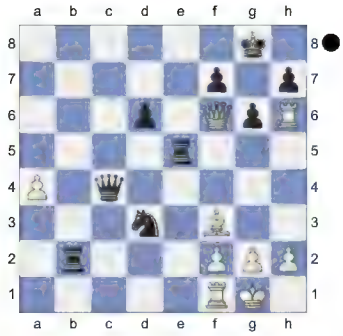


26.Bh6 0.01/20
[26.b4± 0.51/19]
26...Bxh6= 27.Rxh6 Rab8 28.Qd2 -0.80/22
[28.b3!= 0.15/20]
28...Nd3 -0.05/21
[28...Rb7!∓ -0.80/22 29.Qd4 Qc5 30.Qxc5 dxc5]
29.b3! Rxe4 30.bxc4 Qxc4

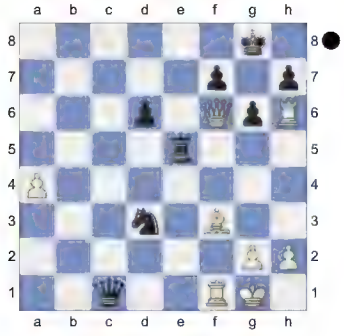


31.Bf3? -1.92/21
[31.Be2= 0.09/22 and White is okay. Rd4 32.Rh3]
31...Rb2-+ 32.Qg5 Re5 -0.02/22
[32...Rf4-+ -1.97/21 Strongly threatening ...Rxf2! 33.Qd5 Qxd5 34.Bxd5 Rfb4]
33.Qf6? -12.68/22
[33.Qd8+= -0.02/22 Kg7 34.Qh4 *(34.Rh4? Rxf2 35.Rd1 Qc5-+)* 34...Qxh4 35.Rxh4]

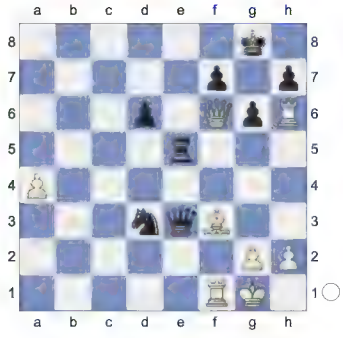
(Diagram)



33...Rxf2! Active counter play! **34.Rxf2**
[34.Rb1 Qb4]
34...Qc1+? -3.26/5
[34...Re1+ -#4/10 mates 35.Rf1 Qc5+ 36.Qd4 Qxd4+ 37.Kh1 Rxf1#]
35.Rf1? -#2/6
[35.Bd1-+ -3.26/5 Re1+ 36.Rf1 Qe3+ 37.Kh1 Nf2+ 38.Qxf2 Qxf2 39.h4 Rxf1+ 40.Kh2 Rxd1 41.Rxg6+ hxg6 42.Kh3 f5 43.Kh2 Qxh4#]



35...Qe3+ -7.06/5
[⌓35...Qxf1+!! -#2/6 36.Kxf1 Re1#]



36.Kh1 Nf2+

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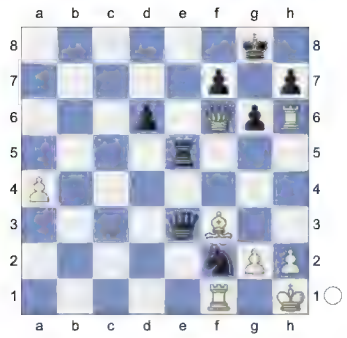

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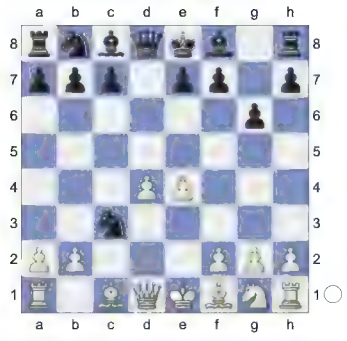
151 **D85**
□ **Diaz Perez,Michel Alejandro** **2488**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2695**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4
[1.h4]
1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

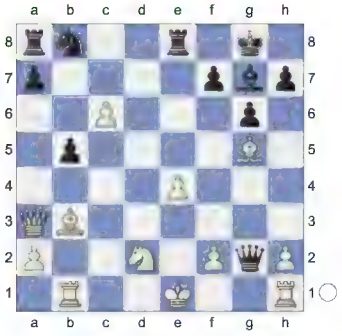


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qa3 0-0
9.Nf3 Against e5
[9.Bg5 Re8 10.Nf3 h6 11.Be3 Bf8 12.Bc4 a6 13.Qc1 b5 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Ne5+ Kg8 16.Bxh6 Kh7 17.Nf7 Qc8 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Qxg6# 1-0 (20) Rada,H (2043)-Jelic,D (2166) Heraklion 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson]]
9...Bc6!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
10.d5 White is slightly better. **10...Bd7**

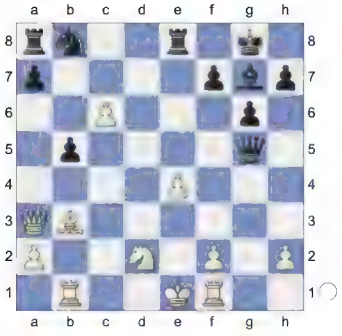
11.Rb1 e6N
[11...b6 12.Be2 c6 0.62/19 *(12...e6= 0.23/19)* 13.c4± Na6? 3.02/19 *(13...Bg4± 0.60/17)* 14.Qxa6+- cxd5 15.cxd5 Qc7 16.0-0 e6 17.Ba3 Rfe8 1-0 Nenezic,M (2510)-Bouget,A (2268) Speed Chess Q2 blitz 2022 (6) 18.Rbc1 Qf4 19.d6 Qxe4 20.Bb5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Red8 22.Rc7 Bf8 23.Rxf7 Bxd6 24.Bxd6 Rxd6 25.Rd7 Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Qd5 27.Qe7 Rf8 28.Ng5 1-0 (28) Nenezic, M (2510)-Bouget,A (2268) Chess.com INT 2022]
12.Bg5 Qc8 13.c4 exd5 14.cxd5 c6 15.Bc4 Re8

16.Nd2 -0.57/20
[Better is 16.0-0= 0.23/19]
16...b5!∓ 17.Bb3 Bh3? 1.41/18
18.gxh3± Qxh3 Threatens to win with ...

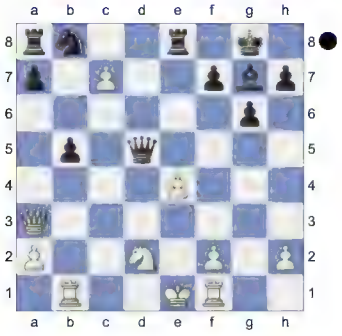
Qg2. **19.dxc6** Bxf7+! is the strong threat. **19...Qg2** 1.11/20
[Black should try 19...Bc3 1.57/19]



20.Rf1? -1.63/19 Loses the game.
[But not 20.Bxf7+?! Kxf7 21.Qb3+ Kf8=]
[20.Bd5!± 1.11/20 keeps the pressure on. Qxh1+ 21.Ke2 Qxh2 22.Rxb5 Qh5+ 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 24.Nxf3]
20...Qxg5-+

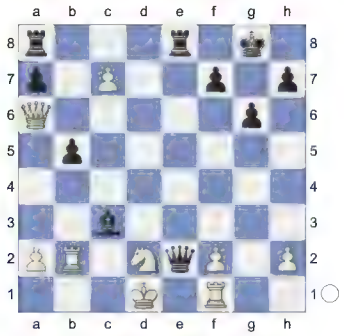


Really sharp! **21.Bd5** -6.74/21
[21.Rc1 -1.64/18 Bf8 22.Qb2]
21...Qxd5 Black is clearly winning. **22.c7**

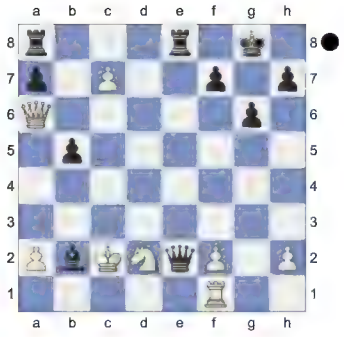


Na6! 23.Qxa6
[23.f4 Nxc7]

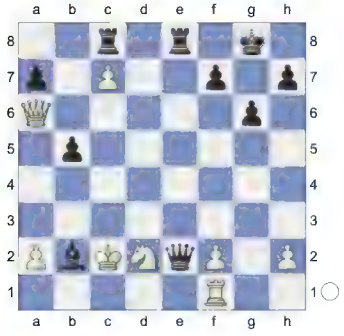
23...Bc3 24.Rb2 Qxe4+ 25.Kd1 Qe2+



26.Kc1 Bxb2+ 27.Kc2



Rac8!



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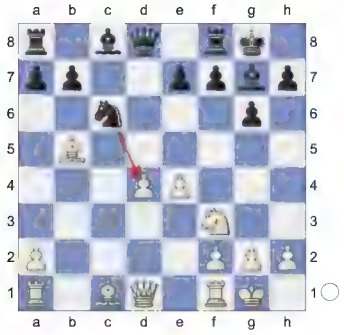
152 **D85**
□ **Petkov,Momchil** **2486**
■ **Lalic,Bogdan** **2348**
Prishtina Balkan op (3) 15.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White

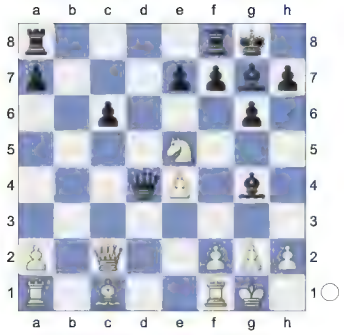
7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.cxd5 Nxd5

6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0



11.Bxc6 bxc6 **12.Qc2!** outshines the older 12.Ba3.erfolgreicher als das alte 12.La3. **12...Bg4** Threatening ...c5! **13.Ne5! Qxd4**



14.Bb2! Qb6 15.Rab1 Bxe5

(Diagram)

16.Bxe5 Qa6N

[16...Qa5!?

A) 17.Bc3

A1) 17...Qc5 18.h3 Be2 *(18...Be6 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Qh6 f6 23.e5 Qd3 24.Rb7 Qxc3 25.Rxe7 Bf7 26.e6 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Qe5+* Dubov,D (2711)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(154) 2022 [Arsovic,Goran]*)* 19.Rfc1 Ba6 20.Qd2 Qd6 21.Qh6 f6 22.e5 fxe5 23.Re1 Rf5 24.g4 Rf7 25.Bxe5 Qd5 26.Rbd1 Qxa2 27.Qe3 Raf8 28.Ra1 Qc4 29.Rec1 Qe2 30.Qxe2 Bxe2 31.Rxa7 Rxf2 32.Rxe7 Ikonnikov,V (2465)-Lokander,M (2469) Germany 2025 ½-½ (36);

A2) 17...Qa6 18.Ba1 Rab8 19.Rbc1 Qa5 20.h4 Rfd8 21.f3 Be6 22.Rf2 f6 23.Qxc6 Kf7 24.Qc3 Qh5 25.g3 Qb5 26.Qe3 Rbc8 27.Re1 Rd3 28.Qh6 Qh5 29.Qxh5 gxh5 30.Kg2 Rc4 31.Bb2 a5 Pasini,N (2645)-Vaisman,V (2601) Batumi 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] ½-½ (40) 32.Rc1 a4 33.a3 Rb3 34.Rxc4 Bxc4 35.Rd2 e5 36.Kf2 Ke6 37.Bc1 Rc3 38.Bb2 Rb3 39.Bc1 Rc3 40.Bb2 Rb3 ½-½ (40) Nguyen,N (2645)-

Paravyan,D (2601) Chess.com INT 2023;

B) 17.Bf4 e5=]

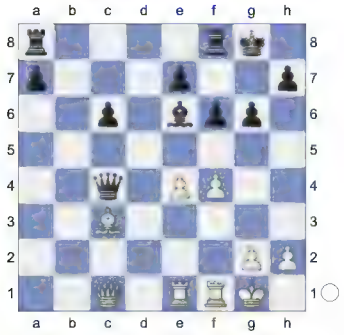
17.Rbe1N -0.52/17 Against Be2

[Vorgänger: 17.Rfc1 f6 0.49/21 *(17...Rfd8=* 0.07/19 feels stronger.*)* 18.Bd4 Be6 19.a4 Rfb8 20.h4 Kf7 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.Qxc6 -0.91/25 *(*Better is *22.e5∓* -0.37/20 *)* 22...Qxc6 -0.56/23 *(22...Qd3∓* -0.91/25 *23.Qc3 Qxe4)* 23.Rxc6 0-1 Bluebaum,M (2655)-Navara,D (2679) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Jan Early blitz 2024 (7)]

[17.Qc5= 0.19/19]

17...Be6∓ 18.f4 f6 19.Bc3 Qxa2 20.Qc1 Qc4 -0.22/19

[20...Rf7!∓ -0.84/20]



21.Rf3 -0.65/20

[21.Qe3= -0.22/19]

21...Rad8 0.21/21

[Black should play 21...Rf7!∓ -0.65/20]

22.f5= Hoping for Qh6. **22...Bf7 23.e5** Qh6 is the strong threat. **23...gxf5** 0.17/24

[⌓23...Rd3 -0.16/20]

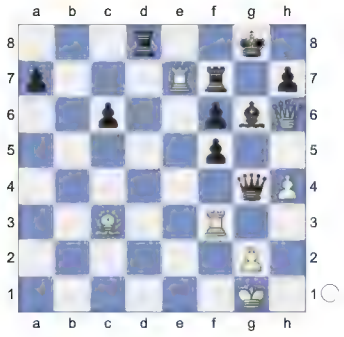
24.Qh6 Bg6 25.h4 0.01/23

[25.Rg3!± 0.48/23 Rf7 26.exf6]

25...Qg4!

(Diagram)

26.exf6 exf6 27.Re7 Rf7



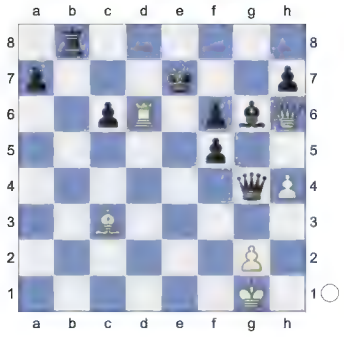
Inhibits Qg7+. **28.Rd3!⇄** White puts up resistance **28...Rb8 29.Rxf7 Kxf7**

[29...Rb1+? 30.Kh2 Kxf7 31.Rd6+-]

30.Rd6 Ke7 4.12/25

[30...Qg3 31.Rxf6+ Ke8 32.Qf8+ Kd7 33.Qg7+]

[30...Kg8= -0.01/24 and Black stays safe. 31.Rd7 Bf7 32.Rxf7 Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Kxf7 34.Qxf6+ Kg8 35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Qh8+ Kf7 38.Qf6+]



31.Rd4 2.01/23

[⌓31.Rxf6 4.12/25 Threatening mate with Qg7+. Bf7 32.Rxf7+! *(32.Rxc6*

Qg3=; 32.Qxh7 Rb1+ 33.Kf2 Qf4+ 34.Ke2 Qe4+ 35.Kf2 Qc2+ 36.Ke3 Qxc3+ 37.Kf2 Qe1+ 38.Kf3 Rb3+ 39.Kf4 Qe4+ 40.Kg5 Rg3+ 41.Kh6 Qxh4#) 32...Kxf7 33.Qf6+ *(33.Qxh7+? Ke6-+)* 33...Kg8 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qf6+ *(35.Qxh7+? Ke6-+)* 35...Kg8 36.Qe6+ Kf8 37.Qd6+ Kf7 38.Qc7+ Ke6 39.Qxc6+ Ke7 40.Qc7+ Ke6 41.Qxb8]

31...Qe2+- White must now prevent ... Rb1+.

[31...Rb1+? 32.Kf2 Qh5 33.Qe3+ *(33.Bb4+ Rxb4 34.Qg7+ Bf7±)* 33...Kf8 34.Rd8+ Be8 35.Bxf6 Rb2+ 36.Bxb2+-]

32.Rd2 White has strong compensation. Chess con chili. **32...Qe6** **33.Qg7+** 0.76/22

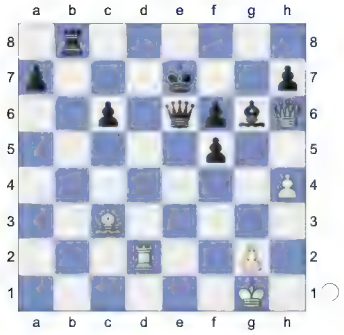
[33.Kf2+- 1.99/22 is more deadly. Qc4 34.Qe3+ Kf8 35.Bxf6]

33...Qf7±

[33...Bf7? 34.Bxf6+! Qxf6 35.Re2+ Qe6 36.Rxe6+ Kxe6 37.Qh6+ Ke7 38.Qxh7+-]

34.Qh6 Threatens to win with Qf4.

34...Qe6



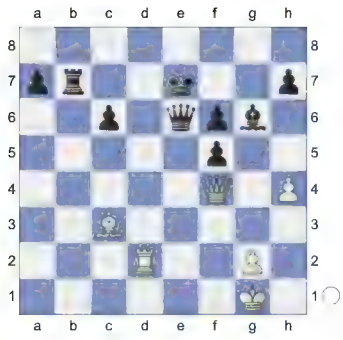
35.Qf4? -0.01/23

[35.Qg7+ Qf7 36.Qh6 Rb3=]

[35.Kh2!+- 2.01/21]

35...Rb7 0.74/23

[35...Re8= -0.01/23 remains equal.]



36.Rd3! &Bianco is more active. **36...Kf7**

37.Rd6 -0.01/23

[37.Re3± 0.79/24 Qd5 38.h5]

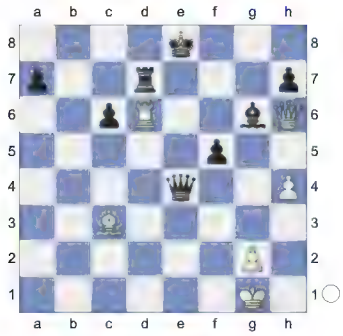
37...Qe4= **38.Rxf6+** **Ke8** (-> ...Rb1+)

39.Qh6 **Rf7** Inhibits Qf8+. Black wants to play ...f4. **40.Rd6** -0.79/22

[40.h5= -0.01/19 Rxf6 41.Bxf6]

40...Rd7 -0.25/21

[40...f4∓ -0.79/22 41.Qg5 Qe7 42.Qxe7+ Rxe7]

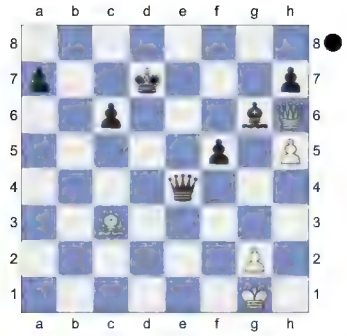


41.Rxd7 **Kxd7**

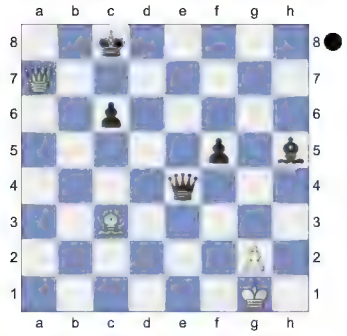
[41...Qb1+ 42.Kh2 *(42.Kf2 Kxd7 43.Qg7+ Kc8=)* 42...Kxd7 43.h5 *(43.Qg7+ Ke6±)* 43...Qb8+ 44.Kh1±]

42.h5

(Diagram)



Bxh5 43.Qxh7+ Kc8 44.Qxa7 -0.48/25
[44.Qxh5= -0.01/19 was preferrable. Qe3+ 45.Kh2 Qxc3 46.Qxf5+ Kd8 47.Qf8+ Kc7 48.Qe7+ Kb8 49.Qe8+ Kc7 50.Qe7+ Kb6 51.Qd8+ Kc5 52.Qe7+ Kd5 53.Qxa7]



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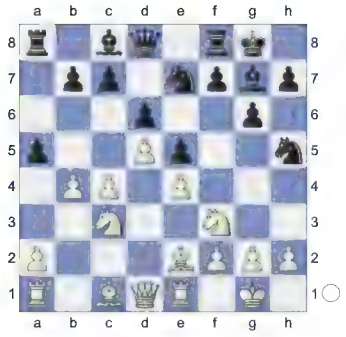
153 **E97**
□ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 a5



11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.a4 h6N 1.10/20
[12...f5± 0.64/20 feels stronger.]
[12...c5 13.Nb5 *(13.Ra3 Nf6 14.Bb2 Kh8 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Nb5 Ra6 17.Qc2 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.f3 Bd7 21.Nf1 Be8 22.Ng3 Bg6 23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Nxd5 26.Qe4 Nb4 27.Qxb7 Rf4* ½-½ Pelletier,Y (2479)-Dydyshko, V (2521) EU-chT (Men) 12th Batumi 1999 (8.4)) 13...Ra6 *(13...Nf6 14.Bf1 Ne8 15.Ra3 Ra8 16.Bd2 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Qc1 h6 19.Bd3 Qf6* Polak,T (2535)-Jakovenko,D (2726) 110/320 Plovdiv 2010*)* 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Bb2 Ne8 16.Rf1 f5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 19.Rxf4 g5 20.Rf1 Sieciechowicz,M (2446)-Tregubov,P (2247) Warszawa (rapid) 110/(320) 2010]
[12...Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qd2 h6 15.Nb5 Ra8 16.Rac1 g5 17.Bd1 Ng6 18.c5 g4 19.Nfd4 Be5 20.Nf5

h5 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Qb4 Bxf5 23.exf5 Nh4 24.g3 fxg3 25.hxg3 Nxf5 26.Bc2 Ng7 27.Rxe5 0-1 Mammadova,G (2349)-Hesham,A (2409) Sharjah Challengers 6th 2023 (5)]

[12...b6 13.Ra3 Bd7 14.Bd3 h6 15.Bd2 Ra8 16.g3 Qe8 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 f5 19.Nh4 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Nf6 21.Bg2 g5 22.Nf3 Nfxd5 23.Nd4 Qf7 24.Rf3 Qg6 25.Nc6 Rae8 26.Qb3 Rxf3 27.Nxe7+ 1-0 Chigaev,M (2632)-Harshavardhan,G (2426) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7)]

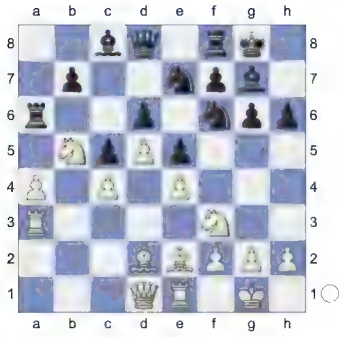
13.Bd2 0.62/19

[13.Ba3± 1.10/20]

13...c5 1.02/18

[13...Nf6± 0.62/19]

14.Nb5 White is better. **14...Ra6 15.Ra3 Nf6**



16.Bf1 0.71/21

[⌓16.Bd3 1.14/20]

16...Ne8 17.g3 0.58/20

[17.h3± 0.98/18]

17...f5± 18.exf5 gxf5 1.32/20

[18...Nxf5± 0.53/20 19.Bd3 g5]

19.Nh4± Kh7 20.Bd3 White has more active pieces. **20...Nf6** 1.68/20

[20...Bd7± 1.32/17 keeps fighting. 21.Bc2 Kg8]

(Diagram)

21.Qb1+- Kh8 22.Nxf5 1.28/25

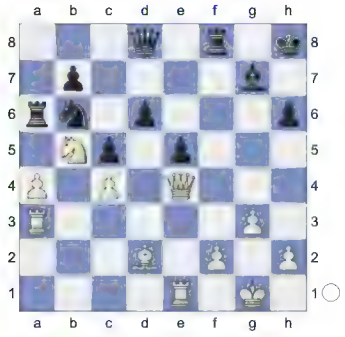
[22.Bc2+- 1.78/19]

22...Bxf5 1.66/20

[22...Nxf5± 1.28/25 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Nxd5]

23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.Qxf5 Qe6 is the strong threat. **24...Nxd5 25.Qe4 Nb6** 3.15/22

[25...Nb4 1.62/21 26.Qxb7 d5]



26.a5

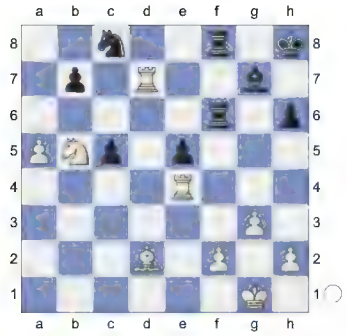
[26.Qxb7?! Qa8 27.Qxa8 *(27.Nxd6 Qxb7 28.Nxb7 Nxc4±)* 27...Rfxa8+-]

26...d5 27.cxd5 Qxd5 28.Rd3

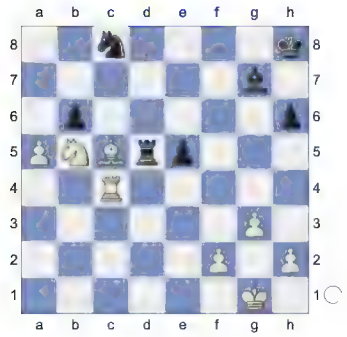
[28.axb6 Qxd2 29.Rxa6 *(29.Re2 Qc1+ 30.Re1 Qb2=)* 29...bxa6± *(29...Qxf2+ 30.Kh1±)*]

28...Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Nc8 30.Rd7 Raf6

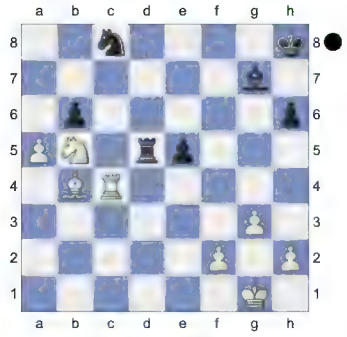
(Diagram)



31.Be3 2.57/24
[Weaker is 31.Rxb7 Rxf2 32.Bc3 *(32.Be3 Ra2+-)* 32...Rf1+ 33.Kg2 R8f2+ 34.Kh3 Rh1+-]
[⌓31.Rxe5 4.34/23 Rxf2 32.Rxc5]
31...R6f7 32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Bxc5 Rd7 34.Rb4 Rd5 35.Rc4 b6? 5.36/28
[35...Rd7 2.87/23 36.Kg2 Kh7]



36.Bb4
[Less strong is 36.axb6 Nxb6 37.Bxb6 Rxb5+-]



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1-0

154 **D90**
□ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (3.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 1:10 **2.c4** 7 **g6** 1:49 **3.Nc3** 9 **d5** 19 **4.Nf3** 19 **Bg7** 6 **5.h4** 2:57 **dxc4** 3:20

6.e4 7:49 **c5** 1:46 **7.d5** 9:24 **Bg4N** 0.29/20 7:59
[7...b5! -0.14/20 deserves consideration. 8.h5 0-0 *(8...Nxh5 9.Nxb5 0-0 10.Bxc4 Bg4 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Qc2 Qb8 13.Rh4 Nhf6 14.Be3 h5 15.Nc3 c4 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.f3 Bd7 18.0-0-0 Rc8 19.Kb1 Qb4 20.a3 Qa5 21.Ka2 Rab8 22.Bf4 Ne8 23.Nc6* 0-1 So,W (2757)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W chess.com INT 2024 (6.1))
9.hxg6 fxg6
A) 10.e5 Ng4 11.d6 e6 12.Rxh7
A1) 12...Rf5 13.Rh3 Nc6 14.a4 b4 *(14...Ngxe5 15.axb5 Nd4 16.Nxe5 Rxe5+ 17.Be2 Bb7 18.Kf1 Nxe2 19.Nxe2 Rd5 20.Qc2 Rxd6 21.Nc3 Rd3* 35. Grünfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4- GrÃ¼nfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4 â)
15.Ne4 Ngxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.g4 Rf7 18.f4 Qf8 19.Nxc5

Rxf4 20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.Be2 c3 22.bxc3 Nxg4 23.Bxg4 Bxc3+ 24.Rxc3 bxc3 25.Qf3 Qd2+ 26.Kf1 Ba6+ 27.Kg1 1 Chapter 7 – 5.h4 Game;

A2) 12...Nc6 13.Rxg7+ Kxg7 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Ne4 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxc5 Qc6 18.Qd4 Rf5 19.Be3 Kg8 20.0-0-0 Bd7 21.Kb1 Rc8 22.Qh4 Nf7 23.Ne4 Kg7 24.f3 Rh8 ½-½ Sethuraman,S (2739)-Warlick,J (2756) USA corr 1988 (1.2);

B) 10.Rh4 Ng4 11.Nxb5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 h5 13.Bd2 Qa6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Qxc4 Qd6 16.Nb5 Qf6 17.d6+ Kh8 18.Bc3 Nge5 19.0-0-0 Nxc4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Bxc4 exd6 35. Grünfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4-GrÃ¼nfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5. h4 â]

8.Qa4+= 3:10 White has an edge.

8...Bd7 23:29 **9.Qxc4** 21 And now e5! would win. **9...0-0** 1.03/20 6

[9...Qa5± 0.63/18]

10.Qxc5 6:03 **e6** 7:00

11.dxe6 12:56 **Bxe6** 44 **12.Ng5** 1:46 **Nc6** 0.83/22 8:22

[12...Ng4= 0.06/20 13.f3 Bd4 14.Nxe6 fxe6]

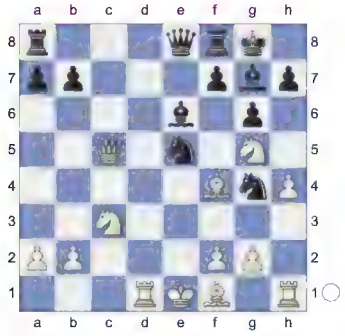
13.Bf4 -0.62/21 10:13 White is more active.

[White should try 13.Nxe6± 0.83/22 fxe6 14.Bg5]

13...Ng4!∓ 7:20 **14.e5** 25:17 **Ncxe5** 3:16

[14...Ngxe5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rd1=]

15.Rd1 3:03 **Qe8** 10:36



16.Nxe6 3:03 **fxe6** 7:47 **17.Bg3** 1:06 **Rc8** 0.01/22 20

[17...Rf5!∓ -0.56/23 18.Qd6 Bf8]

18.Qb5= 2:39 **Qe7** 8:08

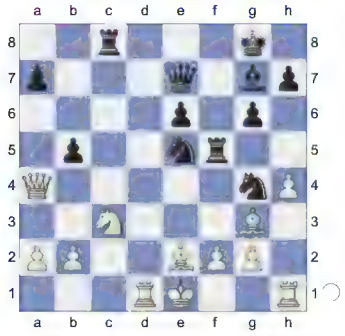
[18...Qxb5 simplifies 19.Bxb5 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.0-0 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxc3 23.Rd7 Rf7]

19.Be2↑ 21 White has the initiative.

19...Rf5 0.89/23 58

[19...Rc6= 0.08/21]

20.Qa4± 1:00 **b5?** 2.44/22 2:36



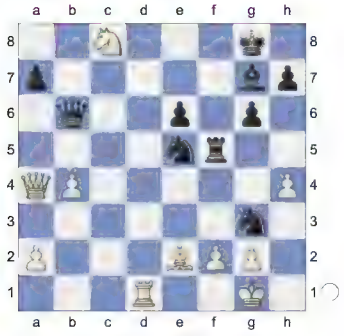
21.Nxb5+- 1:07 Nd6! would now be deadly.

[21.Qxb5? Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxc3+ 23.bxc3 Rxb5-+]

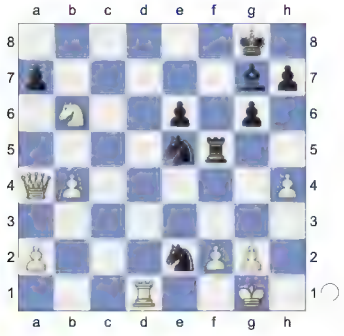
21...Qc5 1:39 **22.0-0** 2:38

[22.Bxg4 Nxg4 23.0-0 *(23.Nxa7? Rxf2 24.Rd3 Qc1+* Skewer, Double Attack *25.Qd1 Qxb2-+)* 23...Nxf2 24.Rxf2 Qxb5 25.Qxa7 Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Bxb2± *(26...Qxb2 27.Qa6±)*]

[22.Qxa7 Qb4+ 23.Nc3 Qxb2=]
22...Ne3 22 **23.b4** 2:08 **Qb6** 1:10 **24.Nd6** 1:19
[Much less strong is 24.fxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Bf2 Qxe2]
[24.Nxa7 Ra8 25.fxe3 *(25.Bxe5? Nxf1 26.Rxf1 Rxa7-+)* 25...Qxe3+ 26.Kh2 Qxe2∓ *(26...Qxa7? 27.Rd8+* Deflection *Rxd8 28.Qxa7+-)*]
24...Nxf1? 5.39/21 1:13
[24...Rcf8 2.91/23]
25.Nxc8 1:24 **Nxg3** 44

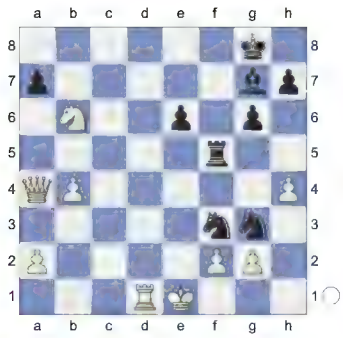


26.Nxb6 1:10 **Nxe2+** 4 **27.Kf1** 26 **Ng3+** 47 **28.Kg1?** 0.01/20 27
[28.Ke1+- 6.49/23]
28...Ne2+= 6

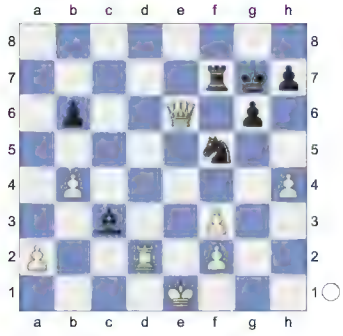


A dynamic duo of knights. **29.Kf1?** -0.01/18 2
[29.Kh1!+- 1.87/23 h5 30.Nc4 *(30.Qxa7 Rxf2 31.Qa6 Ng4±)*]
29...Ng3+ 3 **30.Ke1** 7 **Nf3+** 47

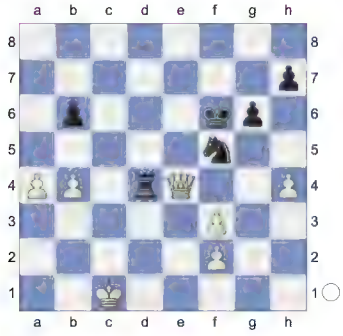
(Diagram)



31.gxf3 4 **Bc3+** 3 **32.Rd2** 3 **axb6** 43 **33.Qe8+** 3:40 **Kg7** 24 **34.Qe7+** 15 **Rf7** 9 **35.Qxe6** 45 **Nf5** 57

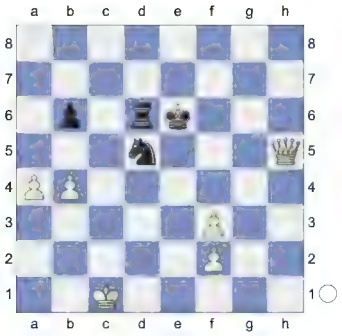


Strongly threatening ...Re7. **36.Kd1!** 8 **Bxd2** 48 **37.Kxd2+-** 3 Endgame. KQ-KRN **37...Rf6** 34 **38.Qe4** 25 **Rd6+** 10 **39.Kc1** 12 **Kf6** 17 **40.a4** 0 **Rd4** 0

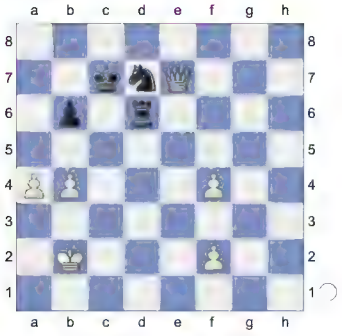


41.Qc6+ 33 **Rd6** 1:47 **42.Qc7** 1:09 **Ke6** 4:31 **43.Qxh7** 1:55 **Ne7** 22 **44.h5** 33 **gxh5** 6 **45.Qxh5** 7 **Nd5** 3:01

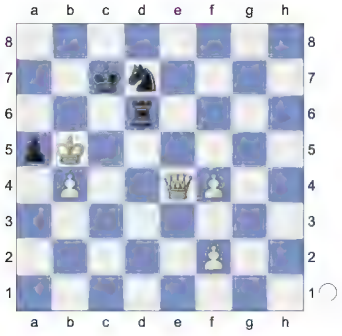
(Diagram)



46.Qg4+ 2:01 **Ke7** 13 **47.Qe4+** 1:24 **Kd7** 7 **48.f4** 14 **Kc7** 5:27 **49.Kb2** 19 **Nf6** 14 **50.Qe7+** 1:04 **Nd7** 10

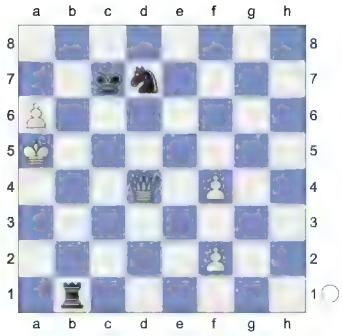


51.Kc3 8 Repels Rd2 **51...Rf6** 56 **52.Qe4** 46 **Rd6** 19 **53.Kc4** 20 **Rc6+** 1:53 **54.Kb5** 38 **Rd6** 5 **55.a5** 2:02 **bxa5** 7



56.bxa5 2 **Rf6** 1:36 **57.Qc4+** 1:41 **Kb8** 15 **58.a6** 3:49 White mates. **58...Rb6+** 3:04 **59.Ka5** 4 **Rb1** 6:44 **60.Qd4** 15 **Kc7** 2:16

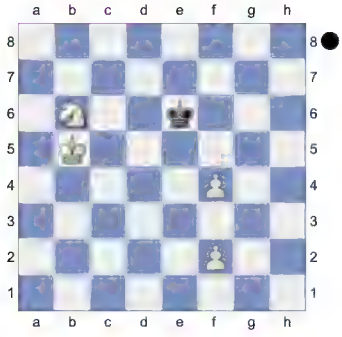
(Diagram)



61.a7 26 **Nb6** 13 **62.Qxb6+** 24 **Rxb6** 5 **63.a8N+** 11

[And not 63.a8B Rb8 64.Be4 Kd6∓]

63...Kd6 20 **64.Nxb6** 10 **Ke6** 1:02 **65.Kb5** 7



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155 **E68**

□ **Srihari,L R** **2484**

■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**

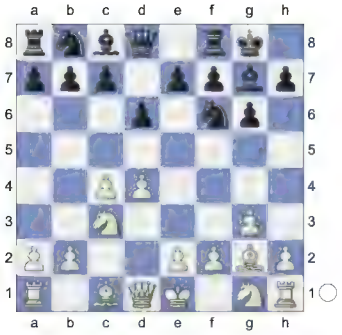
Masters Open 2024 (8.26) 11.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

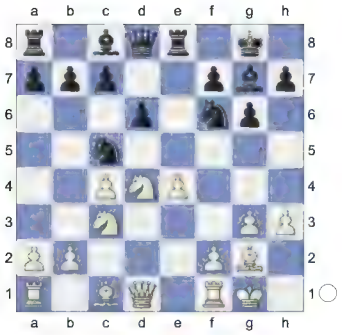
E68: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 e4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6

(Diagram)

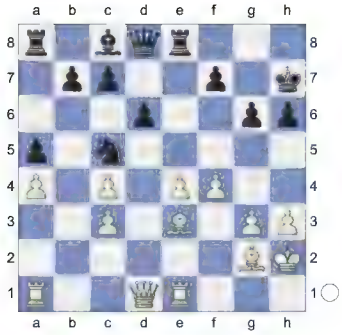


6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.h3 Re8

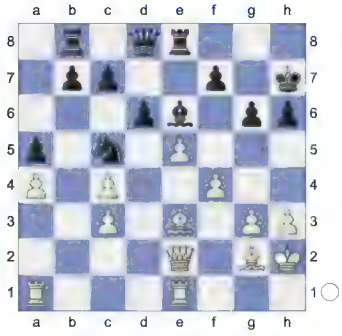


11.Re1 h6 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.Kh2N
[13.f4 a5 14.a4 Nd7 15.Be3 Ndc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Ra6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Nd5 c6 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.exf6 Kf8 23.g4 Nd4 24.f5 g5 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.c5 Rd8 27.Bf1 Ra8 1-0 (45) Bok,B (2620)-Tabatabaei,M (2707) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Apr Early blitz 2024 (8)]
13...a5 14.a4! Nd7 White is slightly better. **15.Be3 Kh7**

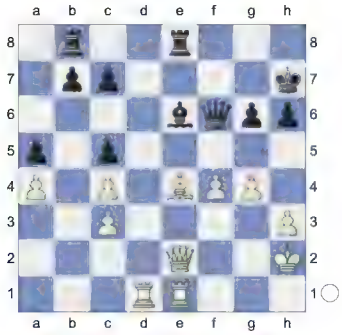
16.f4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nec5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5



19.e5! Be6 20.Qe2 Rb8 1.04/22
[20...Qe7!± 0.48/22]



21.Bxc5 0.58/18
[21.g4!± 1.04/22]
21...dxc5± 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.g4 Qh4 0.83/22
[23...Red8± 0.45/21 deserves consideration.]
24.Be4 0.09/25
[24.Bd5± 0.83/22]
24...f5 25.exf6 Qxf6



26.Qf2
[26.Kg3 seems wilder. Bf7 27.Qf3 Rbd8 28.Bd5]
26...Kh8 27.Qg3 Re7 1.44/21

[27...Bxc4= 0.00/22 remains equal. 28.g5 hxg5]

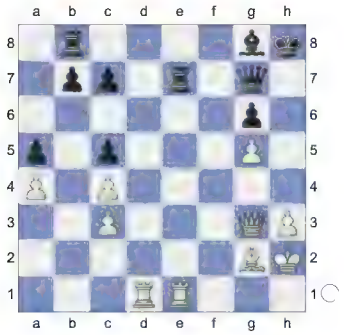
28.g5± hxg5 29.fxg5 Qg7 2.09/24

[29...Qf7± 1.28/22 might work better.]

30.Bg2 0.86/23

[30.Bxb7!+- 2.09/24 Bg2 would now be deadly. Kg8 *(30...Rxb7 31.Qh4+ Qh7 32.Rxe6+-)* 31.Rb1]

30...Bg8



31.Qh4+ Bh7 1.48/22

[⌓31...Qh7 0.89/22 32.Qf2 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Qg7 34.Qxc5 *(34.Qh4+ Bh7+-)* 34...Rf8]

32.Qf2 0.96/25 White is much more active.

[⌓32.Rb1 1.48/22]

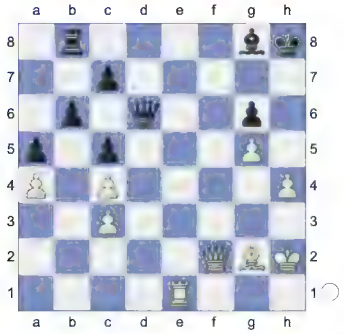
32...b6 1.36/22

[Black should try 32...Bg8 0.96/25]

33.h4 -0.01/28

[33.Qg3± 1.36/22]

33...Bg8= 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Re1↑ White is pushing. **35...Qd6+**



36.Qg3 Black must now prevent Qxd6.

36...Bxc4 37.Qxd6 cxd6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **38.Re7 Kg8 39.Rd7 Bb3?** 1.62/26

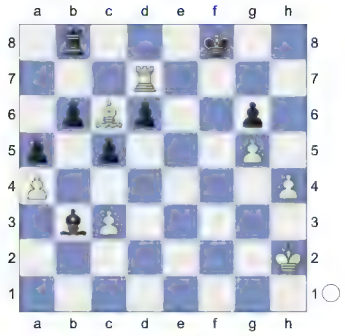
[39...d5= 0.03/30]

40.Bc6? 0.07/26

[Only move: 40.Rxd6+- 1.62/26 Kg7 41.Be4]

40...Kf8? 1.98/23

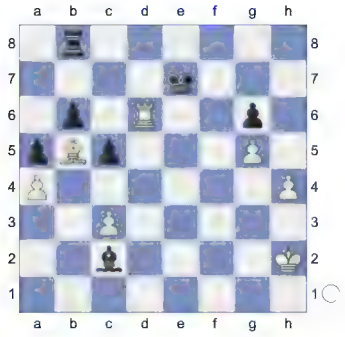
[40...d5= 0.07/26]



41.Rxd6+- Bc2 42.Bb5 1.27/26 Dodges c4

[42.Rd2+- 1.68/22 Bb3 43.Kg3]

42...Ke7±



43.Rf6 0.06/24

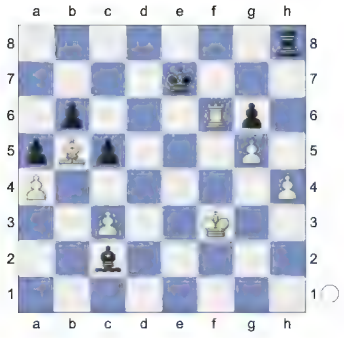
[43.Rd2!± 1.20/25 Bf5 44.Kg3]

43...Bb1 2.00/21

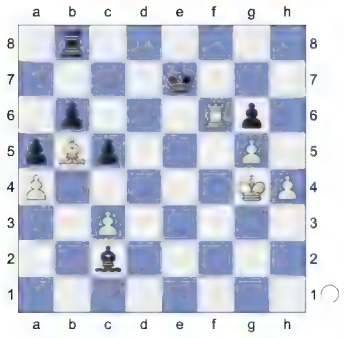
[43...Rf8!= 0.06/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]

44.Kg3+- Bc2 45.Kf3 Rh8

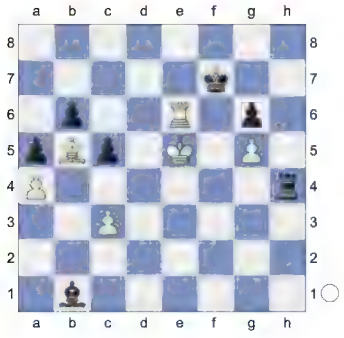
(Diagram)



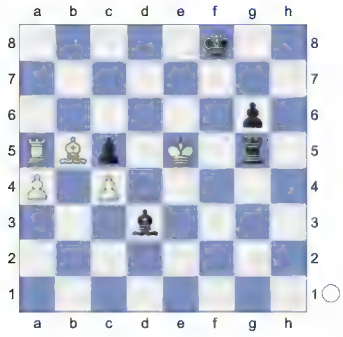
46.Kg4
[Worse is 46.Rxb6 Rxh4 47.c4 Bd3=]
46...Rb8



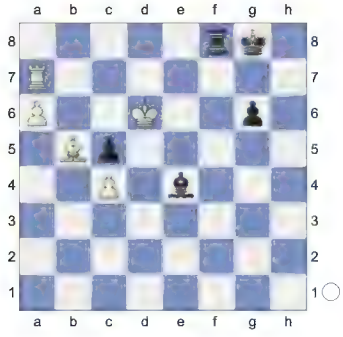
47.Kg3! Bb1? 2.97/23
[47...Rd8± 1.18/19]
48.Kf4 Rh8 49.Ke5 1.17/23
[49.Rxb6 Rxh4+ 50.Ke5 Rg4±]
[49.Kg3+- 2.56/22 and White stays clearly on top.]
49...Rxh4± 50.Re6+ Kf7



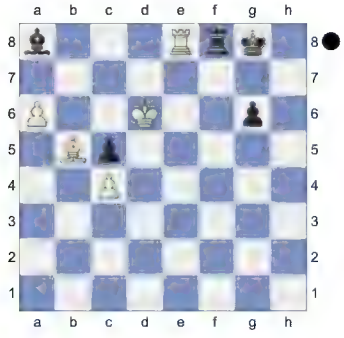
51.Rxb6 Bc2? 2.88/24
[51...Rg4± 1.19/20]
52.Rb7+ 1.53/22
[52.Ra6+- 2.88/24]
52...Kf8 53.c4 Rg4 54.Ra7 Bd3? 4.60/21
[54...Rxg5+ 1.93/20 55.Kd6 Be4]
55.Rxa5+- Rxg5+



56.Kd6 Rf5 57.Ra8+ White is clearly winning. **57...Kf7 58.a5 Be4 59.Ra7+ Kg8 60.a6 Rf8**



61.Re7 Ba8 62.Re8



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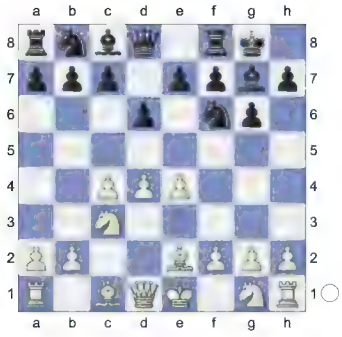
156 **E94**
□ **Gorovets,Andrey** **2481**
■ **Gvozdev,Timur** **1990**
BLR-ch 91st Minsk (2) 11.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Be3 Na6 7.Nf3

[7.h4 c5 8.d5 e6 9.h5 exd5 10.exd5 Re8 11.Qd2 Nc7 12.Bg5 a6 13.Qf4 Qe7 14.Nf3 b5 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.h6 Bh8 17.f3 Qd7 18.g4 b4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nce4 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Bxe4 Xiong,J (2636)-Costachi,M (2464) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1]

7...e5N

[7...c5 8.d5

A) 8...e6 9.0-0 *(9.h3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nd2 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.Qc2 Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.0-0 Bb5 16.Rfe1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 Nb5 18.Ree1 Nd4 19.Qd3 Nd7 20.f4 Qh4 21.Rf1 f5 22.Rae1 Qg3 23.Qb1 b5* Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2515)-Ig1 (2456) Baku 2023 Inf87 [John Watson] 0-1 (43)) 9...Nc7 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 b6 12.Qc2 exd5 13.cxd5 Ba6 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 a6 16.h3 Rb8 17.Qd3 Qc8 18.Bf4 Bf8 19.Ra3 Nd7 20.Qg3 Ne5 21.Be2 b5 22.axb5 Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Msellek,I (2406)-Marcziter,D (2220) Chess, com INT 2024 0-1 (41);

B) 8...Bg4 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nc7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rad1 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Kh1 Qc8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Na5 e6 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Na4 Rb8 21.h3 exd5 22.exd5 Sriram,A (2306)-Mitrabha,G (2509) Taleigao 2025 ½-½ (73)]

8.0-0 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 seems to push 9...Qe8 aside.setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9...De8 durch. **10.Bc1 c5N**

[10...f5 11.exf5 exd4 1.26/19 *(⌓11...gxf5 0.77/17 12.h3 exd4)* 12.Bg5!± Qe8 13.Nxd4 gxf5 1.61/19 *(13...Qe5± 1.15/19 14.Bxg4 Qxd4)* 14.h3 1.10/18 *(14.Nd5!+- 1.61/19)* 14...Nf6 15.Re1 Qg6 16.Bf4 Nc5 17.Bf3 Bd7 1.48/18 *(⌓17...Nce4 1.06/17)* 18.Ndb5 1-0 Prohaszka,P (2613)-Zherebukh,Y (2633) Saint Louis Summer-A 2018 (9)]

11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Nc7 White is slightly better. **13.Ne1 Nh6 14.Nxc7** 0.11/20

[14.Nd3± 0.71/19]

14...Qxc7= 15.Qd5+ -0.33/19

[15.Nc2= 0.02/18 was preferrable.]

15...Nf7∓

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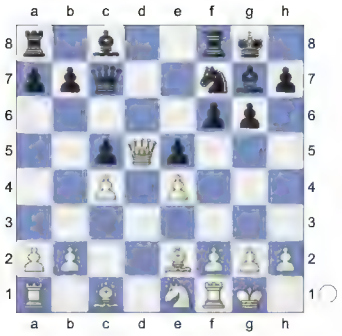
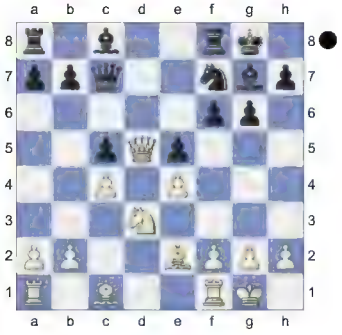
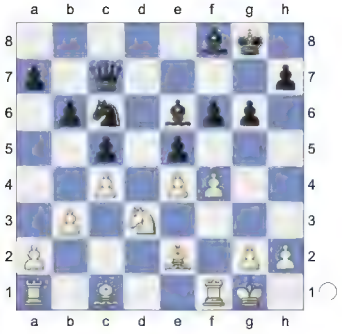


16.Nd3



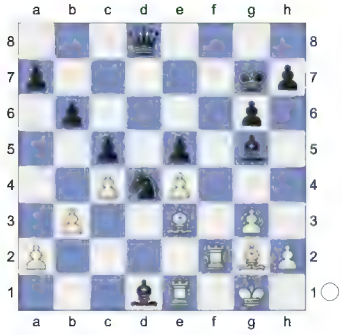
b6 17.Qxa8 Be6 18.Qxf8+ Bxf8 19.b3 Nd8 20.f4 Nc6



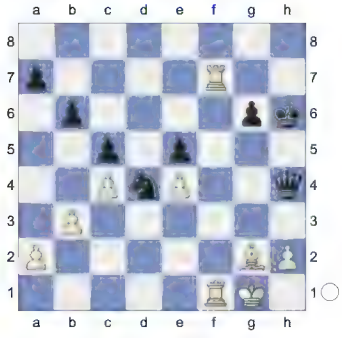
21.fxe5 fxe5
[21...Nd4?! 22.Rf2=]
22.Bg5 Nd4 Black has strong compensation. **23.Rf2 Qd6 24.Bf1 Be7 25.Be3** -1.07/18
[25.Bxe7∓ -0.70/20 Qxe7 26.Re1 *(26.Nxe5 Qg7∓)*]
25...Kg7

(Diagram)

26.Nb2 -1.19/19
[⌓26.Rb1 -0.81/19]
26...Qd8 27.Re1 Bh4 28.g3 Bg5 29.Nd1 Bg4 -0.62/22
[Black should play 29...h5∓ -1.01/23]
30.Bg2! Bxd1

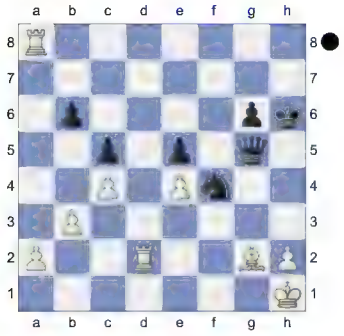


&Nero is more active. **31.Bxg5 Qxg5 32.Rxd1 h5** -0.50/28
[32...Qe3∓ -0.90/25]
33.Rdf1 h4! 34.gxh4 Qxh4 35.Rf7+ -0.01/26
[35.Kh1∓ -0.56/25]
35...Kh6=

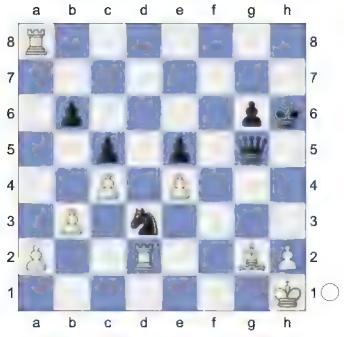


And now ...Ne2+ would win. **36.R1f2** -1.05/24 Against Ne2+
[36.Rxa7? Ne2+ 37.Kh1 Ng3+

38.Kg1 Nxf1 39.Kxf1 Qxh2-+]
[36.Rf8∓ -0.60/23 Ne2+ 37.Kh1 Ng3+ 38.Kg1 Ne2+ 39.Kh1 Ng3+ 40.Kg1 Ne2+]
36...Ne6 37.Rxa7 Nf4 -0.55/23
[37...Qg5∓ -1.15/26]
38.Ra8!∓ Qe7 -0.61/26
[38...Qg4∓ -1.05/27 (-> ...Nh3+) 39.Rd2 Nxg2 40.Rxg2 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Kf1 Qc1+ 43.Ke2 Qc2+ 44.Kf3 Qd3+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kf1 Qd1+ 47.Kf2 Qd4+ 48.Kf3 Qd3+ 49.Kf2 Qd4+ 50.Kf3 Qd3+]
39.Rd2 Qg5 Hoping for ...Nh3+. **40.Kh1** -2.01/26
[40.Rh8+!∓ -0.57/25 Kg7 41.Rhd8]



40...Nd3!-+



41.Rc2
[41.Rh8+? Kg7 42.Rc2 Qe3-+]
41...Qg4 42.Rd2

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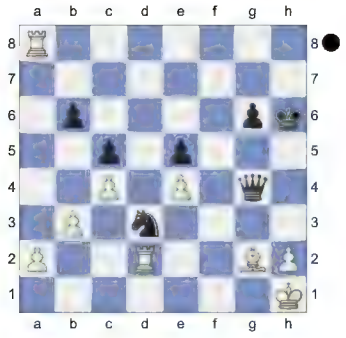
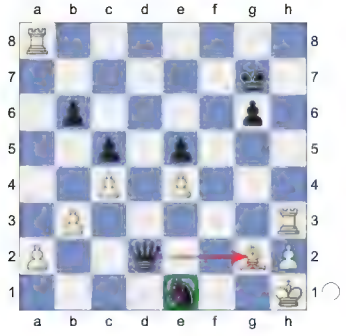
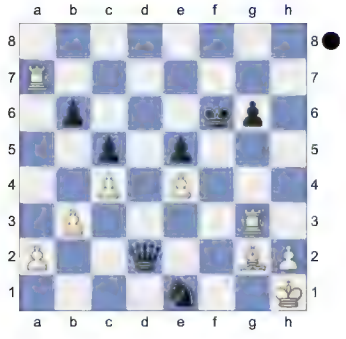


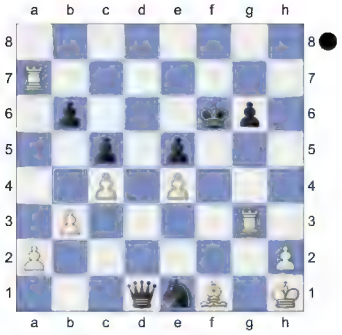
Against Qd1+ **42...Qf4! 43.Rc2**
[43.Rh8+? Kg7 44.Rc2 Kxh8-+]
43...Ne1? -0.52/25
[43...Nf2+-+ -2.10/24 44.Rxf2 *(44.Kg1 Nh3+ 45.Bxh3 Qxe4∓)* 44...Qxf2]
44.Rc3? -2.43/27
[44.Re2∓ -0.52/25 Nd3 45.h3]
44...Qd2
[44...Nxg2 45.Rh3+ Kg7 46.Ra7+ Kf6 47.Kxg2=]
45.Rh3+ Kg7



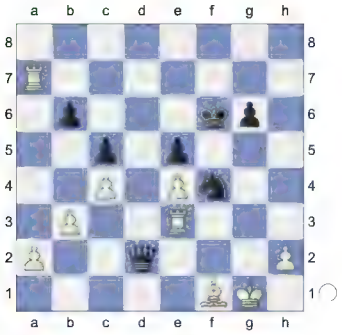
46.Ra7+
[46.Bf1 Qf2]
46...Kf6 Dancing on a razor blade.
47.Rg3



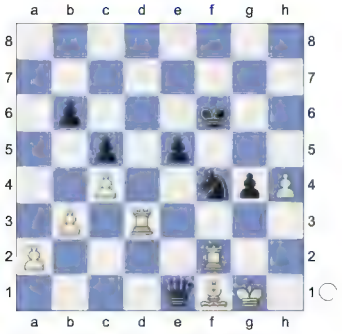
Qd1!
[47...Nxg2 48.Rxg2 Qe1+ 49.Rg1 Qxe4+ 50.Rg2∓]
48.Bf1



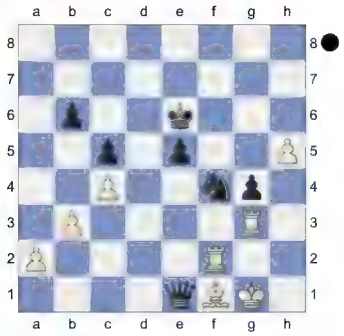
Nd3! 49.Kg1 Nf4 ...Qd4+ is the strong threat. **50.Re3 Qd2**
[Inferior is 50...Qd4 51.Kf2=]



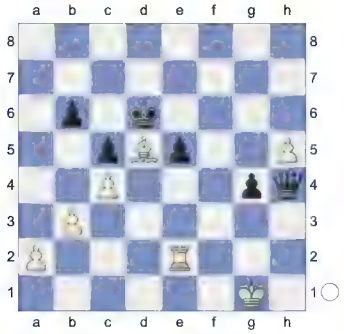
51.Rf3 Qd4+ 52.Rf2 Qxe4 Threatens to win with ...Qe1. **53.Rd7?** -3.58/23
[53.Ra6 -1.78/20 was the only defense.]
53...Qe1 54.Rd3 g5 Strongly threatening ...e4. **55.h4?** -6.30/25
[55.Rff3 -2.94/22]
55...g4



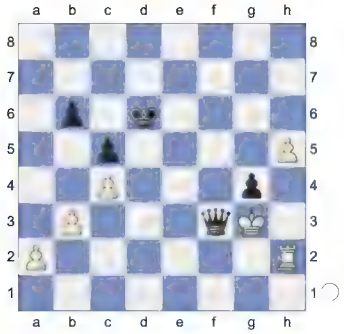
56.Rg3 Ke6 57.h5



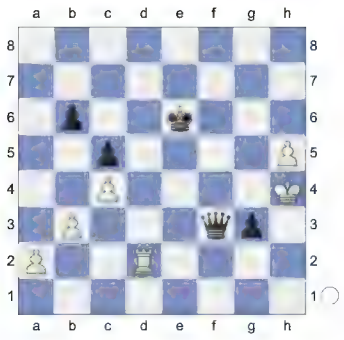
Ne2+! 58.Rxe2 Qxg3+ Endgame KQ-KRB **59.Bg2 Qh4 60.Bd5+ Kd6**



61.Rh2 -14.89/24
[⌓61.Rf2 -4.16/22]
61...Qg3+? -3.72/20
[61...Qe1+ -14.89/24 62.Kg2 e4 63.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 64.Kg3 Qe5+ 65.Kg2 Qf4]
62.Kh1? -20.65/26
[62.Rg2 -3.72/20 Qe1+ 63.Kh2 Qh4+ 64.Kg1]
62...Qe1+ 63.Kg2 e4 64.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 65.Kg3 Qf3+



66.Kh4 g3 67.Rd2+ Ke6
(Diagram)



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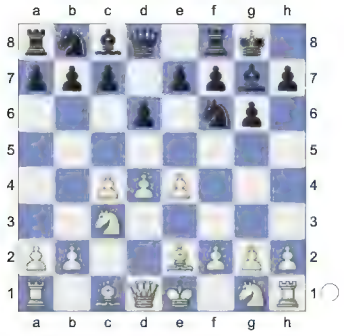
157 **E73**
□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Masters Open 2024 (1.42) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

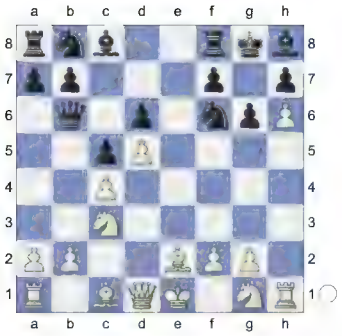
E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



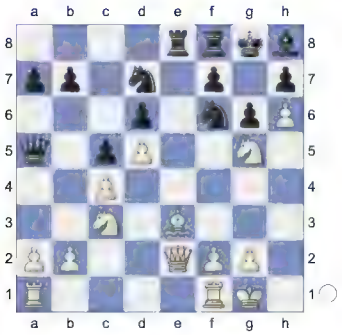
6.h4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h5 exd5

...d4 would now be deadly. **9.exd5 Qb6** 1.10/22
[9...Nbd7± 0.46/22]
[9...Re8 10.h6 Bh8 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.b3 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Kf1 Nd7 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Rc1 Nf6 17.Bd3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.g3 Bg4 20.Kg2 Rae8 21.Qd2 Qc7 22.Rce1 Qd7 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Qd3 ½-½ Mammadova,G (2358)-Bodnaruk, A (2344) UZB-ch (Women) Toshkent 2023 (9)]
10.h6N
[10.g4 Re8 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Kf1 Ne5 13.Nh3 h6 14.Qc2 g5 15.Nxg5 hxg5 16.h6 Bf8 17.Bxg5 Nh7 18.Ne4 Nxg4 19.fxg4 Rxe4 20.Bd3 Nxg5 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Re1 Bf5 23.gxf5 Ng3+ 24.Kg2 Nxh1 ½-½ Fischer,F (2592)-Arbakov,V (2583) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2010 25.Kxh1 Qa5 26.Rg1+ Kh8 27.Qh2 Qd8 28.Qg3 Bxh6 29.Qc3+ f6 30.Qh3 Qf8 31.Rg6 Kh7 32.Qh5 Re8 33.Kg2 Re5 34.a4 Re4 35.b3 b6 36.Kf3 Re3+ 37.Kf2 Re5 38.Kg2 a6 39.Kf2 Re7 0-1 Antipov,M (2592)-Nakamura, H (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th May Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7) 40.Kf1 Re3 41.Kf2 Rxb3 42.Rxh6+ Qxh6 43.Qf7+ Qg7 44.Qh5+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Qf8 46.Qg6+ Qg7 47.Qe8+ Qf8 48.Qg6+ ½-½ Antipov,M (2592)-Zhou,J (2583) Saint Louis 153/190 2022]
10...Bh8

(Diagram)

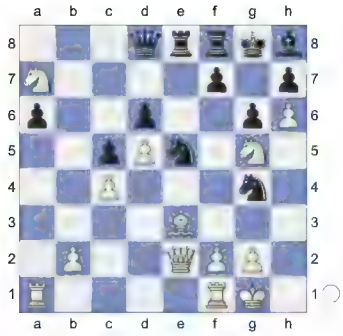


White is better. **11.Nf3** 0.54/19
[11.g4± 1.03/21]
11...Bg4± 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0.00/22
[13.Kxe2± 0.36/20 feels stronger. Nbd7 14.Kf1]
13...Nbd7 ...Rae8 is the strong threat.
14.Be3 -0.52/21
[14.Kf1!± 0.34/20]
14...Qa5 0.61/20
[14...Rae8∓ -0.52/21]
15.0-0 White is more active. **15...Rae8**

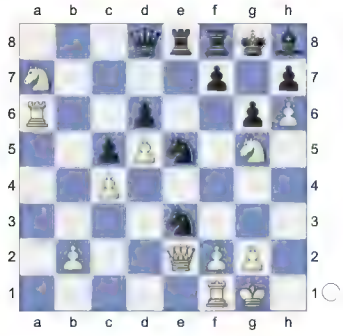


16.Nb5 Qb6 17.a4 -0.52/19
[17.Rae1= 0.06/18]
17...Ne5!∓ Hoping for ...a6. **18.a5 Qd8**
19.Nxa7 Nfg4 0.17/19
[19...Neg4!∓ -0.60/23 20.a6 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Nh5]
20.a6 -0.50/24
[White should try 20.Bf4= 0.17/19]
20...bxa6
[20...Nxe3 feels hotter. 21.Qxe3 bxa6 22.Rxa6 Nxc4 23.Qf4 Be5]

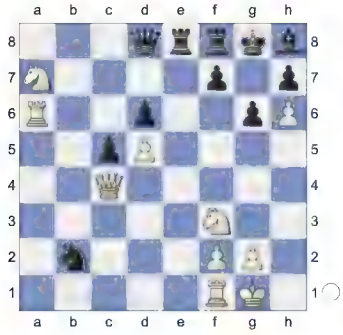
(Diagram)



21.Rxa6 Nxe3

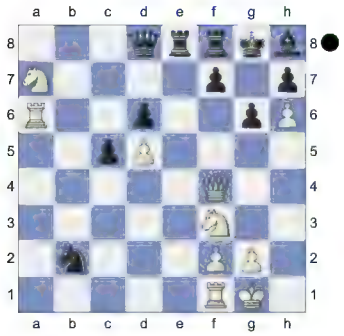


Deflection **22.Qxe3 Nxc4 23.Qf4 Nxb2** 0.03/23
[23...Be5∓ -0.52/20 24.Qg4 Bxb2]
24.Nf3↑ White is pushing.
[24.Rxd6 Be5 25.Rxd8 Bxf4 26.Rxe8 Rxe8∓]
24...Nd3 25.Qc4 Nb2 0.34/25
[25...Ne5= -0.16/27 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(26...Rxe5 27.Nc6±)*]



26.Qf4 White has compensation.
26...Nd3 27.Qc4 Nb2 0.36/23
[Black should play 27...Ne5= -0.30/25 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(28...Rxe5 29.Nc6±)*]
28.Qf4 0.00/34

[28.Qc2!± 0.36/23 was preferrable.]



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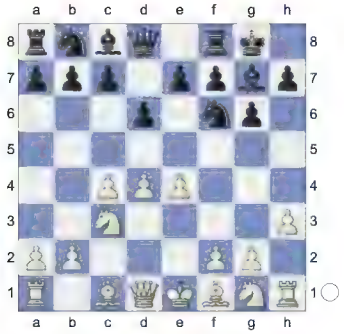
158 **E71**
□ **Sheng,Joshua** **2474**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2421**
CCCSA Holiday GM 2020 (8.3) 30.12.20
[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.h3 d6



6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.g4 Na6 9.Nge2 c6 10.Ng3 White is slightly better.
10...cxd5

(Diagram)

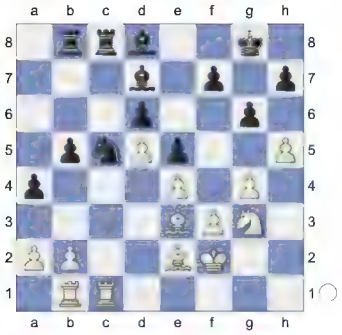
11.cxd5 Bd7 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.f3 a4 14.h4 Qa5! 15.h5 Rfc8

16.Rb1 aiming for hxg6.
[16.hxg6 fxg6 17.g5 Ne8 18.Qh2 a3 19.b4 Qxb4 20.Qxh7+ Kf7 21.Bd2 Qd4 22.Rb1 Rc7 23.Rh6 Qg1 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Nh1 Nd3+ 26.Ke2 Rxc3 27.Rh7 Nf4+ 28.Bxf4 exf4 0-1 Matviishen,V (2512)-Belous,V (2520) USA (Int.-rapid) 148/193 2021]
16...b5 17.Nd1N
[17.Bh6 Bh8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 b4 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Nb5 Ra6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.a3 bxa3 24.bxa3 Qxd2+ 25.Bxd2 Nb3 26.Bb4 Ne8 27.Bh3 Rb8 28.Be6+ Kg7 29.Bd7 Nf6 30.Bc6 Rab6 31.Bxd6 Rxb5 1-0 (64) Parligras,M (2565)-Stoleriu,G (2389) ROM GP Final KO rapid 2022 (2.3) 32.Bxb5 Rxb5 33.Bxe5 Rb6 34.d6 Kf7 35.Rxh8 Nd7 36.Rh7+ Ke8 37.Bf4 Ndc5 38.Rd1 Nd7 39.e5 Nbc5 40.e6 Nxe6 41.Re7+ Kd8 42.Rxe6 Nc5 43.Bg5+ Kc8 44.Re8+

Kd7 45.Re7+ Kc6 46.d7 Nxd7 1-0 (64) Puccini,J (2565)-Bone,W (2389) Borzomi (m/12) 42/592 1986 (2.3)]

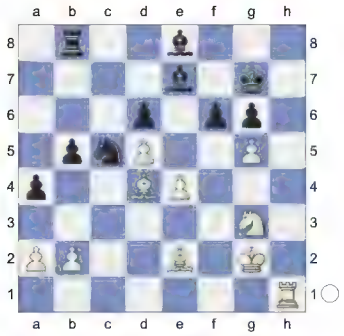
17...Qxd2+ 18.Bxd2 Rab8 19.Nf2 Be8 20.Nd3 Nxd3+

21.Bxd3 Nd7 22.Kf2 Nc5 23.Be2 Bf6 24.Rhc1 Bd7 25.Be3 Bd8

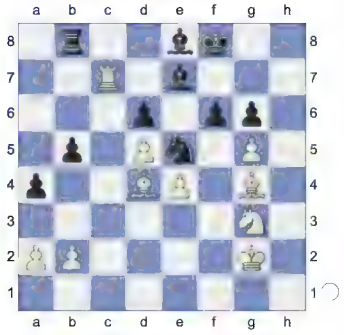


26.Kg2 f6 0.60/23
[26...b4= 0.16/20]
27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Rh1 Be7 29.f4 exf4 30.Bxf4 Kg7

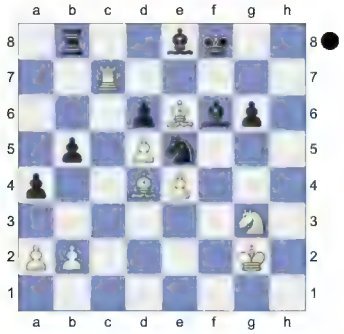
31.Bh6+ Kg8! 32.Be3 Kg7 Dodges g5
33.Bd4 Rh8! 34.g5 Rxh1 35.Rxh1 Be8 1.03/20
[35...b4± 0.58/21]



36.Rc1!± Strongly threatening gxf6+.
36...Nd7 37.Rc7 Black must now prevent Bg4. **37...Bd8 38.Rc6** White is much more active. **38...Be7 39.Bg4↑** Hoping for Bxd7. White has strong initiative. **39...Ne5 40.Rc7 Kf8!**



41.gxf6 0.32/22
[41.Be6!± 0.80/22]
41...Bxf6 1.45/21
[41...Bd8± 0.32/22 42.Rh7 Bxf6 *(42...Nxg4 43.Rh8+ Kf7 44.Rh7+ Kf8 45.Rh8+ Kf7 46.Rh7+ Kf8=)*]
42.Be6



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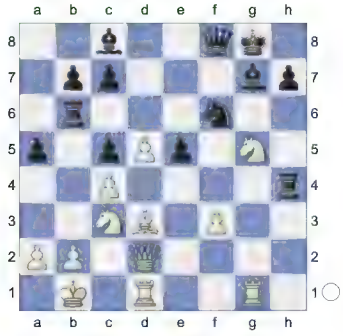
159 **E71**
□ **Gonzalez Garcia,Jose** **2465**
■ **Rudd,Jack** **2230**
London Classic op 14th (6) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0

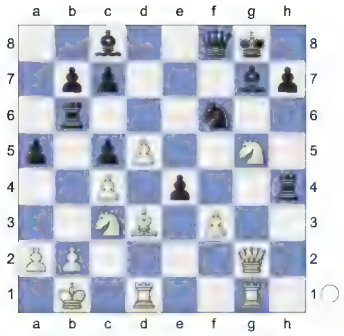
6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Na6 7...Na6 is better than 7...a5.7...Sa6 ist besser als 7...a5. **8.g4 Nc5 9.f3 a5 10.Qd2** White is slightly better. **10...Nfd7**

11.0-0-0 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.gxf5 Rxf5 14.h4 Qf8 15.Nh3N
[15.h5 h6 16.Bh3 Rf4 1.29/20 *(⌓16...Rf6 0.79/20)* 17.Bxf4± exf4 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.Nge2 Be5 1.72/20 *(19...Qf5± 1.23/19 20.Nd4 Qe5)* 20.Rhg1++- Kh8 21.Nd4 1-0 Ouellet,M (2222)-Ceres,D (2438) Seville op 49th 2024 (4) a4 22.Rg2 a3 23.b3 Re8 24.Rdg1 Re7 25.Nce2 Bg7 26.Kd1 Be8 27.Nxf4 Qf6 28.Ng6+ Bxg6 29.Rxg6 Qf8 30.Kc1 Qf4 31.R6g4 Nd3+ 32.Kc2 Qxd2+ 33.Kxd2 Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Nb4 35.Rdg4 Kh7 36.R4g2 Ouellet,M (2222)-Ceres,D (2438) Sevilla 2024 CBM 220 Extra [Ouellet,Maili Jade] 1-0 (62)]
15...Nf6

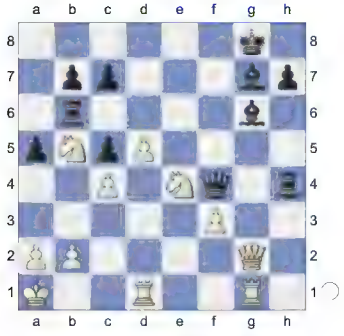
16.Rg1
[16.Bxc5!? dxc5 17.Ng5±]
16...Rh5 0.98/21
[16...Rxf3± 0.54/18 17.Ng5 Rxe3 18.Qxe3 Ng4]
17.Ng5 Rxh4 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Bd3
[19.Ne6?! Bxe6 20.dxe6 Kh8=]
19...Ra6 20.Kb1 Rb6 1.39/19
[Black should play 20...Ne8 1.03/18]



21.Qg2 e4 1.92/19
[21...Ne8± 1.20/17]

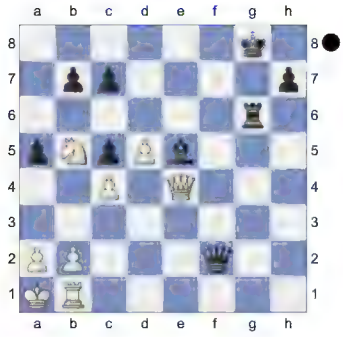


22.Bxe4? 0.12/19
[Don't play 22.Ngxe4?! Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Kh8±]
[22.Ncxe4?! Ne8±]
[22.fxe4 Ng4 23.e5 Bxe5∓]
[22.Qg3!+- 1.92/19 h6 *(22...exd3 23.Qxh4)* 23.Ne6 *(23.Qxh4 hxg5 24.Qh2 exd3±; 23.Ngxe4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rf4+-)* 23...Bxe6 24.Qxh4 *(24.dxe6 Rh5+-)*]
22...Nxe4= **23.Ngxe4** Strongly threatening d6! Pair of Knights! **23...Bf5**
24.Ka1 -0.09/20
[24.Qg3± 0.42/20 Bxe4+ 25.fxe4]
24...Bg6 **25.Nb5** -0.22/19
[⌓25.Qe2 0.15/18]
25...Qf4 0.34/19
[25...Bxe4= -0.22/19 26.fxe4 Rg6]



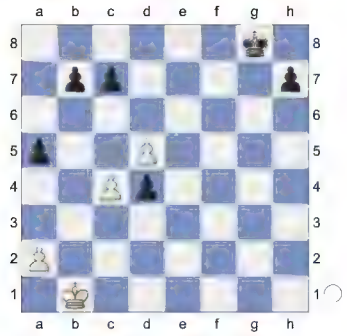
26.Rh1 -0.54/20
[Better is 26.Rd2± 0.34/19]
26...Rxh1 **27.Qxh1** -1.20/21
[27.Rxh1∓ -0.53/24 Bxe4 28.fxe4]
27...Bxe4∓
[Inferior is 27...Qe5 28.Rb1∓]
28.fxe4 **Qf2** **29.e5** -2.09/22
[29.Rb1∓ -1.25/24 Rg6 30.Qc1 *(30.Nxc7? Bxb2+ 31.Rxb2 Rg1+ 32.Qxg1+ Qxg1+ 33.Rb1 Qg7+ 34.Rb2 Qxc7-+)*]
29...Bxe5→ White is in trouble. **30.Rb1** -3.46/21
[⌓30.Qg1+ -2.18/23 Qxg1 31.Rxg1+ Rg6 32.Re1]
30...Rg6

Hoping for ...Bxb2+! **31.Qe4?** -8.44/20
[31.Qc1 -3.59/22 a4 32.a3]



31...Bxb2+! **32.Rxb2** **Rg1+** **33.Rb1** **Qf6+** **34.Nd4** **Qxd4+** Overworked Piece **35.Qxd4** **Rxb1+**

36.Kxb1 cxd4



What a bad dream for White.
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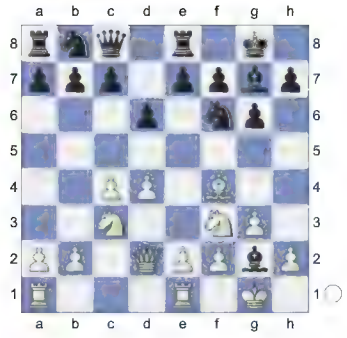
160 **E62**
□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6**

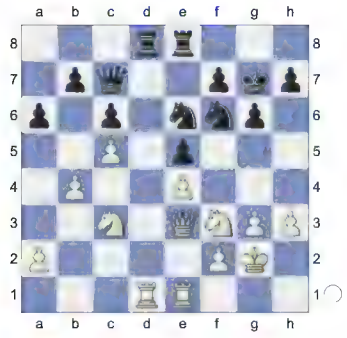
6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Bf4 Qc8 9.Qd2 White is more active. White is slightly better. **9...Bh3 10.Rfe1 Bxg2**

(Diagram)



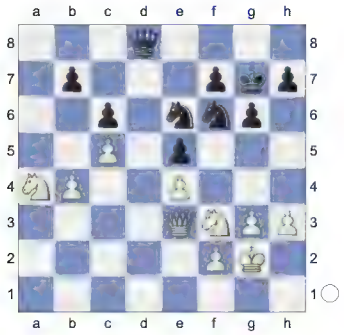
11.Kxg2 Nbd7 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bh6 c6 15.Rad1N
[15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rad1 a5 17.b3 Nc5 18.Qe3 b6 19.Rd6 h6 20.h3 Re6 21.Rd2 Ra7 22.Red1 Rd7 23.Rxd7 Nfxd7 24.Ne1 Qc7 25.Qd2 Nf6 26.f3 h5 27.h4 Qb7 28.Qe3 Nfd7 29.Nd3 Re7 0-1 Korchynskyi,M (2303) - Bogdanov,E (2476) Muensterland op 41st 2024 (8)]
15...Nf8

16.h3 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.b4 Rad8 19.Qe3 a6 0.52/22
[19...b6= 0.07/20]
20.c5± Ne6

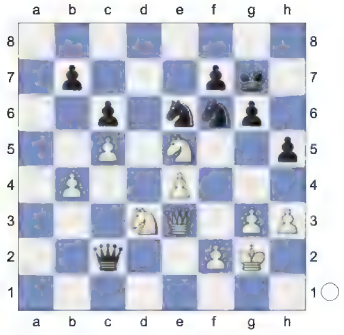


21.Na4 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 Rxd1

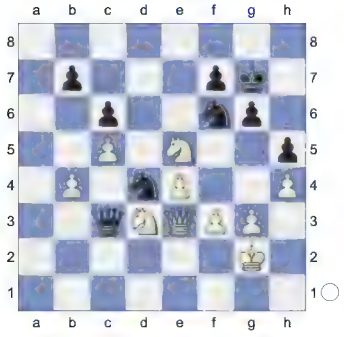
24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 0.92/26
[25...Nxd8± 0.43/25 26.Nb6 Ne8]



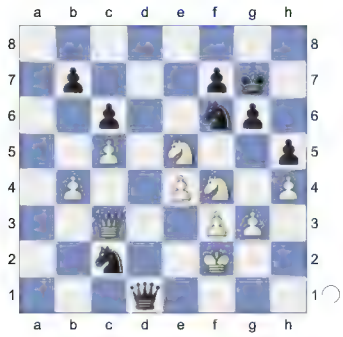
26.Nxe5± Qd1 27.Nb2 0.64/26
[27.Nb6± 1.03/26]
27...Qc2 28.Nbd3 h5



29.h4! Qc3 1.36/25
[29...Qa2!± 0.64/25]
30.f3 Nd4

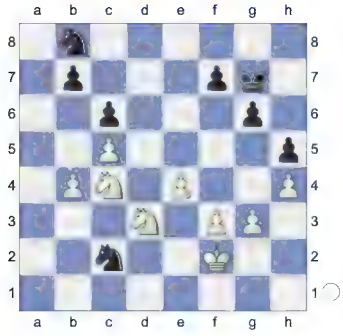


31.Qe1↑ Black is under strong pressure.
31...Qb3 32.Qd2 Nc2 33.Kf2 0.95/23
[⌓33.Kh2 1.47/24]
33...Qb1? 3.66/24 A mistake that costs the game.
[33...Kg8± 0.95/23]
34.Qc3+- Hoping for Qc4. **34...Qh1**
35.Nf4 1.79/27
[35.Qxc2? perishes. Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qxc2-+]
[⌓35.Nc4 3.75/24]
35...Qd1



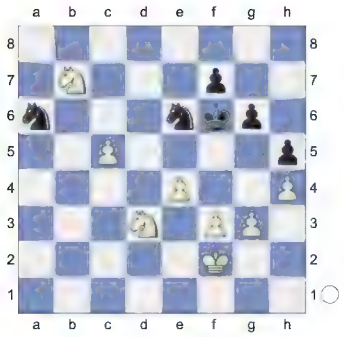
36.Nc4 Threatens to win with Nd3.
36...Nd4

37.Nb2! Qc2+ 38.Qxc2 Nxc2
Endgame. KNN-KNN **39.Nfd3**
Nc4 is the strong threat. **39...Nd7** 2.61/25
[⌓39...Na3 1.85/27 40.Ne5 Nc2]
40.Nc4 Black must now prevent Na5.
40...Nb8

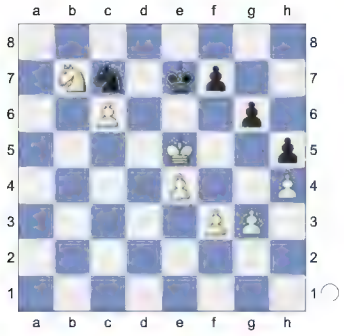


41.Nd6 Na6 3.61/27
[⌓41...Kf8 2.45/26 42.Nxb7 Na6]

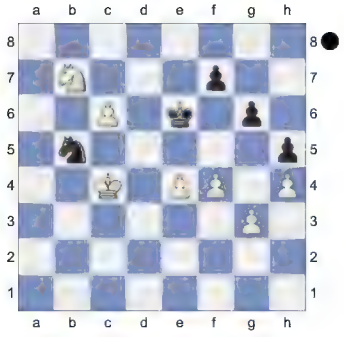
42.b5
[42.Nxb7 Ncxb4 43.Nxb4 Nxb4±]
42...cxb5 43.Nxb5 Kf6 44.Nd6 Nd4 45.Nxb7 Ne6



46.Ke3 White is clearly winning.
46...Ke7 47.c6 Nac7 48.Nf4 Nxf4 49.Kxf4 Nb5 50.Ke5 Wards off Nd4
50...Nc7



51.Kd4 Ke6 52.f4 Nb5+ 53.Kc4



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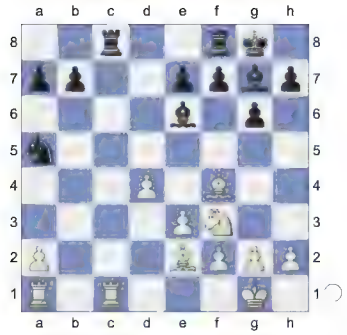
161 **D80**
□ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
■ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
Qatar Masters op-A (8) 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4

6.Bf4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.e3 0-0 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Be2 cxd4

11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.0-0 14.Bc7 is vanishing.
14.Lc7 scheint zu verschwinden.
14...Be6 15.Rfc1 Rac8N
[15...Rfc8 16.Nd2 Rxc1+ *(16...Bd5 17.a4 e6 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bf8 20.Rab1 Ba3 21.Rd1 b6 22.Ne4 Nc4 23.h4 Kg7 24.Rb3 Be7 25.Rc3 a6 26.h5 b5 27.h6+ Kf8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rb3 b4 30.Nc5 Nb6 31.e4* ½-½ (47) Gukesh,D (2725)-Rapport,R (2740) 155/161 Wijk aan

Zee 2023) 17.Rxc1 Bxa2 18.Bf3 Nc6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Ra1 Bd5 21.Ra6 Kf8 22.f3 Ke8 23.Bc7 Kd7 24.Bb6 e5 25.Rxa7+ Rxa7 26.Bxa7 exd4 27.Bxd4 Bf8 28.Bc3 c5 29.Kf2 Kc6 30.Ke2 0-1 (63) Medina Garcia,A (2483)-Joseph,F (2488) corr AJEC/TA018 2013 (5) Kb5 31.Kd3 Bd6 32.g3 Be6 33.Bf6 h5 34.Kc3 Bc7 35.Kd3 Bb6 36.Bc3 c4+ 37.Ke2 Ka4 38.e4 Bg1 39.Kf1 Bc5 40.Ke2 Bb4 41.Nb1 Bd6 42.Nd2 Bc5 43.Ke1 Bb4 44.Nb1 Bd6 45.Nd2 0-1 (63) Wirig,A (2483)-Wagner,D (2488) Vandoeuvre op 11th 2014 (5)]



16.Nd2 Nc6N

[16...Bd5 17.a3 f5 18.Rab1 e6 19.h4 Ba2 20.Ra1 Bd5 21.Bd6 Rfe8 22.g4 Rc6 23.Rxc6 Nxc6 24.gxf5 gxf5 0-1 (63) Werle,J (2541)-Alekseenko,K (2637) Gibraltar Masters 17th 2019 (7)]

17.a3 Against Nb4 **17...Bd5 18.Rab1**

[18.Bf3!? Rfd8 19.Bg3=]

18...e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.h3 b6

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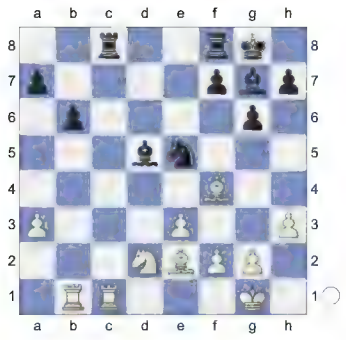
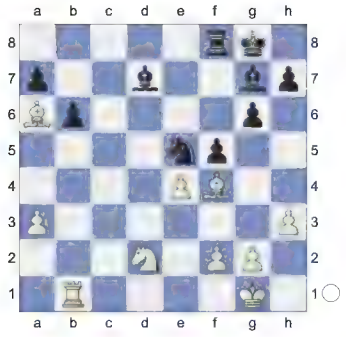


21.Ba6 Rcd8 22.Rc2 Be6 23.e4 f5 24.Rc7 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Bxd7



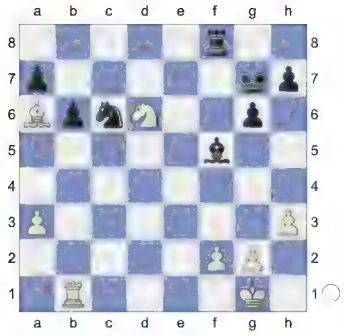
26.Nc4 Nc6 27.Nd6 Bc4+ is the strong threat. **27...Bd4** 1.47/22

[27...fxe4= 0.13/20 keeps the balance. 28.Bc4+ Kh8]

28.Bh6 0.39/20

[28.Rd1!± 1.47/22 aiming for Bc4+. Be6 *(28...fxe4? 29.Bh6+-)* 29.exf5]

28...Bg7!± 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.exf5 Bxf5



31.Rc1 Bd7

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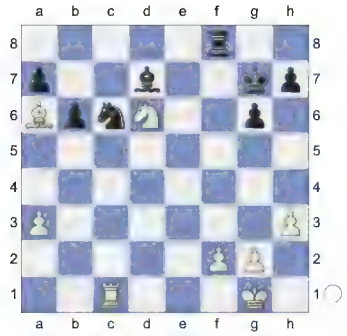
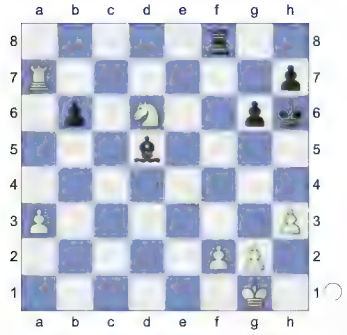
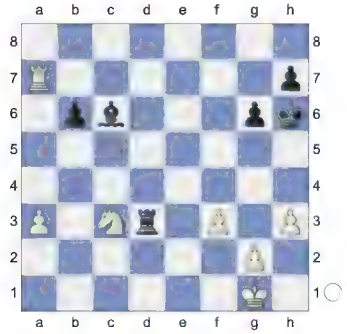


32.Bc8! Deflection **32...Bxc8 33.Rxc6=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Be6**
[Don't blunder 33...Bd7? 34.Rc7 Kf6 35.Rxd7+-]
34.Rc7+ Kh6 1.09/26
[34...Kf6= 0.24/21]
35.Rxa7± White is more active. **35...Bd5**

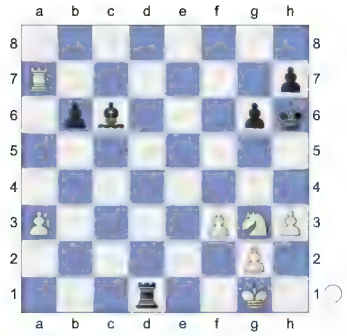


36.f3 Rd8 37.Nb5 Bc6 38.Nc3 Rd3

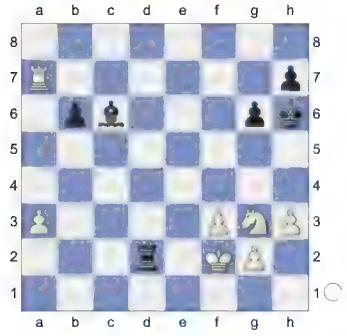


39.Ne2 Rd2 40.Ng3!± 1.02/25 **Rd1+**

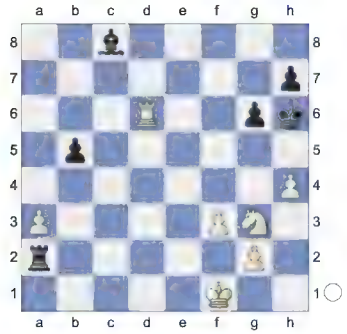
(Diagram)



41.Kf2 Rd2+



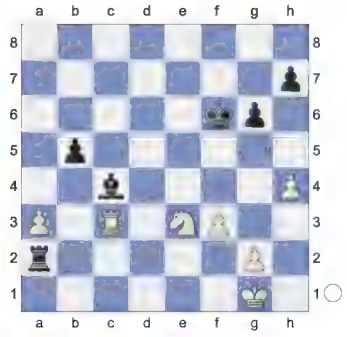
42.Kf1 0.22/25 **Ra2 43.h4 b5** 1.26/23
[43...Bd5± 0.33/22]
44.Ra6 0.22/22
[44.Kg1± 1.26/23]
44...Bd7 45.Rd6 Bc8



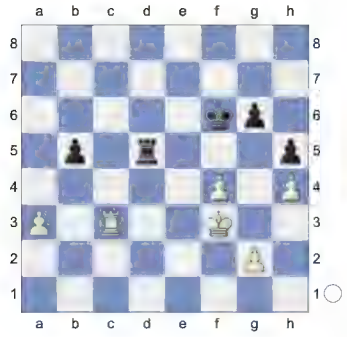
The position is equal. **46.Rc6 Bd7 47.Rd6 Bc8 48.Rc6 Bd7 49.Rc7 Bf5 50.Rc3 Rb2**

(Diagram)

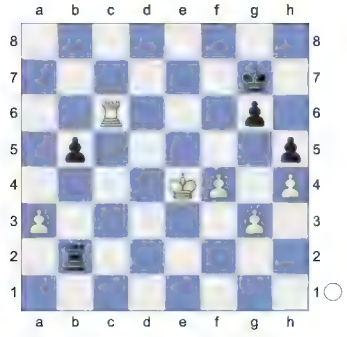
51.Ne2 Be6 52.Nd4 Bc4+ 53.Kg1 Ra2 54.Nc2 Kg7 55.Ne3 Kf6



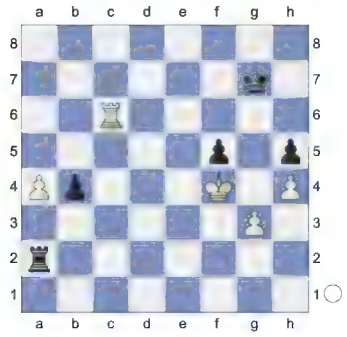
56.f4 h5 57.Kh2 Be6 58.Kg3 Rd2 59.Kf3 Bd5+ 60.Nxd5+ Rxd5=



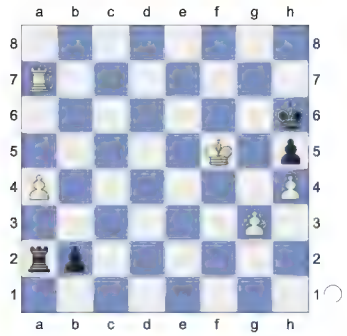
KR-KR **61.Ke4 Rd2 62.g3 Rb2** Inhibits Rb3. **63.Rc6+ Kg7 64.Rc7+ Kf6 65.Rc6+ Kg7**



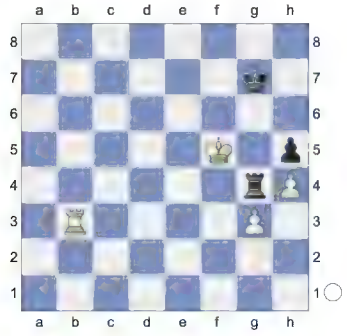
66.f5 gxf5+ 67.Kf4 b4 68.a4 Ra2 69.Rc7+ Kf6 70.Rc6+ Kg7



71.Ra6 b3 72.Ra7+ Kf6 73.Ra6+ Kg7 74.Kxf5 b2 75.Ra7+ Kh6



76.Ra6+ Kg7 77.Rg6+ Kh7 78.Rb6 Black must now prevent Kg5. **78...Rxa4 79.Rxb2 Rg4 80.Rb3 Kg7**



81.Ra3 Kf7 82.Ra7+ Kg8 83.Ra3 Kf7 84.Rf3 Kg7 85.Ke5 Kg6

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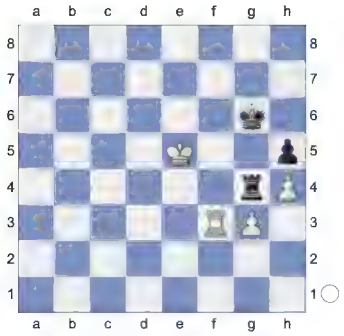
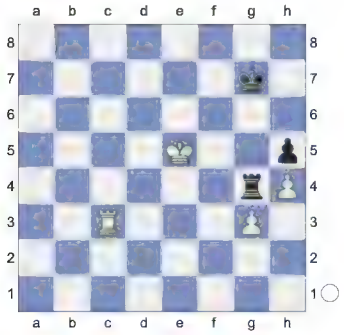
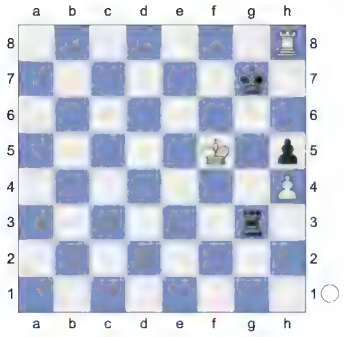


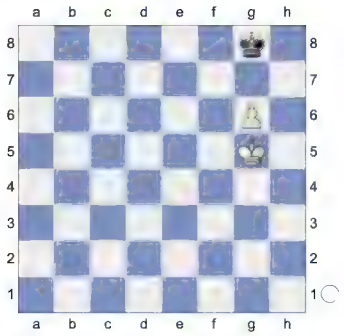
86.Ra3 Kg7 87.Ke6 Re4+ 88.Kd6 Rg4 89.Ke5 Kg6 90.Rc3 Kg7



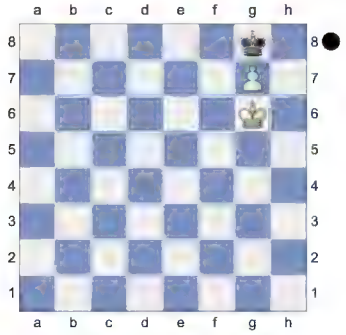
91.Ke6 Re4+ 92.Kf5 Rg4 93.Rc7+ Kh6 94.Rc8 Rxg3 95.Rh8+ Kg7



96.Rxh5 Rg1 97.Rg5+ Rxg5+ 98.hxg5 KP-K **98...Kf7 99.g6+ Kg7 100.Kg5!? Kg8**



101.Kg4 Kg7 102.Kf5 Kg8 103.Kf6
White wants to mate with g7.
[103.Ke6!?]
103...Kf8 104.g7+ Kg8 105.Kg6



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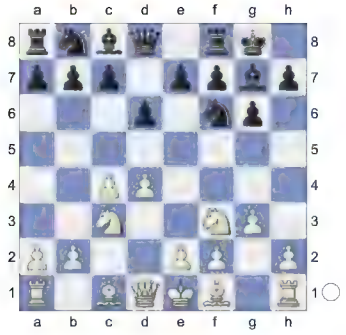
½-½

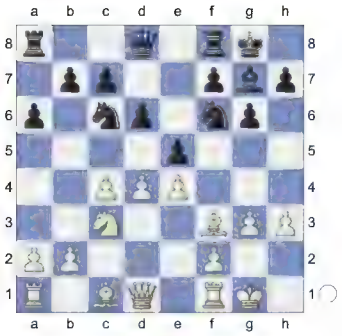
162 **E63**
□ **Kjartansson,Gudmundur** **2453**
■ **Dziuba,Marcin** **2519**
ISL-chT Kvika 2324 (5.2) 15.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E63: King's Indian: Fianchetto: Panno Variation with 7...a6
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d6



6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.e4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5!

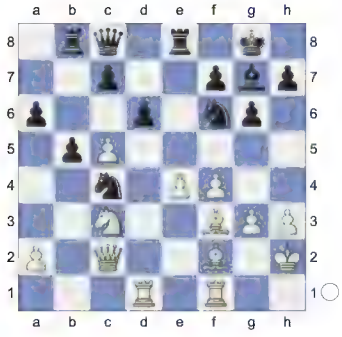
(Diagram)



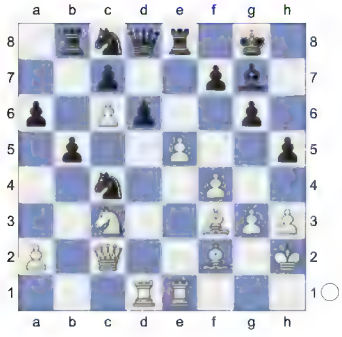
The main line 10...e5 scores better than 10...Nd7. Die Hauptvariante 10...e5 punktet besser als 10...Sd7. **11.dxe5**
[11.d5 Nd4 12.Bg2 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.b4 Qe7 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Qd3 Rfb8 17.Rab1 Rb7 18.Rb2 a5 19.b5 Qe6 20.Rfb1 Nc5 21.Qf1 Rab8 22.h4 a4 23.a3 Qe8 24.Rb4 Nc2 25.Bxc5 dxc5 B6 (2602)-Novik (2640) Espana (ch) 76/(528) 2004 OR: Modern Benoni [Nastasio,Davide] ½-½ (74) 26.Rxa4 Nd4 27.Ra5 Bh6 28.Qd3 Komar,M-Belotserovsky,A ICCF 2017 CBM 093 Extra [Kovacevic, Vlado]]
11...Nxe5 12.Be2 Rb8N
[Vorgänger: 12...Qd7 13.Kh2 Qc6 14.Nd5 Rfe8 Inhibits Ne7+. 15.Nxf6+ -0.16/20 *(⌓15.Bh6!* 0.22/18 *)* 15...Bxf6= 16.Qd5 Nd7 17.f3 Nb6 18.Qd3 Na4 ½-½ Hlinka,M (2126)-Hanko,P (2086) SVK-chT1E 2122 2022 (11.6)]
[12...Re8 13.Kh2 c6 14.a4 Ned7 E 63/22 Survey 2008]
13.f4 The position is equal. **13...Nc6**
14.Bf3 Re8 15.Be3 Na5 0.63/19
[15...Nd7= 0.27/18]

(Diagram)

16.c5 0.08/18
[16.Qd3!± 0.63/19]
16...Nc4= 17.Bf2 Nxb2 18.Qc2 Nc4 19.Rad1 White has compensation.
19...Qc8 20.Kh2 b5

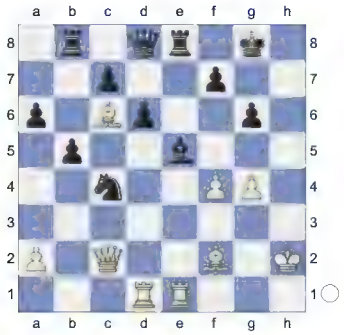


21.Rfe1 Nd7 0.65/20
[21...b4= -0.01/17 22.Na4 Qe6]
22.c6!± Ndb6 23.Bg4 Qd8 24.e5 h5 25.Bf3 Nc8 1.82/19
[25...Re7± 1.05/18 was worth a try.]

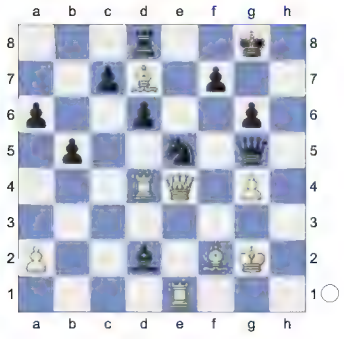


26.Ne4+- Ne7 2.78/19
[⌓26...Nxe5 1.92/19 27.fxe5 Bxe5]
27.g4? 0.33/19
[27.exd6+- 2.78/19 Nxc6 28.d7]
27...hxg4!± 28.hxg4 And now Bh4

would win. **28...Nxc6 29.Nf6+! Bxf6 30.Bxc6** This bishop pair is nice. **30...Bxe5!**

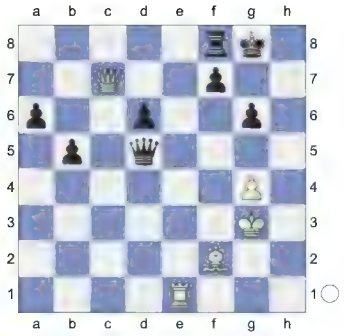


31.Bxe8 -0.01/21
[31.Bg3± 0.45/20]
31...Bxf4+= 32.Kg2 Qg5 33.Bd7 White wants to play Rh1. **33...Rd8 34.Qe4 Ne5** 0.92/20
[34...Kg7!= 0.10/20 remains equal. 35.Bc6 Qxg4+ 36.Kf1 Rh8]
35.Rd4± Bd2 2.19/20
[35...c5± 0.81/20 36.Qxf4 Qxf4 37.Rxf4 Nd3]

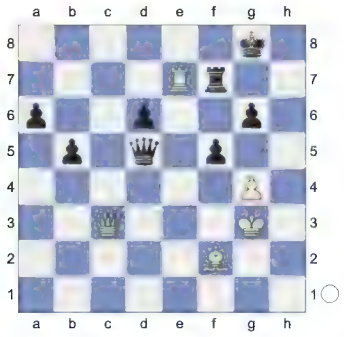


36.Rxd2? -0.97/20 **Qxd2∓ 37.Bc6 Nxc6?** 0.52/22
[37...Qxa2∓ -1.22/19 White must now prevent ...Qd2. 38.Bd5 Qd2]
38.Qxc6± Qxa2 39.Qxc7 Qd5+ 40.Kg3 Rf8

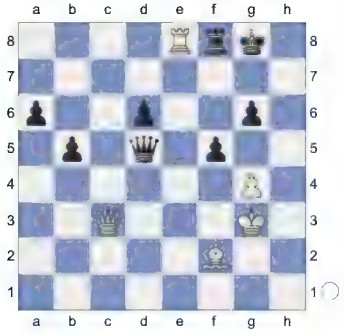
(Diagram)



41.Qc3 f5 ...fxg4 is the strong threat.
42.Re7 Rf7 1.82/22
[42...f4+± 1.02/23 is a better defense. 43.Kh2 Rf7 44.Re8+ Rf8 45.Rxf8+ *(45.Re7 Rf7±)* 45...Kxf8]

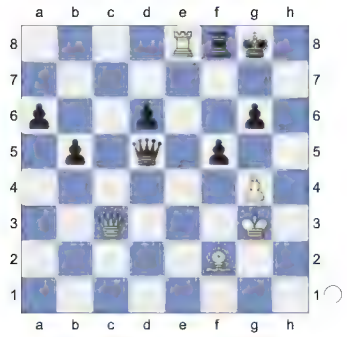


Prevents Qg7+. **43.Re8+** 1.39/5
[43.Qc8+!+- 1.82/22 Kg7 44.Qc3+ Kf8 45.Re1 f4+ 46.Kh3]
43...Rf8±

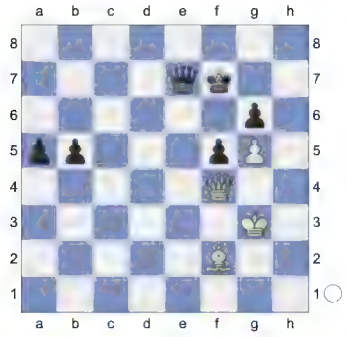


44.Re7 -0.01/20
[White must play 44.Rxf8+!+- 1.68/23 Kxf8 45.Qf6+ Qf7 46.Qxd6+ Qe7 47.Qd5 *(47.Qxg6 Qe5+ 48.Kh3 fxg4+ 49.Kg2 a5=)* 47...Qc7+ 48.Kg2]

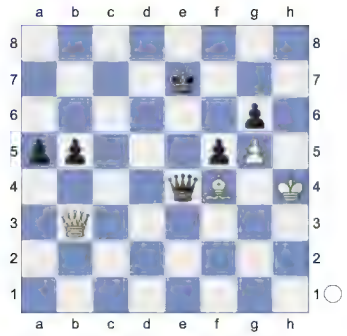
44...Rf7= Chess con chili. **45.Re8+** -0.01/5
[45.Qc8+!± 0.63/24 Kg7 46.Qc3+ Kf8 47.Re1 f4+ 48.Kh3]
45...Rf8



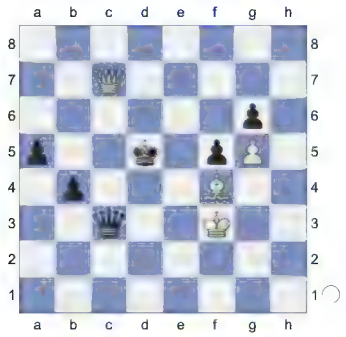
46.Rxf8+ Remove Defender **46...Kxf8 47.Qf6+ Qf7 48.Qxd6+ Qe7 49.Qf4 Kf7** 1.29/17
[49...Qe6± 0.65/20]
50.g5 0.01/22
[50.gxf5± 1.29/17 a5 51.Be3 *(51.fxg6+ Kxg6 52.Be3 Qe6±)*]
50...a5



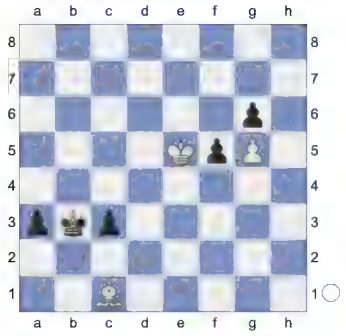
51.Be3 Ke6 aiming for ...Qd6. **52.Qf3 Qa3 53.Kh4 Qb4+ 54.Bf4 Qe4** Inhibits Qc6+. **55.Qb3+ Ke7**



56.Qa3+! b4 57.Qc1 Ke6 58.Kg3 Kd5 Threatens to win with ...Qd3+. **59.Qc7 Qe1+ 60.Kf3?** -10.15/22
[60.Kg2∓ -0.48/19]
60...Qc3+-+



61.Qxc3 bxc3 62.Bc1 a4 63.Ke3 Kc4 64.Kf4 Kb3 (-> ...a3) **65.Ke5 a3**



Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.23 (precise)
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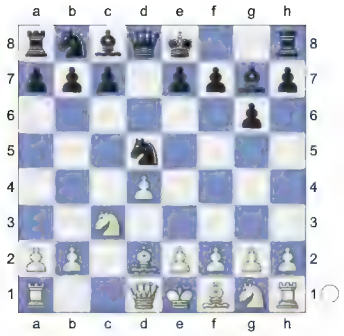
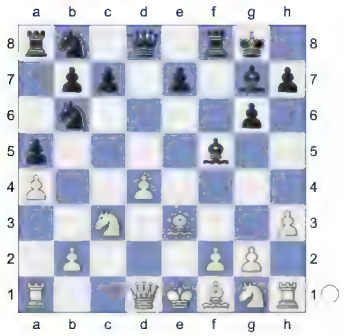
163 **D85**
□ **Knaak,Rainer** **2451**
■ **Mikhalchishin,Adrian** **2455**
Dresden Uhlmann Memorial (8) 14.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

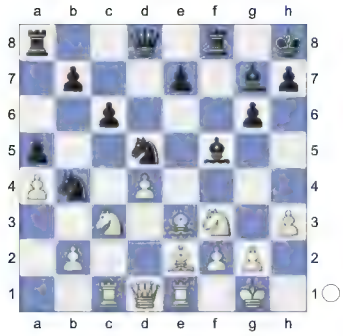
D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Bg7
(Diagram)



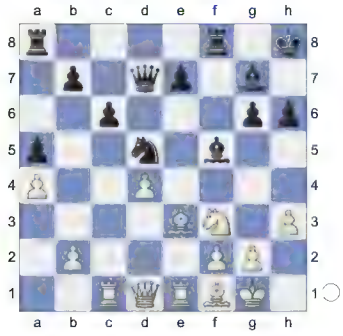
6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 0-0 8.a4! is now more promising than 8.h3.im Vergleich zu 8.h3 vielversprechender. **8...a5 9.h3 f5 10.exf5** White is slightly better. **10...Bxf5**



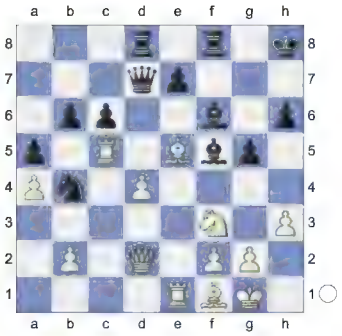
11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Be2 Kh8N
[Vorgänger: 12...Nb4 13.Rc1 Prevents Nc2+. c6 14.0-0 N6d5 15.Bd2 Qd6 1.07/19 *(15...Qb6± 0.56/18)* 16.Re1± Kh8 17.Nxd5 0.54/22 *(17.Bc4± 1.02/19)* 17...Nxd5 0.95/18 *(17...cxd5± 0.54/22 18.Bxb4 Qxb4)* 18.Bc4± Nb4 1.38/19 1-0 Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) Opera Euro Rapid KO 2021 (2.33) *(⌓18...Be6 0.97/17)* 19.Qb3 Rad8 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bh6 Chapter-Carlsen'S A4 [IM Renato Quintiliano] Bg7 22.Qe3 Rde8 23.Bf4 Nd5 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rc5 Qd8 26.Be5 Bc8 27.Qh6 Rf6 28.Bxf6 exf6 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qe3 Qd8 31.Qe1 Bf8 32.Rxa5 Bd7 33.Ra7 Qb8 34.Qa5 Kg7 35.Ra8 Qf4 36.Qd8 Molina,R (2862)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4_43147 (2784) Elista 2021 CBM 051 Extra [Adorjan,Andras] 1-0 (40) Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 Qd6 39.Qb8 Qb4 40.Ra7 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m3/3-rapid) 147/156 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Arsovic,Zoran]]
13.0-0 Nb4 14.Rc1 Against Nc2 **14...c6 15.Re1 N6d5**



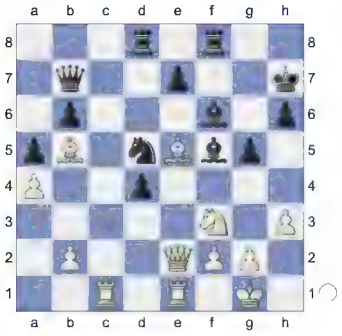
16.Bg5 h6 17.Bd2 Nc7 18.Bf1 Qd7 19.Be3 0.59/18
[19.Ne4± 0.94/19]
19...Ncd5 0.99/17
[19...Rad8± 0.59/18]
20.Nxd5± Nxd5



21.Bd2 Nb4 22.Bf4 0.38/19
[White should play 22.Qb3± 1.29/19]
22...Rad8 1.06/19
[22...Bg4± 0.38/19 23.Bxh6 Bxf3 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.gxf3 Rf5]
23.Be5 g5 24.Rc5 Bf6 25.Qd2
[25.Rxa5 b6 26.Bxf6+ exf6 27.Rxf5 Qxf5∓]
25...b6
(Diagram)

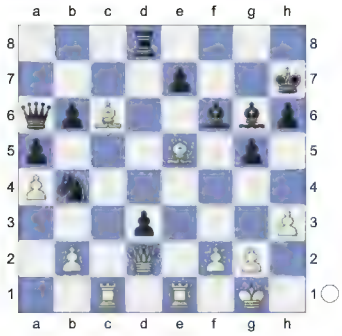


26.Rc3 Kh7 27.Bc4 Prevents Rf7.
27...c5 28.Bb5 Qb7 1.50/20
[Black should try 28...Qd5 1.00/20]
29.Qe2 Nd5 2.04/21
[29...cxd4? 30.Rc7 Qe4 31.Qxe4+-]
[29...Rd5± 1.57/19 is a better defense.]
30.Rcc1+- cxd4

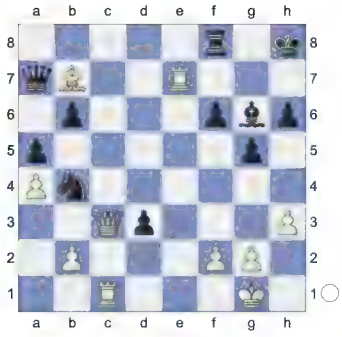


31.Bc6
[31.Nxd4?! Nf4 32.Bxf4 Rxd4±]
31...d3 3.30/22
[⌓31...Qa7 2.23/21 32.Bxf6 *(32.Nxd4 Nf4±; 32.Bxd4 e6±)* 32...Rxf6]
32.Qd2
[Less strong is 32.Bxb7 dxe2 33.Rxe2 Nb4±]
32...Qa6 33.Nd4
[But not 33.Bb5 Qb7+-]
33...Bg6 34.Ne6 Prevents Nf4.
34...Nb4? 7.91/22
[34...Nf4 3.61/21]
35.Nxd8 Rxd8

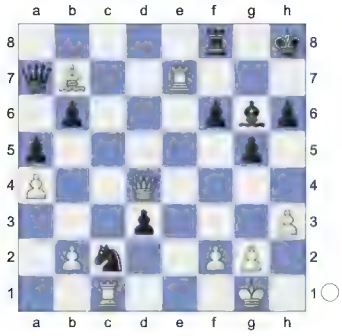
(Diagram)



36.Bxf6 exf6 37.Re7+ Kh8 38.Qc3 Rf8 39.Bb7 Qa7

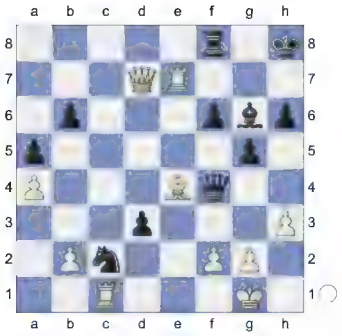


40.Qd4 4.86/23
[⌓40.Qxf6+!! #4/10 Rxf6 41.Rc8+ Be8 42.Rcxe8+ Rf8 43.Rxf8#]
40...Nc2

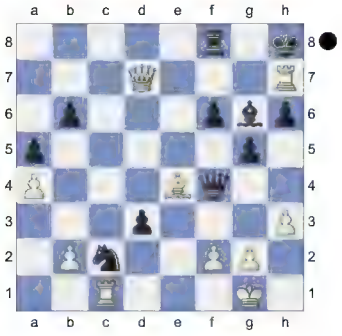


41.Qd7 Qb8 42.Be4 Qf4? #2/6
[42...Bxe4+- 3.20/22 43.Rxe4 Rd8]

(Diagram)



43.Rh7+!



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164 **A69**
□ **Leenhouts,Koen** **2444**
■ **Ortega Ruiz,Jose Miguel** **2352**
EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A69: Modern Benoni: Four Pawns Attack with 9...Re8
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0

(Diagram)

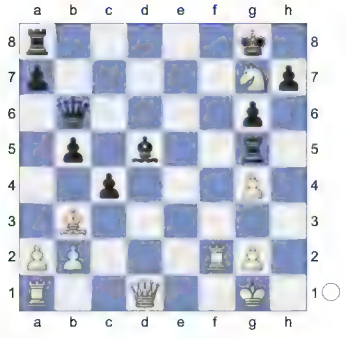
6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.e5 dxe5

11.fxe5 Ng4 12.e6 fxe6 13.Bg5! is more profitable than 13.d6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 13.d6.
13...Qa5 0.57/17
[Black should try 13...Qb6= -0.01/19 14.Qd2 *(14.Qa4 Bd7-+)* 14...c4 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.h3 Nf2 17.Be3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Ne4 19.Bxb6 Nxd2 20.Bd4 Nxf3 21.Bxf3 e5 22.Rhe1 Kf7 23.Bg1 Nf6 24.d6 e4 25.Be2 Be6 26.Rd4 b5 27.Bh2 Rad8 28.Rf1 Bd7 29.a4 a6 Rosol,P (2084)-Andre,T (1867) Terme Catez 2024 1-0 (61)]
[13...Nf6 14.d6 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nb5 Bd7 17.Nc7 Nc6 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.0-0 Nb4 20.Qd2 Bc6 21.Rae1 Bd5 22.b3 Qc3 Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2646)-Chitrit,N (2666) USSR 14/617 2006 Telechess CBM 89 [Tom Matheis and Clive Murden]]
14.0-0 aiming for Nd2.

[14.h3!?]
14...exd5 0.70/20
[14...Qb6= 0.28/17 is more appropriate.]
15.Nxd5 -0.09/21
[15.Qxd5+?! Be6 16.Qxb7 Nd7=]
[15.h3± 0.70/20 d4 16.Nb5 *(16.hxg4 dxc3 17.Bc4+ Be6±)*]
15...Nc6N 0.69/19
[15...Bxb2? 16.Rb1 Bg7 17.Bc4+-]
[15...Be6= -0.09/21]
[15...c4 16.Bxc4 Qc5+ 17.Ne3+ Kh8 18.Qd5 Qb6 19.Kh1 Nc6 20.Nxg4 Bxg4 21.Rae1 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Qe5 24.h4 Nd4 25.Qxb7 Nf5 26.Bf4 Ng3+ 27.Kh2 Nxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Qe7 29.Qxe7 Rxe7 30.Bg5 Hartmann,G-Erwes,T Germany 1994 CBM 107 [Konikowski, Jerzy] 0-1 (40) Rc7 31.Bb3 Rf8 32.Rd1 h6 33.Be3 Be5+ 34.Kg1 Kg7 35.Rd5 Bf6 36.g3 Rd8 37.Rb5 Bd4 38.Bxd4+ Rxd4 39.Rb8 Rd2 40.Rg8+ Kh7 0-1 (40) Liu,Y-6.bc3 ♘e7 7. ♕g4_52341 Greece 1994 A51-A52 [Joachim]]

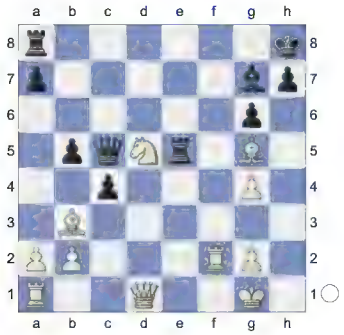
16.h3!± **Nd4?** 2.24/20 Black cannot hold the game after this. **17.Bc4** Nf6+ is the strong threat. **17...Be6**
18.hxg4 **b5** **19.Bb3N**
[19.b4 Nxf3+? 7.79/21 *(19...cxb4±* 1.53/20 *20.Bb3 Nxb3 21.Qxb3 Qa3 22.Ne7+ Rxe7 23.Qxa3 bxa3 24.Bxe7 a5)* 20.Qxf3+- cxb4 21.Bb3 Kh8 22.Bf6 Rg8 23.Qe4 Qa6 12.42/21 *(⌓23...Bxd5* 4.30/23 *24.Bxg7+ Rxg7 25.Bxd5 Rd8)* 24.Ne7+- White threatens Nxg6+ and mate. Bxb3 25.Nxg8 8.73/24 *(⌓25.Nxg6+! #8/23 hxg6 26.Qf4 Kh7 27.Qh2+ Bh6 28.g5 Qb6+ 29.Rf2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rgf8 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qxg6#)* 25...Bxg8 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 1-0 Bach,M (2206)-Ljubarov,M (2354) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th May Late blitz 2024 (8)]
19...c4 **20.Nxd4**
[20.Ne7+ Rxe7 21.Bxe7 Qb6 22.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 23.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 24.Kh1 cxb3±]
20...Bxd5

21.Nf5! **Qb6+**
[21...Re5 22.Bf4]
22.Rf2 **Re5** **23.Ne7+** 1.31/23
[23.Nxg7+- 2.60/22 Rxg5



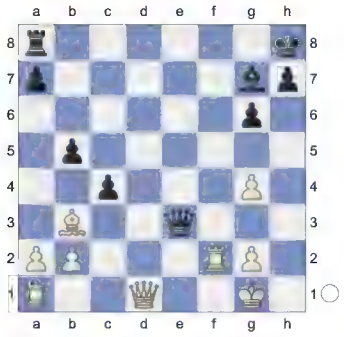
24.Nf5!]
23...Kh8± And now ...Rf8 would win.

24.Nxd5 Qc5 3.12/23
[⌓24...Qb7 2.11/22]



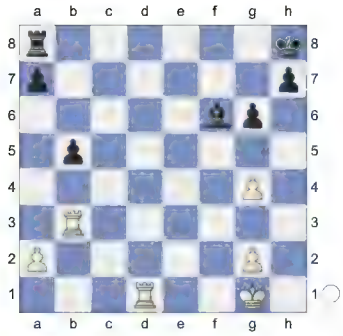
25.Be3!+- Rxe3

26.Nxe3 Qxe3

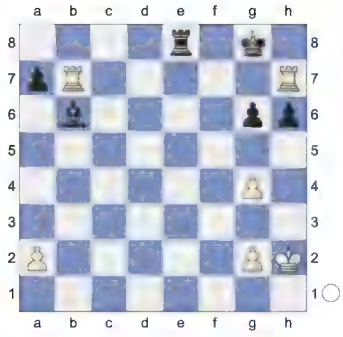


27.Qf3 Qxf3 28.Rxf3
[Don't do 28.gxf3 cxb3 29.Rd2 *(29.axb3 Bd4=)* 29...bxa2 30.Rxa2 Bh6+-]
28...Bxb2 29.Rd1 cxb3 30.Rxb3
Endgame KRR-KRB **30...Bf6**

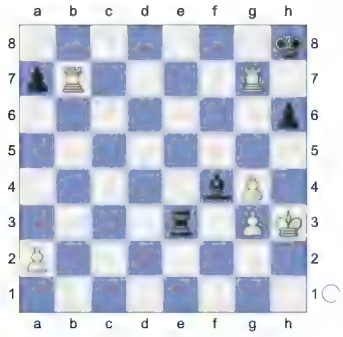
(Diagram)



31.Rxb5 Bd8 32.Rb7 Bb6+ 33.Kh2 Re8 34.Rdd7 h6 35.Rh7+ Kg8



36.Rhg7+ Kh8 37.Rxg6 Be3 38.Rgg7 Bf4+ 39.g3 Re2+ 40.Kh3 Re3



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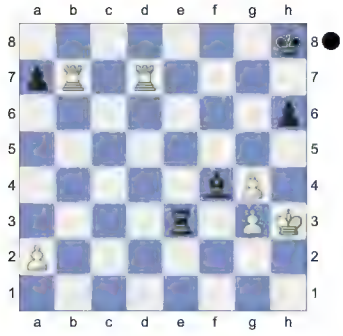

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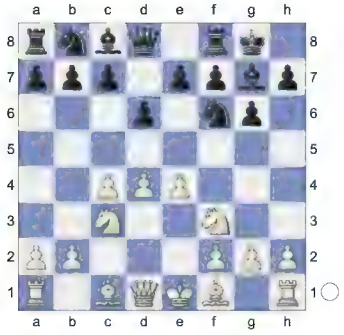
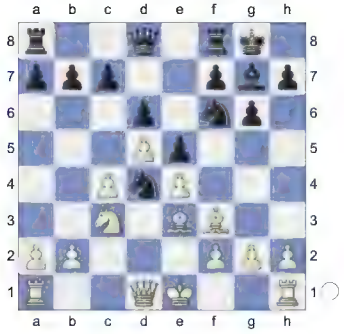
165 **E90**
□ **Stearman,Josiah P** **2443**
■ **Kavutskiy,Konstantin** **2342**
Saint Louis Masters op (5) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

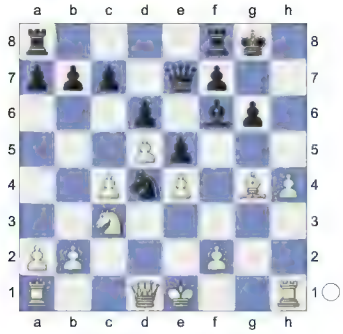
E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



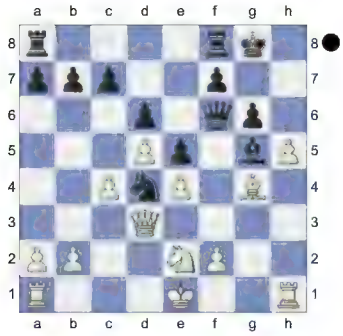
6.Bd3 Bg4 **7.Be2!** is currently scoring better than 7.h3.wohl besser als 7.h3. **7...Nc6 8.Be3 e5 9.d5** The position is equal. **9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nd4**



11.h4N
[Much weaker is 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nxd4 Nxe4∓]
[11.Nb5 a6 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Nxe4 14.Bxg7 Re8 15.Qd4 Nf6+ New Th Move Alternatives-New Th Move Alternatives]
11...h5N
[11...c5 12.h5 a6 13.h6 Bh8 14.Qd2 -0.14/18 *(14.a4± 0.32/16)* 14...Rb8 15.Ne2 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Bg5 b4 0.22/19 *(17...Qd7* -0.17/18 is superior.*)* 18.Nxd4= exd4 ½-½ Bayer,M (1935)-Poelsterl,H (1855) Mittelfranken-chTB1 1819 2018 (8.1)]
12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.g4 hxg4 15.Bxg4 Qe7



16.h5 Bg5 17.Ne2 Qf6 18.Qd3



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½-½

166 **D87**
□ **Ushenina,A** **2434**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (3.1) 5.8.23
[Kitty Kat]

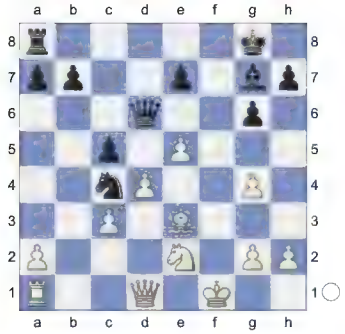
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

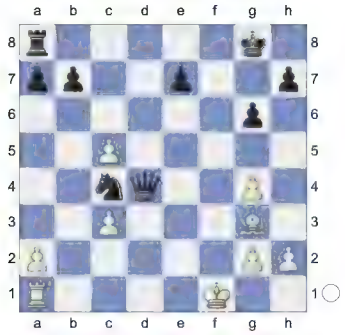
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 2023]

(Diagram)

11.f3 Na5 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.fxg4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 Qd6 15.e5
[15.dxc5 Qxh2 16.Bf2 Rf8∓]
15...Nc4

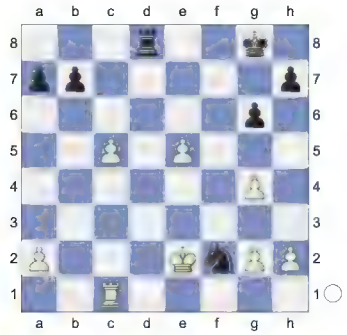


16.Bf2 Qd5 17.dxc5 White is slightly better. **17...Qe4** 0.60/23
[17...Rd8= 0.19/24 18.Qxd5+ Rxd5]
18.Qd4± Bxe5 Double Attack **19.Ng3!**
[19.Qxe4 Nd2+ 20.Kg1 Nxe4=]
19...Bxg3 Deflection **20.Bxg3**
[20.Qxe4 Nd2+ 21.Ke1 Nxe4∓]
20...Qxd4



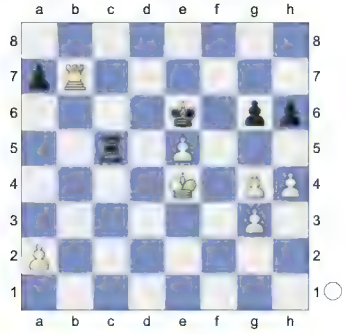
21.cxd4 Endgame. Strongly threatening Ke2. KRB-KRN **21...Rd8 22.Bf2 e5 23.Rc1** 0.69/25
[23.c6!± 1.16/26 bxc6 24.dxe5]

23...Nd2+? 3.57/22
[Better is 23...Na5!± 0.69/25]
24.Ke2+- Ne4 25.dxe5 Nxf2

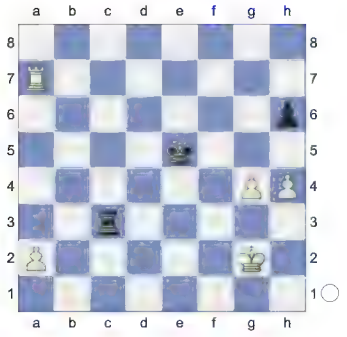


26.Kxf2 KR-KR **26...Kf7 27.Ke3 Rc8?** 5.58/26
[27...Rd5 2.65/23 keeps fighting. 28.Kf4 Rd4+ 29.Kg5 Kg7]
28.Rb1 Rc7 29.h4 Ke6 30.Kd4 Rd7+

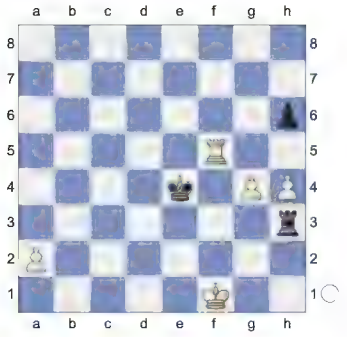
31.Ke4 Rc7 32.Rb5 h6 33.g3 Rd7 34.Rb2 Rd5 35.Rxb7 Rxc5



36.Rg7
[36.Rxa7 Rxe5+ 37.Kf3 Rb5+-]
36...Rc4+ 37.Kf3 Rc3+ 38.Kg2 g5
39.Rxa7 2.49/20
[39.hxg5 Rc2+ 40.Kf3 hxg5 41.Rg6+ *(41.Rxg5 Rxa2 42.Rf5 Ra1±; 41.Rxa7 Rc3+ 42.Kg2 Kxe5±)* 41...Kxe5 42.Rxg5+ Kf6±]
[⌓39.Rg6+ 5.29/24 Kxe5 40.hxg5 *(40.Rxh6 gxh4 41.gxh4 Rc2+ 42.Kg3 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Ke3 Rc3+ 45.Kd2 Ra3+-)* 40...hxg5 41.a4 *(41.Rxg5+ Kf6+-)*]
39...gxh4? 5.37/24
[39...Kxe5 2.49/20 40.h5 Rc2+ 41.Kh3 Ke4]
40.gxh4 Kxe5

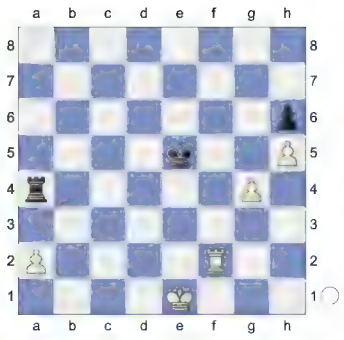


41.Rf7 Ra3 42.Rf5+! Ke4 43.Rf2 Ke5 44.Kf1 Rh3 45.Rf5+ Ke4

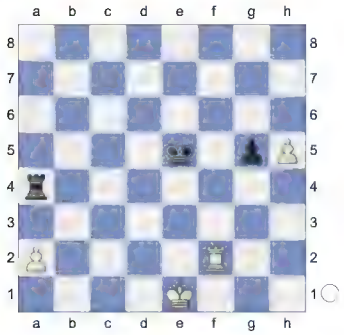


46.h5 Ra3 47.Rf2 Ke5 48.Ke1? 0.04/25
[White must play 48.g5!+- 4.62/24]
48...Ra4? 3.18/22
[48...Rg3= 0.04/25]

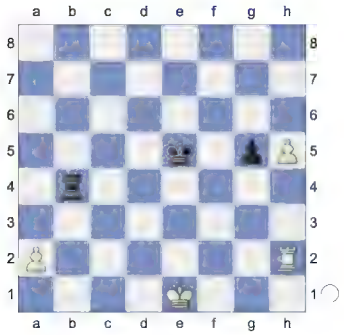
(Diagram)



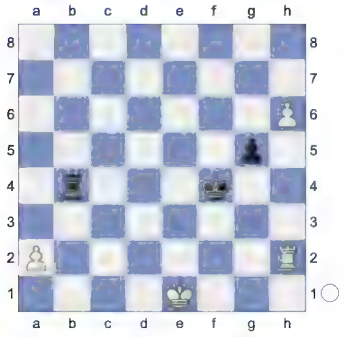
49.g5! hxg5



50.Rh2 Black must now prevent h6.
50...Rb4

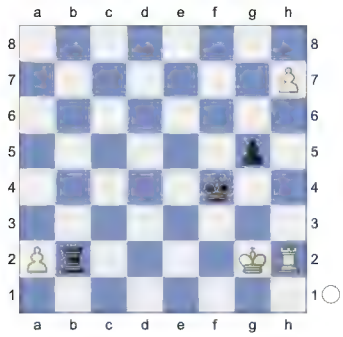


51.h6 aiming for h7. **51...Kf4**

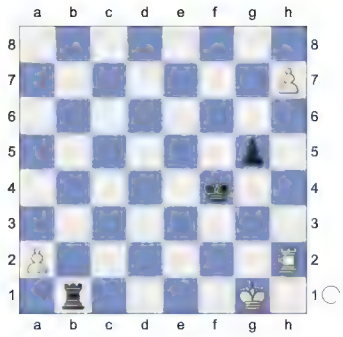


52.h7? 0.00/69
[White has to play 52.Rh5!+- 5.66/28 Rb1+ 53.Kd2]

52...Rb1+= The position is equal. **53.Kf2 Rb2+ 54.Kg1 Rb1+ 55.Kg2**
[55.Kf2!? Rb2+□ 56.Kg1 Rb1+ 57.Kg2 Rb2+ 58.Kg1=]
55...Rb2+



56.Kg1
[56.Kh1!? Rb1+□ 57.Kg2 Rb2+ 58.Kh1 Rb1+ 59.Kg2=]
56...Rb1+



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½-½

167	**E90**
□ **Krstulovic,Alex**	**2433**
■ **Tatar Kis,Szabolcs**	**2350**
HUN-chT 2324 (5.6)	03.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

6.Bd3 Nc6 7.d5! is now more promising than 7.0-0.im Vergleich zu 7.0-0 vielversprechender. **7...Nb4 8.Bb1**
[8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Re8 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 c6 13.Kh1 d5 14.a3 Na6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.exd5 Nh5 17.f4 Qb6 18.Ndb5 Nc5 19.a4 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Nb3 21.a5 Qb4 22.Ra3 Nxc1 Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Shevchenko,K (2651) Samarkand 2023 [Petrov,Marian] 1-0]
8...c6N
[8...a5 9.h3 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.Be3 c6 13.a3 Na6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.e5 *(15.Ba2 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.Bxf7+ Kh8 18.Rc1* 5) King's Indian Defence-King's Indian Defence: 4...d6 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024*)* 15...dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.Nxe5 Bb7 18.Nc4 Nc7 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.Bb6 Rd2 21.Bxc7 Ra8 22.Ba2 Ne8 23.Bf4 Prohaszka,P (2585)-Van Foreest,J (2693) Ajka 2023 ½-½ (107)]
[8...Bg4 9.0-0 c6 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nd7 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.Qe2 5) King's Indian Defence-King's Indian Defence: 4...d6 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
9.h3 White is slightly better. **9...cxd5 10.cxd5 e6N**
[Vorgänger: 10...a5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Be3 b6 13.a3 Na6 14.Nd4 Ne5 15.Ba2 Nc5 16.b4 Ba6 1.74/20 *(16...axb4± 0.97/18 17.axb4 Ba6)* 17.bxc5+- aiming for c6. Bxf1 18.Qxf1 bxc5 1-0 Sebag,M (2298)-Feuvrier,S (2048) FRA-chT 01 (Women) 2001]

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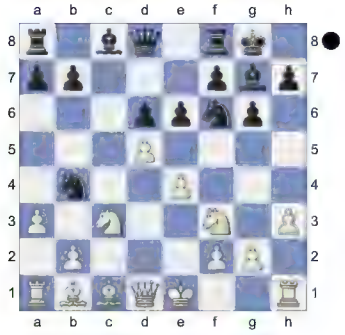
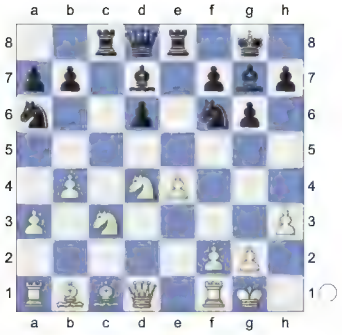
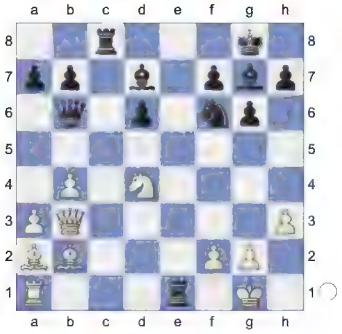


Hoping for dxe6. **11...Na6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Nd4** -0.19/20
[13.0-0± 0.34/17]
13...Re8 0.55/19
[13...Bc4= -0.19/20]
14.0-0 -0.16/19
[14.Nxe6± 0.55/19 fxe6 15.0-0]
14...Bd7 0.27/17
[14...Bc4 -0.16/19 should be considered. 15.Re1 *(15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nc5∓)* 15...d5]
15.b4 Rc8

(Diagram)

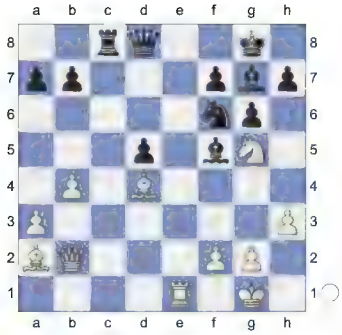


16.Bb2 Qb6 17.Ba2 Nc5
[17...Nxe4 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Nxe4±]
18.Re1 -0.48/20
[18.Qf3= 0.02/20]
18...Ncxe4
[18...a5!?]
19.Nxe4 Rxe4
[Reject 19...Nxe4 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Rxe4 Rxe4 22.Qf3+ Bf6 23.Qxe4±]
20.Qb3 Rxe1+

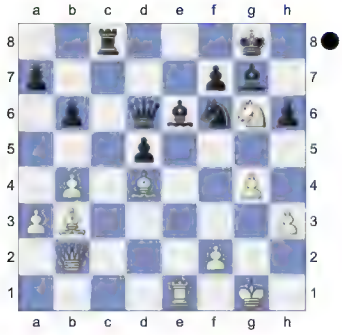


21.Rxe1 d5 22.Nf3 Be6 With the idea ...Ne4. **23.Bd4 Qc7 24.Ng5** Prevents Ne4. **24...Bf5**
[24...Ng4!? 25.Bxg7 *(25.Nxe6? Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Bxd4-+)* 25...Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qxg2=]
25.Qb2 Qd8

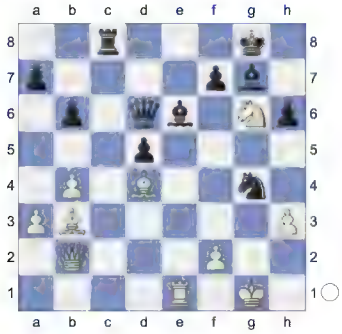
(Diagram)



26.Bb3 h6 27.Nf3 b6 28.Ne5 Qd6 29.g4 Be6 1.30/22
[29...Be4= -0.17/22 keeps the balance.]
30.Nxg6±

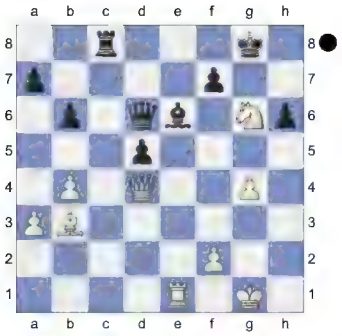


Discovered Attack. &Bianco is more active. **30...Nxg4** 4.96/23



31.hxg4+-
[31.Ne7+ Qxe7 32.hxg4 *(32.Bxg7 Qg5∓)* 32...Qg5 33.Bxg7 Qxg7 34.Qxg7+ Kxg7∓]
31...Bxd4 9.84/24
[⌓31...fxg6 4.56/22 32.Bxg7 Qf4]
32.Qxd4

(Diagram)



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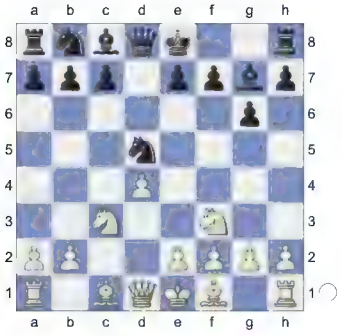
168 **D85**
□ **Stalmach,Richard** **2433**
■ **Rodshtein,Maxim** **2613**
AUT-chT 2425 (3.4) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5

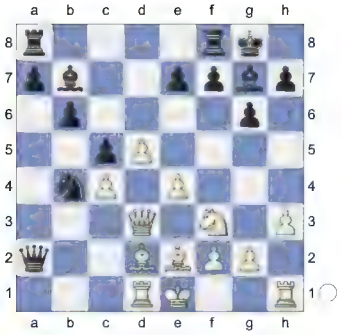


6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.h3 8.Bb5+ is the modern continuation.8.Lb5+ ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **8...0-0 9.Be2 b6 10.Be3 Bb7**

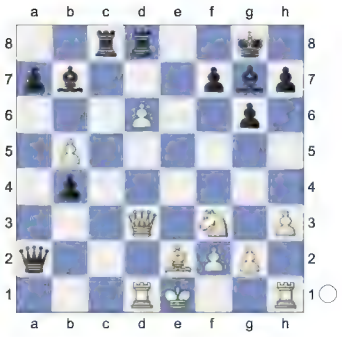
(Diagram)

11.Qd3 **Qd7N** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Ba6 13.Qc2 Qd7 *(13...Qc8 14.Rc1 Qxc2 15.Rxc2 Bb7 16.d5 Na6 17.Nd4 Nc5 18.f3 Rac8* 8) 4.Nf3 - Rare Fifth Moves-4. Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 O-O #4 Forst 2023*)* 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Qb3 Qb7 Bluebaum,M (2633)-Ragger,M (2672) France 2018 [Perunovic, Milos]]
12.Rd1N White has an edge.
[12.0-0 Ba6 13.Qd2 Qa4 14.Rac1 Rd8 15.Bg5 cxd4 0.60/20 *(15...Rd7=* 0.23/18 is more appropriate.*)* 16.cxd4± Bxd4 17.Bxa6 0.06/22 *(White should try 17.Nxd4± 0.64/22 Rxd4 18.Qb2)* 17...Nxa6= 18.Bxe7 ½-½ Firouzja,A (2749)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Skilling op Prelim rapid 2020 (4)]
12...Qa4 13.d5
[Reject 13.dxc5 Bxe4 14.Qd2 Nc6∓]
13...Qxa2 14.c4 -0.88/21
[14.0-0= 0.01/18]
14...Na6∓ 15.Bd2 Nb4

(Diagram)



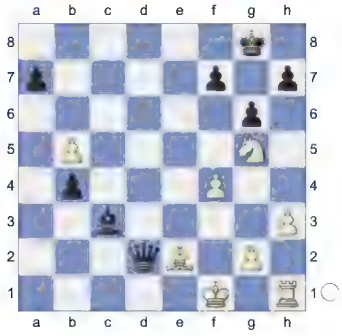
16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.e5 -1.94/20
[17.0-0∓ -1.01/18 was called for.]
17...b5-+ White must now prevent ... Qxc4. **18.cxb5 Rfd8 19.d6** -2.49/21
[⩲19.0-0 -1.97/19]
19...exd6 20.exd6 Rac8



21.d7? -4.31/22
[21.0-0 -2.66/18 was necessary. Rc3 22.Rd2]

21...Bc3+ A strong pair of Bishops.
22.Kf1 Rc7 23.Ng5? -12.87/19
[23.Qe3 -3.05/22 Kg7 24.Ne5]
23...Rcxd7 Black is clearly winning.
24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Bd5
(Diagram)

(-> ...Qb1+) **26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.f4 Qd2**



White got outplayed after the opening.
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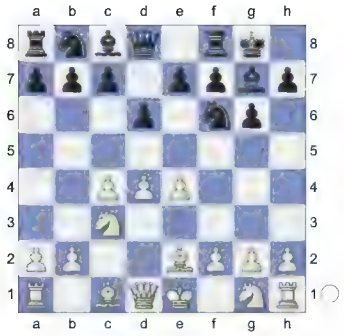
0-1

169 **E91**
□ **Stalmach,Richard** **2431**
■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2617**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6... Bg4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 Nc6! is more profitable than 7...Nbd7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7...Sbd7. **8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6** White is slightly better. **10.Qc2 e6**

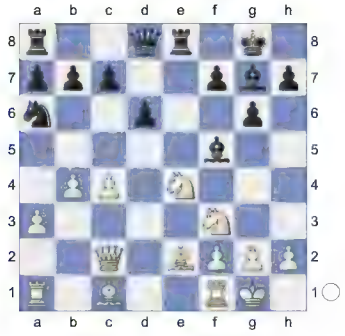
11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.b4N Inhibits Nc5.

[Vorgänger: 12.Rd1 Bg4 13.e5 0.13/18 *(13.h3± 0.59/18 Bd7 14.Be3)* 13...Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 Ng4 0.71/20 *(15...Qe7= 0.23/21 should be considered.)* 16.exd6± Threatens to win with Bg5. cxd6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Rad1 ½-½ Riverol,J (2304)-Aldokhin,I (2413) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early blitz 2023 (1) Qf5 19.R3d2 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 h6 21.Bf4 Ne5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Be3 f5 24.g3 g5 25.f3 Nc7 26.b4 Ne6 27.Nb5 a6 28.Nd6 Re7 29.Nxf5 Rf7 30.Nxg7 Nxg7 31.Kg2 Raf8 32.Rf2 Nf5 33.Bc5 Riverol,J (2304)-Aldokhin,I (2413) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (65) Rc8 34.Rd5 Rc6 35.Re2 b6 36.Bf2 Rxc4 37.Rexe5 Ne7 38.Rd7 Nc6 39.Rxf7 Kxf7 40.Re2 b5 41.Rd2 Ke7 42.Be3 Rc3 43.Re2 Kf7 44.Bc5 Rxa3 45.Rd2 Rb3 46.Rd6 Nxb4 47.Bxb4 Rxb4 48.Rxa6 Schut,L (2304)-Reviczki,R (2413) Kallithea 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson] ½-½ (65)]

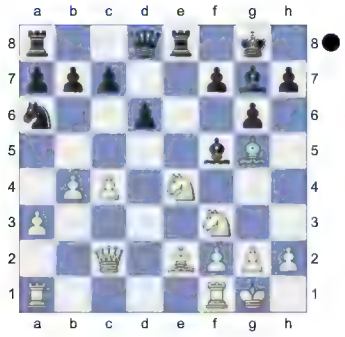
12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 aiming for Bb2.

13...Bf5

[13...Bxa1 14.Bg5 f6 15.Rxa1 fxg5 16.Qc3∓]



14.Bg5! -0.19/21



Bxe4!=

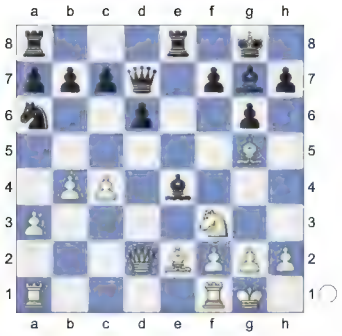
[14...f6 15.Nxf6+]

15.Qd2

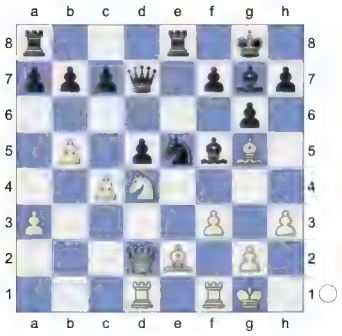
[15.Bd3 Bxd3]

15...Qd7

(Diagram)



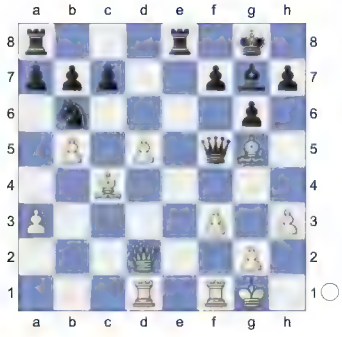
16.Rad1 Nb8 0.01/17
[16...Qa4!∓ -0.47/19 17.Qc1 Rab8]
17.h3 Nc6 18.b5 Ne5 -0.23/18
[18...Nd8∓ -0.57/19]
19.Nd4 -0.87/20
[19.Nxe5= -0.23/18 keeps the balance. Rxe5 20.Rfe1]
19...d5 -0.01/21 &Nero is more active.
[19...a6!∓ -0.87/20 20.f3 c5! 21.bxc6 *(21.fxe4 cxd4 22.Qb4 Qc7∓)* 21...Nxc6!]
20.f3 Bf5



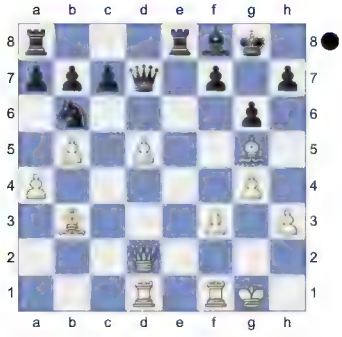
21.Nxf5 Qxf5 22.cxd5 Bf6 23.Bh6 Strongly threatening f4. **23...Bg7?** 3.01/18
[23...Nd7= 0.27/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)

24.Bg5? -0.01/21 This bishop pair is nice.
[24.Bxg7!+- 3.01/18 Kxg7 25.f4]
24...Nd7 Hoping for ...Rxe2! **25.Bc4 Nb6**

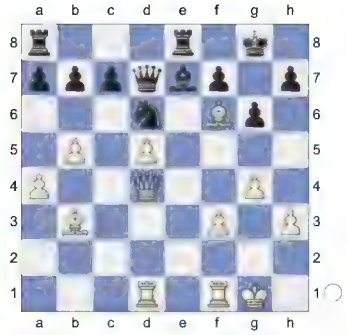


26.Bb3 Bf8 27.g4 -0.49/21
[27.a4!= 0.24/19]
27...Qd7!↑ Black is pushing. **28.a4**

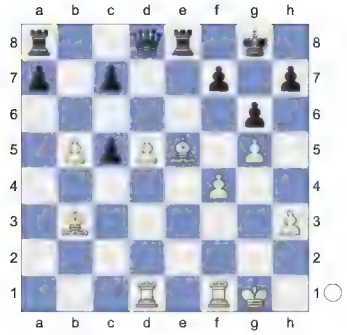


Nc8 0.07/19
[28...a6!∓ -0.75/19 29.bxa6 Rxa6]
29.Bf6 Nd6 0.33/19
[29...Qd6= -0.07/20 30.Bd4 Nb6]
30.Qd4 -0.20/21
[30.Rc1± 0.33/19]
30...Be7

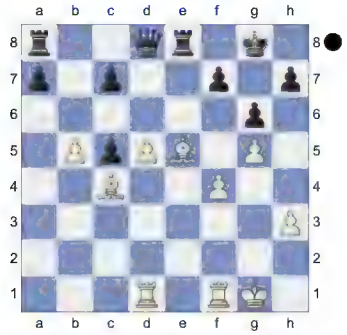
(Diagram)



31.Be5 Qd8 32.f4 b6 0.44/18
[32...f6= 0.01/19
is more appropriate.]
33.g5? -1.10/19
[33.Qd3± 0.44/18 stays ahead.]
33...Nxb5 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **34.axb5** -3.82/20
[34.Qd3∓ -0.81/18 Bc5+ 35.Kh1]
34...Bc5-+ 35.Qxc5 bxc5

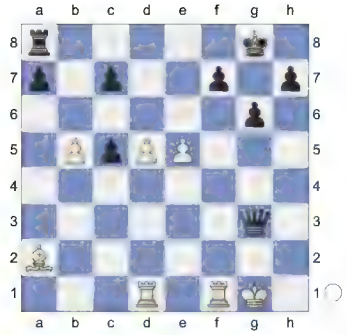


36.Bc4? -7.63/20
[36.d6 -3.09/20 c4 37.dxc7]

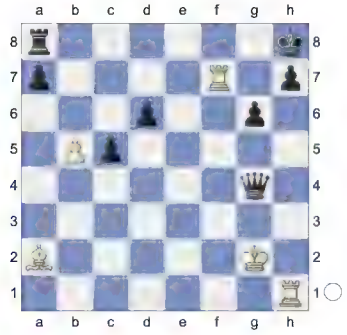


36...Rxe5! 37.fxe5 Qxg5+ 38.Kh1 Qh4 39.Ba2 Qxh3+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+

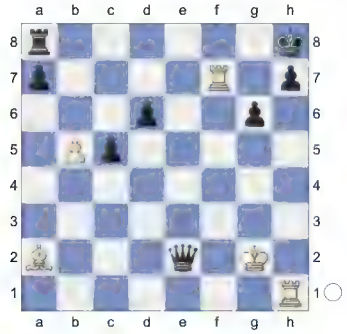
(Diagram)



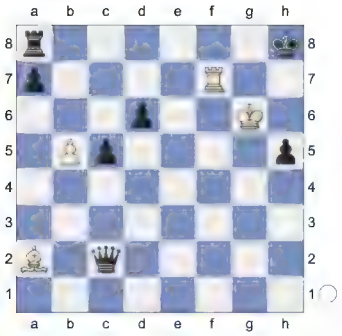
41.Kh1 Qxe5 42.d6 cxd6 43.Rxf7 Qh5+ 44.Kg2 Kh8
[And not 44...Qxd1 45.Rf1+ Kg7 46.Rxd1=]
45.Rh1 Qg4+



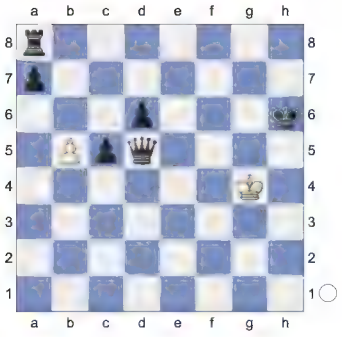
46.Kf2 Qd4+ 47.Kg3 Qe5+ 48.Kg2 Qe4+ 49.Kg1 Qe1+ 50.Kg2 Qe2+



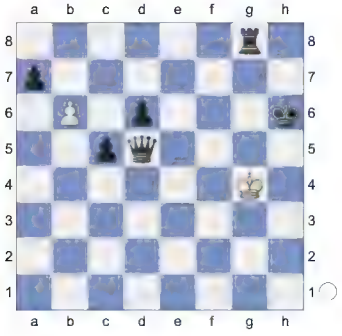
51.Kg3 h5
[Weaker is 51...Qxa2 52.Rhxh7+ Kg8 53.Rhg7+ Kh8 54.Rh7+ Kg8 55.Rhg7+ Kh8 56.Rh7+=]
52.Kh4 Qe4+ -29.03/21
[⌓52...Qg4# -#1/6]
53.Kg5 Qxh1 54.Kh6 Qc1+
Black mates. **55.Kxg6 Qc2+**
(Diagram)



56.Kh6 Qd2+ 57.Kxh5 Qxa2 58.Rf6 Kg7 59.Rh6 Qd5+ 60.Kg4 Kxh6



61.b6 Rg8+



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170 **E90**
☐ **Mohammad Fahad,Rahman** **2431**
■ **Panesar,Vedant** **2420**
Budapest FS10 GM (2) 06.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

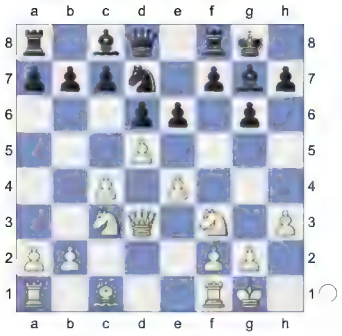
6.Bd3 Nc6 7.d5! is recently more successful than 7.0-0.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.0-0. **7...Nb4 8.0-0N**
[8.Bb1 a5 *(8...e6 9.a3 Na6 10.0-0 Re8 11.h3 Nc5 12.Re1 a5 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.Bg5 exd5 15.exd5 Rxe1+ 16.Qxe1 Qf8 17.Qd2* 5) King's Indian Defence-King's Indian Defence: 4... d6 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 9.h3 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.Be3 c6 13.a3 Na6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.Nxe5 Bb7 18.Nc4 Nc7 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.Bb6 Rd2 21.Bxc7 Ra8 22.Ba2 Ne8 Rozman,L (2585)-5. dc5 ♗c5 6. ♗f4 (2693) Belgrad 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] ½-½ (107) 23.Bf4 Rxb2 24.Rab1 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Bc8 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Re1 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Nf6 29.Rb4 Nd5 30.Bxd5 cxd5 31.Rb8+ Rxb8 32.Bxb8 Kf8 33.Kf1 Ke7 34.Ba7 Kd6 35.Ke2 Kc6 36.a4 Bc3 37.Kd3 Bb4 Prohaszka,P (2585)-Van Foreest, J (2693) Ajka 2023 ½-½ (107)]
[8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Re8 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 c6 13.Kh1 d5 14.a3 Na6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.exd5 Nh5 17.f4 Qb6 18.Ndb5 Nc5 19.a4 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Nb3 21.a5 Qb4 22.Ra3 Nxc1 Abdusattorov,N (2727)-

Shevchenko,K (2651) Samarkand 2023 [Petrov,Marian] 1-0]

8...Nxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.h3N

[10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Nd2 Ne5 14.Qc2 Be6 15.Ne2 c5 16.h3 0-1 Stocek,J (2549)-Mamedov,R (2649) EU-ch 14th Legnica 2013 (2)]

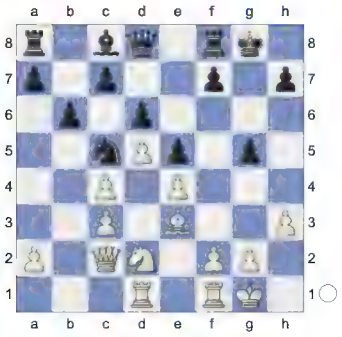
10...Nd7



11.Be3 b6 12.Rad1 Nc5 13.Qc2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 -0.11/17

[14.Qxc3 0.26/19 is superior. Nxe4 15.Qd4]

14...e5= 15.Nd2 g5

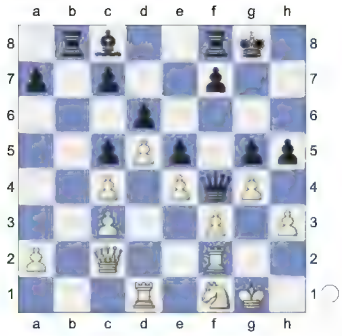


16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.g4 -0.63/21

[17.f3= -0.04/17]

17...h5 18.f3 Qf6 19.Rf2 Rb8 20.Nf1 Qf4

(Diagram)



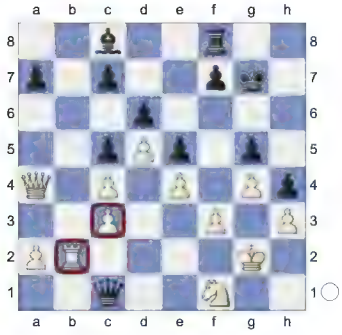
21.Kg2 h4 Prevents Ng3. **22.Qa4** Against Bd7 **22...Rb7** -0.01/22

[22...Rb6!∓ -0.69/24]

23.Rdd2! Kg7 0.67/22

[Better is 23...Rd8= -0.01/23]

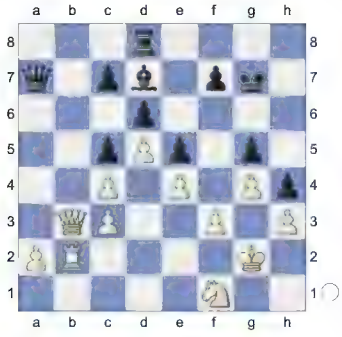
24.Rb2± Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Qc1



26.Rf2 Qb1 27.Qxa7 Qb7 28.Qa4 0.37/23

[28.Qxb7± 0.89/28 Bxb7 29.Rb2]

28...Rd8 29.Qb3 Qa7 30.Rb2 Bd7



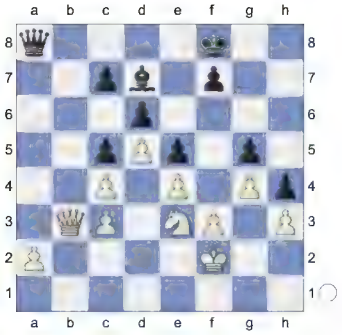
31.Ne3 0.14/22

[31.a4!± 0.57/25]

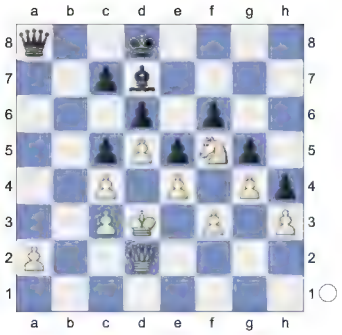
31...Ra8= 32.Qc2 Rb8 33.Rxb8

[33.Nf5+ looks sharper. Kg6 34.Rxb8 Qxb8 35.Kf2]

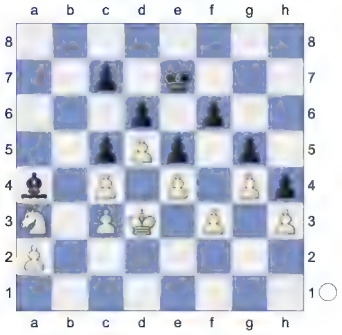
33...Qxb8 34.Qb3 Qa8 35.Kf2 Kf8



36.Ke2 Ke7 37.Kd3 Kd8 38.Qb2 Qa7 39.Nf5 Qa8 40.Qd2 f6



41.Qb2
[41.Nh6 is interesting. Ke7 42.Qb2 Ba4 43.Qb1]
41...Qa7 42.Ne3 Ke7 43.Nc2 Be8 44.Qa3 Qxa3 The position is equal.
45.Nxa3 Endgame Black must now prevent Nb5. KB-KN **45...Ba4**



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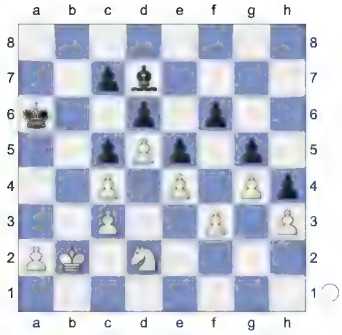
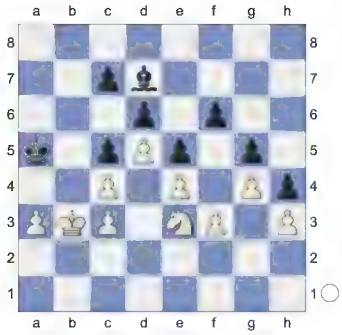
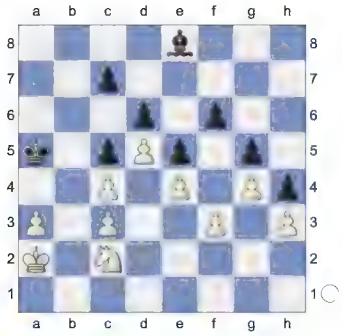


51.Ka3 Ka5 52.Nf1 Bc8 53.Kb3 Bd7 54.a3 Bc8 55.Ne3 Bd7



56.Nc2 Bc8 57.Na1 Bd7 58.Kb2 Ka4 59.Nc2 Be8 60.Ka2 Ka5



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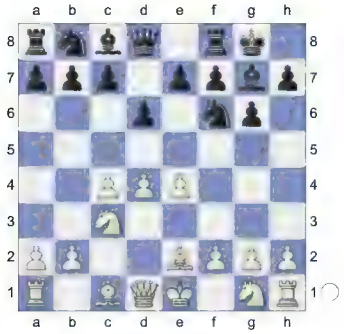
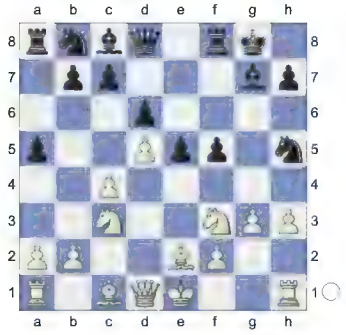
171 **E73**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (9.2) 24.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

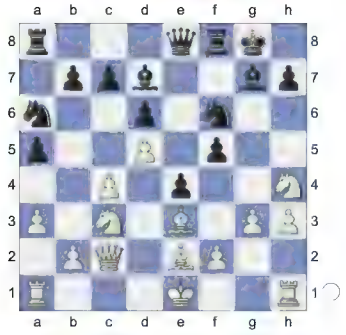
E92: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5: 7 dxe5, 7 Be3 and Petrosian System without 7...Nbd7 Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



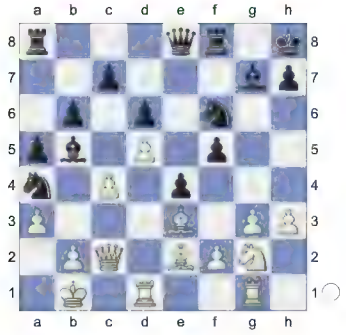
6.h3 a5 7.Nf3 e5 8.d5 Nh5N
[8...Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) Zalakaros 1997 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter] *)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 22.f3 f5 23.g5 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 1-0 (48) Bh8 24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Qe2 Rf8 26.Rcf1 Rcf7 27.Rhg1 h6 28.Qc4 hxg5 29.hxg5 Rc7 30.exf5 Rxf5 31.Ne4 Bg7 32.Kf2 Ne6 33.Qd3 Nd4 34.Bxd4 exd4 35.Rc1 Rcf7 36.Rg3 Qd7 37.Rh1 Qe7 38.Kg2 Karthik,V (2562)-Movahed,S (2417) Abu Dhabi 2023 1-0 (48)]
9.g3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5



11.Bg5 White is slightly better. **11...Qe8 12.Nh4 Nf6 13.Qc2 Na6 14.a3↑** White has some pressure.
[14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Nxd5!∓]
14...e4 15.Be3 Bd7



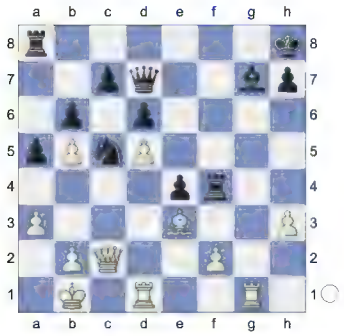
16.0-0-0 Nc5 17.Kb1 b6 18.Rhg1 Kh8 19.Ng2 Na4 1.13/20
[Black should play 19...Nh5± 0.52/18]
20.Nb5± Bxb5



21.cxb5 Nc5 22.Nf4 Prevents Nh5. **22...Nfd7 23.g4** &Bianco is more active. **23...fxg4 24.Bxg4**
[24.Rxg4 Qf7±]
24...Rxf4 2.05/23

[⌓24...Be5 1.66/20]

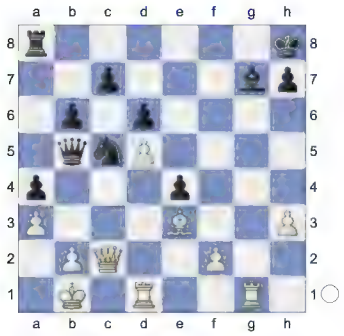
25.Bxd7 Qxd7



26.Bxf4 Qxb5 27.Be3 Hoping for Rxg7!

27...a4? 3.94/24

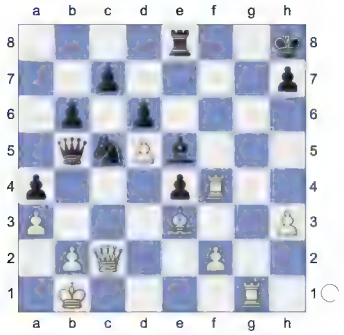
[27...Re8 1.85/21 28.f3 Qa4]



28.Rg4 2.27/22

[⌓28.Rxg7! 3.94/24 White threatens Qc3 and mate. Kxg7 29.Rg1+ Kf7 30.Bxc5]

28...Re8 29.Rdg1 Bf6 30.Rf4 Really sharp! **30...Be5**



31.Bxc5! bxc5 32.Rxe4 Rb8

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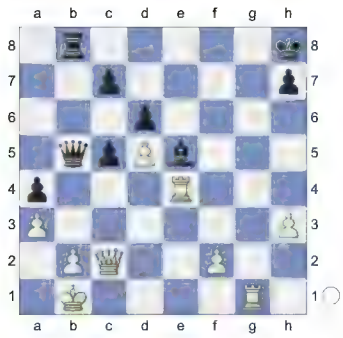
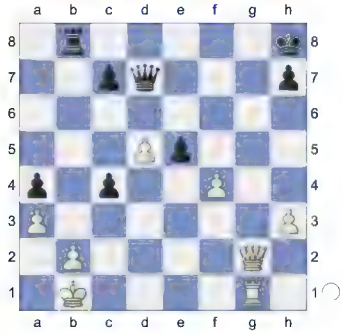


33.Rxe5! dxe5+- Endgame KQR-KQR

34.f4 c4? 9.53/22

[34...Rg8 2.37/24 35.Re1 c4]

35.Qg2 Qd7



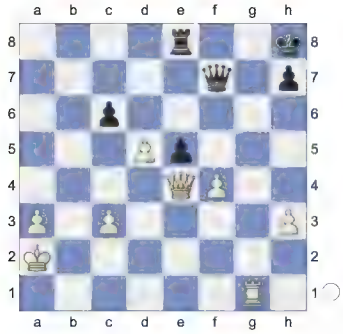
Prevents Qg7+. **36.Qe4?** 2.18/24

[36.Qg5 #7/16 mates h6 37.Qf6+ Kh7 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Kc1 exf4 40.Qxh6+ Qh7 41.Qf6+ Qg7 42.Qxg7#]

36...Qe7 37.Ka2

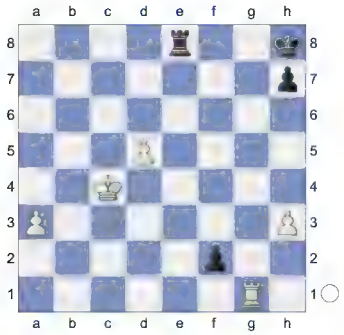
[Don't play 37.Qxe5+?! Qxe5 38.fxe5 c3+-]

37...c3 38.bxc3 Re8 39.Qxa4 Qf7 40.Qe4 c6

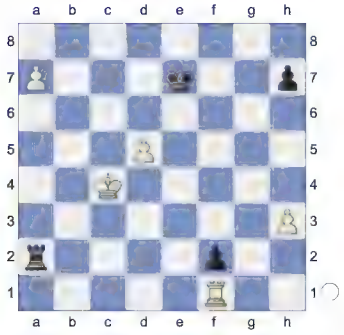


41.c4 cxd5 42.cxd5 Strongly threatening Re1. **42...Qxf4 43.Qxf4**

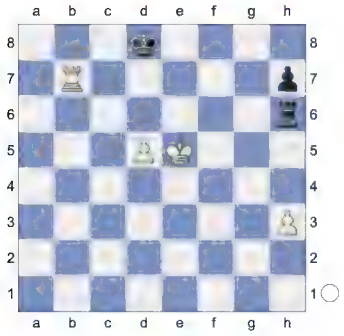
exf4 KR-KR **44.Kb3 f3 45.Kc4** 1.27/23
[45.d6+- 1.96/23]
45...f2



46.Rf1 Re2 47.a4 0.01/26
[47.d6± 1.35/23]
47...Kg7!= 48.a5 Kf6 49.a6 Ra2 50.a7
Black must now prevent Rxf2+! **50...Ke7**



51.Rxf2! Rxa7 52.Rb2 Kd7 53.Kd4
next Ke5 is good for White. **53...Ra6**
54.Ke5 Rb7+ is the strong threat.
54...Rh6! 55.Rb7+ Kd8



56.Rb3 Kd7 0.72/26
[56...Ke7= 0.01/27 remains equal.]

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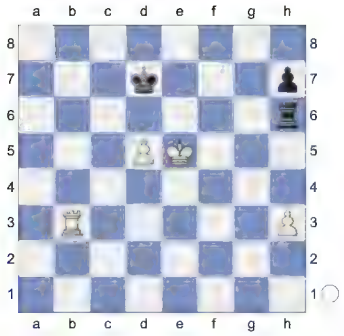
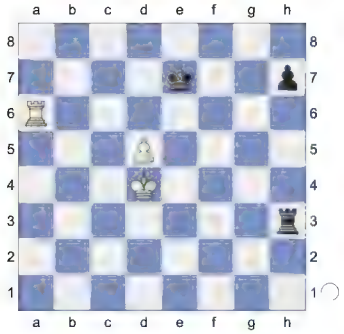
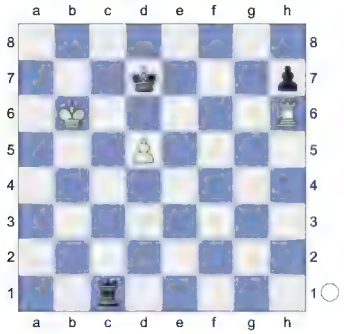


57.Rf3 0.01/26
[57.Kd4!± 0.72/26]
57...Rh5+ The position is equal. **58.Kd4 Kd6! 59.Rf6+ Ke7 60.Ra6 Rxh3**



61.Kc5 Rc3+ 62.Kd4 Rc1 63.Rh6 Rd1+ 64.Kc5 Rc1+ 65.Kb6 Kd7



66.Rxh7+ Kd6 67.Rh6+ Ke5? 10.05/27
[67...Kxd5= -0.01/25 68.Rh5+ Ke4]

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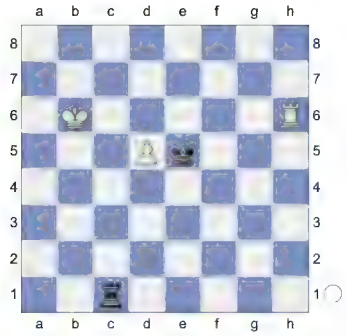

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172 **E60**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (5.4) 19.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

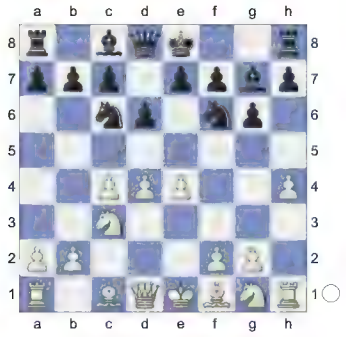
E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.h4N**

[3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 Gomez Vasquez, L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

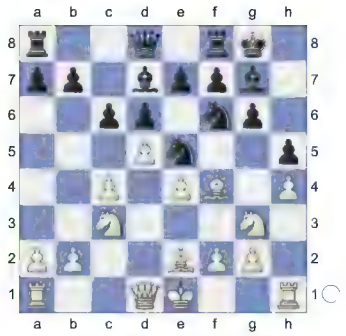
[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.e3 d6 *(9...Ne5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Rac1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bc3 Rb8 17.b3 Re8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rbd8 23.Rd4 f5 24.Qd2* Ilincic,Z (2311)-Krzywda,A (2249) Budapest 2022 ½-½ (54) *)* 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) Novi Sad 2016 CBM 176 [Sumets,Andrey] 0-1 (44)]

[3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 exd5 12.cxd5 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Ng3 Bb5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.Bc3 Ba6 Lazarevic,M (2646)-9.b3 Re8 10.h3_68766 (2531) Cande 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Adly, Ahmed] 1-0 (31) 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.b4 cxb3 20.axb3 Ne5 21.Nd4 Qf6 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.b4 Ncd3 24.Bxd3 Nxd3 25.Rxa6 Qxd4 26.Ra3 Qxb4 27.Rxd3 Qxd2 28.Rxd2 b5 29.Rb1 Rab8 30.Ra2 Re7 31.Rb4 Chapter E50-Games Game 2 (31)]

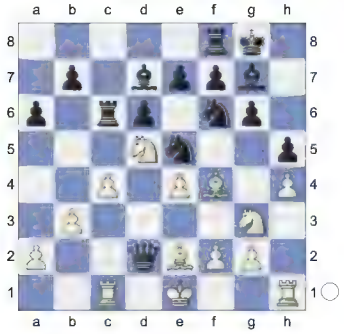
3...Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6



6.Nge2 0-0 7.d5 Ne5 8.Ng3 h5 9.Be2 c6 10.Bf4 Bd7



11.Qd2 Rc8 12.dxc6 Rxc6 13.b3! Qa5 14.Rc1 a6 15.Nd5 Qxd2+



16.Kxd2 Nxd5

[16...Re8 is interesting. 17.Bg5 a5 18.Rhf1 Rc5]

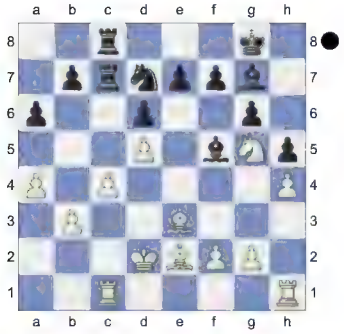
17.exd5 Rc7 18.Ne4 Rfc8 19.a4! Bf5 20.Ng5 -1.47/23

[20.Ng3= 0.06/20]

20...Nd7 -1.09/21

[⌓20...b5 -1.47/23 aiming for ...bxa4. 21.cxb5 Rc2+ 22.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 23.Ke3 axb5 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Bxb5 Rc3+ 26.Ke2 Rxb3]

21.Be3∓



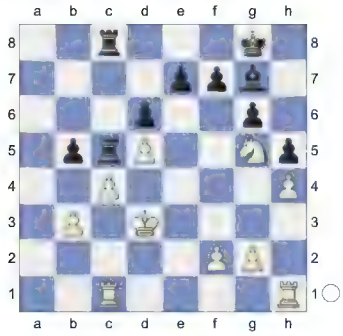
Nc5 -0.68/22 Inhibits Bd3.

[21...b5!∓ -1.29/21 Hoping for ...Bb2. 22.f3 bxc4 23.Rxc4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 Rxc5]

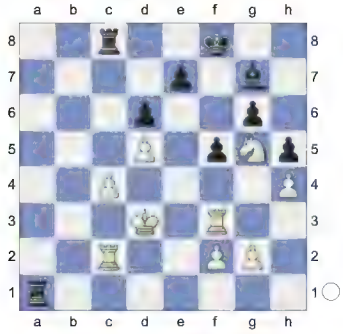
22.Bxc5∓ Rxc5 23.Bd3 Bxd3 -0.35/21

[Better is 23...b5∓ -0.74/21 And now ...bxc4 would win. 24.b4 *(24.axb5 Bxd3 25.Kxd3 axb5∓)* 24...Rxc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4]

24.Kxd3 b5! 25.axb5 axb5



26.Rhe1 Kf8 27.Rc2 bxc4+ 28.bxc4 Ra5 29.Re3 Ra1 30.Rf3 f5

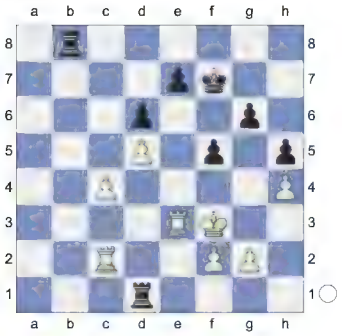


31.Ne6+ Kf7 32.Nxg7

[32.Ng5+ is more complex. Kg8 33.Ke2 Bf6 34.g3]

32...Kxg7= Endgame KRR-KRR **33.Ke2** Inhibits Rd1. **33...Rb8 34.Re3 Kf7 35.Kf3 Rd1**

(Diagram)



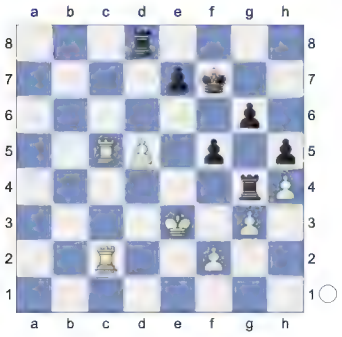
36.g3 Rc8 37.Rec3 Rd4 38.Ke3! Rg4 39.c5 -0.38/25

[39.Ke2= -0.01/22]

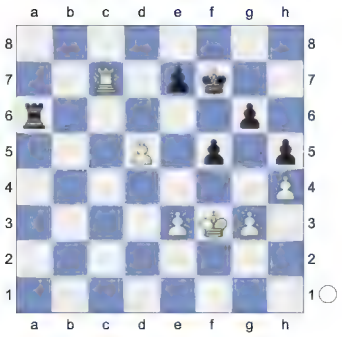
39...dxc5 -0.01/23

[39...Kf6!∓ -0.38/25]

40.Rxc5 The position is equal. **40...Rd8**



41.Re2 Ra8 42.Kf3 Ra3+ 43.Re3 Rxe3+ 44.fxe3 KR-KR **44...Ra4 45.Rc7 Ra6**



46.Kf4 Kf6 47.Kf3

[47.Rc6+ Rxc6 48.dxc6 e5+ 49.Kf3 Ke7-+]

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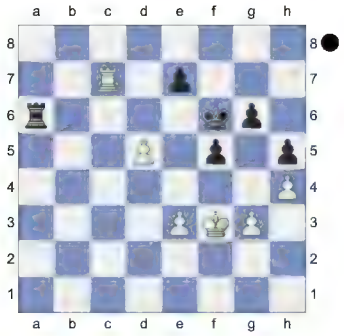
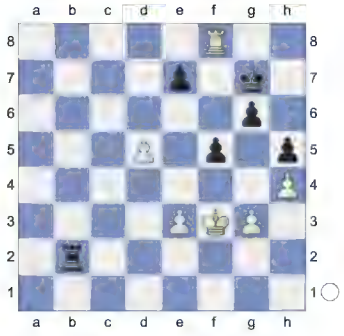
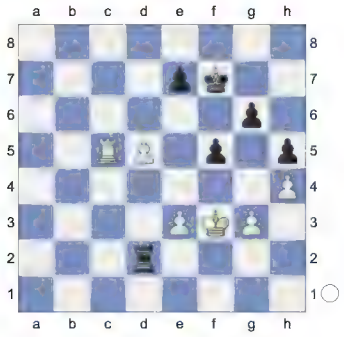


Strongly threatening Rc6+. **47...Ra5 48.Rd7 Rb5 49.Rd8 Rb2 50.Rf8+ Kg7**



51.Ra8 Rd2 52.Ra5 Kf7 53.Rb5 Ra2 54.Rc5 Rd2



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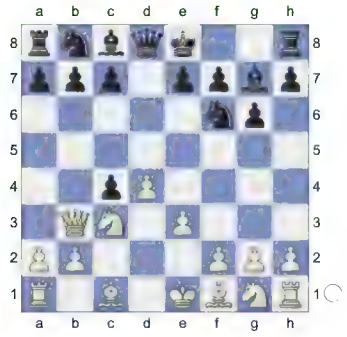
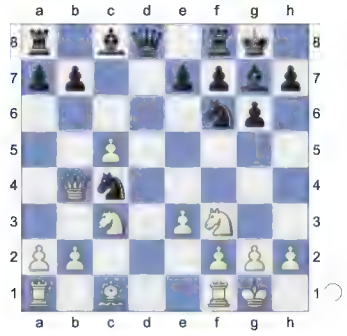
173 **D95**
□ **Del Rio de Angelis,Salvador Gabriel**
■ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2610**
Figueira da Foz op 17th (7) 10.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D95: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 Qb3 Inf 34/(539) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4N**
[5...e6 6.Qa3
A) 6...a5 7.Nf3 c6
A1) 8.b3 Na6 9.Be2 Ne4 *(9...Nb4 10.Qb2 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Rd1 cxd4 13.exd4 0-0 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Be3 Ne7 16.Rac1 Bd7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Ne5* Kriukov,V (2410)-Kutyanin,Y (2354) Ljubljana 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Adly, Ahmed] *)* 10.Qb2 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Rd1 Bb7 13.Bd2 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Nb8 15.Rac1 Nd7 De Melo,G Oslo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Mieses, Jacques];
A2) 8.Qb3 0-0 9.c5 Nbd7 10.Be2 e5 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qd1 Qe7 13.Bd2 Ne4 14.Na4 exd4 15.exd4 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Nf6 17.Nb6 Ne4 18.Qe1 Rb8 19.Qxa5 Bg4 20.Qb4 Ng5 21.Rae1 Meszaros (2492)-8.♕d2 a6 9.0-0-0 ♕c7_7691 (2586) Kiev 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Adly,Ahmed] 0-1 (47);
B) 6...Nc6 7.Nf3 a5 *(7...Ne7 8.Qa4+ c6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Be2 c5 11.dxc5 Qa5 12.b4 Qxb4 13.Rb1 Qa5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nb5 Ne4 16.Nd2 Nb4 17.Qb3 Nxa2 18.Nxe4 Nxc1 19.Rfxc1 dxe4 20.Rc2 Bd7 21.Ra2 Qd8 22.Rxa7* Farago,I-Jansa,V Baile Herculane 1982 CI1-130 [RR]*)* 8.Bd2 Nb4 9.Qb3 c5 10.a3 Nc6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.dxc5 0-0 13.Be2 Ne4 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Bg7 17.Nc7 Rb8 18.0-0 Nxc5 Gruenfeld Indian-4.e3 Bg7 5. Qb3 Survey 2007 Lexikon07 [Ftacnik]]



6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Nf3 c5! is more profitable than 7...Nc6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7...Sc6. **8.0-0 Nc6 9.dxc5 Na5 10.Qb4** White is slightly better. **10...Nxc4**



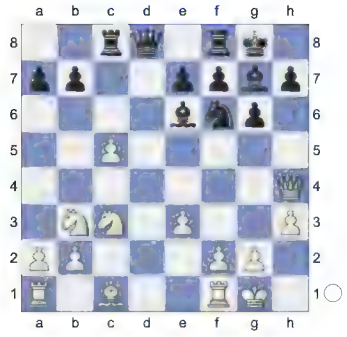
11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qh4 Bg4N 0.51/18
[Vorgänger: 12...h6 13.Nd4 Bd7 0.58/18 *(13...Qc8=* 0.23/19 was preferrable.*)* 14.e4± Bg4 1.40/19 *(14...g5±* 0.49/18 *15.Qg3 Qc8)* 15.Be3± Threatens to win with e5. Kh7? 3.42/19 *(15...Qc7±* 1.20/17 was worth a try. *16.Bxh6 Qxc5)* 16.e5!+- h5 17.f3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.fxg4 Bxe5 7.67/22

(⌓19...Qxe5 4.12/21 20.Rae1 Bf6) 20.Nf3 Bxb2 6.84/22 *(⌓20...Bf6* 4.33/19 *)* 21.gxh5+- Qxh5 22.Qxh5+ gxh5 23.Rab1 1-0 Johansson,J (2381)-Kuchar,T (1936) Teplice op 10th 2015 (1)]

[12...h6= 0.18/20]

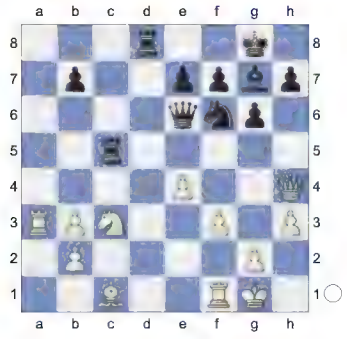
13.Nd4 Rc8 14.h3 Bd7 15.Nb3 Be6 0.70/20

[15...a5= 0.30/20]



16.e4!± Bxb3 17.axb3 Rxc5 18.Rxa7 Qb6 19.Ra3 Strongly threatening Be3.

19...Qe6 20.f3 Rd8



21.Qf2 Rcc8 22.Be3 Rd3 0.77/18

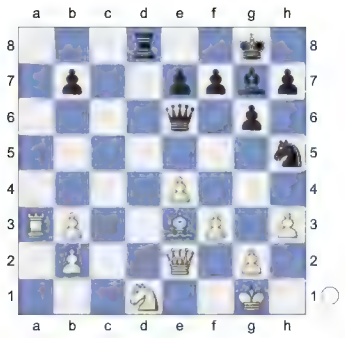
[22...Nh5± 0.44/20]

23.Qe2± Rcd8 24.Rd1 0.01/20

[24.Rfa1± 0.82/19]

24...Rxd1+= 25.Nxd1 Nh5

(Diagram)



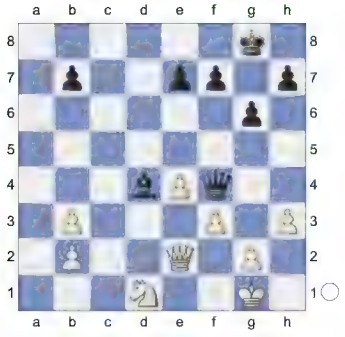
26.Nc3 Qd6 Hoping for ...Bxc3. **27.Ra1 Nf4 28.Bxf4** -0.44/19

[White should try 28.Qe1± 0.32/19]

28...Qxf4∓ 29.Rd1 Rxd1+

[29...Rd4 feels hotter. 30.Kf2 Be5 31.Qe3 Qf6]

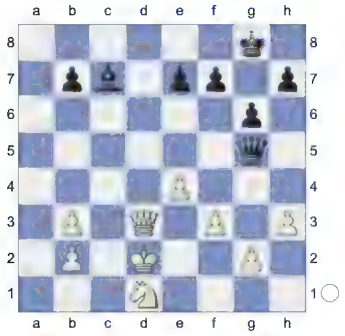
30.Nxd1 Bd4+



31.Kf1 Qc1 Black has compensation. **32.Ke1 Bb6 33.Qb5 Bc7 34.Qd3 Qc5 35.Kd2** -1.04/20

[35.Ne3!∓ -0.36/19]

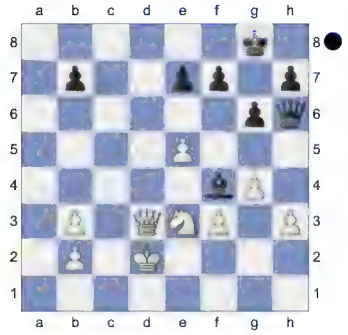
35...Qg5+



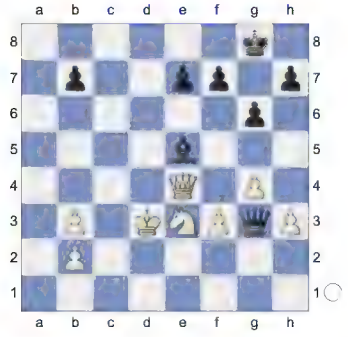
36.Ne3 Bf4 -0.43/21 &Nero is more active.

[36...Bb6∓ -0.75/21 White must now prevent ...Bxe3+. 37.g4 Qf4]

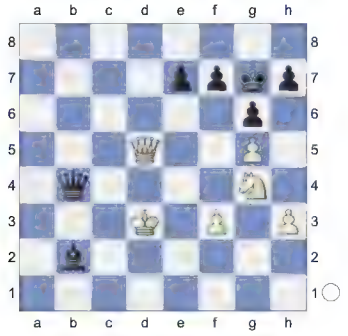
37.g4!
[37.Qd8+? Kg7 38.Qd3 *(38.Qd4+? e5-+)* 38...Qxg2+ 39.Ke1 Qxh3-+]
37...Qh6 38.e5 -1.34/19
[38.Ke2!∓ -0.54/20]



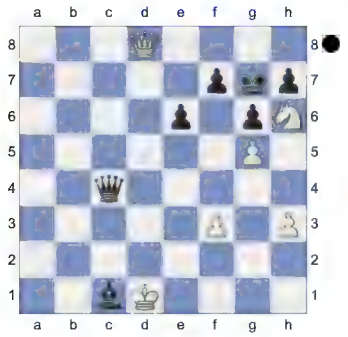
38...Qh4 -0.35/21
[And not 38...Bxe5 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.Qxe7 Bxb2 41.Qxb7∓]
[38...Bg5!∓ -1.34/19 39.Qe4 *(39.Qd8+? Kg7-+)* 39...Qxh3 40.Qxb7 Qh2+ 41.Kd3 Qxb2]
39.Qe4! Qg3 -0.01/19
[39...Qf2+∓ -0.32/17 40.Kd3 Bh6]
40.Kd3 -0.74/20
[40.e6= -0.01/19]
40...Bxe5∓



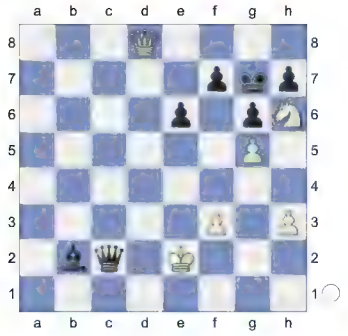
41.Qxb7 Bf6↑ Black is more active.
[Of course not 41...Qe1 42.Qxe7 Qb1+ 43.Kc4 Qc1+ 44.Kd5 Bxb2 45.f4=]
42.b4 Qd6+!
[Much weaker is 42...Bxb2 43.Qxe7 Qxf3 44.b5=]
43.Qd5 -1.26/20
[43.Ke2∓ -0.55/19]
43...Qxb4 44.g5 -1.81/23
[44.b3∓ -1.46/20]
44...Bxb2-+ 45.Ng4 Intending Nh6+ and mate. **45...Kg7**



46.Nh6 e6 The board is on fire. **47.Qd8 Qc3+ 48.Ke2 Qc4+ 49.Kd2 Qc1+?** 0.01/26
[49...Bc1+-+ -2.43/26 50.Kd1

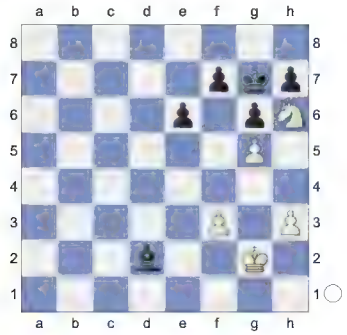


Bxg5! 51.Qxg5 Qd4+ 52.Ke2 f6]
50.Ke2= Qc2+

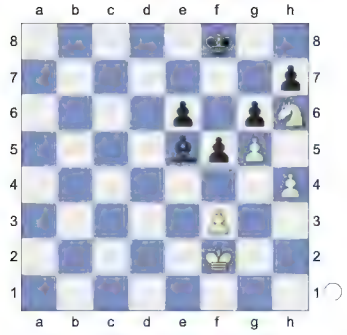


51.Ke1? -3.52/31 Now White is beyond hope.
[51.Kf1= -0.01/28 and White is okay. Qc4+ 52.Kg2 Qe2+ 53.Kg1 Qe1+ 54.Kg2 Qe2+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kg2

Qe2+]
51...Bc3+-+ 52.Kf1 Qc1+ 53.Kf2 Qe1+ 54.Kg2 Qd2+ 55.Qxd2 Bxd2



56.h4? -12.35/30
[56.Ng4 -3.39/28 Bxg5 57.Kf1]
56...f5 Black is clearly winning. **57.Kf2 Bf4 58.Kg2 Kf8 59.Kf2 Be5**



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174 **A65**
□ **Shlyakhtenko,Robert** **2422**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2687**
Pan American Intercollegiate-chT (5.17)
[Kitty Kat]

A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0

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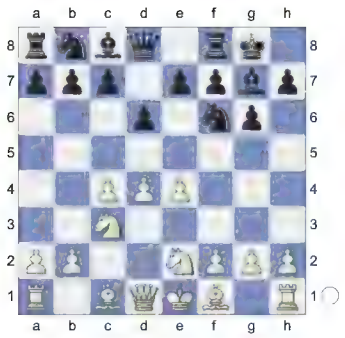
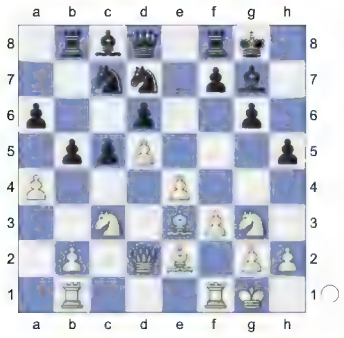


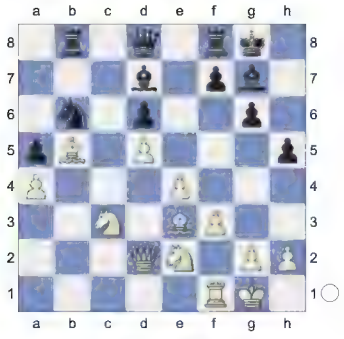
6.f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 a6
[8...Re8 9.Be2 Na6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.0-0 exd5 14.cxd5 b5 15.Nxb5 Nfxd5 16.Bf2 Rb8 17.Nxc7 Nxc7 18.Rab1 Ne6 19.Bc4 Nd4 20.Bxf7 Rf8 21.Bd5 Rxf3 22.Ne2 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 Tauscher,K (2216)-Bruening,G (2052) Azerbaijan 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] ½-½ (47)]
9.a4 Ne8N
[9...h5 10.Bg5 exd5 11.cxd5 Qc7 12.Qd2 Nbd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.0-0 c4 15.Be3 h4 16.Nh1 h3 17.Nf2 hxg2 18.Kxg2 Nh5 19.f4 Nhf6 20.Bf3 Re8 21.a5 Qd8 22.Ne2 Nh7 23.Ng3 b6 24.axb6 Anand,V (2800)-Bacrot,E (2716) Nanjing 2010 CI1-130 [Anand, Viswanathan] 1-0 (33) Nxb6 25.Bd4 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Qf6 27.Ne2 Qxd4 28.Nxd4 Bb7 29.Ra3 Nf6 30.Nc6 Rbc8 31.Na5 Ba8 32.Nc6 Bb7 33.Na5 Ba8 ½-½ (33) Anand,V (2811)-Nakamura,H (2758) Moscow 2011 CBM 146 [Krasenkow,Michal]]
10.Be2 exd5

(Diagram)

11.cxd5 Nd7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Be3 h5!?
A promising side line.
Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
14.Qd2 Nc7 15.Rab1 b5

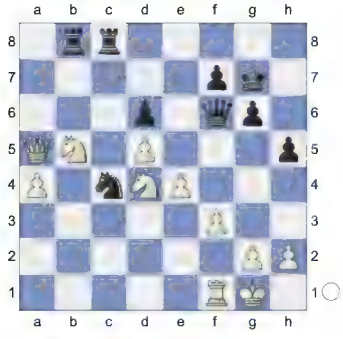


The position is equal. **16.b4N**
[16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Bg5 Qb6 18.Bh6 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Black should prevent Nxb5. c4+ 20.Kh1 And now Nxb5 would win. Nxc3 21.Nxh5 ½-½ Malchev,E (2417)-Betker,J (2438) EU-chT11 sf1 email 2017 [5]]
16...cxb4 17.Rxb4 a5 18.Rxb5 Nxb5 19.Bxb5 Nb6 20.Nge2 Bd7

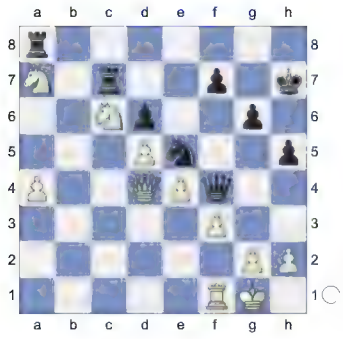


21.Bd4 Bxb5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7
[22...Bxe2? 23.Qh6 f6 24.Nxe2+- *(24.Bxf8 Qxf8 25.Qxg6+ Qg7+-)*]

23.Nxb5 Qf6 24.Qxa5 Rfc8 25.Ned4 Nc4



26.Qe1 Ra8 27.Qa1 Kh7 0.68/21
[⌓27...Rc5 0.33/22]
28.Nc6± Pair of Knights! **28...Qf4**
29.Qd4 Ne5 30.Nba7 -0.01/20
[30.Nxd6 Nxc6 31.dxc6 Rxc6∓]
[30.Qc3± 0.35/23 Nxc6 31.dxc6]
30...Rc7=



31.Nb5 Rd7 1.01/21
[31...Rcc8!= 0.01/21]
32.a5 0.41/21
[White should play 32.Kh1± 1.01/21]
32...h4 1.34/20
[32...Rb7!± 0.41/21 33.Nxd6 Nxf3+ 34.gxf3 *(34.Rxf3 Rb1+ 35.Kf2 Qh4+ 36.Rg3 Qf4+ 37.Rf3 Qh4+ 38.Rg3 Qf4+ 39.Rf3=)* 34...Qxd6]

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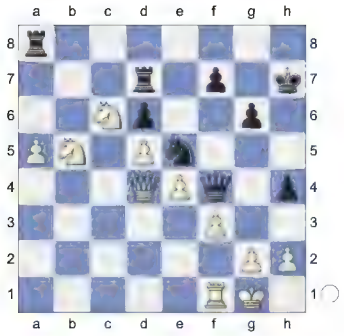
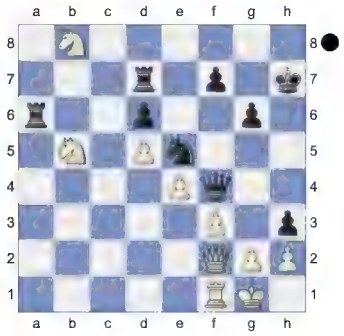


33.Qf2 0.22/21
[33.Qc3!± 1.34/20]
33...h3 0.83/20
[33...Nc4!= 0.22/21]
34.a6? -1.25/21
[Reject 34.gxh3 Nc4=]
[34.g3± 0.83/20 stays on course. Qf6 35.f4 Nxc6 36.dxc6]
34...Rxa6∓ 35.Nb8 -2.92/22
[35.g3∓ -1.08/20 Qf6 36.Ncd4 *(36.Nb8? Rb7-+)*]

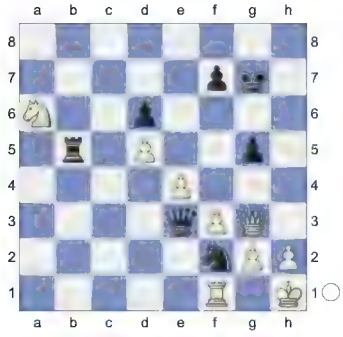


Now White is beyond hope. **35...Rb7!-+**

36.Nxa6 aiming for g3. **36...Rxb5 37.Qg3 Qe3+ 38.Qf2 Qc3 39.Qh4+?** -7.31/25
[39.Qg3 -3.94/22 hxg2 40.Kxg2 Rb2+ 41.Rf2]
39...Kg7 Black is clearly winning.
40.Qxh3 Qe3+ -6.60/5
[⌓40...Qd4+ -15.82/28 41.Kh1 Nd3]

41.Kh1 Nd3 (-> ...Nf2+) **42.Qh4** Against Nf2+ **42...g5 43.Qg3**

Nf2+!



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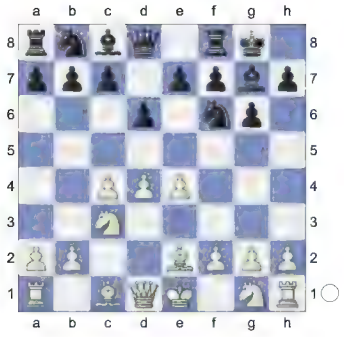
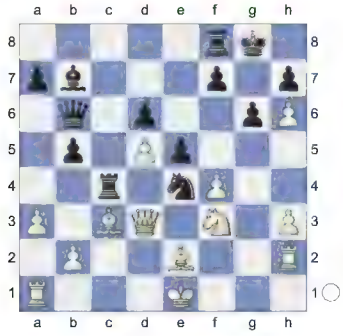
175 **E73**
□ **Chasin,Nico Werner** **2417**
■ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2618**
Wch Blitz New York (10) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

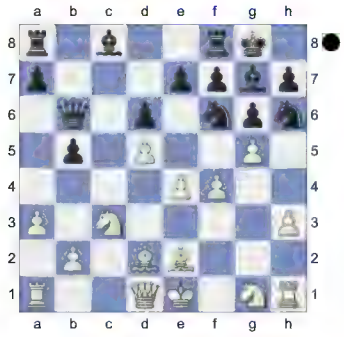


6.Be3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.f4 Neg4 9.Bd2 Nh6 The position is equal. **10.h3 c6!?**

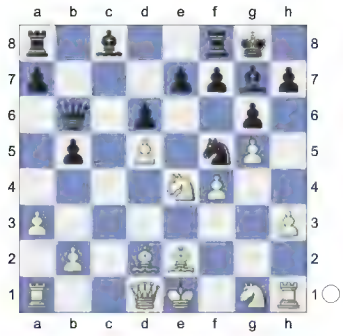
An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11.g4 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5** Strongly threatening ...b4. **13.a3**
[Don't do 13.Bxb5?! Rb8±]
13...Qb6N
[13...Bb7 14.g5 Nxe4 15.gxh6 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Hoping for Qd4. e5 Inhibits Qd4. (-> ...Qh4+) 17.Nf3 Inhibits Qh4+. Qb6 1.57/20
*(*Black should try *17...Rc8* 0.80/19 *)*
18.Rh2 0.68/20 *(18.Rf1!±* 1.57/20 *)*
18...Rac8 19.Qd3 Rc4 1.26/21
*(*Black should play *19...Nxc3±* 0.62/21 *20.bxc3 Rc5)*



20.fxe5 0.80/23 *(*Better is *20.Bd4!* 1.26/21 *Nc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.b4)*
20...dxe5 1.59/21 *(⌓20...Nxc3* 0.80/23 *21.bxc3 dxe5)* 21.Bxe5
1-0 Hera,I (2568)-Koroglou,V (2056) GRE-chT 49th 2022 (3)]
14.g5N -0.01/20
[14.Bd3± 0.48/16 might be stronger.]
[14.Qc1]

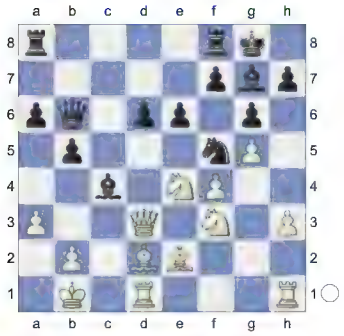


14...Nxe4!= 15.Nxe4 Nf5

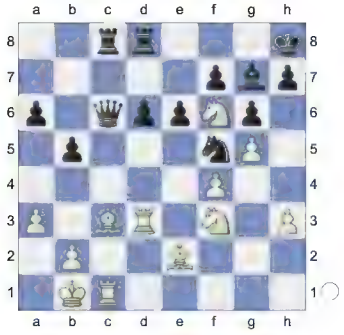


16.Nf3 Bb7 17.Qb3 a6 18.0-0-0

-0.37/20
[18.Rc1= -0.01/17 feels stronger.]
18...e6!∓ 19.Qd3 -2.86/21 This costs White the game.
[19.Be1!∓ -0.41/20]
19...Bxd5-+ Really sharp! **20.Kb1?** -3.92/22
[20.Be1 -2.25/21 was necessary.]
20...Bc4

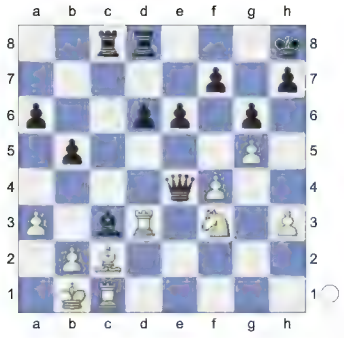


Skewer **21.Bb4?** -6.71/21
[21.Qc3 -3.58/20 Bxe2 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Rc1]
21...Bxd3+ Black is clearly winning.
22.Rxd3 Rfd8 23.Bc3 Qc6 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Rc1 Rac8

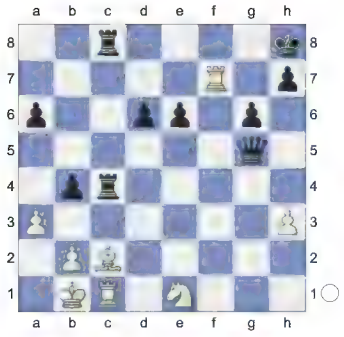


26.Nd5 Qb7 27.Nf6 Ng3 28.Bd1 Ne4 29.Nxe4 Qxe4 30.Bc2 Bxc3

(Diagram)



31.Rxc3 Qxf4 32.Rb3 Rc4 33.Ne1 Rdc8 34.Rf3 Qxg5 35.Rxf7 b4



36.axb4 Rxb4 37.Rd7 Qb5

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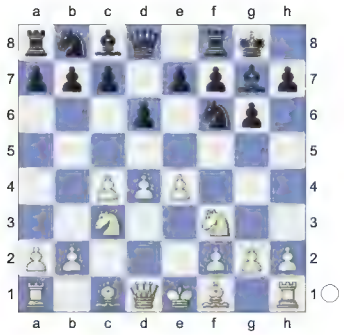
0-1

176 **E90**
□ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
Masters Open 2024 (6.45) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early

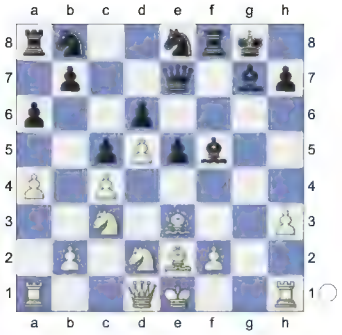
deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



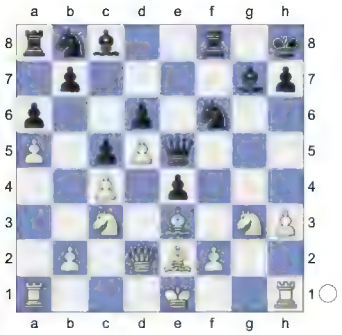
6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Be2 '!' is more profitable than 7.h3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.h3. **7...c5 8.d5 a6N**
[8...e6 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5
A) 10...Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 *(13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Be2 a6 15.a4* 5c) King's Indian Defence: 6.-King's Indian with 6... Bg4: 7 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 20245c) King's Indian Defence: 6.-King's Indian with 6...Bg4: 7 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *Qa5* ½-½ (114) Federzoni,E (2144)-Barria Zuniga,D (2341) Titled Tuesday intern op 05th Jul Late blitz 2022 (3)*)* 13...a6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rae1 Rxe1 16.Rxe1 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Nxe8 18.b3 Qd8 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.g4 Be5 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bd2 Ng7 23.Kg2 f5 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.fxg3 1-0 Giri,A (2760)-Mamedov,R (2640) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (9)1-0 (91) Giri,A (2760)-Mamedov,R (2640) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (9);
B) 10...Nfd7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Qd2 Re8 13.Rac1 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Bxe5 16.f4 Bg7 17.f5 Qxb2 18.Rc2 Qe5 19.Bf4 Qxf5 20.Bxd6 Qc8 21.Qf4 f5 22.Qf3 Nd7 23.Nf4 Nf6 24.Ne6 Rxe6 25.dxe6 ½-½ Dardha,D (2610)-Sadikhov,U (2485) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (6) ½-½ (51) Dardha,D (2610)-Sadikhov,U (2485) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (6) Ne4 26.Bf4 Qxe6 27.h3 Rd8 28.Kh1 Rd4 29.g4 Qc6 30.Rg2 g5 31.Be3 Rd3 32.gxf5 Be5 33.f6 Qxf6 34.Qxf6 Bxf6 35.Bxc5 Rxh3+ 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Bxa7 Ra3 38.Re1 Nc3 39.Bc5 Ra4 40.Be7 ½-½ Schunk,E (2610)-10. ♗f6 gf6 11. ♗e2 ♘c6_1 (2485) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6)½-½ (51) Schunk,E (2610)-10. ♗f6 gf6 11. ♗e2 ♘c6_1 (2485) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6);
C) 10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nbd7 12.g3 Ne8 13.Qc2 Ne5 14.Be2 f5 15.Kg2 Qd7 16.Bd2 Nf6 17.Rae1 Kunert-Bekemann,U Kunert-Bekemann,U]
9.a4 White is better. **9...e5** 1.47/20 'N'
[9...e6± 0.57/22]
10.Be3 Qe7

11.h3 Bc8 12.Nd2 Ne8 13.g4 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5

(Diagram)

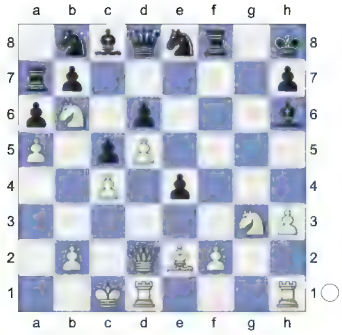


16.Nde4 Nf6 1.98/21 Against Bg4
[16...Nd7± 1.54/20 17.h4 Kh8]
17.Ng3+- Bc8 18.Qc2 e4 2.57/20
[⌓18...a5 1.98/19 19.0-0-0 Na6]
19.a5
[19.Ncxe4?! a5 20.Bg4 Na6+-]
19...Qe5 20.Qd2
[20.Ngxe4?! Bf5 21.Bd3 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 *(22.Bxe4 Nd7±)* 22...Nd7±]
[20.Ncxe4?! Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Nd7 22.Qxe5 Bxe5±]
20...Kh8

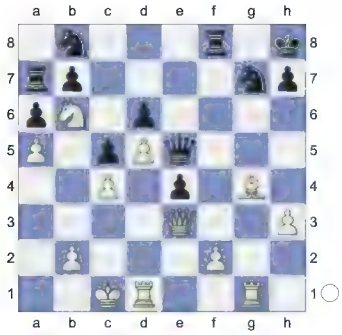


21.Na4 Nb6 is the strong threat.
21...Qe8 3.84/19
[⌓21...b5 2.56/21]
22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Bf4 Qd8 24.0-0-0 Ne8 25.Bh6 White is clearly winning.
[Resist 25.Nxe4 Nd7 26.Nxc8 *(26.Nxd6 Nxb6 27.axb6 Ra8+-)* 26...Qxc8]
25...Bxh6

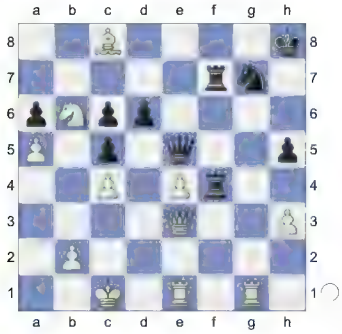
(Diagram)



26.Qxh6 Qf6 27.Qe3 Bf5 28.Nxf5 Qxf5 29.Bg4 Qe5 30.Rhg1 Ng7

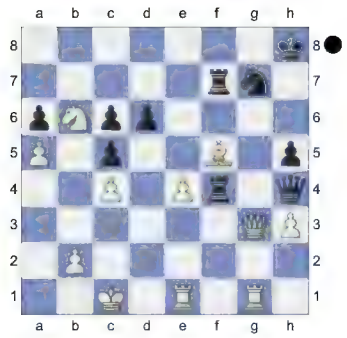


31.Rde1 Rf4 32.f3 h5 33.Bc8 Nc6 6.48/22
[⌓33...exf3 4.51/21 34.Qxe5 dxe5 35.Rxe5 f2]
34.dxc6 bxc6 35.fxe4 Raf7



36.Qc3 Qe7 6.57/19
[⌓36...Qxc3+ 4.27/19 37.bxc3 Rf2]
37.Bf5 Qh4 38.Qg3

(Diagram)



White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.53 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.53

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177 **E71**

□ **Fiorito,Joaquin** **2407**

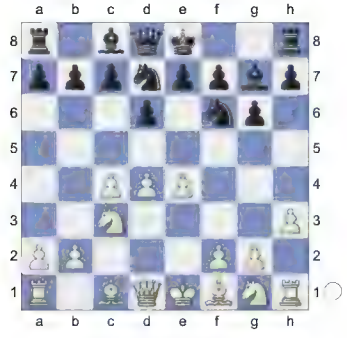
■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2707**

Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Early b..

[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 Nbd7



6.Be3 e5 7.d5 h5! now scores much better than the old 7...Nc5. punktet besser als das ältere 7...Sc5.

8.Bd3 White is slightly better.

[8.Qd2 Nc5 9.Bd3 Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 Nd7 11.h4 Nc5 12.Qc2 a5 13.0-0-0 b6 14.Nge2 0-0 15.f3 f5 16.Kb1 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bg4 18.Rde1 Bf6 19.Bf2 Rf7 20.Nc1 Qd7 21.a3 Be7 22.Be3 Qd8 Sadhwani,R (2677)-Ghasi,A (2503) London 2024 ½-½]

[8.g3 Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Nf3 Nc5 11.Nd2 a5 12.Be2 h4 13.g4 Nh7 14.Nf1 Ng5 15.Qd2 Rh8 16.Qe3 Qf6 17.Nd2 Bd7 18.Kd1 Kf8 19.Kc2 Kg7 20.Raf1 Qf4 21.Qxf4 exf4 22.f3 f5 Paulsen,D (2316)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2479) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (73)]

8...Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Nf3N

[10.Qd2 Rh8 11.Nf3 *(11.0-0-0 h4 12.Nge2 Kf8 13.g3 Kg7 14.Rdg1 hxg3 15.fxg3 Nc5 16.g4 a5 17.Ng3 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Bd7 19.Qf3 Rh4 20.Qf2 Nh7 21.Rf1 Qe7 22.Kb1 Rh8 23.Nce2 b5 24.Ng1 Ng5 25.Nh5+ R8xh5* Kalosha,Z (2232)-Kavutskiy,K (2328) Montesilvano 2024 0-1 (64) *)* 11...h4 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Ne2 a5 14.b3 Nc5 15.Bc2 Rg8 16.a3 g5 17.Nh2 Qf6 18.b4 Na6 19.Ba4+ Ke7 20.Rac1 g4 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.f3 Bc8 23.c5 Ng3 24.Rf2 Qg6 Rivera,I (2134)-Perez Hernandez,V (1971) Lima 2024 1-0 (40)]

10...Kf8

11.Qd2N

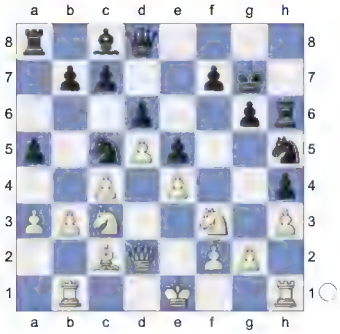
[Vorgänger: 11.b4 a5 12.a3 h4 13.Qd2 Kg7 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Qg5 -0.61/19 *(15.Ne2± 0.34/16)*

15...Qxg5∓ 16.Nxg5 Nb8 0.46/19 *(16...Nf4∓ -0.35/19 17.Bc2 Nf6)* 17.c5 ½-½ Borrmann,L (2292)-Svanda,O (2358) Ceske Budejovice GM-B 2023 (6)]

11...Kg7 12.a3 a5 13.Bc2 Nc5 0.76/17
[13...b6= 0.27/16]

14.b3 0.39/16
[14.0-0± 0.76/17]

14...h4 15.Rb1 Nh5

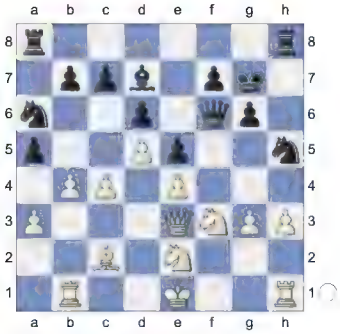


16.b4 Na6 17.Ne2 Qf6 18.Qe3 0.14/19
[18.Nh2± 0.46/19]

18...Bd7 0.57/19
[18...axb4= 0.14/19 19.axb4 c5]

19.g3
[19.bxa5 Nc5∓]

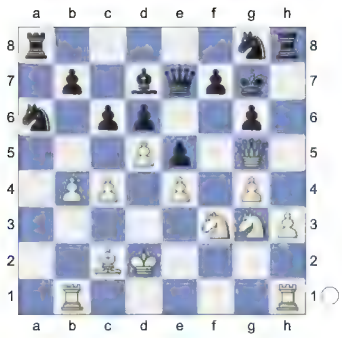
19...hxg3 20.fxg3 Rhh8



21.Kd2 -0.20/21
[21.g4! 0.18/17 is more appropriate. Nf4 22.g5]

21...axb4 22.axb4 Qe7 23.g4 Nf6 24.Ng3 c6 25.Qg5 Threatens to win with Nh5+! **25...Ng8**

(Diagram)



26.Qe3 -0.60/17
[White should try 26.Nf5+= -0.10/19 Bxf5 27.gxf5 *(27.exf5 e4=)*]

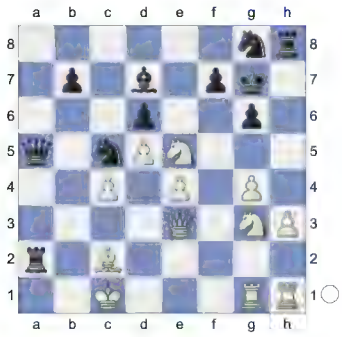
26...c5 -0.18/18
[26...cxd5∓ -0.60/17 27.cxd5 *(27.exd5 b5∓)* 27...Nc7]

27.bxc5 -1.23/19
[27.b5= -0.18/18 Nb4 28.Bb3]

27...Nxc5∓ 28.Rbg1 -2.14/17
[28.Rb2∓ -1.00/19 was worth a try.]

28...Ra2-+ 29.Kc1 Qd8 30.Nxe5? -5.79/19
[30.Bb1 -2.67/18 Ra1 31.Kd2]

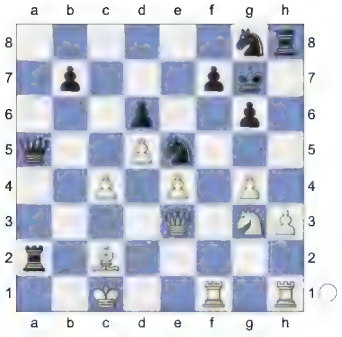
30...Qa5? -2.17/19
[Not 30...dxe5 31.Qxc5 Qg5+ 32.Kb1∓]
[30...Qb6 -5.79/19 (-> ...Qb2+) 31.Qc3 dxe5]



31.Nxd7 Nxd7 Really sharp! **32.Rf1?** -4.82/20
[32.Kb1∓ -1.60/18]

32...Ne5

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Ra1+. **33.Ne2?** -7.51/24

[Don't go for 33.Bb1? Ra3 34.Qd2 Rc3+ 35.Kd1 Nxc4 36.Qd4+ f6-+]

[33.Kd1 -3.39/19]

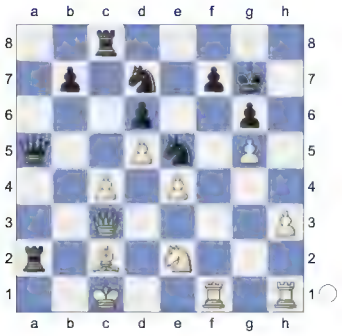
33...Nf6

[Wrong is 33...Qb4? 34.Qc3 Qxc4 35.Qxc4 Nxc4 36.Nc3 Ra1+ 37.Bb1-+]

34.g5 -8.01/21

[⩲34.Qc3 -4.91/20 Ra1+ 35.Bb1]

34...Nfd7 Pair of Knights! **35.Qc3 Rc8**

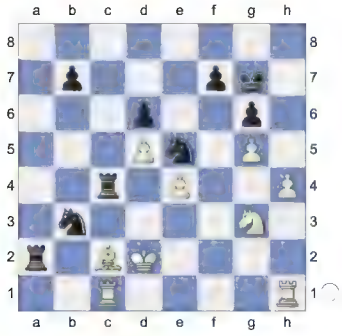


36.Qxa5 Rxa5 37.h4 Rxc4 38.Kd2 Ra2 39.Rc1 -8.41/24

[39.Nc3 -2.70/23 Rd4+ 40.Ke3 Rxc2 41.Kxd4 Rd2+ 42.Ke3 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Rxc3 44.Rc1]

(Diagram)

39...Nc5 40.Ng3 Nb3+



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178 **D85**

□ **Girya,Olga** **2398**

■ **Papp,Petra** **2235**

Swiss Queens Wed #47 blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.cxd5 Nxd5

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.h3 Recently 8. Bb5+ got a lot of attention.8.Lb5+ erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **8...0-0 9.Be3 b6N**

[9...Nc6 10.Bc4 cxd4 *(10...b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Rc1 Na5 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Qd2 e6 15.Rfd1 c4 16.Bb1 Nc6 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Ne7 19.d6 Nd5 20.Be4 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Nxc3 22.Bxb7 Nxd1 23.Bg5 c3 24.Qd4 Qxg5 25.Nxg5* Bathie,N-Tunik Dubai 1987 OPN, C00 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (44)) 11.Nxd4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qc5 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bd5 Qc7 15.0-0 e6 16.Bb3 b6 17.f4 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Qxc3 19.Kh2 Ba6 20.Rf3 Qb4 21.f5 Qxe4 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Qd6 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Herron,D-7 Qe2 b5 8 Bb3 Bb7 9 a4 Internet 1974 Lessons with a GM [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (35)]

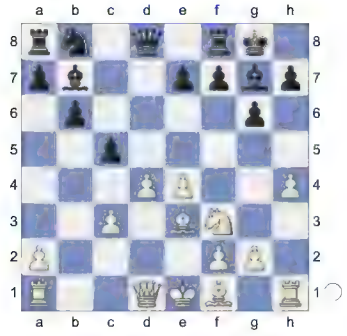
[9...Qa5 10.Bd2 b6 *(10...Qa3 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7 14.d5 Rc8* 8) 4.Nf3 - Rare Fifth Moves-4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 O-O #2 Forst 2023 *)* 11.Qb3 Bd7 12.a4 e6 13.Ra2 Bc6 14.Bb5 c4 15.Qxc4 Rc8 16.Qb3 a6 17.c4 axb5 18.Bxa5 bxc4 19.Qxc4 bxa5 20.0-0 Na6 21.Qe2 Nb4 22.Raa1 Be8 23.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Praggnanandhaa,R (2661)-Aronian,L (2775) Miami 2022 CBM 211 Extra [Edouard,Romain] 1-0 (34)]

10.h4N -0.03/17

[10.Rc1 e6 11.h4 Bb7 12.h5 Bxe4 13.Ng5 cxd4 0.88/21 *(13...Bd5=* -0.24/18 remains equal.*)* 14.cxd4± Bd5 2.03/21 *(14...Bc6±* 0.75/21 *)* 15.hxg6? -0.37/21 *(15.Nxh7!+-* 2.03/21 *Nd7 16.hxg6)* 15...hxg6∓ 16.Qg4 Threatens to win with Qh3. Nd7 1-0 Praggnanandhaa,R (2610)-Adhiban,B (2672) Tata Steel India Rapid 2021 (4)]

[10.Rc1± 0.33/18]

10...Bb7

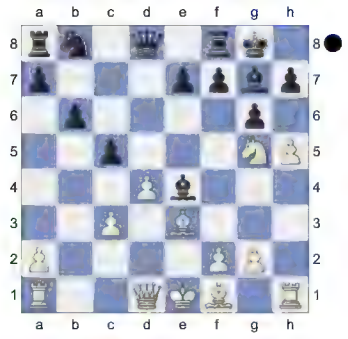


11.h5 -0.51/19

[11.e5= 0.09/16]

11...Bxe4∓ 12.Ng5 -0.83/19

[12.Bd3∓ -0.51/18 feels stronger. Bxd3 13.Qxd3]



12...cxd4!∓ 13.cxd4 Qd5 0.20/20

[Better is 13...Bd5!∓ -0.88/18 14.hxg6 hxg6]

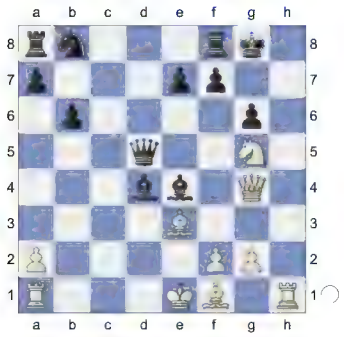
14.hxg6 -1.08/21

[14.h6= 0.20/20 Bf6 15.Nxe4 Qxe4 16.Be2]

14...hxg6 -0.11/21

[14...Bxg6∓ -1.08/21 White must now prevent ...Nc6. 15.Bd3 Qxg2 16.Rxh7 Qg1+ 17.Kd2 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxd3 19.Kxd3 Nc6]

15.Qg4!= Bxd4? 1.37/25

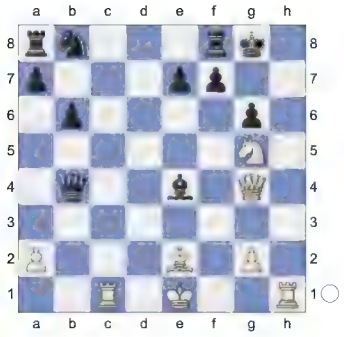


16.Rc1 -0.01/23

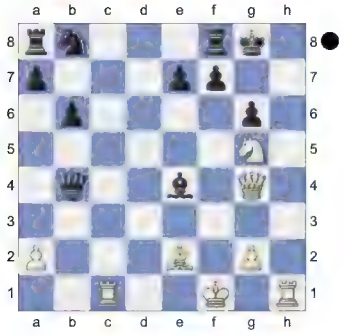
[White has to play 16.Rd1± 1.37/25 Bc3+ 17.Bd2 Bxd2+ 18.Rxd2]

16...Qa5+ 17.Bd2 Bxf2+! 18.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 19.Be2⇄ White is not holding back **19...Qd4+ 20.Ke1 Qb4+**

[20...Qb2? 21.Qh3! Qg7 22.Nxe4+-]



21.Kf1



Hoping for Qh3. **21...Qd2?** 2.76/24

22.Rd1+- Qe3 14.85/23

[22...Qc3 2.81/21]

23.Qh4? 1.64/19

[23.Nxe4 14.85/23 White wants to mate with Qh4. Kg7 24.Qh4 Qxe4 25.Qxe4]

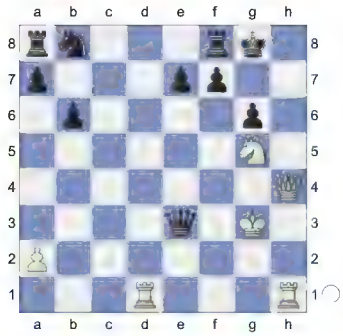
23...Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2? 0.01/23

[24.Ke1+- 1.80/24 Qc3+ 25.Kf2]

24...Qxe2+= 25.Kg3 Qe3+? 6.52/27

[25...Qh5? 26.Qf4 e5 27.Qd2 Qxd1 28.Rxd1+-]

[25...Qe5+= 0.01/23 26.Kg2 Qb2+ 27.Kg1 Qg7 28.Nxf7 Kxf7]



26.Kg2? 0.01/21

[26.Nf3+- 6.52/27 Kg7 27.Rde1 Qxe1+ 28.Rxe1]

26...Qe2+ 27.Kg3 Qe3+? 7.45/29

[27...Qh5? 28.Qf4 Qxd1 29.Rxd1+-]

[27...Qe5+= -0.01/27 28.Kg2 Qb2+ 29.Kg1 Qg7 30.Nxf7 Kxf7]

28.Nf3+- Kg7 Prevents Qh8+. **29.Qh7+ Kf6 30.Qh4+?** -0.01/17

[30.Rde1+- 5.81/23 Qxe1+ 31.Rxe1]

30...Kg7!=

[30...g5? 31.Qh6+ Kf5 32.Qxf8+-]

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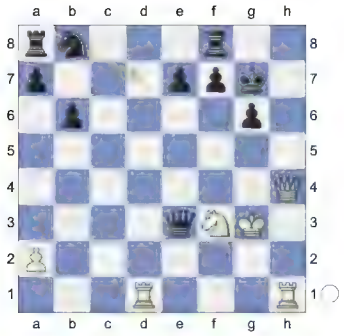
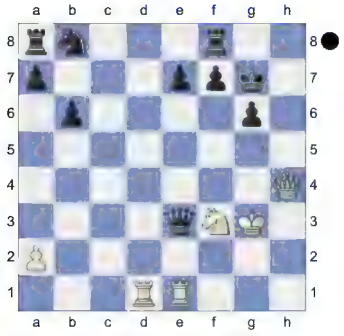
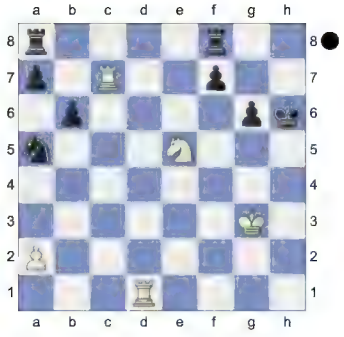


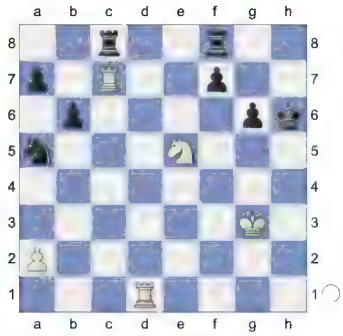
31.Rhe1?? -2.05/22
[31.Rde1+- 5.24/22 Qxe1+ 32.Rxe1]



31...Qh6 1.36/22
[Black should play 31...g5!-+ -2.05/22 32.Rxe3 gxh4+ 33.Kh3 Rc8 34.Rg1+ Kf8]
32.Qxh6+ -2.74/25
[32.Qe4± 1.36/22 and life is bright. Strongly threatening Rh1. e5 33.Qxa8]
32...Kxh6-+ 33.Rxe7 Nc6 34.Rc7 Na5 -1.49/20
[34...Rac8-+ -2.55/21 35.Rdd7 Rxc7 36.Rxc7 Nb4 37.Rxa7 f5]
35.Ne5

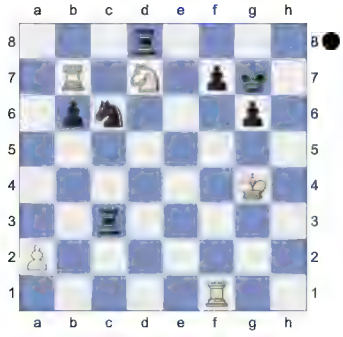


Rac8!



36.Rh1+ -2.56/24
[36.Rxc8∓ -1.44/20 was worth a try. Rxc8 37.Nxf7+ Kg7 38.Rd7]
36...Kg7 37.Rxa7 Rc3+ 38.Kg4 Rc5 39.Nd7 Rc4+ 40.Kg3 Rd8

41.Rf1 Rc3+ 42.Kg4? -9.04/23
[42.Rf3 -2.74/20 Rxf3+ 43.Kxf3]
42...Nc6 43.Rb7



Rxd7!

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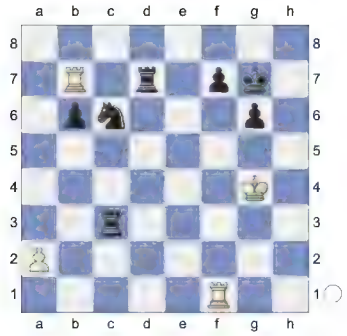


What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/ Black=0.71
0-1

179 **D87**
□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
ch-w 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.4)
[Kitty Kat]

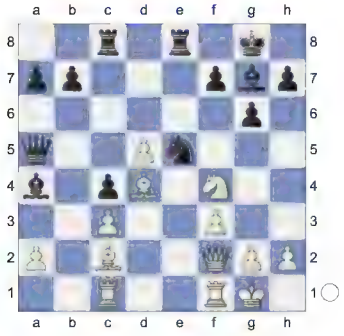
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1990]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]

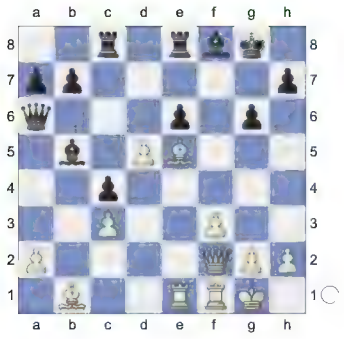
11.f3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Qd2 Qa5
And now ...cxd4 would win. **14.d5** -0.19/20
[⌓14.Qb2 0.19/20]
14...Ne5= 15.Bb3 c4 0.49/21
[15...e6= -0.09/20]

16.Bc2± e6 17.Nf4 -0.52/21
[17.Rb1= 0.25/19]
17...Rfd8 18.Bd4 exd5 19.exd5 Re8
[19...Qxa2? 20.Nh5 Qa3 21.Nxg7+-]
20.Qf2 Ba4 -0.08/22

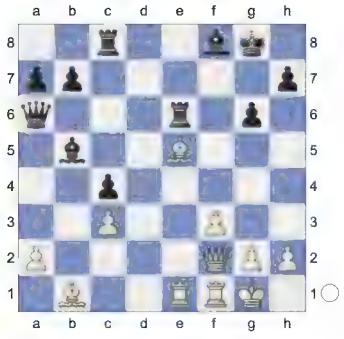
[20...Qxa2? 21.Ra1+- *(21.Bxa7 Nd3∓; 21.Bxa7 Ba4∓)*]
[20...b5∓ -0.53/17]



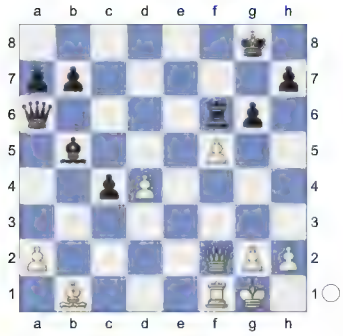
21.Bb1 Qa6 22.Rce1 Bb5 23.Ne6 fxe6 24.Bxe5 Bf8 1.48/20
[Black should play 24...exd5= -0.22/22 25.Bxg7 Kxg7]



25.dxe6 0.48/21 White is more active.
[White should try 25.Qg3!± 1.48/20 exd5 26.f4 Qb6+ 27.Kh1]
25...Rxe6



26.Bd4 Prevents Bc5 **26...Rce8**
27.Rxe6
[27.Bxa7? Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Qxa7+-+]
27...Rxe6 28.f4
[28.Bxa7? b6 29.Bxb6 Qxb6 30.Qxb6 Rxb6-+]
28...Bg7 29.f5 Threatens to win with fxg6. **29...Bxd4 30.cxd4** 0.07/19
[30.Qxd4± 0.56/22 feels stronger. Rf6 31.Be4]
30...Rf6=



31.g4 c3 32.Re1 gxf5 0.37/20
[32...Ba4= 0.00/20 should be considered.]
33.Bxf5 0.00/25
[33.gxf5± 0.37/20 Qd6 34.Be4]
33...Bd7 34.Re7 Qd6 35.Bxh7+ -1.23/28
[35.Rxd7? Qxd7 36.Bxh7+ *(36.Bxd7? Rxf2 37.Kxf2 c2-+)* 36...Kg7-+ *(36...Kxh7 37.Qxf6 Qxg4+ 38.Kf2∓)*]
[35.Re3!= -0.15/18 remains equal.]
35...Kh8 0.00/38
[35...Kf8∓ -1.23/28 Double Attack Qe6 37.Rd8+ *(37.Rxb7?* too greedy. *Qxg4+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Kg1 Rxf2-+)* 37...Ke7]

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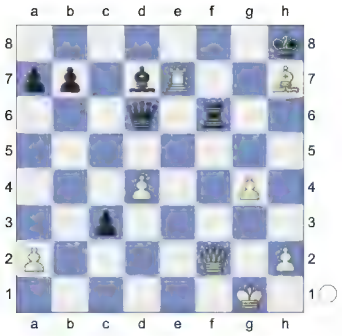
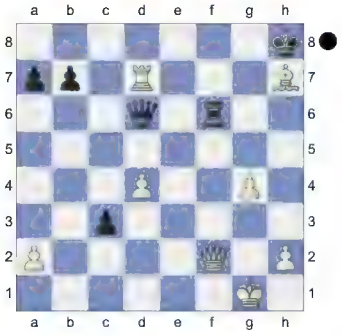
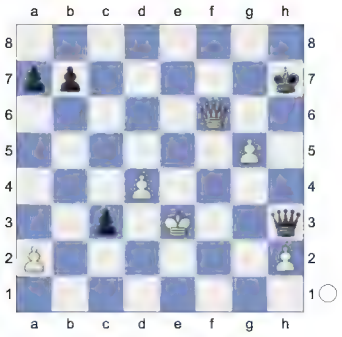


36.Rxd7!



Deflection. The position is equal. **36...Qxd7 37.Qxf6+ Kxh7** Endgame. KQ-KQ **38.g5 Qg4+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+ 40.Ke3 Qh3+**



41.Ke4 g6+ would now be deadly. **41...Qg2+ 42.Ke5** Hoping for d5. **42...Qxh2+ 43.Ke6** White threatens g6+ and mate. **43...Qe2+ 44.Kd7** Strongly threatening Qf7+. **44...Qb5+ 45.Ke7 Qb4+**

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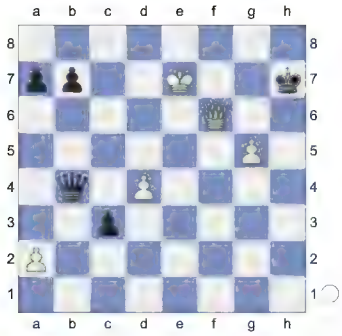
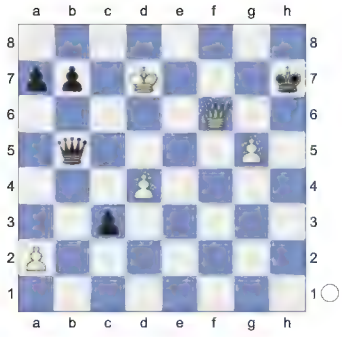


46.Kd7 Qb5+ 47.Ke7 Qb4+ 48.Kd7 Qb5+



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½-½

180 **D87**
□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**
USA-ch (Women) (2) 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

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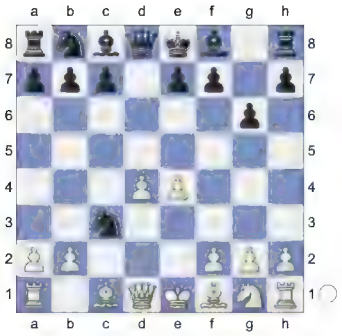


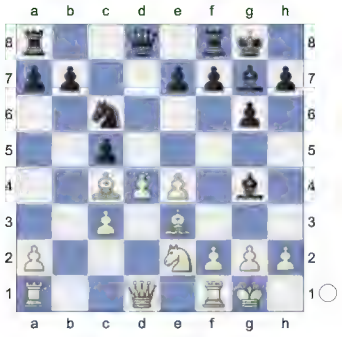
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0

[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Majewski,J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1990]

9...Nc6 10.Be3 Bg4N Recently 10...b6 got a lot of attention.10...b6 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit.

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]

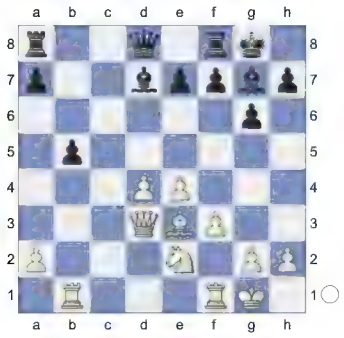
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]



11.f3 Bd7 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Rb1N White is slightly better.

[14.Bc4 Rc8 15.Rc1 b5 16.Bb3 Rxc1 17.Qxc1 a5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Qc5 a4 20.Ba2 ½-½ Braun,M (2108)-Benes,P (2159) CZE-chT1W 0910 2009 (3.7)]

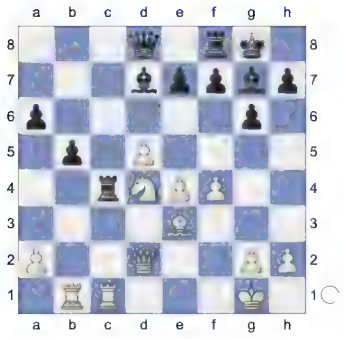
14...Nxd3 15.Qxd3 b5



16.Qd2 a6 17.d5 Rc8 18.Rfc1 Be5 19.Nd4 Rc4 0.79/25

[19...e6± 0.42/21]

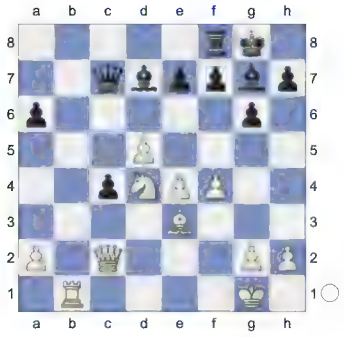
20.f4± Bg7



21.Rxc4! bxc4 22.Qc2 0.15/22 White is more active.

[22.Qb4± 0.88/20]

22...Qc7=



23.Nc6! Bxc6 24.Qxc4! Pin, Double Attack **24...Rc8! 25.dxc6 Qxc6**

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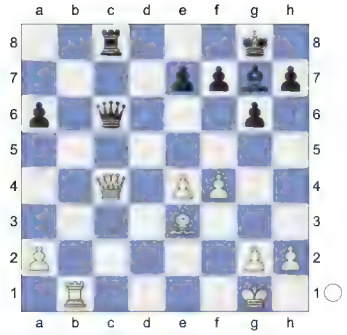
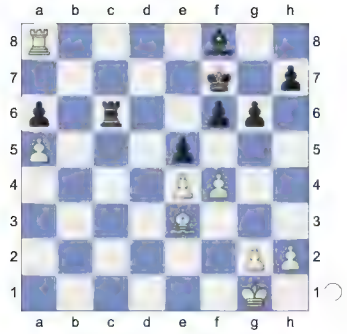


26.Qxc6 Rxc6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **27.Rb8+ Bf8 28.Ra8 f6 29.a4 Kf7 30.a5 e5**



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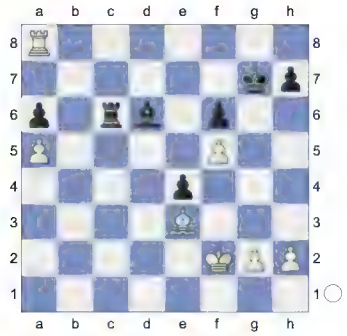

36.Re8 Rc2+ 37.Kf1 Threatening Re6. **37...Ra2 38.Re6 Ra1+ 39.Ke2 Ra2+ 40.Kd1 Bb4**

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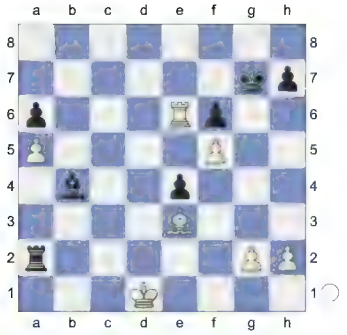
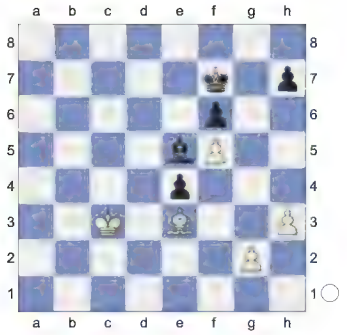


41.Rxa6 Rxa5 42.Rxa5 Bxa5 KB-KB **43.Kc2 Bc7 44.h3 Kf7 45.Kc3 Be5+**



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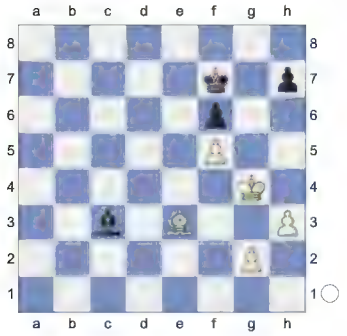
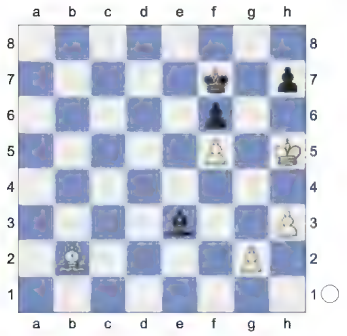


51.Kh5 Bb4 52.Kh6 Kg8 53.Bd4 Bd2+ 54.Kh5 Kf7 55.Bb2 Be3



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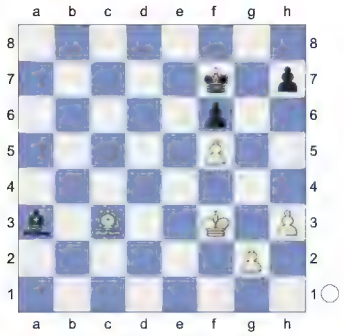
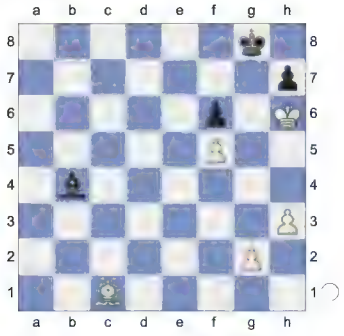
59.Kf3 Bc1 60.Bc3 Ba3

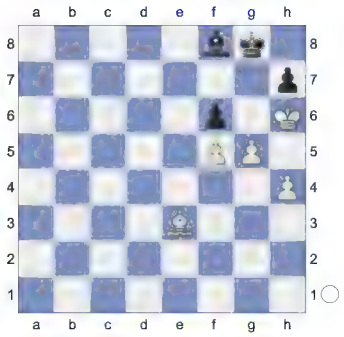


61.Bd2 Bd6 62.Kg4 Ba3 63.Kh5 Bc5 64.Kh6 Kg8 65.Bc1 Bb4



66.Be3 Ba3 67.g3 Bb4 68.g4 Ba3 69.h4 g5 is the strong threat. **69...Bb4 70.g5** Strongly threatening g6. **70...Bf8+** 1.54/5

[70...Be1!= 0.10/35]



71.Kh5± fxg5 72.hxg5 Bb4

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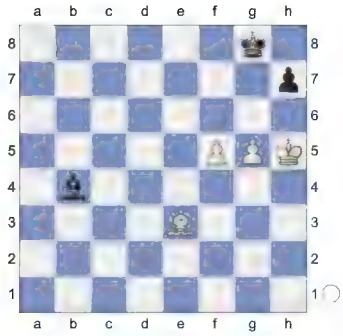


73.Bd4? 0.10/47

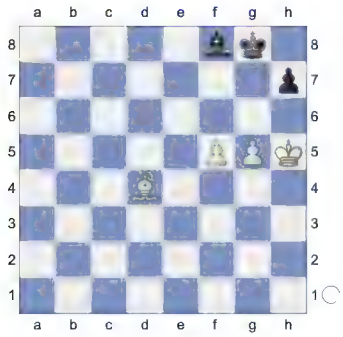
[Only move: 73.f6!+- 11.20/40 Ba3 74.g6 hxg6+ 75.Kxg6]

73...Bf8? 11.04/28

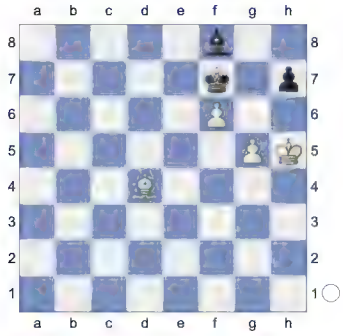
[73...Bd6= 0.10/47]

74.Bb6? 0.10/47 **Kf7 75.Bd4 Kg8?** 10.21/27

[75...Bb4= 0.10/28]



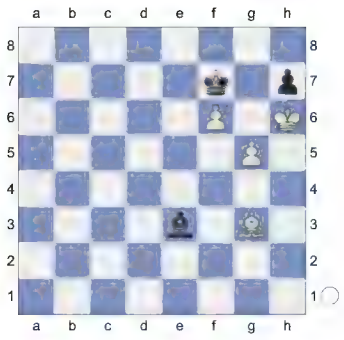
White should play **76.f6+-** 11.04/28 g6 would now be deadly. g6 would kill now. **76...Kf7**



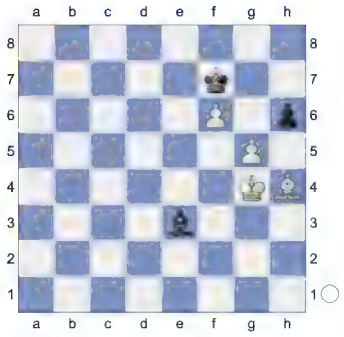
77.Bc3? 0.04/53

[77.Be3!+- 8.56/41]

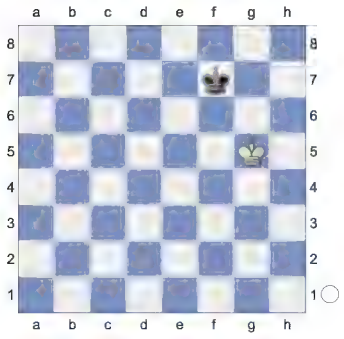
77...Bc5= The position is equal. **78.Kh6 Be3 79.Be5 Bd2 80.Bg3 Be3**



81.Bh4!? Kg8□ 82.Kh5
[82.Be1±]
[82.Bg3±]
82...Kf7 83.Be1 Bd4 84.Bh4 Threatens to win with Kh6. **84...Be3 85.Kg4 h6**



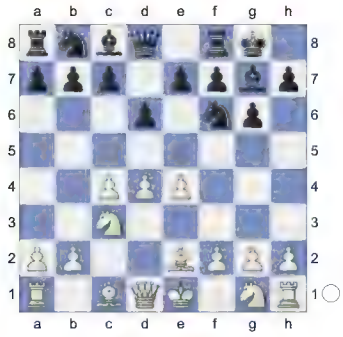
86.Kf5 Intending g6+ and mate.
86...hxg5 87.Bxg5 Bxg5 88.Kxg5 Kf8 89.f7 Kxf7



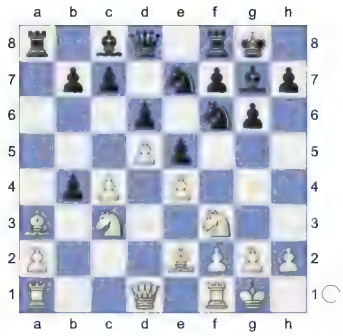
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

181 **E97**
□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Masters Open 2024 (5.51) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 Alain Rogemont, Übersetzung: Uwe Bekemann: '(Wir danken unseren französischen Freunden von "Le Courrier des Échecs" für die Erlaubnis, die Partie in der kommentierten Form zu nutzen und zu übersetzen!) Dies ist der letzte Sieg von Maurice Muneret in seinem schweren Halbfinale der 38. Fernschach-Weltmeisterschaft. Zur Kommentierung dieser Partie habe ich mich mit der Absicht einer Hommage an ihn entschieden.' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 axb4



11.Bxb4 b6 11...Nd7 is vanishing. 11...Sd7 scheint zu verschwinden. **12.a4 Ne8** 12...Re8 is not played anymore. 12...Te8 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **13.Qb3 Rb8 14.Nb5 f5 15.Nd2 fxe4**

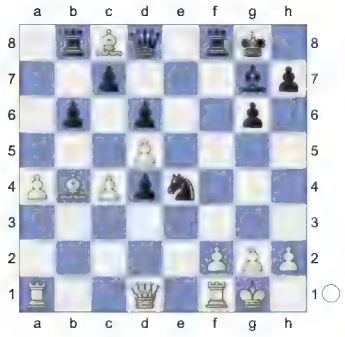
White is slightly better. **16.Nxe4 Nf5 17.Qd1N**

[17.a5 bxa5 18.Bxa5 Nd4 *(18...Bd7 19.Qd1 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Nd4 21.Rb1* Sokolov,I (2665)-Kindermann,S (2575) 66/(530) Nussloch 1996*)* 19.Qd1 *(19.Qd3 Bf5 20.* Mar del Plata: Bayonet At-10. bxa5 Rxa5 11. a4 Ne8 12. *20.f3 Kh8 21.Bc3 Nxb5 22.cxb5 Nf6 23.Bd2* ½-½ (42) Ding,L (2702)-Radjabov,T (2793) Beijing Sportaccord blindfold rapid 2012 (3)*)* 19...Qh4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bd3 Bf5 22.g3 Qd8 23.Bd2 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nf6 25.Bg5 Rb2 26.Bd3 Qc8 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Rc1 Rf8 29.c5 dxc5 30.Rxc5 Qd8 31.Qc1 Rb3 1-0 Okuno,R (2467)-Milorad (2416) DDR-ch 38th Zittau 1989 32.Bc4 Rb7 33.Re1 Kh8 34.Qc2 Qb8 35.Re2 Qa8 36.Qe4 Qa1+ 37.Kg2 Qd1 38.Rb5 Rxb5 39.Bxb5 Qb3 40.Bd3 Rd8 41.h4 Bf6 42.g4 Qxd5 43.Qxd5 Rxd5 44.Re8+ Kg7 45.g5 Bxg5 46.hxg5 Rxg5+ 1-0 Muneret,M (2467)-Catt,P (2416) corr W-38ch sf05 ICCF 2014]

17...Nd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bg4 0.04/23 White is more active.

[White should try 19.Bf3± 0.67/22]

19...Nf6= 20.Bxc8 Nxe4

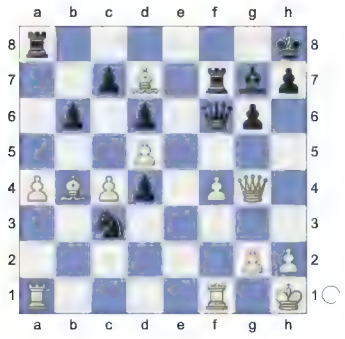


21.Be6+ Kh8 22.Qg4 Nc3 23.f4 -0.52/23

[White should play 23.Bxc3= 0.00/24 dxc3 24.Ra2]

23...Qf6 Strongly threatening ...h5.

24.Kh1 Ra8 25.Bd7! Rf7



26.g3 -0.45/18

[26.Be6!= 0.00/19]

26...Re7∓ 27.Be6 c5

[27...Rxa4? perishes. 28.Bxc3 Rxa1 29.Bxa1+-]

[Inferior is 27...Nxa4 28.Qd1 b5 29.cxb5+-]

28.Bxc3 dxc3 29.Ra2 -1.39/20

[⌓29.Qe2 -0.72/21]

29...Rea7!∓ 30.Bd7 -1.94/21

[30.Qe2∓ -1.28/20]

30...Qd4-+

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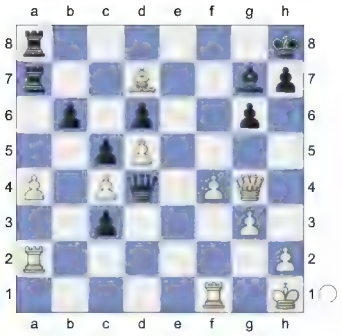
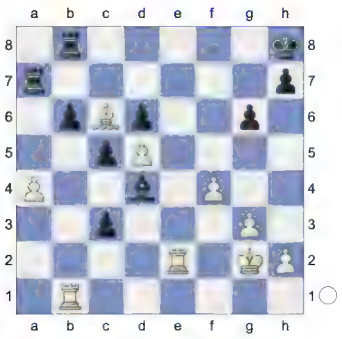


31.Bc6 -2.39/23
[31.Re2 -1.78/20 was called for. Qxc4 32.Bc6]
31...Qxc4 -1.02/20
[31...Rf8!-+ -2.39/23 is more deadly. ... Re7! is the strong threat. 32.Re2 g5 *(32...Qxc4 33.Kg2∓)* 33.Qxg5 Qd3]
32.Qe2∓ Wards off Re7 **32...Qxe2**
33.Rxe2 Rf8 And now ...g5 would win.
34.Rb1? -2.43/20
[34.h4∓ -0.81/22]
34...Rb8? -0.34/24
[34...g5!-+ -2.43/20 35.fxg5 Raf7]
35.Kg2 Bd4



36.Kf3 -0.79/23
[36.h4= -0.17/19]

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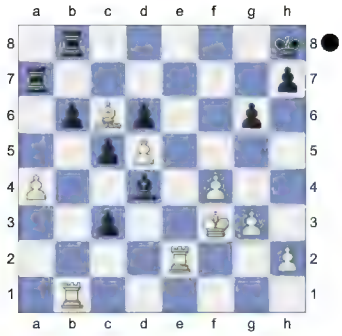
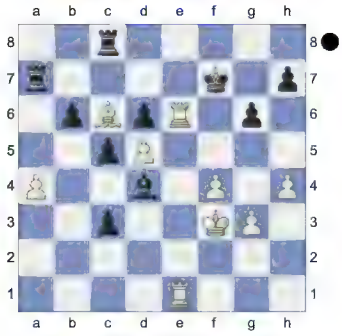
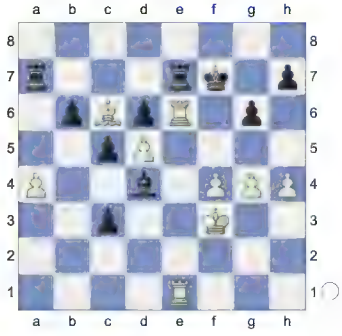


36...Kg8 0.00/26
[36...g5!∓ -0.79/23 aiming for ...gxf4. 37.fxg5 Rf8+ 38.Kg4 Raf7]
37.h4= Kf7 38.Rbe1 Rc8 39.Re6 -0.75/27
[39.Rb1= 0.00/26]

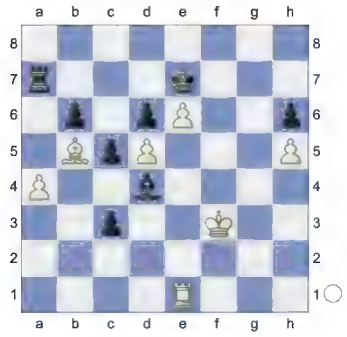


39...Rcc7 -0.03/23
[39...Rxc6!∓ -0.75/27 40.dxc6 Be5]
40.g4 Re7

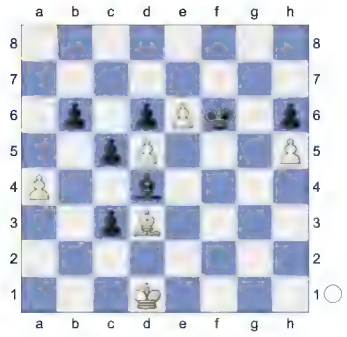


41.f5 gxf5 42.gxf5 Rxe6 -0.07/29
[42...Kf8∓ -0.53/21 might be stronger.]
43.fxe6+∓ Endgame. KRB-KRB. The position is equal. **43...Kf6 44.h5 h6 45.Bb5 Ke7**

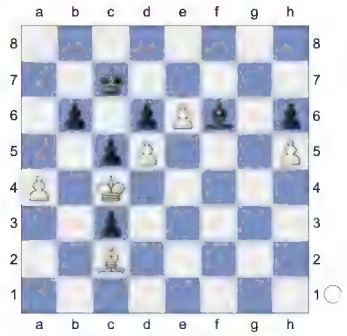
[45...Rg7!?]



Black wants to play ...Ra8. **46.Ke2 Ra8** White must now prevent ...Rf8. **47.Rf1 Rf8** Prevents Rf7+ **48.Rxf8 Kxf8=** KB-KB **49.Bd3 Ke7 50.Kd1 Kf6**



51.Kc2 Ke7 52.Kb3 Kd8 53.Kc4 Bf6 54.Bc2 Kc7



And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise) And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

182 **D85**
□ **Novik,Maxim** **2392**
■ **Fernandez Siles,Luis** **2189**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7

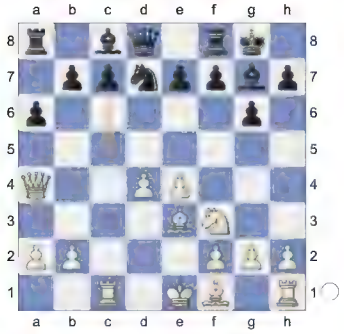
6.Na4 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be3 Nxa4! is more profitable than 8...Bg4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8...Lg4.
9.Qxa4 a6N
[9...c5 10.Rd1
A) 10...Qb6 11.Rd2 *(11.dxc5 Qxb2 12.Bc4 Bd7 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.Bxb3 Bb5 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Nc6 17.Rd7 Ba6 18.f3 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Kf2 Kf8 21.h4 h5* Melkumyan,H (2639)-Kurnosov,I (2663) Biel 2012 CI1-130 [RR]*)* 11...Bd7 *(11...cxd4 12.Bxd4 Bd7 13.Qc4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Nb3 Be6* Surveyuebersicht-N,N [Konikowski,J]*)* 12.Qa3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc7 14.Be2 e5 15.Rc2 Qd8 16.Nb5 Nc6 17.Nd6 Qb8 18.Bc4 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.0-0 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Rfc1 Be5 23.Rc7 Bxd6 24.Qxd6 Rf7 25.Qxe6 Baklan,N (2625)-2 b4 and

2 a3 (2595) Philadelphia 1998 CBM 45 [CCYB11/262] 1-0;

B) 10...Bg4 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Qa3 Nd7 13.Be2 b6 14.b4 a5 15.cxb6 axb4 16.Qxa8 Qc3+ 17.Bd2 Rxa8 18.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 19.Nd2 Nxb6 20.Bxg4 Nc4 21.Ke2 Rxa2 22.f4 Nxd2 23.Kd3 Nb3 24.Bf3 Nc5+ 25.Kc4 Keymer,V (2342)-Carow,J (2431) Saarbr ? cken 2015 CBM 169 Extra [Fischer,Johannes] ½-½ (56);

C) 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bg4 Prevents Ne6. 12.f3 Bd7 13.Qa3 a6 14.Be2 e6 0.52/18 *(14...Re8=* 0.14/18 feels stronger.*)* 15.0-0 Qc7 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Nc5 ½-½ Le,Q (2731)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis Rapid 2023 (8)]

10.Rc1 Nd7



11.Be2 c5 0.69/20
[⌓11...c6 0.32/19]
12.dxc5± Bxb2 13.Rc2 Bg7 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Rb1 0.16/22
[15.c6± 0.78/18]
15...Bd7=

(Diagram)

16.Qb4 Bc6 17.Nd2 a5 18.Qc4 Nd7 19.f4 -0.30/17
[19.a4± 0.34/17]
19...e5 ...exf4 is the strong threat. **20.f5 Qh4**

21.Nf3? -2.10/19
[21.Bf2= 0.09/16 and White is okay. Qe7 22.fxg6]
21...Qe7? -0.01/19
[21...Qxe4-+ -2.10/19 22.Qxe4 Bxe4]
22.g4 a4 0.45/17
[22...gxf5= 0.00/18 23.gxf5 Kh8]
23.g5!± gxf5 24.exf5 a3 1.40/20
[24...Kh8± 0.58/19]
25.f6 0.70/19
[25.Rb4± 1.40/20]
25...Bxf6 1.03/20

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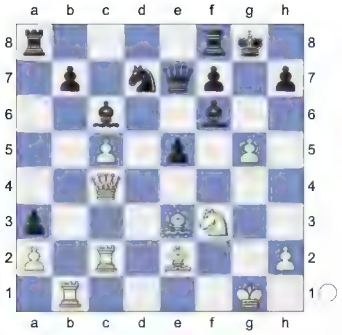
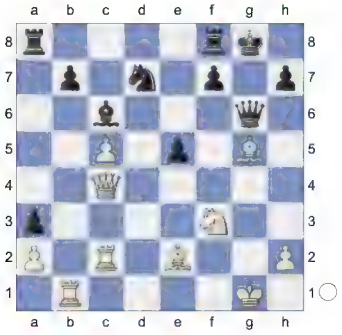
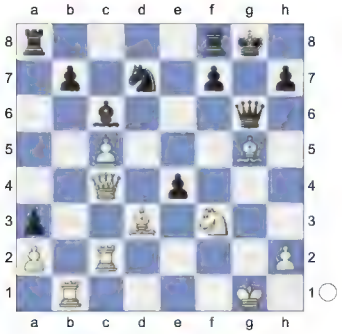


26.gxf6± **Qxf6** aiming for ...Ra4.
27.Bg5? -0.24/21 **Qg6?** 1.55/19
[Black should try 27...Qf5= -0.24/21 28.Qc3 Ra4]



28.Bd3! e4
[28...Qh5 29.Qh4]



29.Rg2! exd3? 4.63/23
[29...Ra4 1.92/20 keeps fighting. 30.Rb4 exd3 31.Rxa4 Bxf3]

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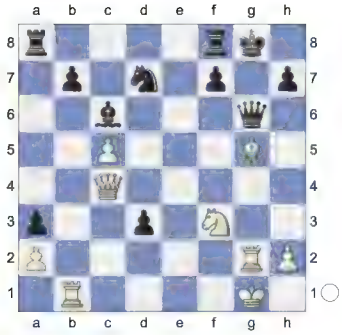
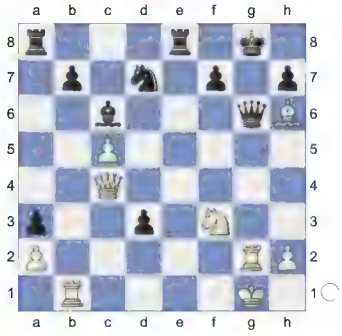
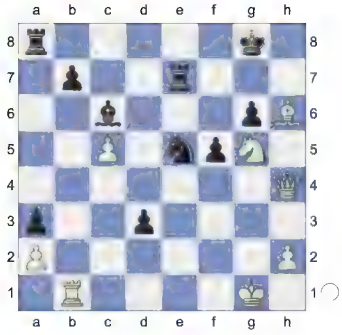


30.Bh6!+- **Rfe8**



31.Rxg6+ hxg6 32.Ng5 Ne5 33.Qf4 Intending Qf6 and mate. **33...f5 34.Qh4?** 0.01/21
[White should play 34.h3+- 3.02/23]
34...Re7? 2.76/24
[34...Ra4= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 35.Rxb7 Rxh4 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rh7+ Kg8 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Rg7+]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.54. Loss on time!?
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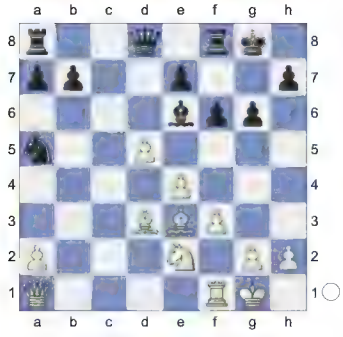
183 **D89**
□ **Agibileg,Uurtsaikh** **2392**
■ **Prishita Gupta** **2058**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (1.14) 02.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

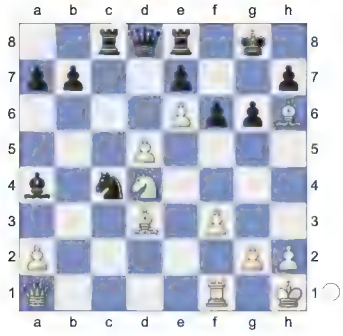
D89: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: 10 Be3 cxd4 11 cxd4 Bg4 12 f3 Na5 13 Bd3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4

11.f3 Na5 12.Bd3
[12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.fxg4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 Qd7 *(14...Qd6 15.e5 Qd5 16.Ng1 Nc4 17.Qe2 cxd4 18.cxd4 b5 19.Nf3 a5 20.Bg5 Rf8 21.Rd1 e6 22.h4 a4 23.Kg1 b4 24.h5 b3 25.axb3 axb3 26.h6 Bh8 27.Bc1* 6) Grünfeld: 10...Bg4 11.f3-11...Na5 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 #17 Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023*)* 15.dxc5 Rf8+ 16.Kg1 Qxg4 17.Nf4 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxc3 19.Nd5 Bf6 20.Bh6 Re8 21.Nxf6+ exf6 22.Rd7 Rxe4 23.Rg7+ Kh8 24.Rc7 Kg8 25.Rg7+ Kh8 Chernin,A (2580)-Gavrikov,V (2525) USSR 44/(568) 1987]
12...cxd4N
[12...Bd7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Rac1 e6 15.Bg5 f6 16.Be3 e5 17.d5 b5 18.f4 Qe7 19.Rb1 Nb7 20.fxe5 fxe5 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Bxb5 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Nd6 24.Rxc5 Nxe4 25.Rxc8 Nxd2 26.Bh6 Qc5+ 27.Rxc5 1-0 Phandsupatavorn,W (2500)-3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘c3 ♕b6 (2375) E. ch Germany 1974]
13.cxd4 Be6 14.d5 Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6



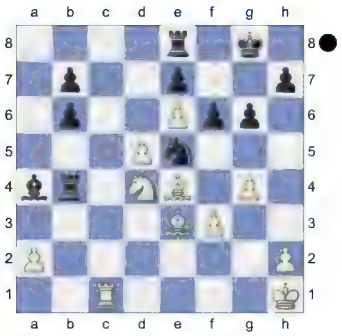
16.Bh6 Re8! 17.Nd4 -0.75/20
[17.Qd4= -0.29/21 a6 18.dxe6 Qxd4+ 19.Nxd4]
17...Bd7!∓ 18.Kh1 Rc8! 19.e5 Black is better. **19...Nc4**
[19...fxe5? 20.Ne6+-]
20.e6 Ba4



21.Qb1
(Diagram)

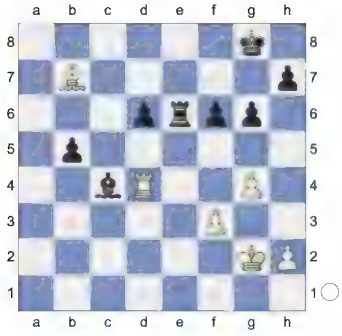
Ne5
[21...Qxd5 22.Bxg6 Nd6 *(22...Qxd4? 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Bg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Qh5+-)* 23.Bxh7+ *(23.Bxe8 Bxe8 24.Rd1 Rc4∓)* 23...Kh8 24.Be3± *(24.Qg6 Rg8=)*]
22.Be4 Qb6 23.Qxb6 axb6 24.g4 Rc4 25.Be3 Rb4 -0.88/18
[Better is 25...Rec8 -1.53/19 26.d6 exd6 27.Bxb7 Rb8]

26.Rc1 -1.70/21
[26.a3∓ -0.88/18 was worth a try. Rc4 27.Kg2]



26...Nc4!-+ 27.a3 Nxa3 28.d6 exd6 29.Rc7 -2.94/22
[29.Bd5 -1.89/18 keeps fighting.]
29...Rxd4 30.Bxd4 Nb5
[30...Rxe6 31.Bd5 *(31.Bxb7 Nb5=)* 31...Kf8 32.Bxe6 Nb5 33.Rf7+ *(33.Rxh7 Nxd4 34.Bc8 Nxf3±)* 33...Ke8 34.Bxf6]

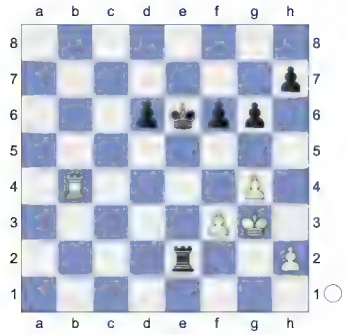
31.Rc4 Bb3 Skewer **32.Rb4 Nxd4**
[32...Bxe6? perishes. 33.Rxb5 Bxg4 34.Bxf6+-]
33.Rxd4 Rxe6 aiming for ...b5.
[Don't do 33...Bxe6 34.Rxd6 b5 35.Rb6∓]
34.Bxb7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **34...b5** Strongly threatening ...d5! **35.Kg2?** -4.26/22
[35.Bc6 -1.99/26 was called for.]
35...Bc4? -1.50/18
[35...d5-+ -4.26/22 is more deadly. 36.Bxd5 Bxd5 37.Rxd5 Rb6]



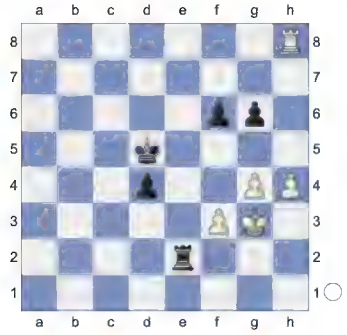
36.Bd5∓ Bxd5 37.Rxd5 KR-KR **37...b4 38.Rb5 Re2+ 39.Kg3 Kf7** -0.09/23

[39...Rb2∓ -1.32/25 40.Rd5 Kf7 41.Rxd6 h5]

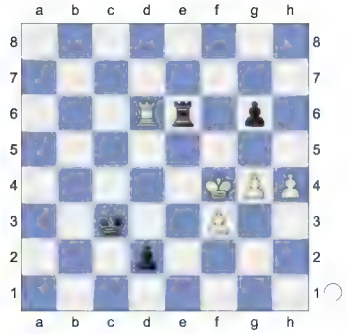
40.Rxb4= The position is equal. **40...Ke6**



41.h4 d5 42.Rb6+ Ke7 43.Rb7+ Kd6 44.Rxh7 d4 45.Rh8 Kd5



46.Rd8+ Kc4 47.Rd6 d3 48.Rxf6 d2 49.Rd6! Kc3 50.Kf4 Re6

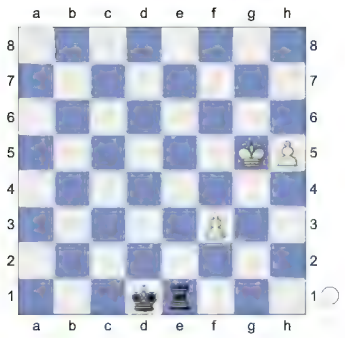


51.Rd5 Kc2 52.h5 gxh5

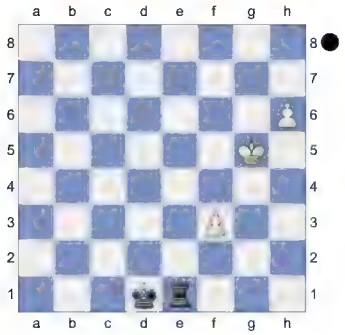
[52...d1B? is the wrong capture. 53.h6+-]

53.gxh5 d1Q 54.Rxd1 Kxd1 55.Kg5 Re1

(Diagram)



56.h6



Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise)

½-½

184 **D86**

□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**

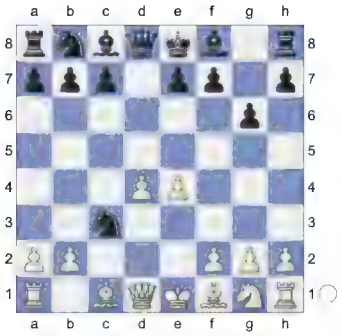
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**

Masters Open 2024 (1.3) 03.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

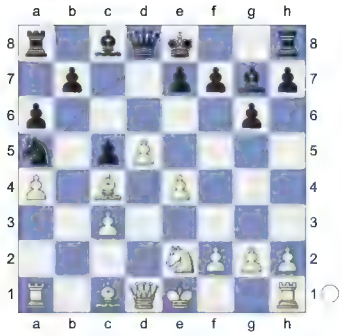
D86: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line (7 Bc4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

(Diagram)

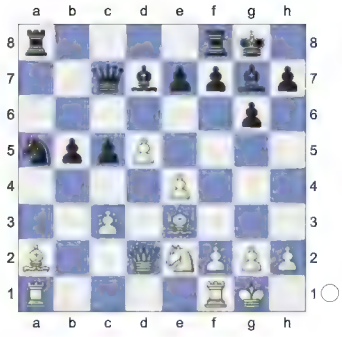


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 a6N
[7...0-0 8.Be3 c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5* ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989*)* 10.0-0 b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch, C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]
[7...c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.Rb1 Rd8 14.d5 Na5 15.Be2 Qxa2 16.0-0 Bd7* 1 Exchange Variation Bc4-Exchange Variation: 7.Bc4 *-)* 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 1-0 Cornelis,F (1629)-8.b3 b6 9. ♖d1 ♗a6 (1793) Prokuplje 44/(182) 1987 (4.3)]
8.a4 White is more active. **8...c5 9.Ne2**
[And not 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qd4∓ *(10...Bxa1 11.Qxa1 f6 12.Nf3=)*]
9...Nc6 White has an edge. **10.d5 Na5**

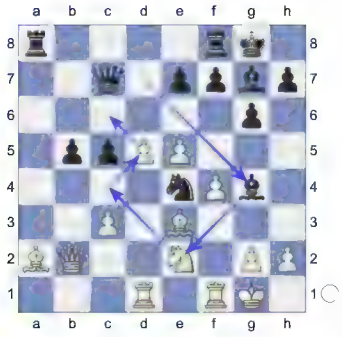
(Diagram)



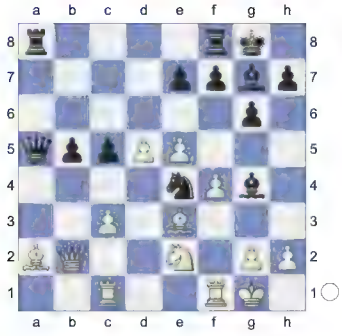
11.Ba2 b5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.axb5 axb5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 Bd7



16.Rad1 Nb7 17.f4 Nd6 18.e5 Ne4 The position is equal. **19.Qb2 Bg4**



Hoping for ...Bxe2. **20.Rc1! Qa5**



21.Bb1 Bxe2 22.Rfe1

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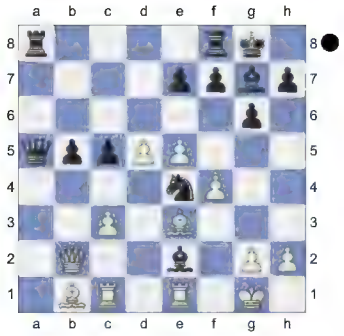
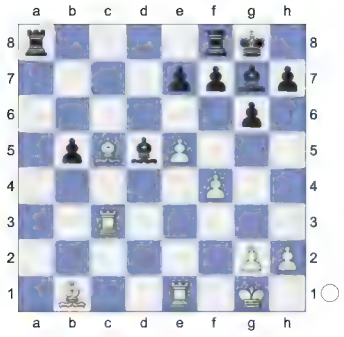
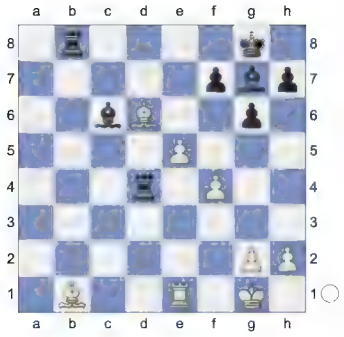


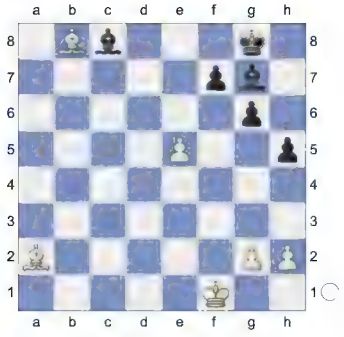
Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.Rxc3 Bc4 25.Bxc5 Bxd5



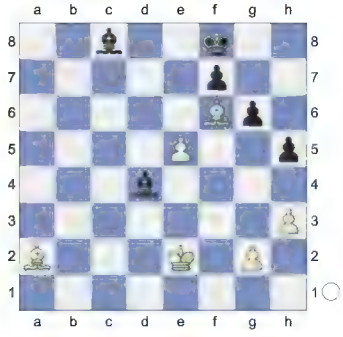
26.Bxe7 Rfe8 27.Bd6 Ra4 28.Rc5 Rd4 29.Rxb5 Bc6 30.Rb8 Rxb8



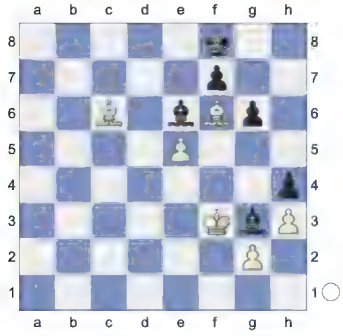
31.Bxb8 Rxf4 32.Rc1 Bb7 33.Ba2 h5 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1= Endgame. KBB-KBB **35...Bc8**



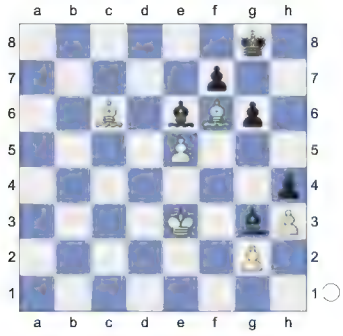
36.Bd6 Bh6 37.h3 Kg7 38.Be7 Be3 39.Ke2 Bd4 40.Bf6+ Kf8



41.Bd5 Bc3 42.Kd3 Be1 43.Bc6 Be6 44.Ke2 Bg3 45.Kf3 h4



46.Ke4 Kg8 47.Bd5 Bf5+ 48.Ke3 Kf8 49.Bf3 Be6 50.Bc6 Kg8



51.Bf3 Kh7 52.Bg4 Kh6 53.Bxe6 fxe6 KB-KB **54.Ke4 Kh5 55.Bd8 g5**

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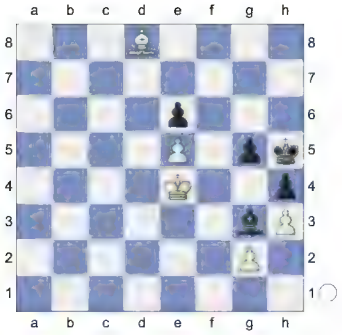
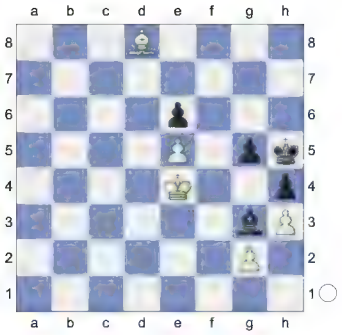


56.Bf6 Kg6 57.Bd8 Kh5 58.Bf6 Kg6 59.Bd8 Kh5



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185 **D91**
□ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
ch-w 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 **1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4**

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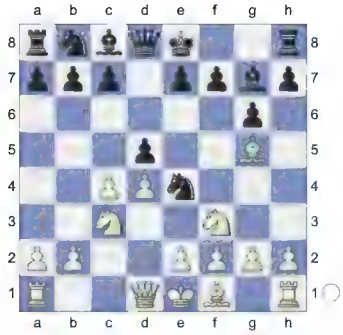
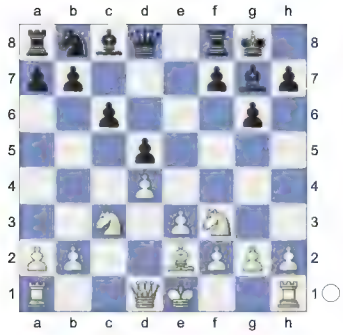


6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 c6



11.0-0 Re8N
[11...Qe7 12.a3 Nd7 *(12...Be6)* 13.b4 Nb6 *(13...a6 14.Qb3 Nb6 15.a4 Be6 16.Nd2 f5 17.g3 Rae8 18.Rac1 f4 19.gxf4 g5 20.f5 Rxf5 21.Kh1 Ref8 22.Nd1 Kh8 23.Rg1 Bg8 24.Bf1 Bf7 25.b5 cxb5 26.axb5 a5 27.Bd3 Rf6 28.Qc3* 0-1 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.d4 0-0_47248-Somlai,L 46/348 Belgrad 1988 (4.3) *Nc4 29.Nxc4 dxc4 30.Bxc4 Rc8 31.Qb3 Rxc4 32.Rxc4 Bd5+ 33.f3 Bxf3+* 0-1 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.d4 0-0_47248-Somlai, L Jugoslavija 1/71 1966 (4.3)) 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Rfe1 f5 16.Bf1 g5 17.Ne2 Nc4 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO D3 Survey 1998]
12.Rc1 Qd6 13.Na4 b6 Black has an edge. **14.a3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Bb7**

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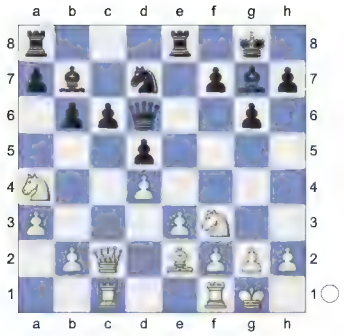
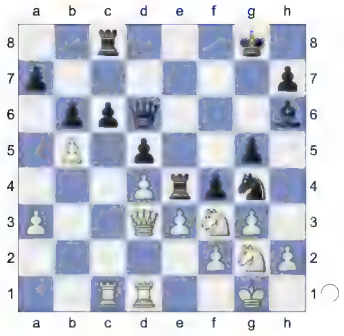
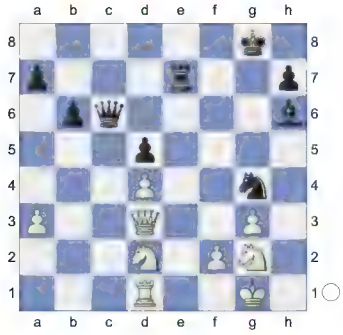


16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.b4 f5 0.70/20
[17...Bf8= 0.00/21]
18.g3± Nf6 19.Nb2 Ng4 1.19/21
[19...Ne4± 0.67/19]
20.Nd3± Ba6

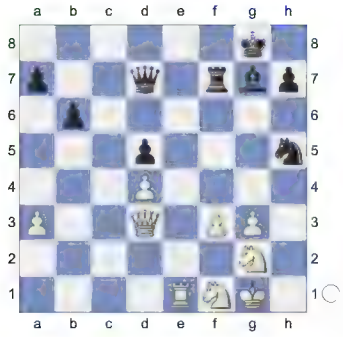
21.Nf4 Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Bh6 23.Qd3 Re4 24.b5 0.93/22
[⌓24.Re1 1.56/20]
24...g5 1.81/21
[24...Re7± 0.93/22]
25.Ng2+- f4



26.exf4 0.79/19
[⌓26.h3 1.47/22 Nxf2 27.Kxf2]
26...gxf4± 27.Rxc6
[27.Rc2 is interesting. c5 28.dxc5 Rxc5 29.Ngh4]
27...Rxc6 28.bxc6 fxg3 29.hxg3 Qxc6
30.Nd2 0.18/25 Prevents Qc4
[White should try 30.Nfh4!± 0.74/21 Black must now prevent f3. Qe6 31.Rf1 *(31.f3 Be3+ 32.Nxe3 Rxe3±)*]
30...Re7=

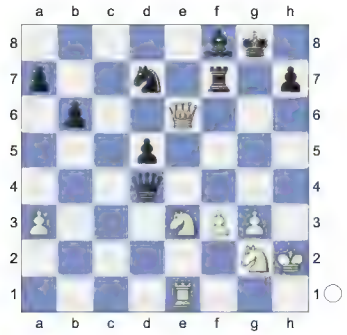


31.Qf3 Qd7 ...Rf7 is the strong threat.
32.Qd3! Rf7 33.f3 Nf6 34.Nf1 Nh5 35.Re1 Bg7 1.36/23
[35...Qd6= 0.28/21 keeps the balance.]

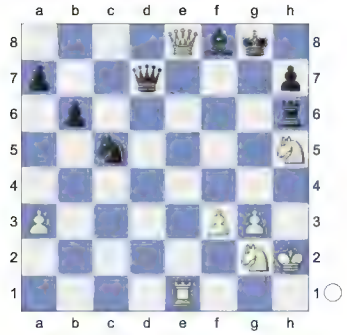


36.Kh2 0.16/18
[36.g4± 1.36/23]
36...Qa4 37.Qe3 Threatens to win with g4. **37...Qxd4 38.Qe8+** -0.70/18
[38.Qg5= 0.00/23 Nf6 39.Nfe3]
38...Bf8∓ 39.Nfe3! Nf6 0.00/19 Repels Ng4
[Black should play 39...Ng7∓ -0.66/21 40.Qd8 Ne6 *(40...Rxf3 41.Nxd5 Qf2 42.Qh4∓)* 41.Qxd5 Qxd5 42.Nxd5 Ng5]
40.Qe6= Nd7

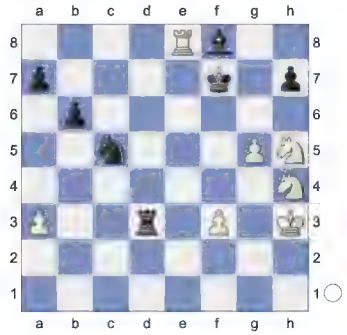
[40...Bxa3? 41.Nf5 Qd3 42.Nh6+ Kg7 43.Qxf7++- *(43.Nxf7 Qg6+-)*]



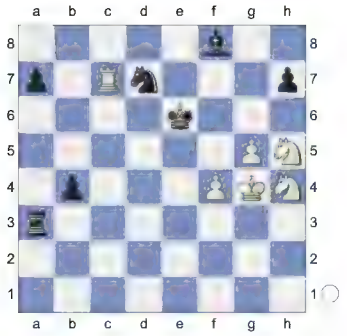
41.Nxd5 Nc5 Repels Re4 **42.Qc6 Rf5** Repels f4 **43.Ndf4** Wards off Rh5+ **43...Rf6 44.Qe8 Rh6+ 45.Nh5** Excellent horsemanship. **45...Qd7**
[45...Qf6 with more complications. 46.Ngf4 Qf7 47.Kg2 Nd3]



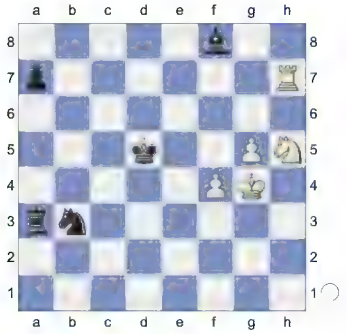
46.g4 Qxe8 47.Rxe8 Rd6
[47...Kf7 48.Ra8±]
48.Nh4 Rd2+ 49.Kh3 Rd3 50.g5 Kf7



51.Ra8 Rxa3 52.Kg4 Nd7 53.f4 Prevents Ne5+. **53...b5 54.Rc8 b4 55.Rc7 Ke6**

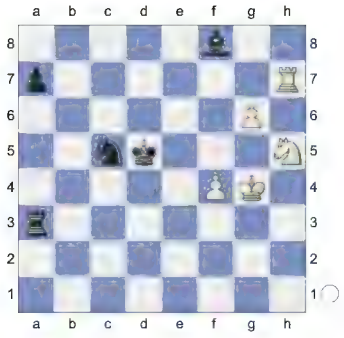


And now ...b3 would win. **56.Nf5** Strongly threatening Nd4+. **56...Nc5?** 3.16/24
[56...Rd3= 0.00/21 and Black is okay. 57.Nfg7+ Kd6 58.Ne8+ Ke6]
57.Rxh7? 0.07/20
[57.Nf6!+- 3.16/24 Ra6 58.Nd4+ *(58.Rxh7 Rb6+-; 58.Nxh7 Bd6±)* 58...Kd6 59.Rc8 *(59.Rxh7 Rb6+-)* 59...h5+ 60.Kxh5]
57...b3⇄ Black has counterplay **58.Nd4+ Kd5 59.Nxb3 Nxb3** 3.00/21
[59...Rxb3= 0.10/20 and Black stays safe. 60.Rf7 *(60.Rxa7 Ne4∓)* 60...Rb8]

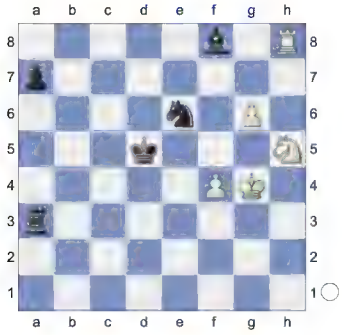


60.g6? 0.02/18
[60.Rf7!+- 3.00/21]
60...Nc5? 1.63/18
[60...Ra1= 0.02/18]

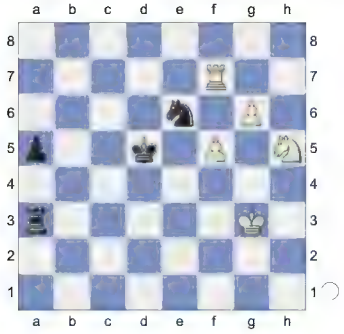
(Diagram)



61.Rh8!+-
[61.Nf6+ Ke6 62.Rf7 Bh6±]
61...Ne6? 6.73/19
[61...Ra6± 1.09/17]

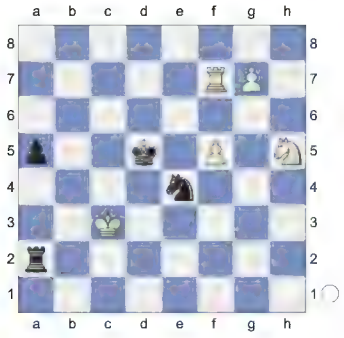


62.Rxf8! Endgame. Deflection, Promotion. KRN-KRN. White is clearly winning. **62...Ra1**
[62...Ra4 63.Rd8+]
63.Rf7 a5 64.f5 Ra4+ 65.Kg3 Ra3+

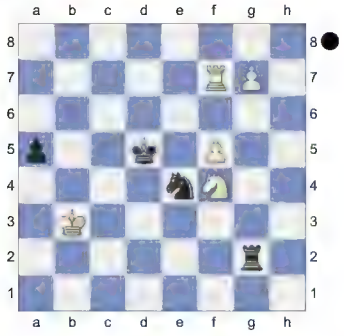


66.Kf2 Ra2+ 67.Ke1 Ra1+ 68.Kd2 Hoping for Nf6+. **68...Ra2+ 69.Kc3 Nc5 70.g7 Ne4+**

(Diagram)



71.Kb3 Rg2 72.Nf4+



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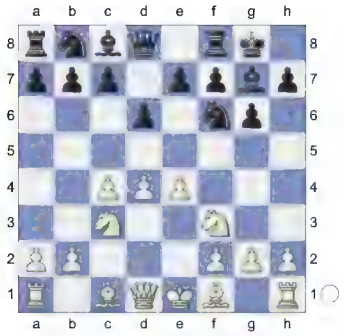
186 **E92**
□ **Lee,Alice** **2388**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2372**
ch-USA w 2023 (3.5) 07.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E92: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5: 7 dxe5, 7 Be3 and Petrosian System without 7...Nbd7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

(Diagram)



6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 h6 8.d5

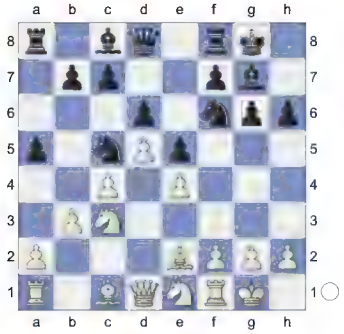
[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5 gxh5 0-1 (48) Pape,J (2631)-Mendez Fortes,E (2654) 145: World Ch. Return Match 1937]

8...a5 9.Ne1 Na6 10.b3N 0.22/20

[10.Nd3± 0.64/21 b6 11.Be3 Nc5 12.f3 Nh5 13.Qd2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.g4 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.gxf5 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Be3 20.Qc2 Rxf5 21.Bd3 Rg5 22.Ne4 Rg7 23.Nf2 Qh4 24.Rae1 Kh8 25.Qc3 0-1 (48) Lazarev,V (2496)-Donchenko,A (2667) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Basse 2023 (2.2)]

[10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.a3 Bd7 14.b3 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.Nd3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 h5 19.c5 g4 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Kh1 Qg5 22.Nb5 g3 23.Bg1 h4 24.Nc7 h3 0-1 (35) Gurevich,D (2396)-Yoo,C (2573) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late blitz 2022 (1) 25.Qe2 Rf6 26.Ne6 Rxe6 27.dxe6 Bxe6 28.Ra2 Qh5 29.Rc1 hxg2+ 30.Qxg2 Bh3 31.Qe2 g2+ 32.Qxg2 Bxg2+ 33.Rxg2 Kh8 34.Rc7 Rg8 35.Bf2 Qxf3 0-1 Hartmann,G (2396)-Gurevich,M (2573) (m/1) 91/(236) 2004 (1)]

10...Nc5=

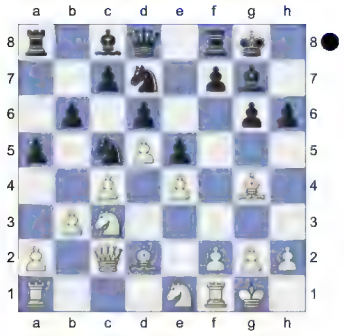


The position is equal. **11.Qc2 b6 12.Bd2 Nfd7** 0.60/20

[12...Nh5= 0.11/20 was preferrable.]

13.Bg4 -0.37/22

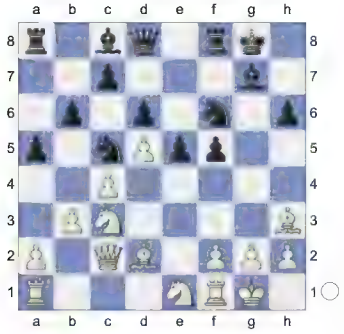
[13.Rd1± 0.60/20]



13...f5!∓ 14.exf5

[14.Bh3 Nxe4]

14...Nf6! 15.Bh3 gxf5!



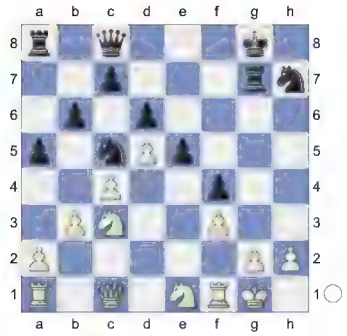
16.Qc1 -0.85/22

[16.Bxf5? Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Nfe4-+]

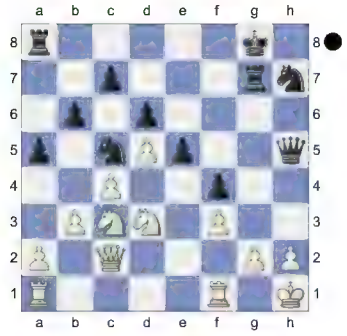
[16.f3∓ -0.44/21 deserves consideration.]

16...Rf7 17.f3 Wards off Nfe4 **17...Nh7 18.Bxh6 f4! 19.Bxc8 Qxc8 20.Bxg7**

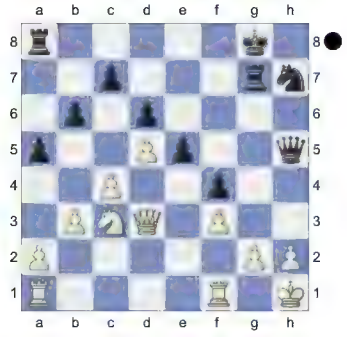
Rxg7



21.Qc2 Qh3 22.Kh1 -1.39/22
[⌓22.Rd1 -0.90/18]
22...Qh5 -0.84/20 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive.
[⌓22...Qh6 -1.39/22 ...Ng5 is the strong threat. 23.Nd1 Nf6]
23.Nd3∓

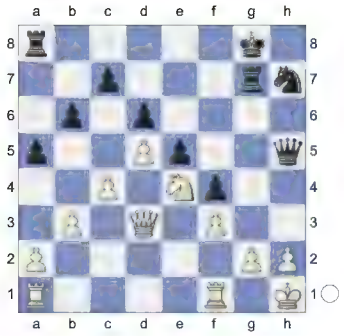


Nxd3! 24.Qxd3

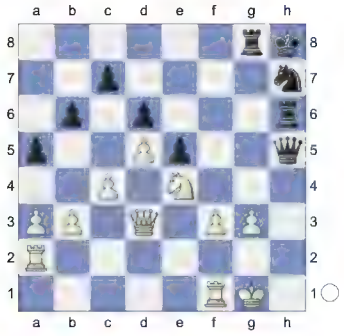


Ng5 0.09/19
[Better is 24...Kf7!∓ -0.72/19]
25.Ne4!↑ White is pushing. **25...Nh7**

(Diagram)

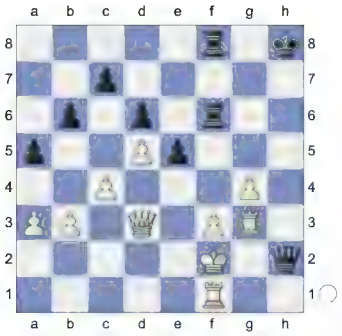


Prevents Nf6+ **26.a3 Rg6** 0.80/20
[26...Kf7± 0.37/19]
27.Ra2 Kh8 28.Kg1 0.43/21
[28.Rff2± 0.96/19]
28...Rag8 And now ...Rh6 would win.
29.g4 0.12/20
[29.Kh1± 0.69/23]
29...fxg3 30.hxg3 Rh6

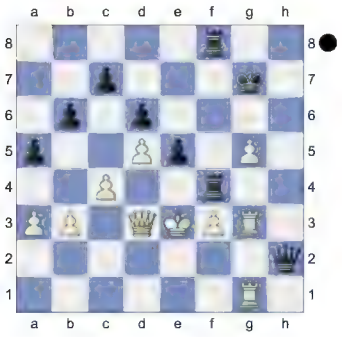


...Qh1+ would now be deadly. **31.Rg2 Rf8 32.Kf2 Nf6 33.Nxf6** 0.00/25
[33.Ke2± 0.40/20]
33...Rhxf6 34.g4 -0.51/22
[White should try 34.f4!= 0.00/25]
34...Qh3∓ Black has compensation.
[34...Rxf3+ 35.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 36.Kxf3 Qh3+ 37.Kf2]
35.Rg3 -4.81/21 Loses the game.
[White has to play 35.Kg1!∓ -0.58/20 Rh6 *(35...Rxf3 36.Rxf3 Rxf3 37.Qg6∓)* 36.Kf2]
35...Qh2+-+

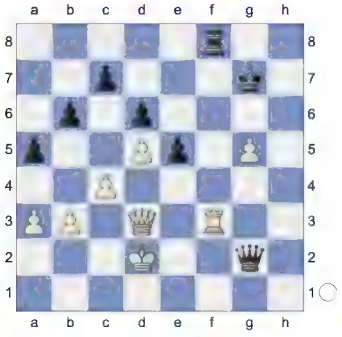
(Diagram)



Black is clearly winning. **36.Ke3 Kg7!**
[And not 36...Qxg3 37.Rh1+]
37.g5 Rf4
[Less strong is 37...Qxg3 38.gxf6+ Rxf6 *(38...Kxf6 39.Qh7=)* 39.Ke2∓]
38.Rfg1



Rxf3+!! Deflection **39.Rxf3 Qxg1+ 40.Kd2 Qg2+**



41.Qe2 Qxf3

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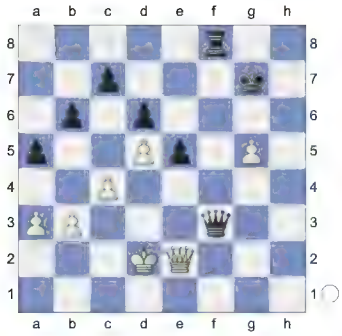

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187 **E91**
□ **Hess,Max** **2385**
■ **Arfan,Aditya Bagus** **2416**
Sitges Sunway op-A 11th (4) 15.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.0-0 c6! now scores much better than the old 8...e5. punktet besser als das ältere 8...e5.
[8...e6 9.h3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Qc2 a5 12.Re1 Nbd7 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.e5 Nxd5 16.Rad1 c6 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qxc5 Be6 19.Qb5 b6 20.Rc1 Bf8 21.a3

Rc8 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Barria Zuniga,D (2341)-Garcia Garcia, A (2140) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (33)]

9.h3 a6N

[9...e5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Re1 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bg5 dxc4 14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Nxe6 Qxe6 16.Bf3 Qa6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.h4 Nc6 20.h5 Qa5 21.Qc1 Nb4 22.Qxc4 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Bf6 24.b4 Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Kamsky,G (2674) Deutschland 146/199 2020 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (58) Qb6 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.a4 Kg7 27.Qf4 Rfe8 28.h6+ Kf8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.a5 Qd8 31.Qf3 Qe7 32.Bxb7 Be5 33.Bc6 Rd8 34.b5 Rxd1+ 35.Qxd1 Bc7 36.Qa1 Be5 37.Qd1 Bc7 38.Qa1 Be5 39.Qe1 Chapter E75-Games Game 4 (58)]

10.Re1 b5

11.a3 0.48/19

[11.Be3± 0.81/17]

11...bxc4± 12.Bxc4 Bb7 13.Bf4N 0x0.0026aa86e69edp-1022s more active pieces.

[13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Qe2 cxd5 16.Nxd5 a5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 h6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 ½-½ Bernal Moro,L (2451)-Berg,E (2623) Hastings Masters op 84th 2008 (2)]

13...Nbd7 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Ba2 cxd5

16.exd5 Nb6 17.Bh6 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Re3 Re8

21.Rae1 Rc5 22.b4 Rc7 0.72/20

[22...Rc4± 0.39/21]

23.Qd4 Qc8 1.16/22

[23...Qa8!± 0.62/19]

24.Nd2 0.83/20

[White should play 24.Ne4 1.16/22 Threatens to win with Nxf6. Rc4 25.Nxf6! Rxd4 26.Nxe8+ Qxe8 27.Nxd4 Bxd5 28.Rxe7]

24...Kf8? 2.44/22

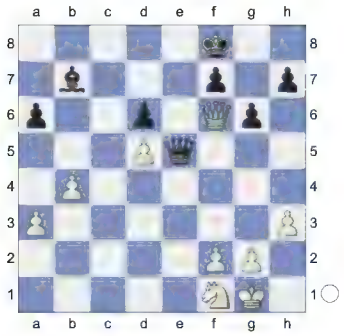
[24...h5± 0.83/20]

25.Nce4+- Rc1

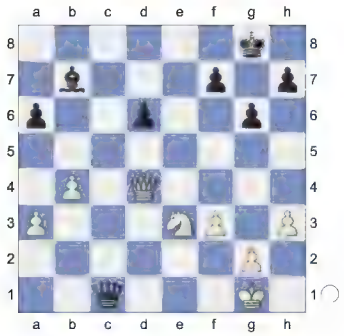
26.Nxf6? 0.71/23

[26.Rxc1!+- 2.47/22 Qxc1+ 27.Kh2]

26...Rxe1+± 27.Rxe1 exf6 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.Qxf6 Qe1+ 30.Nf1 Qe5



31.Qd8+ Kg7 32.Qb6 Qxd5 33.Ne3 Qc6 34.Qd4+ Kg8! 35.f3 Qc1+



36.Kh2! Qc7

[Weaker is 36...Qxa3 37.Ng4 Qc1 38.Nf6+ *(38.Qxd6 Qc6±)* 38...Kg7 39.Nd5+ *(39.Qxd6 Qc6=)* 39...Kg8 40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Ng4+ *(41.Qxd6 Qc6=)* 41...Kg8 42.Nf6+± *(42.Qxd6 Qc6±)*]

37.Ng4 h5 38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.Nh7+ 0.01/22

[39.Kg3± 0.50/21]

39...Ke7 0.45/22

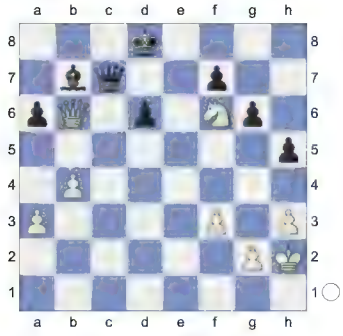
[39...Kg8= 0.01/22 40.Nf6+ Kf8]

40.Qf6+ Ke8

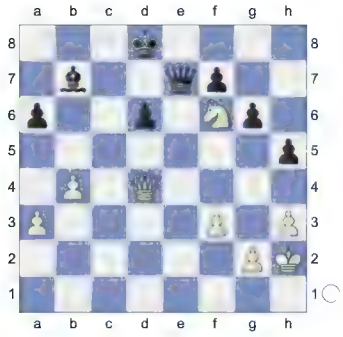
(Diagram)

41.Qd4 Qe7 The position is equal.

42.Nf6+ Kd8 43.Qb6+ Qc7 44.Qd4 Qe7! 45.Qb6+ Qc7



46.Qd4 Qe7!



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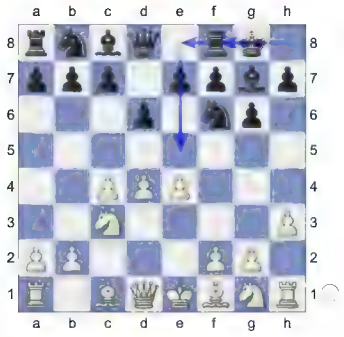
188 **A70**
□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Masters Open 2024 (3.55) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A70: Modern Benoni: 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0**



6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.Nd2 Nxe4

[10...a6 11.a4 Nxe4 12.Ncxe4 f5 13.Be2 fxe4 14.Nc4 Qf6 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.0-0 Bd7 20.Ra3 Rf8 21.Rb3 Bc8 22.Qc2 h5 23.Re3 Bf5 24.Bc4 Qe7 25.g4 0-1 Bluebaum,M (2640)-Xiong,J (2634) Tata Steel-B 80th Wijk aan Zee 2018 (13)]

11.Ndxe4 f5

(Diagram)

White is better. **12.Bb5! Re5N**

[12...fxe4 13.Bxe8 Qxe8 14.0-0 Na6 15.Bf4 Qf8 16.Qd2 g5 17.Bxg5 Bf5 18.Rae1 Re8 19.f3 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 e3 21.Bxe3 Bf6 22.Bh6 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Qf7 24.Ne4 Bh4 25.Nxd6 1-0 Krysa,L (2549)-Pinto,A (1944) POR-chT Sao Joao da Madeira 2023 (5.1)]

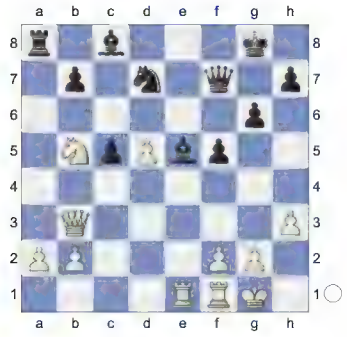
13.Nxd6! Qxd6 14.0-0 a6 15.Bf4 axb5

16.Nxb5 Qd7

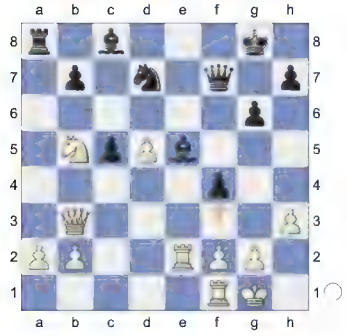
[16...Qxd5? perishes. 17.Bxe5 Qxd1 18.Rfxd1+-]

17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qb3 Rae1 is the

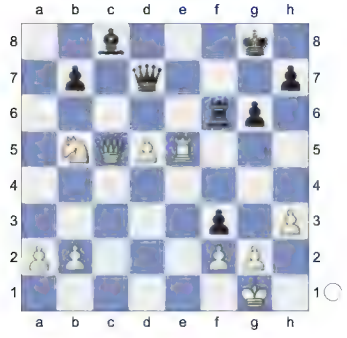
strong threat. **18...Qf7?** 2.77/21
[18...Bf6± 1.07/21]
19.Rae1+- Nd7



20.Re2! f4

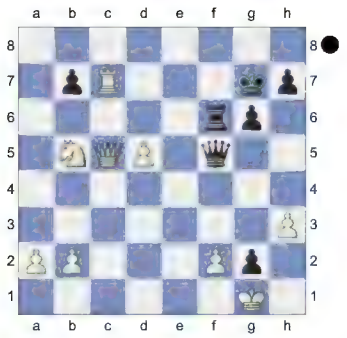


21.Rfe1 Ra6? 4.05/17
[21...f3 2.27/18 22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Bd7]
22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rf6 24.Qc3 f3? 6.50/18
[24...Bd7 3.84/19 25.Qxc5 Qf8]
25.Qxc5 White is clearly winning.
25...Qd7



26.Re7 Qf5 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Rxc8 fxg2 29.Rc7+

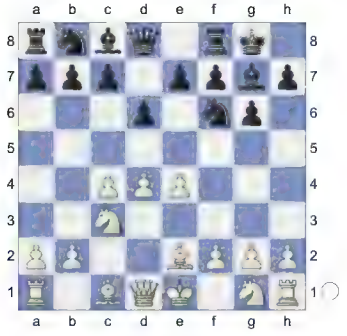
(Diagram)



White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

189 **E94**
□ **Wang,Annie** **2384**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2421**
ch-USA Junior Girls 2020 rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' Bareev, Evgeny: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Bareev,E: 'Chess Informant'" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**



6.Nf3 e5
[6...c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bd7 11.Qd2 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rab1 Qb6 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.Rc2 Qd8 18.Bf1 h5 19.a3 Kh7

20.Ne2 Qh8 21.Nf4 1-0 (55) Bareev, E (2675)-Karpov,A (2780) Tilburg 1994 (6)]

7.Be3N

[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 Bd7 *(11...c6 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 22.f3 f5 23.g5 Bh8 24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Qe2 Rf8 26.Rcf1* 1-0 (48) 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (4)) 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4 Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) 69/(518) Zalakaros 1997]

7...Na6 8.0-0 c6 0.88/19

[8...Qe7± 0.43/20 was preferrable.]

9.h3 0.40/18

[9.d5± 0.88/19]

9...exd4± 10.Nxd4 Re8

11.f3 White is slightly better. **11...d5**

12.cxd5 cxd5 1.28/17

[12...Nxd5= 0.28/19 remains equal. 13.Nxd5 cxd5]

13.Bxa6± bxa6

(Diagram)

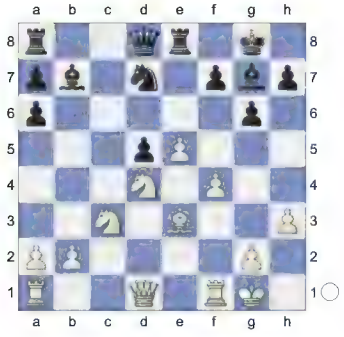
14.e5 Nd7

[14...Rxe5 15.Nc6 Qe8 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd4±]

15.f4

[15.Nxd5? Nxe5 16.Nb3 Bb7-+]

15...Bb7



16.Bf2 Rc8 17.Rc1 0.86/17

[⌓17.Na4 1.25/19]

17...Nc5 18.Nb3 0.21/19

[White should try 18.Rc2± 0.88/17]

18...Ne6= 19.Bxa7 Qh4 0.83/19

[19...f6!= 0.16/22]

20.Ne2±

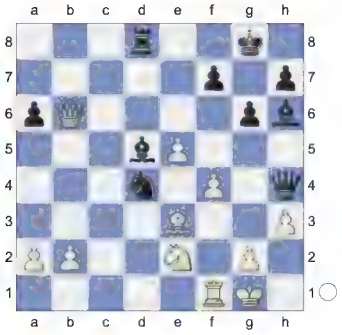
[20.Nxd5? Rcd8 21.Bf2 Qh6-+]

20...Bh6 1.42/21

[⌓20...Rxc1 0.74/20 21.Qxc1 Qe7]

(Diagram)

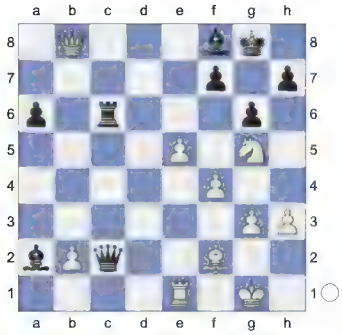
21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Be3 d4 23.Nbxd4
[23.Bxd4?! Nxf4 24.Nxf4 Bxf4∓]
23...Rd8 1.87/21
[23...Qe7± 1.36/20 24.Rf2 Qd7]
24.Qb3+- Bd5 25.Qb6 Nxd4



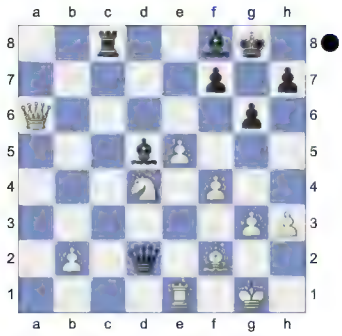
26.Bxd4
[26.Qxd4 Bxg2 *(26...Bxa2 27.Qa7±)* 27.Kxg2 *(27.Bf2? Qe7-+)* 27...Rxd4 28.Nxd4 Qd8∓]
26...Bc4 27.g3 0.48/21
[27.Rf2!± 1.58/20]
27...Qe7± 28.Re1 Qd7 29.Bf2 Rc8 30.Kh2 0.35/24
[Better is 30.b3± 0.78/22 Be6 31.Nd4 *(31.Qxa6 Bxh3 32.f5 Bxf5=)* 31...Bxh3 32.Kh2 *(32.Qxa6? Qd5-+)*]
30...Bf8

(Diagram)

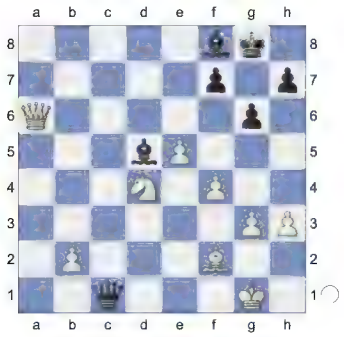
31.Nc3 Qd2 32.Ne4 Prevents Bc5.
32...Qc2 33.Kg1 Hoping for f5! **33...Be6 34.Ng5** -0.06/20
[34.g4± 0.50/19]
34...Rc6 0.33/19
[34...Bd5= -0.06/20 might be stronger. 35.e6 *(35.Qxa6 Bb4∓)* 35...fxe6 36.Qxa6 *(36.Nxe6? loses. Rc6-+)* 36...Bb4 *(36...Ra8 37.Qb5±)*]
35.Qb8 Bxa2



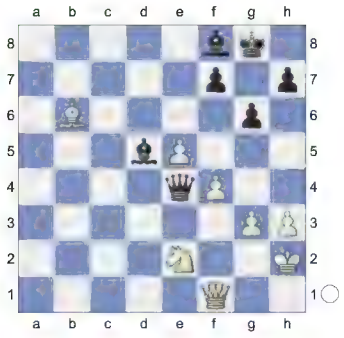
36.Nf3 Rc8 37.Qb6 -1.86/22
[37.Qb7= 0.00/21 and White stays safe.]
37...Bd5-+ 38.Nd4 -2.23/20
[⌓38.Nh4 -1.63/19]
38...Qd2! 39.Qxa6



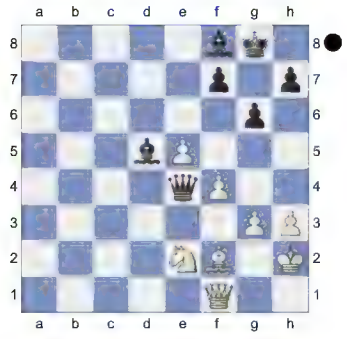
Rc1 -0.04/27
[39...Rc4!-+ -1.93/25 White must now prevent ...Bc5! 40.e6 fxe6 *(40...Rxd4 41.Qa7±)*]
40.Rxc1= Qxc1+



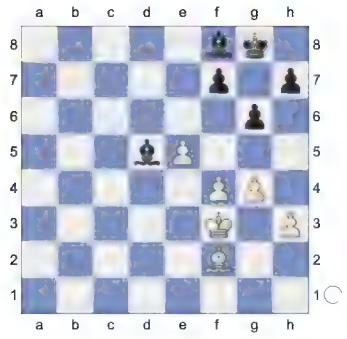
41.Qf1 Qxb2 42.Ne2? -4.00/21
[42.Qe2= -0.06/20 and White is okay. Qa1+ 43.Qe1]
42...Ba8? -0.47/20 A strong pair of Bishops.
[42...Bc4-+ -4.00/21 43.Qd1 Bxe2 *(43...Qxe2? 44.Qxe2 Bxe2 45.Be3-+)*]
43.Bd4 -1.25/19
[White should play 43.g4∓ -0.47/20]
43...Qb7∓ Black has strong compensation. Black is more active.
44.Kh2 Qe4 ...Bd5 is the strong threat.
45.Bb6 -1.53/21
[⌓45.g4 -1.04/18]
45...Bd5→ -0.13/19
[45...Bb4∓ -1.53/21 ...h5 would now be deadly. 46.Ba7 Bd5]



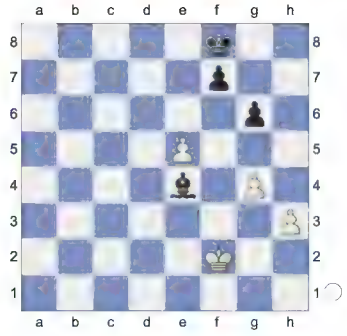
Black attacks. **46.Bf2?** -3.25/21
[46.g4!= -0.13/19]



46...Bc4? -0.68/19
[46...Qd3!-+ -3.25/21 Strongly threatening ...Bf3. 47.g4 Bc4]
47.Qg2? -5.58/20
[47.Nc3!∓ -0.68/19]
47...Qxg2+ 48.Kxg2 Bxe2 49.g4 Bc4 50.Kf3 Bd5+

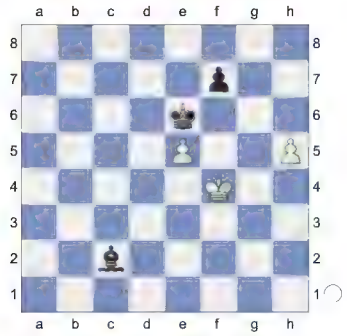


51.Ke3 -7.81/17
[⌓51.Kg3 -4.01/19]
51...Bc5+-+ Black is clearly winning.
52.Ke2 Bxf2 53.Kxf2 Endgame. KB-KP **53...Kf8 54.f5 Be4 55.fxg6 hxg6**

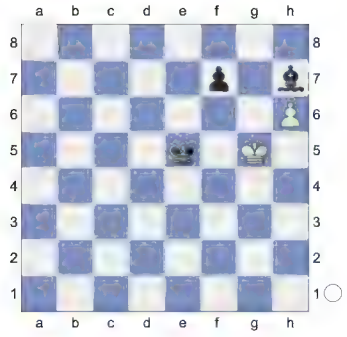


Threatens to win with ...Ke7. KB-K3P
56.Ke3 Bb1 57.Kf4 Ke7 58.h4 Ke6

59.h5 gxh5 60.gxh5 Bc2



61.h6 Bh7 62.Kg5 Kxe5

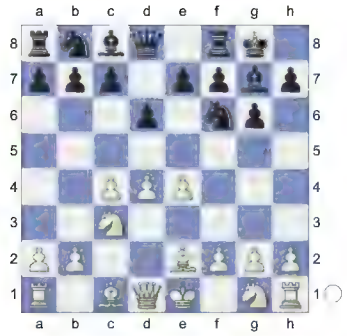


Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.40
0-1

190 **E73**
□ **Wang,Annie** **2384**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2421**
ch-USA Women 2020 (4.3) 22.10.2020
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6

(Diagram)



6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.g4 Nc5 9.f3 a5 10.h4 White is better. **10...h5!**

11.g5 Nfd7 12.Nh3
[12.Qd2 Na6 13.0-0-0 Ndc5 14.Nh3 Bd7 15.Nf2 Qb8 16.Nd3 a4 17.Ne1 Kh7 18.Nc2 f5 19.gxf6 Rxf6 20.Rdg1 Qf8 21.Rg3 Bh6 22.Rhg1 Qg7 23.Bg5 Raf8 24.Ne3 Be8 25.Ncd1 Rf4 26.Ng2 Bxg5 1-0 (54) Wong,S (2549)-Levitina,I (2685) White may sacrifice the exchange]
12...Nb6 13.Nf2 Bd7 14.Qd2 a4N
[14...Nba4 15.Nb5 f5 16.gxf6 Bxf6 17.0-0-0 c6 18.Nxd6 Be7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.b3 Rb8 21.bxa4 Nxa4 22.Nb5 cxb5 23.Qxd7 Ba3+ 24.Kc2 Qf6 25.Bg5 Qb6 26.Qd5+ Kh7 27.Qxe5 Rf7 28.Nh3 bxc4 29.Rb1 1-0 (39) Olsen,P (2185)-Browne,W (2226) WchT U26 01 fin-A 1978 (8) Bb2 30.Qd5 Rfb7 31.Bd2 Qf6 32.Ng5+ Kh8 33.e5 Qb6 34.Ne4 c3 35.Bg5 Qb4 36.Bf6+ Kh7 37.Ng5+ Kh6 38.Qe4 Qa3 39.Bd3 1-0 Marin

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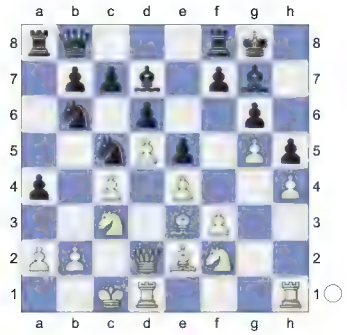
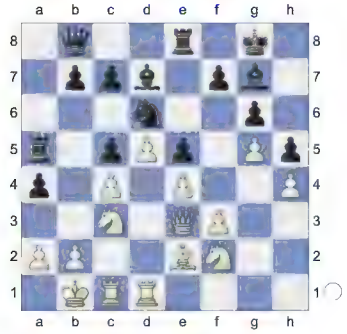
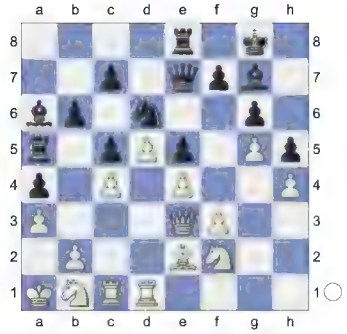
15.0-0-0 Qb8



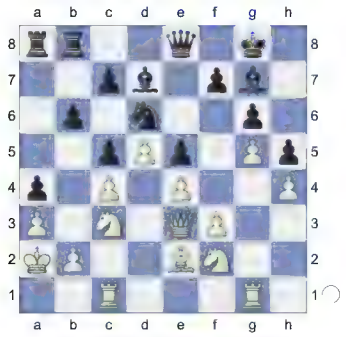
16.Bxc5 0.38/22
[16.Kb1± 0.85/23]
16...dxc5± 17.Qe3 Ra5 18.Kb1 Nc8 19.Rc1 Nd6 20.Rhd1 -0.36/22
[20.a3± 0.33/21]
20...Re8 0.25/21
[20...a3∓ -0.36/22]



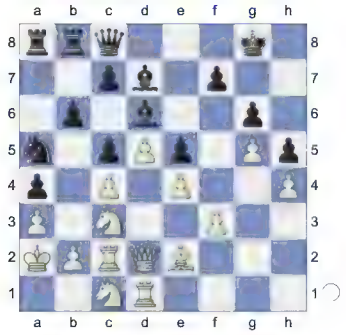
21.Bf1 b6 0.32/21
[21...a3= -0.06/24]
22.a3 Bc8 23.Ka1 Ba6 24.Nb1 Qd8 25.Be2 Qe7



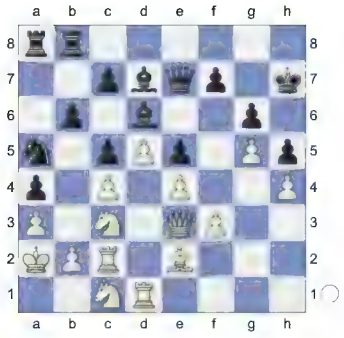
26.Rg1 Bc8 27.Nc3 Bd7 28.Qd2 Raa8 29.Ka2 Reb8 30.Qe3 -0.14/20
[30.Nfd1± 0.32/21]
30...Qe8 0.37/21
[30...Nb7= -0.14/20]



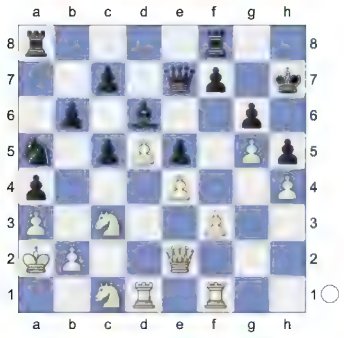
31.Rc2 -0.33/18
[31.Nfd1± 0.37/21]
31...Bf8 0.38/23
[31...Nb7∓ -0.33/18]
32.Rd1 -0.13/26
[32.Bd3± 0.38/23]
32...Nb7= 33.Nd3 Na5 34.Nc1! Bd6 35.Qd2 Qc8 0.30/23
[⌓35...Bf8 -0.13/24]



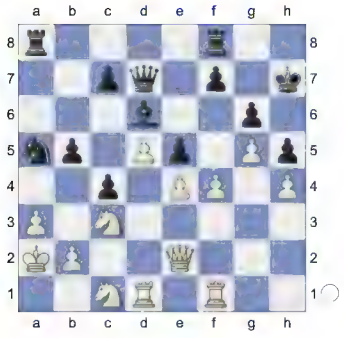
36.Bd3 Be8 37.Qe3 -0.31/21
[37.Qf2= 0.28/22]
37...Bd7 0.29/23
[Black should try 37...c6!∓ -0.31/21]
38.Qd2 Qd8 39.Qe3 Qe7 40.Be2 -0.32/23
[40.Qf2= 0.20/20]
40...Kh7 0.18/22
[Better is 40...Qe8∓ -0.32/23]



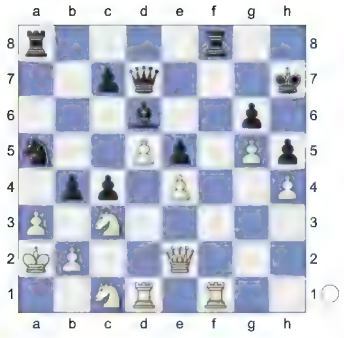
41.Bf1 Rf8 42.Rg2 -0.46/19
[White should play 42.Bd3= 0.18/19]
42...Bh3∓ 43.Rg1 Bxf1 44.Rgxf1 Nxc4 45.Qe2 Na5



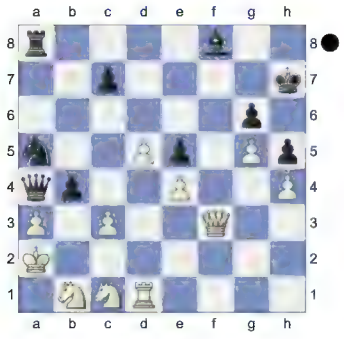
46.Nxa4? -3.53/24 This costs White the game.
[46.f4∓ -1.19/22]
46...c4 47.Nc3 Qd7 Prevents Nb5.
48.f4 -2.26/23
[⌓48.Kb1 -1.83/21]
48...b5-+



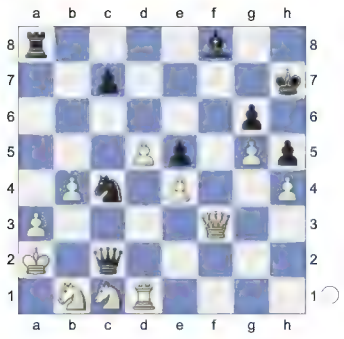
Threatens to win with ...b4. **49.f5?** -3.72/22
[49.fxe5 -2.12/20 was necessary.
Bxe5 50.d6]
49...b4 50.fxg6+ fxg6



51.Rxf8 Bxf8
[51...Rxf8? 52.axb4 Bxb4 53.Qe3-+]
52.Nb1 Qa4 53.Qf3 c3 White must now prevent ...Qc2. **54.bxc3?** -#7/17
[54.b3-+ -2.94/20 Qd7 55.Rd3]



54...Nc4 -7.86/21
[⌓54...b3+ -#7/17 55.Ka1 b2+ Decoy *(55...Bxa3 56.Qf7+ Kh8 57.Qf6+ Kh7 58.Qf7+ Kh8 59.Qf6+ Kh7 60.Qf7+=)* 56.Kxb2 Rb8+ 57.Ka1 Qc2 58.Qf7+ Bg7 59.Qxg7+ Kxg7 60.Rh1 Rxb1#]
55.cxb4 Qc2+



56.Ka1 Qb2#
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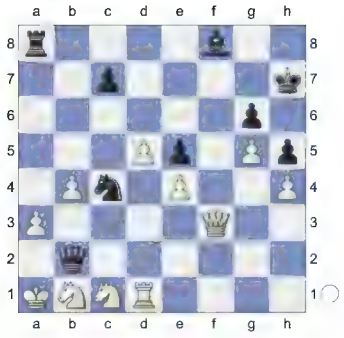

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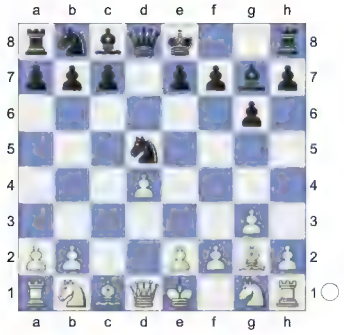
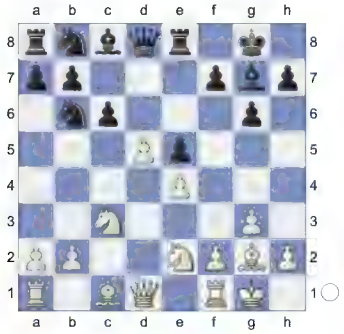
191 **D72**
□ **Mulyar,M** **2381**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2285**
8th Washington Int 2019 (3.9) 28.07.19
[Kitty Kat]

D72: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 e4 Nb6 (without Nf3)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5N
[4...0-0 5.Nc3 c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 *(8.Nc2 d6 9.b3 Ng4 10.Bb2 Qa5 11.Qd2 Be6 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ne3 Rac8 14.0-0 a6 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Rac1 b5 17.Ncd5 Qxd2 18.Rxd2 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Na7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Bd4 Rc1+ 22.Rd1 Rxd1+* 1-0 (79) Vismara,D-8.dc5 dc5 9. ♗e3 ♕a5 LSG-SMB bord 4 2007 (13) *)*
A) 8...Qa5 9.e3 *(9.Nc2 d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne5 12.a4 Bd7 13.Bg5 Rfe8 14.b4 Qc7 15.Na3 Qc3 16.b5 Rac8 17.Ra2 a6 18.Bd2 Qd4 19.Be3* ½-½ Piceu,T (2449)-Corominas Garrido,A (2389) Cuba 1994-96 (4) *)* 9...d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nd4 Nb5 20.Nf3 Qf6 21.Rac1 Rc5 22.a4 Nc7 23.e4 0-1 (44) Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) EU-Cup 32nd Novi Sad 2016 (5.1);
B) 8...Ng4 9.e3 d6 10.b3 Nxd4 11.exd4 Nh6 12.Bb2 Nf5 13.d5 Bd7 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Ne4 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 b5 19.Bf1 (67) Bologan,V (2663)-Grigoriants,S (2583) 102/ (45) Moscow 2008]
5.cxd5 Nxd5



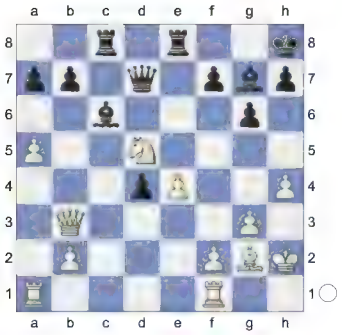
6.e4 Nb6 7.Ne2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbc3 Re8



11.Qb3 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nc6
The position is equal. **13.Be3 Nd4 14.Bxd4** -0.07/20
[14.Nxd4± 0.31/23 exd4 15.Bf4]
14...exd4= 15.Nef4 Bd7

(Diagram)

16.a4 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bc6 18.a5 Rc8 19.h4 Qd7 20.Kh2 Kh8



21.h5 -1.22/19

Re5 -0.37/17

[21...gxh5?! 22.Bh3 Bxd5 23.exd5∓]

[21...Rcd8!∓ -1.22/19 Hoping for ...f5. 22.Rfe1 gxh5]

22.hxg6∓ hxg6 23.Bf3 Rce8 24.Rh1 -0.85/21

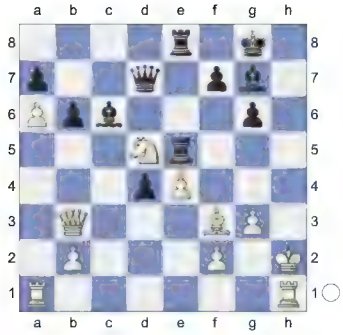
[24.a6!∓ -0.45/20 is superior.]

24...Kg8 -0.39/17

[24...a6∓ -0.85/21]

25.a6! b6

(Diagram)



26.Rac1 Rxe4 27.Bxe4 -1.70/19

This move loses the game for White.

[27.Nxb6= -0.18/23 and White has nothing to worry. axb6 28.Rxc6 Qxc6 29.Re1 Pin]

27...Rxe4-+ 28.Nf4 Bh6 This pair of bishops is nice. **29.Qc2?** -4.32/19

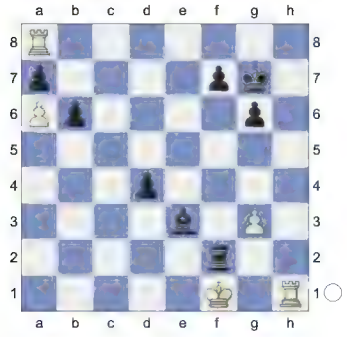
[29.f3 -1.64/23 Re3 30.Qc4 Bxf4 *(30...Bxf3 31.Qc8+ Qxc8 32.Rxc8+ Kg7 33.Rf1∓)* 31.Qxc6 Re2+ 32.Kg1 Qxc6 *(32...Bxc1? 33.Qxd7 Re1+ 34.Kg2+-; 32...Be3+? 33.Kf1-+)* 33.Rxc6 Be3+ *(33...Bxg3 34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.Ra8=)* 34.Kf1 Rf2+ *(34...Rxb2 35.Rd6∓)* 35.Ke1 Rxb2 36.Kf1]

29...Rxf4

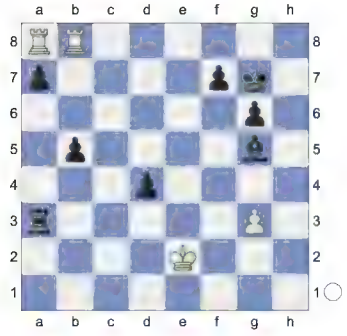
Discovered Attack **30.Qxc6 Rxf2+**

(Diagram)

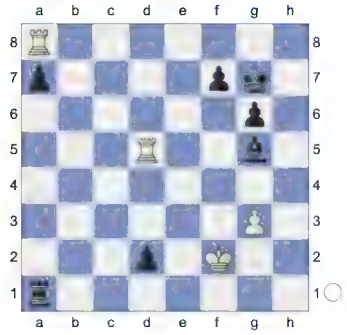
Discovered Attack **31.Kg1** White is weak on the dark squares **31...Qxc6** **32.Rxc6** Endgame. KRR-KRB **32...Be3**
[32...Rxb2? loses. 33.Rxh6 d3 34.Rd6+-]
33.Rc8+ Kg7 ...Rc2+ would now be deadly. **34.Ra8 Rxb2+** -2.70/5
[⌓34...d3 -4.71/23 aiming for ...d2. 35.Rxa7 d2 *(35...Rxb2+? 36.Kf1∓)*]
35.Kf1 Rf2+



36.Ke1 Ra2 ...Ra1+ is the strong threat. **37.Kf1 Rxa6 38.Ke2 Ra3** Strongly threatening ...f5. **39.Rhh8** -4.10/20
[⌓39.g4 -2.59/18]
39...b5 40.Rhb8 Bg5



White must now prevent ...d3+. **41.Rxb5 d3+**
[Don't play 41...Rxg3 42.Rd5∓]
42.Kf2 d2 43.Rd5? -4.62/18
[43.Rb1 -2.21/17 was the only chance.]
43...Ra1



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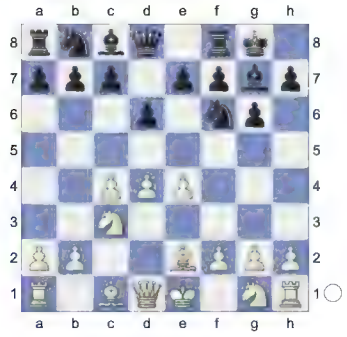
192 **E94**
□ **Sandoval Mercado,Carlos** **2370**
■ **George Micheal,Kevin** **2288**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
Inf 39/(748) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6**



6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3
[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.d5 Nf4 12.Nd2 Nf6 13.h3 c5

14.a3 b6 15.b4 h5 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Rb1 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 h4 19.Bh2 g4 20.hxg4 Nxg4 21.Rb3 Bh6 22.Rfb1 Kh7 Jovanovic,D (2391)-Maksimovic,B (2445) Paracin 2022 [Petrov,Marian] 0-1 (35)]

8...Qe7N is more profitable than 8...c6 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 8...c6.

[8...a5 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 *(11.Bd2 Nc5 12.Ne1 f5 13.Bxg4 fxg4 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 b6 17.b3 h5 18.a3 h4 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Qd2 h3 21.g3 Qf6 22.Qe2 Bh6 23.Bxh6 Kxh6 24.Rac1 Qf3 25.Qxf3 Rxf3* 8.dc5 dc5 9.♗e3 ♕a5_75778 (2575)-Pokorny,A (2520) ICCF 1978 Chess Informant [Mchedlishvili,M; Izoria,Z] 1-0 (66) *26.Rfd1 Raf8 27.Rd2 Bc8 28.Kf1 Ba6 29.a4 R8f7 30.Ke1 Kg7 31.Rb2 Rd3 32.Nb1 Rdf3 33.Rc3 R3f6 34.Re2 Bb7 35.Na3 c5 36.dxc6 Bxc6 37.Rce3 Kf8 38.Rd2 Ke7 39.c5 dxc5 40.Nc4 Rf3* Arabidze,M (2332)-Kolomaznikova,B (1985) Albena 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (66)*)* 11...h5 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.f3 Nf7 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Qe2 Kh8 16.Bc2 Rg8 17.Kh1 Nf8 18.Bf2 Qe7 19.Rae1 Rg7 20.Be3 h4 21.Bxh6 Nxh6 22.Nd1 g5 23.Ne3 Najdorf,M-Stein,L Moscow 1967 MCL [Dolmatov, Sergey] ½-½ (41)]

[8...h6 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Bf3 c6 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Rfe1 a5 15.Qd2 Qf8 16.Bf4 Nfd7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxd6 Re7 19.exf5 Bf6 20.Re3 Kh7 21.Rde1 Rxe3 22.Bxf8 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Veingold,A-Yrjola,J Tallinn 1985 CI1-130 [RR] 1-0]

9.Qc2 Re8 0.64/19

[9...exd4= 0.27/16 10.Nxd4 Nc5]

10.d5± Ng4

11.Bg5 Bf6 White is slightly better.

12.Bd2 Bg7 13.b4 Bh6N 1.25/18

[13...Ngf6 14.Nb5 Qd8 15.Rfc1 a6 16.Nc3 b6 17.Bg5 Bb7 18.h3 h6 19.Be3 Nh5 1-0 Latib,Y (1581)-Urbaniak,M (1521) LSS RD-2009-0-00030]

[⌓13...f5 0.73/16]

14.Nb5 Bxd2 15.Nxd2

[Resist 15.Qxd2?! Ndf6=]

[15.Nxc7 Bxb4 16.Nxa8 Nc5∓]

15...Ndf6

16.h3 Nh6 17.c5 Rd8 18.cxd6 1.08/22

[White should play 18.Rfc1+- 1.61/18]

18...cxd6± 19.Rfc1 a6 1.54/19

[⌓19...Bd7 1.14/19]

20.Na3 1.06/20

[⌓20.Nc7 1.54/19 Rb8 21.a4]

20...b5

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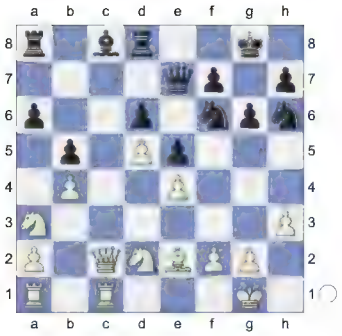
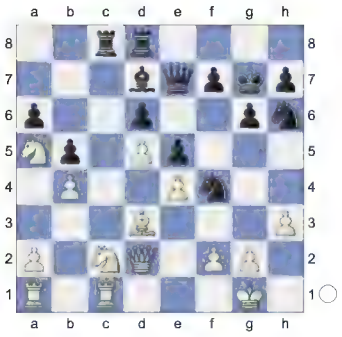


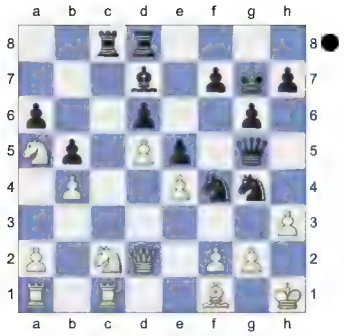
21.Nb3 0.61/20
[21.Nab1± 0.92/19]
21...Bd7± 22.Na5 Rac8 23.Qd2 Kg7
24.Bd3 0.01/20
[White should try 24.Qe3± 0.57/18]
24...Nh5= 25.Nc2 Nf4



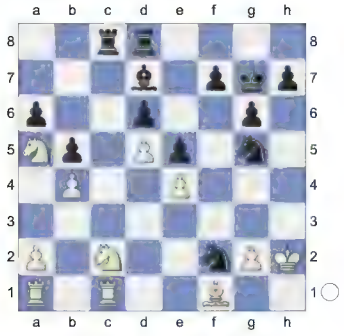
26.Bf1 -0.85/20
[26.Ne1= -0.12/20 keeps the balance.]
26...Qg5∓ And now ...Nxh3+ would win. &Nero is more active. **27.Kh2** -3.21/22
[27.Ne3∓ -0.80/22]

27...Ng4+!-+ 28.Kh1

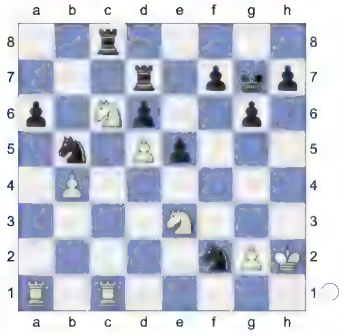
(Diagram)



Nxh3! 29.Qxg5 Ngxf2+
[29...Nxg5 30.f3∓]
30.Kh2 Nxg5

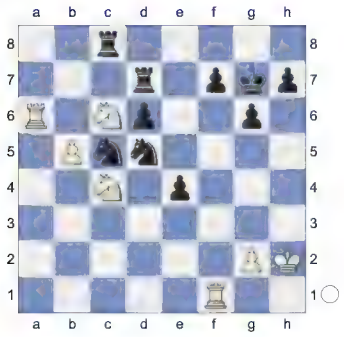


Really sharp! **31.Ne3 Ngxe4** Strongly threatening ...Rxc1. **32.a4 Nc3** -2.16/23
[⌓32...Rc3 -3.82/20 33.Rxc3 Nxc3]
33.axb5 Bxb5 34.Bxb5 Nxb5
[Stronger than 34...axb5 35.Nc6 Nfe4 36.Nxd8 Rxd8 37.Ra7∓]
35.Nc6 Rd7
[And not 35...Nd3 36.Rd1 Rxc6 37.dxc6 Nxb4 38.Rdc1∓]

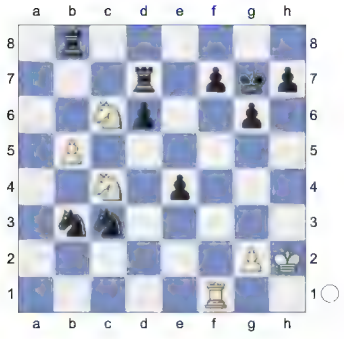


36.Rxa6 Nd3 37.Rd1 -2.40/22
[37.Rca1 -1.72/20 might work better.]

37...e4 38.Nc4? -5.18/23
[38.Rb6 -1.80/22 is a better chance. Nc3 39.Ra1]
38...Nc3 39.Rf1 -6.11/22
[⌓39.Rda1 -4.14/22 Nxb4 40.Nxd6 Nxa6 41.Nxc8 Rxd5 42.Ra3]
39...Nxd5 aiming for ...e3. **40.b5 Nc5**



41.Raa1 Rb8?? 3.94/21 **42.Rab1??** -3.44/19
[42.Nxb8+- 3.94/21 is the narrow road to win. Rb7 43.Nc6]
42...Nc3?? 2.11/23 **43.Rb3** -5.76/25 **Nxb3**



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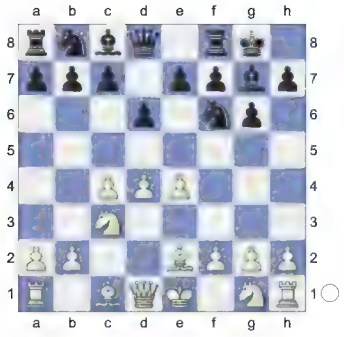
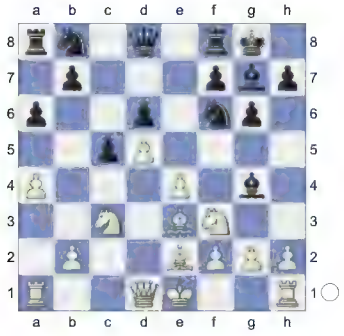
193 **E73**
□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Masters Open 2024 (9.58) 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0



6.Be3 c5 6...Na6 is the modern continuation.6...Sa6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4** White is better.
10...Bg4



11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Rb8N
[13...Re8 14.h3 Nh5 15.g4 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.a5 h5 18.f3 b5 19.axb6 Qxb6 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.Qe3 hxg4 23.hxg4 Rab8 24.Rxa6 Rb4 25.Rc6 Qd7 26.Qxc5 Bf8 27.Qf2 Nh7 28.Kg2 0-1 Siddharth,J (2415)-Nogerbek,K

(2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Sep Late blitz 2022 (10)0-1 (52) Siddharth,J (2415)-Nogerbek,K (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Sep Late blitz 2022 (10)]

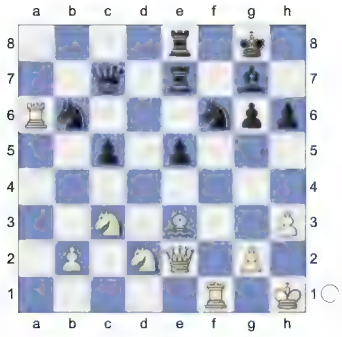
14.a5 White is more active. **14...Re8**
15.h3 Qc7

16.Ra4 'N' 'N'
[16.Rfe1 h6 17.Ra4 Re7 18.Kh1 Rbe8 19.Rc1 Nh5 20.g4 Nhf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.Bxg5 ½-½ (81) Dai,C (2507)-Nurmanova,A (2347) Qatar Masters op 2023 (3)]
16...h6 17.Kh1 Re7 18.f4 Rbe8 1.33/23
[⌓18...Nh5 0.84/22 19.Qf3 Ree8]

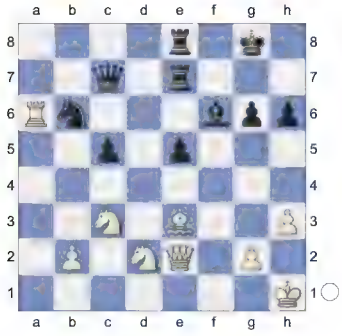
19.e5 0.74/23
[⌓19.Qf3! 1.33/23]
19...dxe5 1.16/22
[⌓19...Nh5 0.74/23 20.Qf2 dxe5]
20.f5± b5

(Diagram)

Wards off Nc4 **21.axb6 Nxb6 22.d6** 0.81/21
[Better is 22.Rxa6 1.41/25 Threatens to win with d6! Nfxd5 23.fxg6 Nxe3 24.gxf7+ *(24.Qxe3 fxg6 25.Nde4 Re6±)* 24...Rxf7 25.Rxf7 *(25.Qxe3 Nc4=)* 25...Qxf7 26.Rxb6 *(26.Qxe3 Nc4±)*]
22...Qxd6 23.Rxa6 Qc7? 3.10/22
Black cannot hold the game after this.
[23...gxf5± 1.00/19 24.Rxf5 *(24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Rxd6 Nxd6±)* 24...Re6]
24.fxg6+- fxg6



25.Rxf6! Bxf6



26.Nc4 Re6
[Don't blunder 26...Nxc4? 27.Qxc4+

(27.Nd5 Qb7+-) 27...Kg7 28.Rxf6+- *(28.Bxc5 Qc8±)*]

27.Rxb6

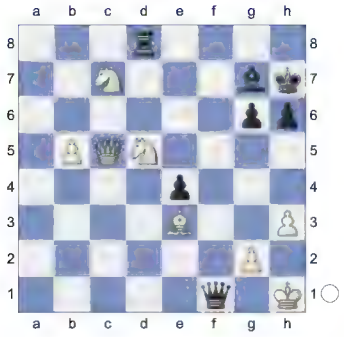
[27.Ne4 Bg7 28.Bxc5 *(28.Nxb6 Rxb6 29.Rxb6 Qxb6-+)* 28...Nc8=]

27...Rxb6 28.Nd5! Qc6 29.Ncxb6 Qf3! would now be deadly. A dynamic duo of knights. **29...Bg7 30.Qc4** Strongly threatening Ne7+. **30...Kh7**

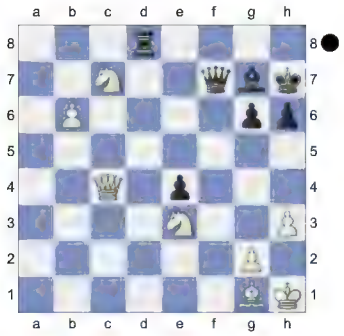
31.Qxc5 Qb7 3.97/24

[⌓31...Qxc5 2.80/22 32.Bxc5 e4]

32.b4 Qf7 33.Nc7 Rd8 34.Nbd5 e4 35.b5 White is clearly winning. **35...Qf1+**



36.Bg1 Rf8 37.Ne3 Inhibits Rf5. **37...Qf7 38.b6 Rd8 39.Qc4**



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194 **D85**

□ **Nguyen,Van Huy** **2364**

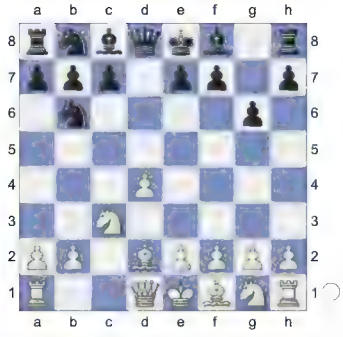
■ **Savchenko,Boris** **2489**

Bhubaneswar SOA op 1st (10) 04.02.24

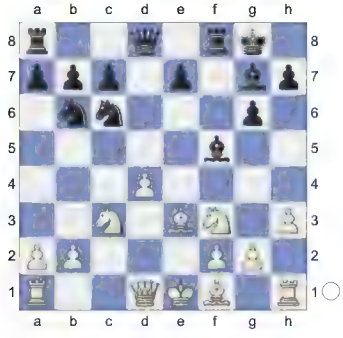
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3

Predojevic,B: 'Inf 94/(361)' **1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Nb6**



6.e4 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.h3 The old main line.The old main line. **8...Nc6 9.Nf3 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5**



11.Qb3+ e6N

[11...Kh8 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Rd1 *(14.g4 Bd7 15.Rd1 Qe8 16.Bg2 Qf7 17.0-0 h5 18.f4 Bg7 19.Rd2 hxg4 20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.Ne4 Qe8 22.Nc5 c6 23.dxc6 bxc6*

24.Ne6 Bxe6 25.Qxe6 Rf6 26.Qh3+ Kg8 27.Bd4 Rf7 28.Qe6 Rd8 Galje,H (2389)-Gnuechtel,A (2293) www.remoteschach.de 2014 1-0 (32)*)*
14...Qd6 *(14...Qc8 15.Bd3 e6 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.0-0 Qd7 18.Bc5 Rfe8 19.Nb5 Nc8 20.Rfe1 Nd6 21.Rxe5 Rxe5 22.Nxd6 cxd6 23.Bd4 f4 24.Bxe5+ dxe5 25.d6 Kg7 26.Rc1 Kh6 27.Rc7 Qxd6 28.Qf7 Rf8 29.Qxh7+* Sokolov,I (2685)-Krasenkow,M (2672) Baden - Baden 2005 CBM 107 [Krasenkow] 1-0 (37)*; 14...Bg7 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Rxd3 Qd6 17.0-0 c5 18.Qb5 c4 19.Rd2 Qd7 20.Qb4 e6 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Qxc4* Gleizerov,E (2572)-Prasad,D (2359) Dubai 2005 CI1-130 [Gleizerov,E]*; 14...a5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Bg2* Chabanon,J (2426)-Spielmann,A (2283) Paris 2005 CI1-130 [Predojevic, Borki] *)* 15.g4 Bd7 16.Bg2 Qf6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ne4 Qg7 19.Nxg5 Ba4 20.Qd3 Bxd1 21.Rxd1 Bxb2 22.Ne6 Qf7 23.Qc2 Bf6 24.g5 Be5 25.f4 Bd6 26.Be4 Chapter-Games Game 7 (31)]

12.g4 Bc2 13.Qxc2 Hoping for Bg2.

13...Rxf3 14.Qe4 Rf7 15.0-0-0 Qd6

16.h4 Raf8N

[Vorgänger: 16...Nd5 17.Bc4 *(17.Kb1!?)* 17...Ncb4 18.h5 Qc6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Qb1 a5 21.a3 b5 22.g5 0.05/20 *(22.Kd2⩲* 0.39/17 *Na6 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Ne2)* 22...Rb8= 23.hxg6 hxg6 ½-½ Sanchez Carol,J (1966)-Schuller,J (2402) W-ch WS/M/286 email 2010]

17.h5 Rf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Qg2 0.01/20

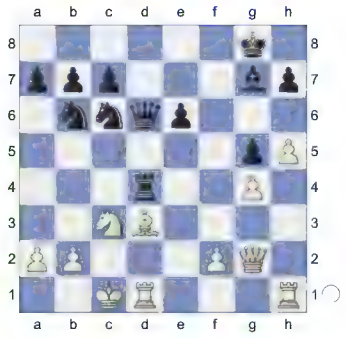
[19.Qd3⩲ 0.35/18 was preferrable.]

19...g5 0.38/19

[19...Nd5= 0.01/20 20.Kb1 Bxd4 21.Nxd5 exd5]

20.Bd3 Rxd4 0.62/21

[20...Bxd4= 0.10/20 21.f3 Nd5]



21.Be4 -0.45/22

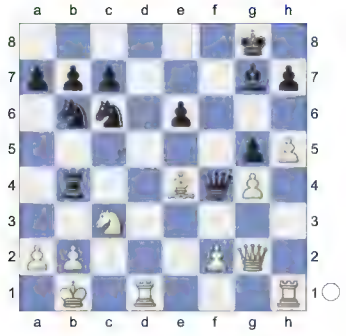
[21.Bc2!⩲ 0.62/21]

21...Qf4+ 0.70/21

[21...Nc4∓ -0.45/22 22.h6 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Qb4 24.Bxh7+ Kf7 25.Qf3+ Ke7]

22.Kb1⩲ Rb4 0.96/19

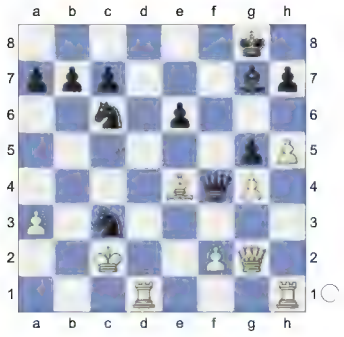
[22...Rc4⩲ 0.62/21 might be stronger.]



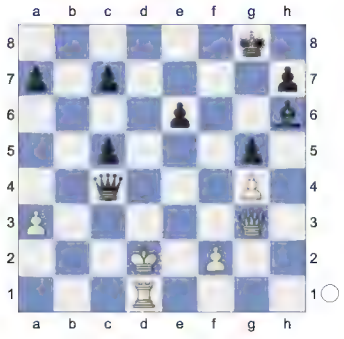
23.a3!± Rxb2+ Decoy

[23...Rb3 24.Bc2]

24.Kxb2 Na4+ Pair of Knights! **25.Kc2** 0.36/20
[25.Ka1 Nxc3 26.Rd7 *(26.h6? Nxd1+ 27.Kb1 Nc3+ 28.Kc2 Nxe4-+)* 26...Nxe4+ 27.Kb1 Nd2+ 28.Kc2 Nf3-+]
[Better is 25.Kb3± 1.29/21 Nxc3 26.Bxc6 Nxd1 27.Rxd1 bxc6 28.Qxc6 Qxg4 29.Rd7]
25...Nxc3±

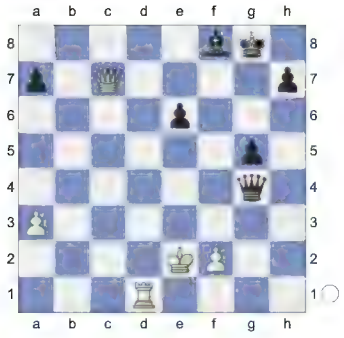


26.Bxc6 Nxd1 27.Rxd1 Chess con chili. **27...Qc4+ 28.Kd2 bxc6=** Endgame KQR-KQB **29.Qg3 c5 30.h6 Bxh6**

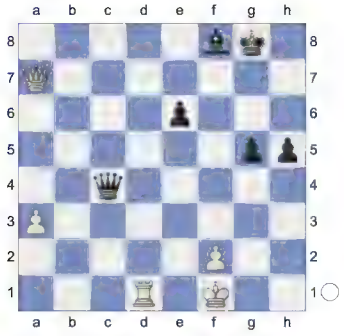


31.Ke1 Threatens to win with Qf3. **31...Qe4+ 32.Qe3 Qxg4 33.Qxc5 Bf8 34.Qxc7 Qg1+ 35.Ke2 Qg4+**

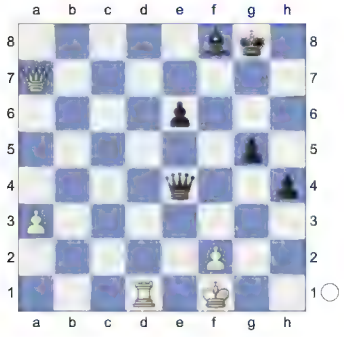
(Diagram)



36.Ke1 Qe4+ 37.Kf1 Qh1+ 38.Ke2 Qe4+ 39.Kf1 h5 40.Qxa7 Black should prevent Rd4. **40...Qc4+**

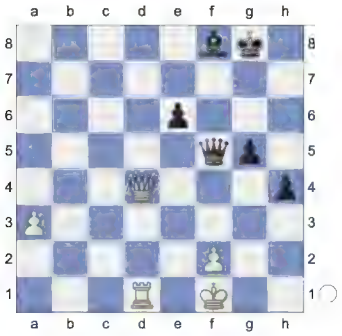


41.Ke1 Black must now prevent Qe3. **41...Qc3+ 42.Ke2 Qc4+ 43.Ke1 Qe4+ 44.Kf1 h4** 0.73/23
[44...Qc4+= 0.01/21 45.Ke1]

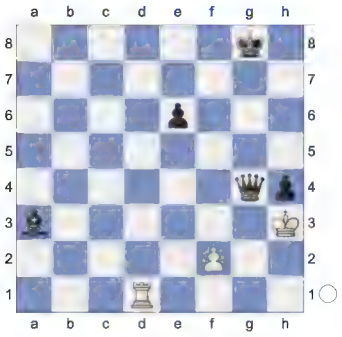


45.Qd4 0.09/22
[45.Rd4!± 0.73/23 Qh1+ 46.Ke2]
45...Qf5 2.07/21
[45...Qxd4= 0.09/22 46.Rxd4 Bxa3]

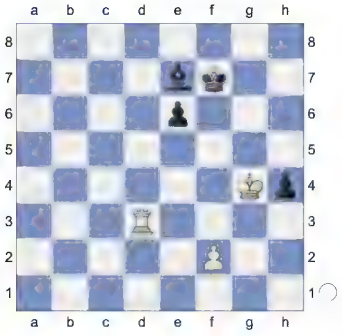
(Diagram)



46.Qd3+- And now Qxf5 would win.
46...Qf6 47.Kg2 g4 48.Qe4 Prevents Qf4. **48...Bxa3 49.Qxg4+ Qg7 50.Kh3** 1.21/23
[50.Rd8++- 2.02/27 Kh7 51.f3]
50...Qxg4+±



51.Kxg4 KR-KB **51...Be7 52.Rd3 Kf7**



53.Kh5 1.05/29
[⌓53.Rb3! 1.60/28]
53...Kg7 54.Re3 0.69/27
[White should play 54.Rd1± 1.00/28]
54...Kf7 55.Kh6 Bc5

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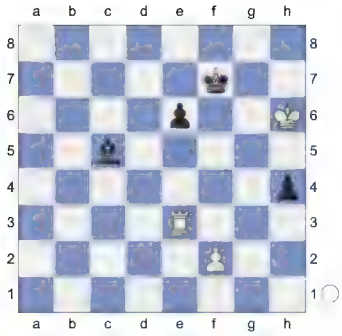
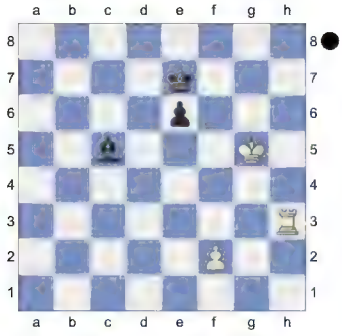


56.Rf3+ 0.33/27
[56.Rc3± 0.81/24 Bd4 57.Rh3]
56...Ke7± 57.Kg5 h3 58.Rxh3



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½-½

195 **E90**
□ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
■ **Goutham Krishna,H** **2466**
Masters Open 2024 (8.29) 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0

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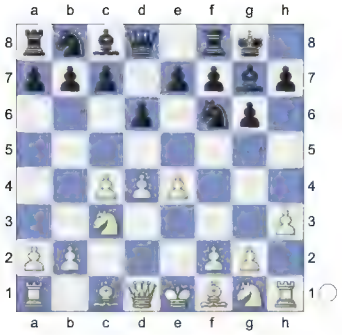


6.Be3 c6 7.Nf3 Na6 '!' '!' now scores much better than the old 7...a6. punktet besser als das ältere 7...a6.

8.Nd2

[8.Bd3 e5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.c5 dxc5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.Na4 Re8 14.Re1 c4 15.Bg5 Qb4 16.Bd2 Qb5 17.Qc2 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bc3 Be6 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Nc3 Rad8 22.Re3 Rd4 0-1 (32) Zakhartsov,V (2526)-Guseinov,G (2636) AI Cup Play In Match rapid 2023 (1.2)]

8...Nc7N

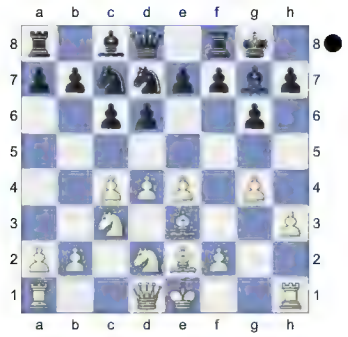
[8...e5 9.d5 Nh5 10.g3 Bd7 11.Be2 Nf6 12.g4 cxd5 13.cxd5 Qc7 14.a3 Rfc8 15.g5 Ne8 16.h4 Bf8 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.h5 Ng7 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Rc1 Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Be7 22.Rg1 Bd8 23.Qc4 0-1 (43) Jones,G (2657)-Kozul,Z (2591) 17th ch-EUR Indiv 2016 (9.25)]

[8...Nd7 9.g4 c5 10.d5 e6 11.Be2 Re8 12.Nb5 exd5 13.cxd5 Nf6 14.Nc3 Rb8 15.h4 b5 16.g5 Nh5 17.Nxb5 Qd7 18.a4 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Na3 Nb4 21.Bb5 Rxb5 22.axb5 f5 23.gxf6 0-1 (33) Gukesh,D (2520)-Saric,I (2667) Douglas 142/194 2019 Nxf6 24.Nc2 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Nxb4 cxb4 27.Qe2 Qf5 28.Rd1 b3 29.Rd3 b2 30.Kd2 Rb4 31.Rb1 Bd7 32.Qd1 Bxb5 33.Ra3 Rxh4 Chapter E75-Games Chapter E75 Game 1]

9.Be2 Nd7 White is slightly better.

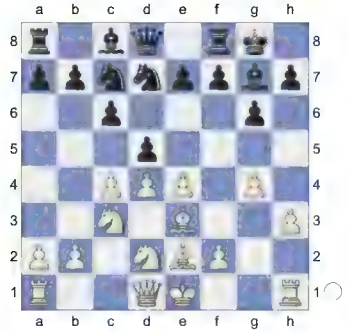
10.g4 -0.36/20

[10.0-0± 0.61/21]



10...d5!∓

[10...a6 11.a4 Kh8 12.h4 f5 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.Bd3 Rf8 16.Nde4 Nf6 1-0 (38) Flick,A (2318)-Berend,F (2328) Francophone-ch rapid 3rd 2016 (5)]



'N' 'N' **11.cxd5**

[11.exd5 cxd5]

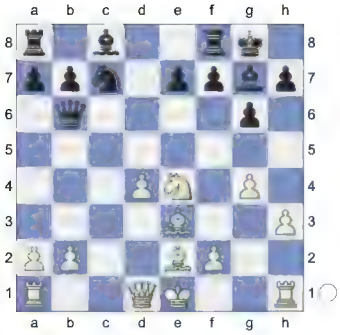
11...cxd5 12.exd5 -0.95/21

[12.a4∓ -0.40/21]

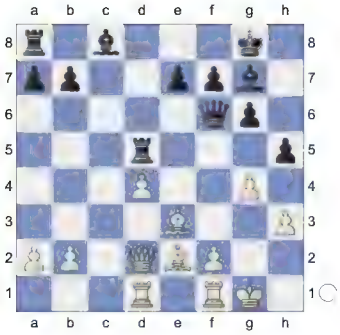
12...Nf6 13.d6 Qxd6 14.Nde4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Qb6 -0.34/20

[15...Qd7∓ -0.84/21 16.Qd2 Rd8]

(Diagram)

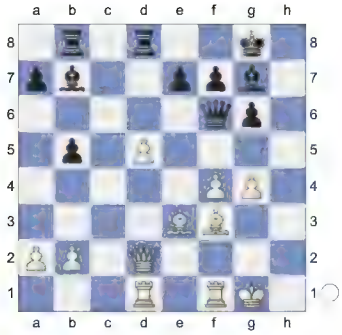


16.Qd2 -1.20/19
[16.0-0!∓ -0.34/20]
16...Nd5∓ 17.Nc3 -1.92/20
[17.Bg5∓ -1.14/21 was called for.]
17...Rd8 -0.47/19
[Better is 17...Nxe3-+ -1.92/20 18.fxe3 Be6]
18.Nxd5∓ Rxd5 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.0-0 h5

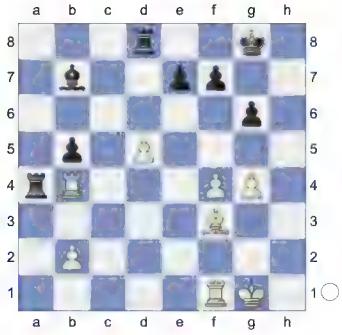


21.f3 -0.75/18
[21.Bc4= -0.09/18 keeps the balance. Rd8 22.Bg5]
21...b5 0.35/23
[Black should try 21...Be6∓ -0.75/18]
22.f4 -0.02/22
[22.Bd3!± 0.35/23]
22...hxg4= The position is equal.
23.hxg4 Rb8 24.Bf3 Rd8 25.d5 Bb7

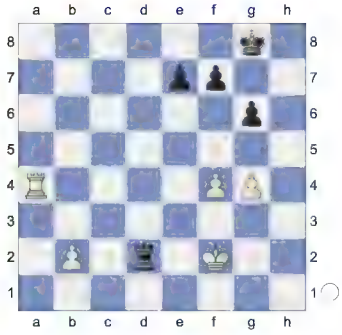
(Diagram)



26.Bxa7 Ra8 27.Bd4 Qxd4+
[27...Qh4 is interesting. 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Qc3+ Kg8]
28.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Rxd4 Rxa2 30.Rb4 Ra4



31.Rxa4
[31.Rxb5 Ba6 32.Rb3 Bxf1 *(32...Rxf4 33.Rc1∓)* 33.Kxf1 Rxf4-+]
31...bxa4 32.Ra1 Bxd5 33.Bxd5 Rxd5 34.Rxa4 Endgame. KR-KR **34...Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rd2+**



36.Kf3 Rxb2 37.Ra7 Rb3+ 38.Ke4 e6 39.g5 Kg7 40.Rc7 Rb1

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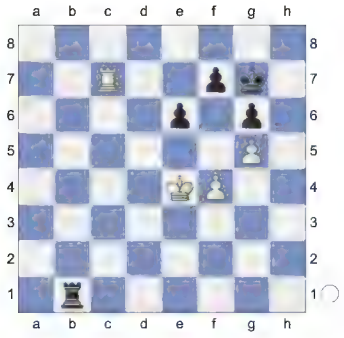
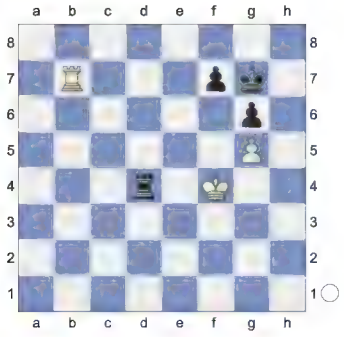
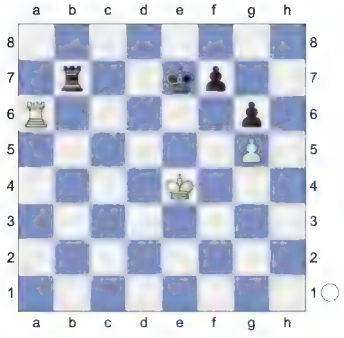


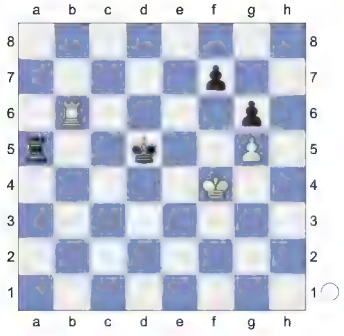
41.Ra7 Re1+ 42.Kf3 e5 43.fxe5 Rxe5 44.Kf4 Rd5 45.Rb7 Rd4+



46.Kf3 Kf8 47.Rc7 Ke8 48.Ra7 Rd7 49.Ra6 Ke7 50.Ke4 Rb7

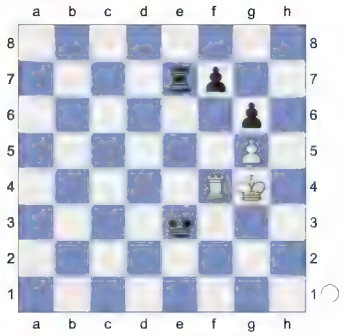


51.Ra4 Rc7 52.Rb4 Ra7 53.Kf4 Ra5 54.Rb7+ Ke6 55.Rb6+ Kd5

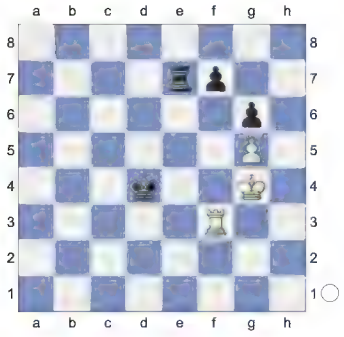


56.Rf6 Ra7 57.Kg4 Ke5 58.Kh4 Re7

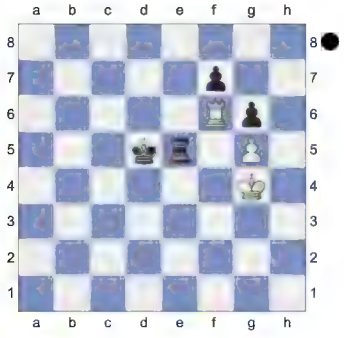
59.Kg4 Ke4 60.Rf4+ Ke3



61.Rf3+ Kd4



aiming for ...Re4+. **62.Rf6 Kd5 63.Kh4 Re4+ 64.Kg3 Re5 65.Kg4**



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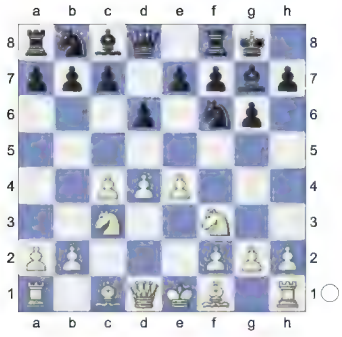
196 **E94**
□ **Nguyen,Van Huy** **2358**
■ **Fedorov,Alexei** **2385**
Bhubaneswar op-A 15th (9) 08.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0



6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Qe7N is recently more successful than 8...c6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8...c6.

[8...a5 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 *(11.Bd2 Nc5 12.Ne1 f5 13.Bxg4 fxg4 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 b6 17.b3 h5 18.a3 h4 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Qd2 h3 21.g3 Qf6 22.Qe2 Bh6 23.Bxh6 Kxh6 24.Rac1 Qf3 25.Qxf3 Rxf3* Uhlmann,W (2575)-Knaak,R (2520) Halle/Saale 1978 EXT 2000 [Knaak,Rainer] 1-0 (66) *26.Rfd1 Raf8 27.Rd2 Bc8 28.Kf1 Ba6 29.a4 R8f7 30.Ke1 Kg7 31.Rb2 Rd3 32.Nb1 Rdf3 33.Rc3 R3f6 34.Re2 Bb7 35.Na3 c5 36.dxc6 Bxc6 37.Rce3 Kf8 38.Rd2 Ke7 39.c5 dxc5 40.Nc4 Rf3* Arabidze,M (2332)-Kolomaznikova,B (1985) Albena 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (66)*)* 11...h5 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.f3 Nf7 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Qe2 Kh8 16.Bc2 Rg8 17.Kh1 Nf8 18.Bf2 Qe7 19.Rae1 Rg7 20.Be3 h4 21.Bxh6 Nxh6 22.Nd1 g5 23.Ne3 Najdorf,M-Stein,L Moscow 1967 MCL [Dolmatov, Sergey] ½-½ (41)]

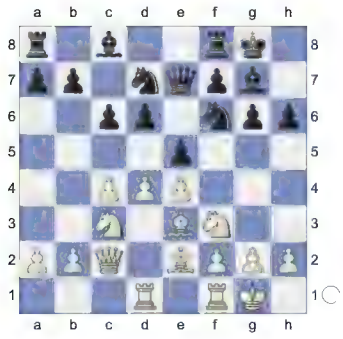
[8...c6 9.d5 c5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.a3 Nh7 14.f3 h5 15.b4 Bh6 16.Bf2 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Ra2 Ndf6 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.Rb1 Rfb8 21.Rab2 Ne8 22.Bd3 Bg5 23.Nf1 Li,S (2539)-Qiao,L (2350) Chiva 2006 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (50)]

9.Qc2 c6 10.Rad1 0.32/20

[10.d5± 0.72/18]

10...h6 0.72/20

[10...exd4± 0.32/20 was preferrable. 11.Nxd4 *(11.Bxd4 Re8=)* 11...a5]



11.d5± c5 12.g3 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **12...Nh7** White is slightly better. **13.Nh4 Ndf6 14.Rb1N**

[14.Qd2 0.17/20 14.Ng2 0.49 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.f3 Bh3 17.Rf2 Ng5 18.Re1 Bd7 19.Kh1 Kh7 20.Rff1 0-1 Quintiliano Pinto,R (2469)-Jones,G (2670) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Sept blitz 2020 (3)]

14...Bh3 15.Rfe1 Ng4

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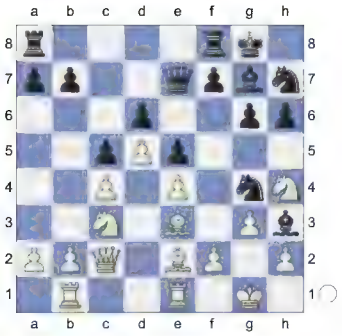
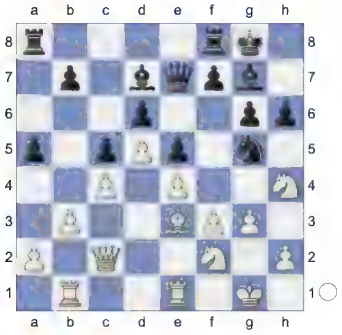
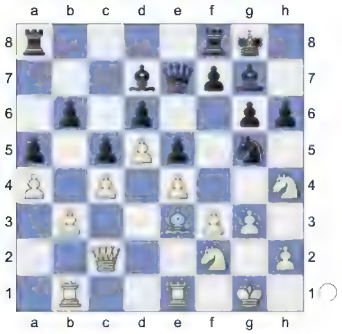


16.Bxg4 0.17/20
[16.Bd2± 0.51/16]
16...Bxg4= 17.f3 Bh3 18.Nd1 a5
The position is equal. **19.b3 Ng5 20.Nf2 Bd7**



21.a4 b6



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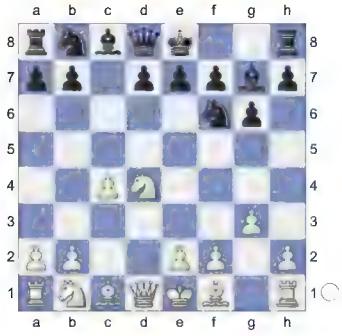
197 **A31**
□ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**
Masters Open 2024 (2.35) 04.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

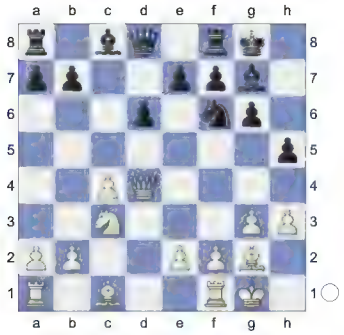
A31: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7**



6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 h5N
[7...0-0 8.Nc3 Ng4 *(8...Qa5 9.Nf3 d6 10.Nb5 Ng4 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.h3 a6 13.Nc3 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Na4 Qd8 16.Rc1 Be6 17.b3 d5 18.Nc5 dxc4 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.bxc4 Nc6 21.Rb1 Qc7 22.Be3 Rad8 23.Qb3* 1-0 Imocha,L (2054)-Nawin,M (1856) IND-ch 59th New Delhi 2022 (12)*; 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Be3 Bf5 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Bd4 Rab8 14.Rac1 Be6 15.b3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.e4 Ng4 18.Rc2 Rfc8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rfc1 Qa7 21.Qe2 b4 22.Nd5 Rxc2 23.Rxc2* ½-½ Abramovic,B (2480)-Cebalo,M (2515) EUCup f Ljubljana 1995 (2) *Bxd5 24.exd5 Ne5 25.h3 h5 26.Qe4 Rb5 27.Kh2 f5 28.Qf4 Ra5 29.Qd2 Nd7 30.Qe2 Ne5 31.f4 Nf7 32.Qd2 Qb6 33.Rc4 Qa7 34.Rc2 Kf8 35.Qe2 Rc5 36.Qe3 Qc7 37.Rxc5 Qxc5 38.Qe2* ½-½ Grigorenko,D (2480)-Simpson,J (2515) 6th Fano

Summer Open A Fano ITA 2017 (2)) 9.e3 d6 10.b3 Nxd4 *(10...a6 11.Bb2 Nxd4 12.exd4 Rb8 13.a4 Nh6 14.Nd5 Nf5 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 e6 17.Nb4 Rxb6 18.Nc6 Qc7 19.Na5 d5 20.Ba3 Rd8 21.Bc5 Rb8 22.cxd5 exd5 23.b4 Bd7 24.Re1 Bb5 25.Qd2* ½-½ Hrbek,M (2590)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2645) Sparkassen Dortmund GER 2008 (6) *)* 11.exd4 Nh6 12.Qd3 Nf5 13.d5 b5 14.cxb5 a6 15.b6 a5 16.Re1 Ba6 17.Qd2 h5 18.Bb2 Bh6 19.Qd1 Qxb6 20.Bh3 Bc8 21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.Rxe7 The Center Gambit Attack (2395)-Krapivin,V (2581) USSR 11/341 1971]

8.h3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 0-0 White is slightly better. **10.Nc3 d6**



11.Qd3 Be6 12.Bxb7 -0.16/24

[12.Bg5± 0.31/22]

12...Bxh3 13.Bg2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qd7 15.e4 -0.53/20

[15.f3= 0.11/19]

15...Rac8 -0.09/20

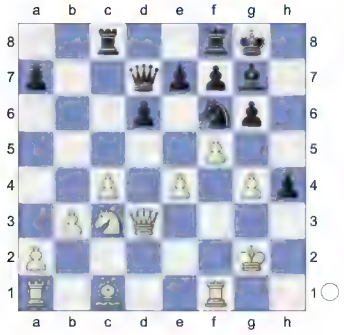
[15...h4∓ -0.53/20]

(Diagram)

16.f3= Qe6 17.b3 h4 18.g4 Prevents Nh5 **18...Qe5 19.f4 Qe6** 0.82/21

[19...Qa5= 0.21/19 remains equal.]

20.f5± Qd7



21.Bd2 Nxg4 22.Qh3 Nf6 1.41/20

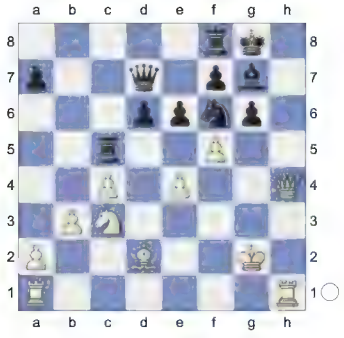
[22...Ne5!± 0.66/21]

23.Qxh4 e6 24.Rh1 0.63/21

[White should play 24.Bg5± 1.51/20 Nh5 25.f6]

24...Rc5

[24...exf5? 25.Nd5 Nh5 26.Ne7++-]



25.Raf1 0.00/19

[25.Bg5?! Nh5 26.f6 Rxg5+ 27.Qxg5 Bxf6∓]

[25.Be3!± 0.86/21]

25...Nh5? 2.10/21

[25...gxf5? too greedy. 26.Bh6+-]

[25...exf5= 0.00/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 26.Nd5 Rxd5 27.exd5 *(27.cxd5 Re8∓)* 27...Re8]

26.Qg4? -0.63/22

[26.f6+- 2.10/21]

26...Nf6 0.22/22

[26...exf5∓ -0.63/22 27.exf5 Re8]

27.Qh3

[27.fxe6 simplifies Qxe6 28.Qxe6 fxe6 29.Rh3]

27...Nh5 1.60/21

[27...exf5= 0.18/17 28.exf5 Qb7+ 29.Kg1 Re8]

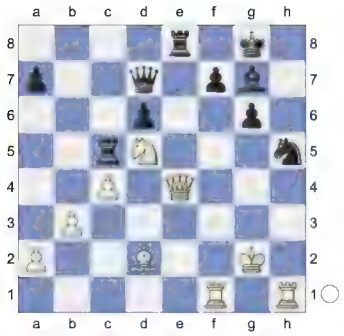
28.Qf3? -0.87/20

[28.f6± 1.60/21 Nxf6 *(28...Bxf6? 29.Rxf6 Ra5 30.Rh2+-)* 29.Rxf6]

28...exf5∓ 29.Nd5 -2.04/20

[29.Rxh5∓ -0.97/17 might work better. gxh5 30.exf5 Bxc3 31.Bxc3]

29...fxe4-+ 30.Qxe4 Re8↑



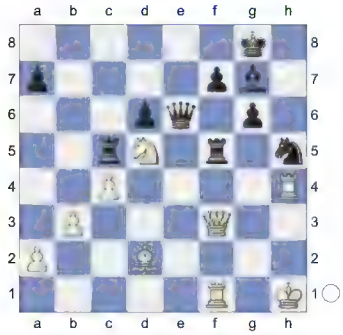
Black is in control. **31.Qf3 Re5** -1.31/21

[Black should try 31...Nf6-+ -1.93/23 aiming for ...Nxd5. 32.Bb4 *(32.Nxf6+? loses. Bxf6 33.Re1 Rf5-+)* 32...Re5 33.Nxf6+ Bxf6 Remove Defender]

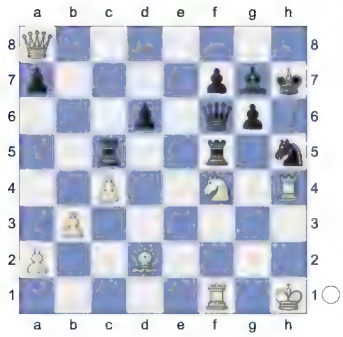
32.Rh4 Qe6 33.Kh1? -4.28/17

[33.Kg1∓ -1.23/19 is more resistant.]

33...Rf5



Skewer **34.Nf4 Qf6 35.Qa8+ Kh7**



36.Rh3 Bh6 37.Rff3 -7.81/18

[⌓37.Qe4 -4.65/17]

37...Bxf4 38.Bc3 Be5 ...Bxc3 is the strong threat. **39.Rxh5+ Rxh5+ 40.Kg2 Qg5+**

Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted

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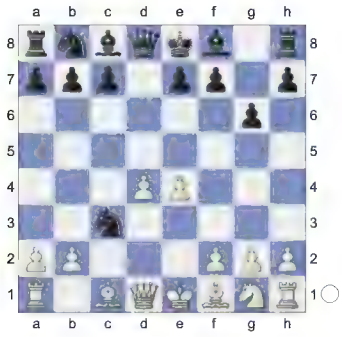
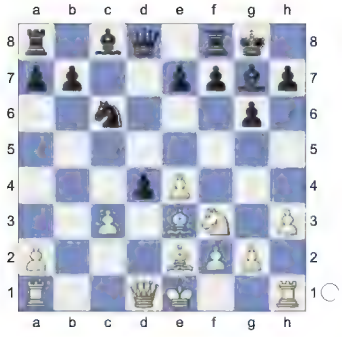
198 **D85**
□ **Gordon,Frederick** **2355**
■ **Royal,Shreyas** **2522**
Hastings Masters op 98th (8) 02.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

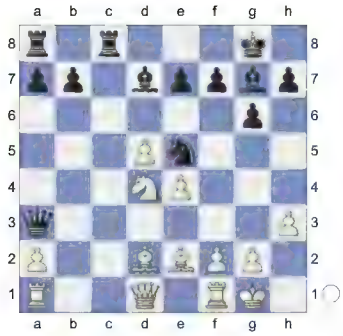


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Be2 cxd4

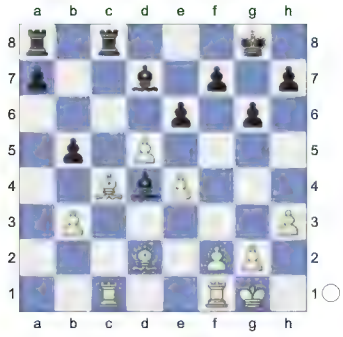


11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 White has an edge. **13.d5 Ne5 14.0-0 Bd7!** now scores much better than the old 14...Nxf3+.punktet besser als das ältere 14...Sxf3+. **15.Nd4 Rfc8**

(Diagram)



16.Qb3 Against Nc4 **16...Qxb3 17.axb3 Nd3 18.Bxd3 Bxd4 19.Rac1 e6 20.Bc4N**
[20.Rfe1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 exd5 22.exd5 aiming for Rc7. Rc8 Inhibits Rc7. 23.Re1 Kg7 24.Kf1 -0.27/18 *(⌓24.Re7 0.06/18 Rd8 25.Bf4)* 24...Kf6 0.24/21 *(⌓24...Bf6* -0.27/18 *)* 25.h4 -0.18/20 *(⌓25.Re4* 0.24/21 *Bc3 26.Be3)* 25...Bc3= 26.Bg5+ ½-½ Hoffman,A (2473)-Ricardi,P (2554) Pinamar Masters 1st 2001 (8) Kg7 27.Re7 Re8 28.Rxe8 Bxe8 29.Ke2 Bd7 30.Be3 a6 31.Bb6 Kf6 32.Be4 Bb5+ 33.Ke3 Ke7 34.d6+ Kxd6 35.Bxb7 Bb4 36.Kd4 Be1 37.Ke3 a5 38.Be4 Bd7 39.Bc2 Kd5 40.Be4+ Kd6 41.Bc2 Apolonov (2473)-Schmakel,S (2554) Forchheim 2001 CBM 043 Extra [Zsolt Karacsony] ½-½ (52)]
20...b5

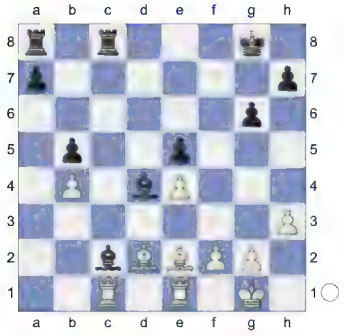


21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Be2 e5 23.Rfd1 Be6 24.b4 -0.53/21
[24.Bxb5= -0.01/21 Bxb3 25.Rxc8+

Rxc8 26.Rb1]

24...Bb3∓ 25.Re1 Bc2 0.98/24

[25...a6∓ -0.38/21]



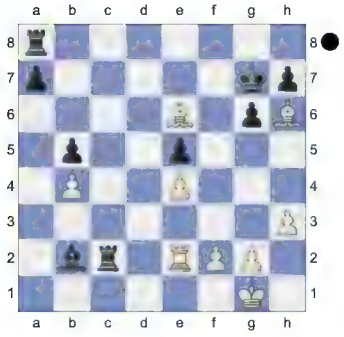
26.Bg4 0.12/23

[26.Bxb5± 0.98/24 Bb2 27.Ba6]

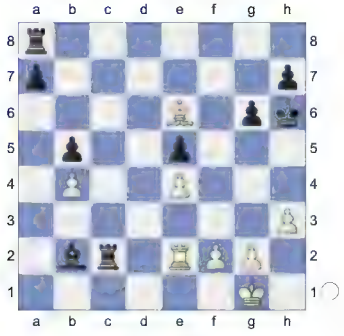
26...Rc7!= 27.Re2 Bb2 28.Be6+

[28.Rce1!?]

28...Kg7! 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 30.Bh6+!

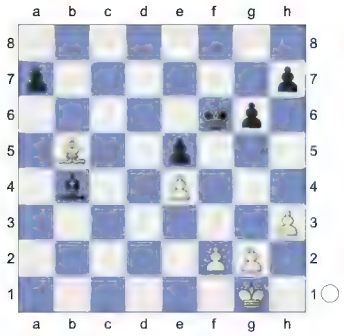


Discovered Attack **30...Kxh6**



31.Rxc2 Endgame KRB-KRB **31...Ba3 32.Rc8 Rxc8 33.Bxc8 Bxb4** Hoping for ...Bc3. KB-KB **34.Ba6 Kg5 35.Bxb5 Kf6** -0.14/23

[35...Kf4∓ -0.50/26 deserves consideration.]



36.Kf1 -0.51/24

[36.g3= -0.14/23]

36...Ke6 37.Ke2 Kd6 38.Kd3 -0.56/22

[38.Be8= -0.23/21]

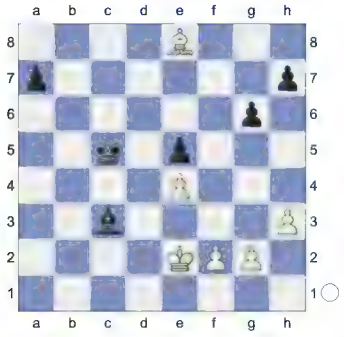
38...Kc5 39.Be8 -0.01/23

[39.Ba6∓ -0.49/23]

39...Be1 -0.38/22

[39...a5= -0.01/23]

40.Ke2∓ Bc3



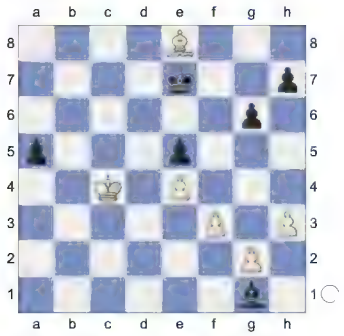
41.Kd3 Bd4 42.f3 Bg1 43.Bf7 Kd6 -0.01/25

[43...g5∓ -0.73/26]

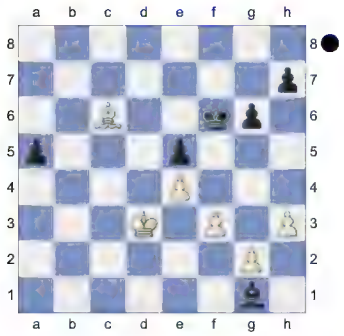
44.Be8 -0.68/24

[44.Bg8!= -0.01/25]

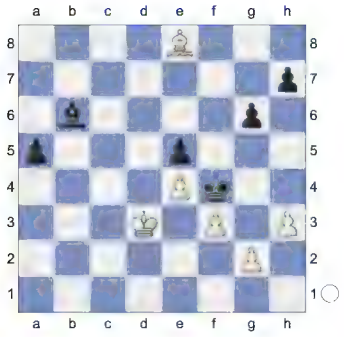
44...a5 45.Kc4 Ke7



46.Bc6 -0.01/26
[46.Ba4∓ -0.47/26]
46...Kf6 -0.35/26
[46...Bf2= -0.01/26]
47.Kd3 -1.11/27
[47.Kb5∓ -0.35/26]

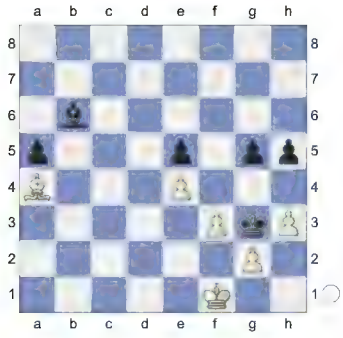


47...Kg5!∓ 48.Be8 Bd4 49.Ke2 Bb6 -0.19/27
[49...Kf4∓ -0.98/30]
50.Kd3 -1.00/29
[50.g3= -0.19/27]
50...Kf4

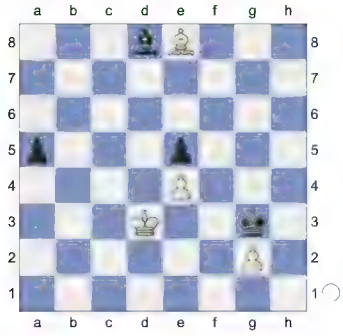


...Kg3 is the strong threat. **51.Ke2 Ba7 52.Ba4 g5** -0.58/26
[52...Bd4∓ -1.09/28]
53.Be8 Bb6 54.Ba4 Kg3 55.Kf1 h5

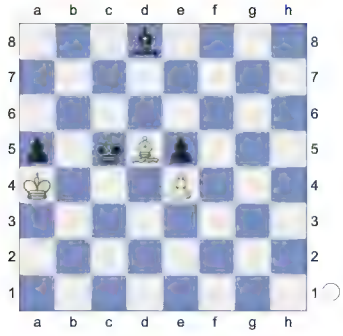
(Diagram)



56.Be8 g4 -0.33/32
[56...h4∓ -1.04/33]
57.hxg4∓ hxg4 58.Ke2 Bd8 -0.21/32
[58...Kf4∓ -0.58/31 was preferrable.]
59.fxg4 Kxg4 60.Kd3 -0.67/33
[60.Bd7+= -0.26/33 is more appropriate. Kg3 61.Kd3]
60...Kg3

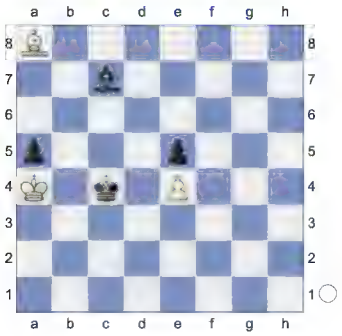


61.Kc4 Kxg2 -0.01/35
[Black should try 61...Bg5∓ -0.60/30]
62.Kb5= Kf3 63.Bc6 Ke3 64.Ka4 Kd4 65.Bd5 -0.58/36
[Better is 65.Kb5= -0.06/35]
65...Kc5!∓



66.Ba8 Bb6 67.Bd5 Bc7! 68.Ba8 Kc4 69.Bd5+ Kc5 70.Ba8! Kc4 -0.01/58

[70...Kb6∓ -0.53/37]



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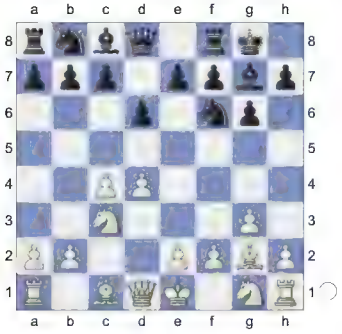
199 **E68**
□ **Krishna Teja,N** **2349**
■ **Kotronias,Vasilios** **2453**
Pozarevac Rudar GM 02 (4) 11.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E68: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 e4
The King's Indian Defence - Fianchetto by GM Vasilios Kotronias **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6**



6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Re1 Nc5!

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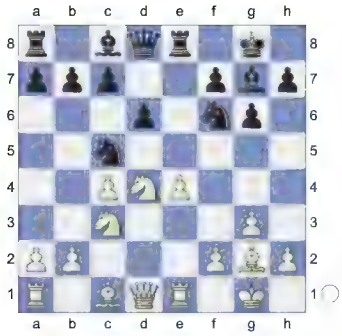
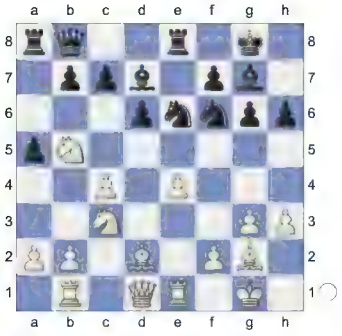


10...Nc5 is better than 10...a6. 10...Sc5 ist besser als 10...a6. **11.h3 h6 12.Rb1 a5 13.Ndb5**
[13.b3 c6 *(13...a4 14.Re2 axb3 15.axb3 c6 16.Kh2 h5 17.Kg1 Nh7 18.b4 Ne6 19.Be3 h4 20.g4 Be5 21.Rd2 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Qf6 23.Ne2 g5 24.Be3 Nf8 25.Nd4 Ng6 26.Nf3 Bf4 27.Bxf4 Nxf4 28.Rxd6* Jakovljevic,V (2355)-Kotronias,V (2459) Belgrade 2022 0-1 (64)*)* 14.Rb2 *(14.Bf4 Nh7 15.Qd2 Ng5 16.h4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nge6 18.Qxd6 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Nd3 20.Qxh6 Nxe1 21.Rxe1 Qd4 22.Ne2 Qe5 23.Qe3 a4 24.Nd4 axb3 25.Nf3 Qb2 26.axb3 Ra2 27.Bf1 Ra1 28.h5 Rxe1* Eljanov,P (2697)-Shevchenko,K (2645) Germany 2023 Mega2023 Update 26 [Krasenkow,Michal] 0-1 (71) *)* 14...d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Ndb5 Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Rc2 Be6 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxd8 Raxd8 21.Nc7 Re7 22.Ba3 Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Rd2 24.Bc1 Rxa2 25.Rxb7 Bc3 26.Rd1 Ra1 27.Kg2 Kh7 Keymer,V (2690)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) Baku 2023 1-0 (44)]
13...Bd7 14.Bf4N
[14.b3 Qc8 15.Kh2 h5 16.Bb2 h4 17.g4 Bc6 18.Kg1 Qd8 19.Qc2 a4 20.b4 Ne6 21.Rbd1 Nd7 22.Na3 Ne5 23.Bc1 g5 24.Nd5 Ng6 Von der Lasa-Nguyen,T Enghien les

Bains 2022 200 Traps In The Opening [INF 92/(203)]]

14...Ne6 The position is equal. **15.Bd2 Qb8N**

[Vorgänger: 15...Nc5 16.Qc2 Qc8 17.g4 Bc6 *(17...h5!?)* 18.Rbd1 Ne6 0.48/16 *(18...h5=* 0.12/16 *)* 19.Be3± Nd7 20.Nd5 g5 21.b3 Bxb5 22.cxb5 ½-½ Batchuluun,T (2466)-Priasmoro,N (2504) Asia zt 3.3 Jakarta 2023 (6)]



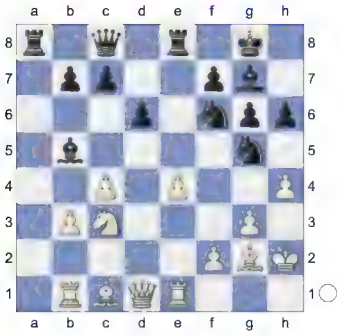
16.Bc1 a4 17.b4 0.10/19

[17.Nxa4± 0.44/18 Ng5 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Nac3]

17...axb3= 18.axb3 Ng5 19.Kh2 Qc8 20.h4 -0.88/20

[20.Bxg5= 0.11/19 remains equal. hxg5 21.Qd2]

20...Bxb5∓



White is on the road to losing. **21.Nxb5 Ngxe4** Pair of Knights! **22.f3**

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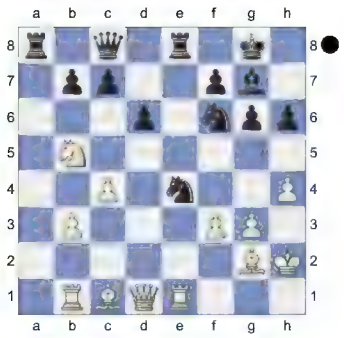
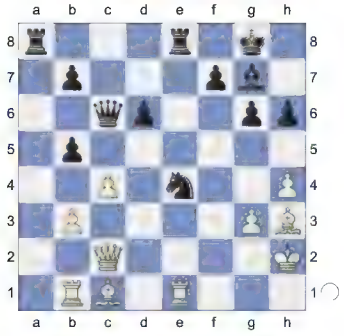


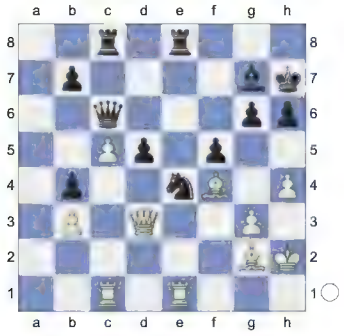
Prevents Ng4+. **22...c6! 23.Qc2**

[23.fxe4 cxb5]

23...cxb5 24.Bh3 Qc6 Hoping for ... Nc3! **25.fxe4 Nxe4**



aiming for ...Nc3. **26.Bg2 f5 27.Bf4 d5 28.Rbc1 Rac8 29.c5 b4 30.Qd3 Kh7**



31.Re2 h5 32.Bd2 -4.14/21

[⌓32.Bf3 -2.87/19]

32...Be5-+ 33.Bxe4 -5.66/20

[33.Kg1 -4.04/19 keeps fighting.]

33...fxe4 34.Qe3 d4 35.Qh6+ Kg8

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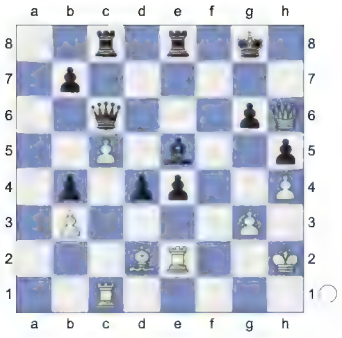
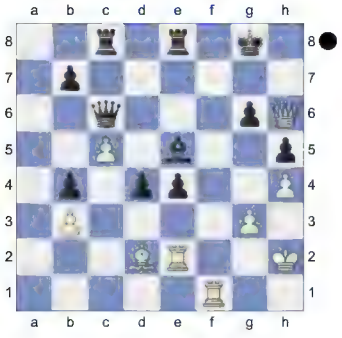
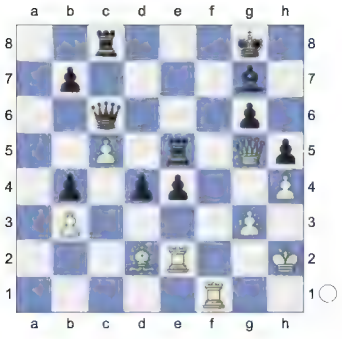


36.Rf1? -10.53/19
[36.Rce1 -3.98/18]



36...Bg7 37.Qg5 Re5



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200 **D90**
□ **Peng Zhaoqin** **2349**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2529**
Olympiad Women 2022 (7.3) 05.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines
In this game we will look at a fantastic example that I saw in the book Gamechanger by Sadler and Regan. The domination employed by AlphaZero, the computer produced and built by Google's Deepmind program, is breathtaking. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7**

6.Bd2N
[6.Na4 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be3 Nxa4 9.Qxa4 c5 10.Rd1 Bg4 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Qa3 Nd7 13.Be2 b6 14.b4 a5 15.cxb6 axb4 16.Qxa8 Qc3+ 17.Bd2 Rxa8 18.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 19.Nd2 Nxb6 20.Bxg4 Nc4 ½-½ (56) Glaser,G (2342)-Liang,S (2431) 51/590 137152 1991 (6)]
[6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Be3 *(8.Bb2 Qa5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.d5 Nd7 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Be2 Be5 16.g3 Bh3 17.Re1 c4 18.Qc2 f5 19.Bf1 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 f4 21.gxf4 Rxf4 22.f3 Raf8* 0-1 (24) Kolesnikov,R-Darmogray,M Bakharov mem 1994*)*
8...Qa5 9.Qd2 0-0 *(9...Nc6 10.Rb1*

a6 11.Rc1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 e6 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.e5 0-0 16.Rb1 b5 17.h4 Ne7 18.h5 Bc6 19.h6 Bh8 20.Ng5 Bxg2 21.Rhc1 Bd5 22.Rc7 Nf5 23.Ne4 Rfc8 24.Rbc1 1-0 (48) Grandmaster Model Games-AlphaZero vs. Stockfish 8 Developing Chess Intuition: Domination 2023*)* 10.Rc1 Rd8 11.d5 e6 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Bd3 b6 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Be2 Qa4 17.c4 Na5 18.Qd3 Qxa2 19.h4 Qb3 20.Rc3 Qa4 ½-½ (66) Garus,E (2624)-Leveille,F (2581) 7/59 Sarajevo 1969 (5.3)]

6...c5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Bxc3 cxd4 9.Bb5+ The position is equal. **9...Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7**

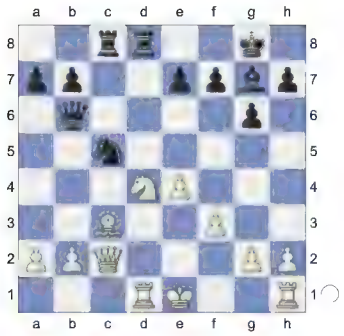
11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.f3 -2.17/22

[White should play 12.0-0∓ -0.31/26]

12...0-0-+ 13.Qd2 Qb6 Strongly threatening ...Rad8. **14.Rd1** -2.79/23

[⌓14.Qc2 -1.99/22]

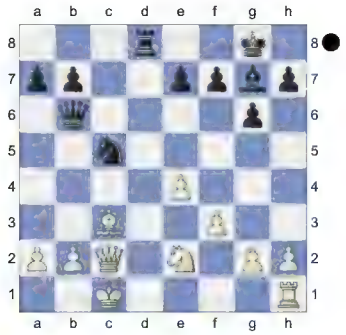
14...Rfd8 15.Qc2 Rac8



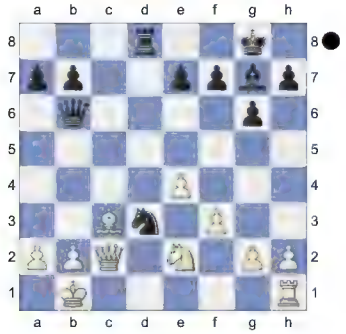
16.Ne2 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Rd8+ -2.18/20

[⌓17...Nd3 -3.79/22 18.Qxd3 Rd8 19.Qxd8+ Qxd8+ 20.Kc2 Qb6]

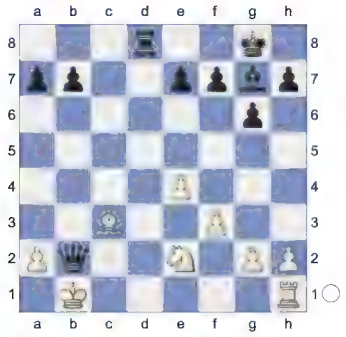
18.Kc1



Nd3+! 19.Kb1



Nxb2 X-Ray Attack **20.Qxb2 Qxb2+**



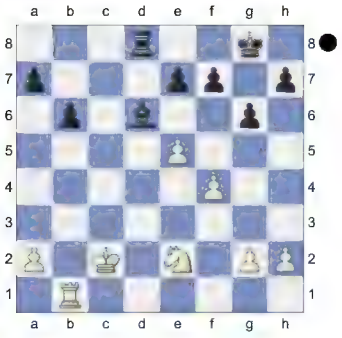
21.Bxb2 Bxb2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **22.Kc2** Dodges Rd2+ **22...Be5 23.Rb1 b6**

[Resist 23...Bxh2 24.g3∓]

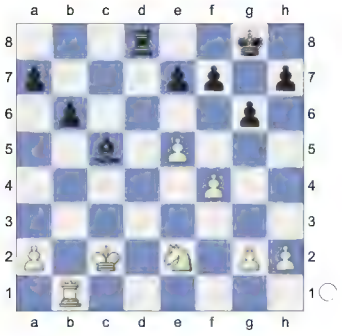
24.f4 Bd6 25.e5 -2.31/22

[⌓25.Rd1 -1.87/20]

(Diagram)



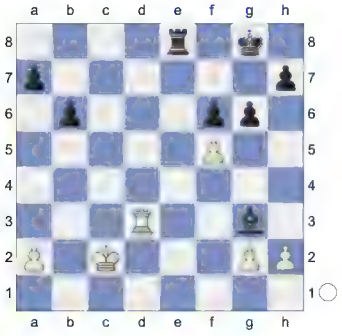
25...Bc5!



26.Rb3 f6 27.exf6 exf6 28.f5 Re8 29.Ng3 Bd6 ...Bxg3 is the strong threat. **30.Rd3** -4.39/22

[30.fxg6 -2.56/22 was called for. hxg6 31.Rd3]

30...Bxg3



31.Rxg3 KR-KR **31...Re2+ 32.Kb3 g5 33.h4 h6 34.hxg5** Black is clearly winning. **34...fxg5 35.a3 Kg7**

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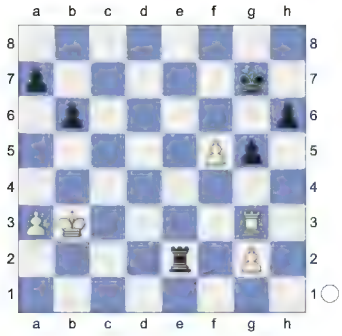
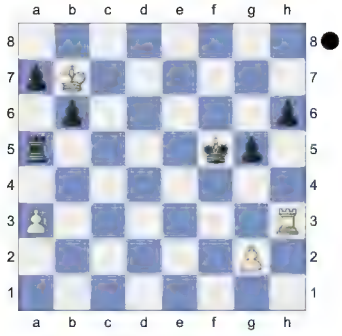


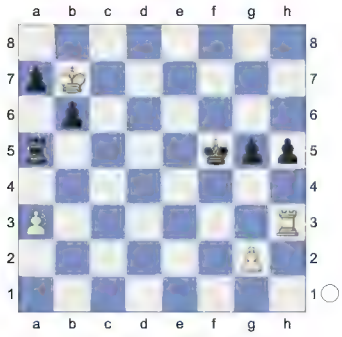
36.Kb4 Kf6 37.Kb5 Re5+ 38.Ka6 Ra5+

[38...Rxf5 39.Kxa7 b5 40.Rh3∓]

39.Kb7 Kxf5 40.Rh3



h5!



41.Rf3+

[41.Rxh5 Rxa3]

41...Ke5

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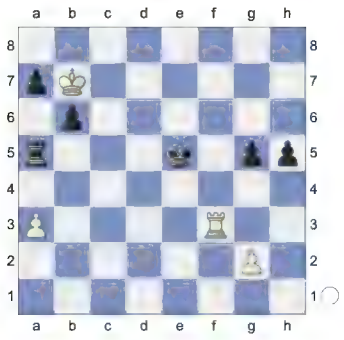

Black took control after the opening.
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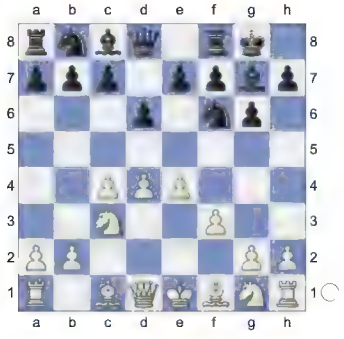
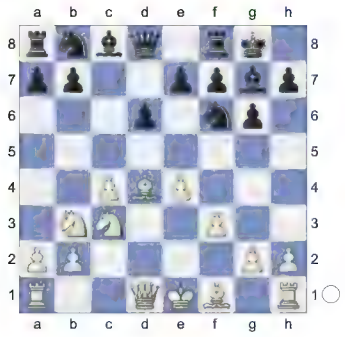
201 **E81**
□ **Gong,Sunle** **2338**
■ **Vakhidov,Jahongir** **2572**
Pavlodar op (8) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E81: King's Indian: Sämisch: 6th move deviations (including 6 Be3 c6)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0



6.Be3 c5 7.Nge2 7.Nge2 scores better than 7.dxc5.7.Sge2 punktet besser als 7.dxc5. **7...Qa5 8.Nc1 Qb6!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[8...cxd4 9.Nb3 Qe5 10.Bxd4 Qf4 11.g3 Qg5 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Be3 Qh5 14.Bg2 Nd7 15.Nd5 e6 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Nd3 Qf6 18.h4 Qe7 19.h5 a5 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.a4 d5 22.cxd5 exd5 23.exd5 Chigogidze,K (2726)-Sethuraman,S (2737) Riadh 2011 CBM 32 [Nastasio,Davide] 0-1 (40)]
9.Nb3 cxd4 White has an edge.
10.Bxd4 Qd8



11.Be2N
[11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Nd5 Na4 17.Rc2 a5 18.Rfc1 b6 19.Kh1 Nc5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.b3 e6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Rb2 d5 24.exd5 exd5 25.a3 dxc4 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2604)-Skara,M (2640) www.desc-online.de 2023 CT-1677 [John Watson] 1-0 (42) 26.bxc4 Nc6 27.Nd5 Nxd4 28.Bxd4 Be6 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Qc3+ f6 31.Nxb6 Rb8 32.Qxa5 Qd4 33.Rb5 Qe3 34.Re1 Nb7 35.Qb4 Rf7 36.Bf1 Qf2 37.Nd5 Bxd5 38.cxd5 Re8 39.Rd1 Nd8 40.d6 Nc6 Rodshtein,M (2604)-Sargsyan,S (2640) Krakow 2023 1-0 (42)]
11...Nc6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Rc1 Nd7 14.Qd2 a5 15.Na4N
[15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qb6 18.Qxb6 Nxb6 19.b3 a4 20.Kd2 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 ½-½ Klochan,P (2348)-Hassim,U (2333) VW-Cup12 Gr18 email 2019]
15...Nb4
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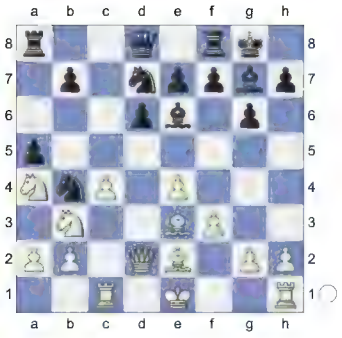
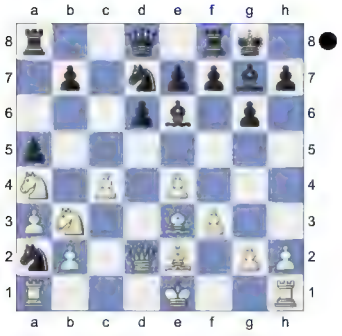


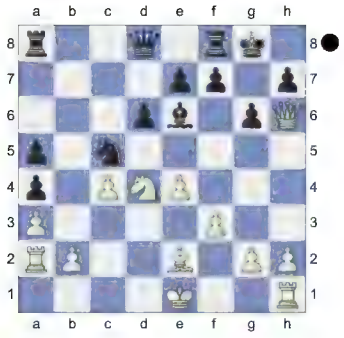
16.a3 -0.61/22
[16.Nc3= -0.01/20]
16...Na2∓ 17.Ra1



And now Nd4 would win. **17...b5!**
18.Rxa2 Strongly threatening Nc3.
[18.Nd4 bxa4]
18...bxa4 19.Nd4 Nc5 20.Bh6 -1.17/21
[20.Nxe6∓ -0.37/18 fxe6 21.h4]
20...Bxh6∓

21.Qxh6

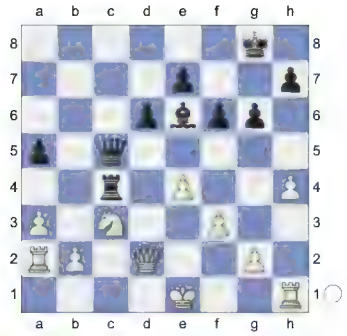
(Diagram)



Qb6! 22.h4 f6 23.Nb5? -3.21/23
[23.Qe3∓ -1.01/20]
23...Nb3-+ 24.Nc3 Qd4 Threatens to win with ...Rac8. **25.Nxa4?** -3.43/21
[25.g3 -1.74/21 keeps fighting.]
25...Rac8
[Don't blunder 25...Bxc4? 26.Bxc4+ Qxc4 27.Nc3-+]

26.Nc3 Rxc4 27.Bd1
[Avoid the trap 27.Bxc4? Bxc4 28.Qf4 g5 29.hxg5 e5-+]
27...Rb8 28.Bxb3? -7.00/21
[28.Ne2 -2.85/21 Qc5 29.Nc3]
28...Rbb4?? 13.03/22 **29.Bxc4** 5.06/21
[⌓29.axb4 13.03/22 Bf7 30.Bxc4 Qxc4 31.Rxa5]
29...Rxc4+- 30.Qd2 Qc5

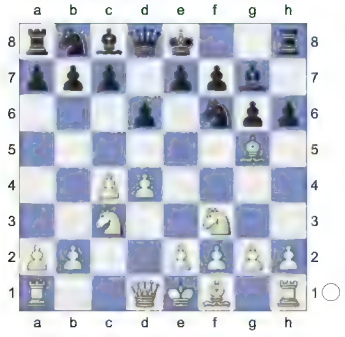
(Diagram)



Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.06 (flawless) . Loss on time!?
0-1

202 **E61**
□ **Pavlovic,Goran** **2337**
■ **Arsovic,Goran** **2356**
SRB-chT Premier (1.6) 27.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6N
[4...0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Nxc6 *(9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Rad1 h6 19.h4 Rdc8 20.Nd5 a5 21.Nb6 Rc7 22.Nd5 Rcc8 23.Rfe1 b6* Grimm,S (2657)-Campos (2720) Russia 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (34)*; 9.Nc2 d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne5 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Be3 Nc4 15.Nf5 Nxe3 16.Nxe3 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.b3 Qa5 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Nc4 Qb4 21.Qd3 a6 22.Rfd1 h5 23.h4 Bf5* Wiratunga,J (2089)-Czopor,M (2320) London 2024 0-1 (35)*; 9.Nb3 Qh5 10.c5 d6 11.cxd6 Rd8 12.e4 exd6 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd4 Rac8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Kf7 20.e5 Ne8 21.exd6 Nxd6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re2 Nc4* Peixoto,A (2552)-Reddehase,S (2531) Bern 2014 Catastrophe Open File [Santos in Peao Distante] 1-0 (39) *24.Rxd8 Nxd8 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nd4 Nd6 27.Nf3 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Kf6 29.Ne5 N8f7 30.Ng4+ Ke7 31.Bd5 Nd8 32.Nxh6 Nb5 33.Be4 Nd4 34.Rd2 Nf5 35.Ng8+ Ke8 36.Nf6+ Ke7 37.Ng4 Rc4 38.Rd7+ Kxd7* Wauters,L (1970)-Stephan,J (2168) Issy les Moulineaux 2006 EXT 2007 [Primel,Dominique] 0-1 (39)*)* 9...bxc6 10.Bd2 Qh5 11.e4 Qc5 12.b3 d6 13.Na4 Qe5 14.Bc3 Qe6 15.Qd3 Bb7 16.e5 Nh5 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Qf3 Keres Defense,W (2050)-Posizione (2170) ICCF Email 1992 CB37_2021 [Keilhack/Schlenker] 0-1 (74)]
5.Bg5 h6



6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e3 c5 9.d5 Nxg3! is now more promising than 9... Qa5. im Vergleich zu 9...Da5 vielversprechender. **10.hxg3 Bxc3+**

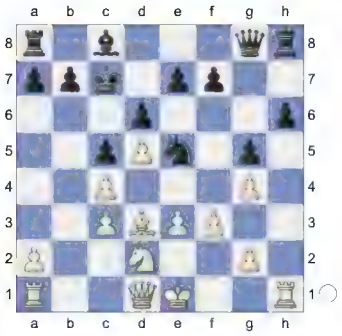
(Diagram)

10...Qa5 is vanishing.10...Da5 scheint zu verschwinden. **11.bxc3 Kd7 12.Bd3 Kc7 13.Nd2N** -0.24/18

[Vorgänger: 13.Qc2 Qf8 14.Nd2 Qg7 15.Rb1 Nd7 16.Bf5 Re8 0.14/16 *(⌓16...h5* -0.21/18) 17.Qa4 Rd8 18.Qa5+ b6! 19.Qa4 Qxc3 20.Rxh6 ½-½ Bachmann,A (2604)-Amin,B (2680) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (6)]

[⌓13.Rb1 0.07/18]

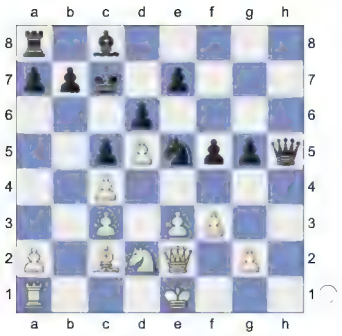
13...Qg8= 14.g4 Nd7 15.f3 Ne5



16.Be4 h5 17.gxh5 f5 18.Bc2 Qf7 -0.30/21

[18...Rh6∓ -0.61/20 is superior.]

19.Qe2 Rxh5 20.Rxh5 Qxh5



21.f4! Ng4! Threatens to win with ... Qh4+. **22.0-0-0 Bd7 23.Nf3 Qh8** -0.24/20

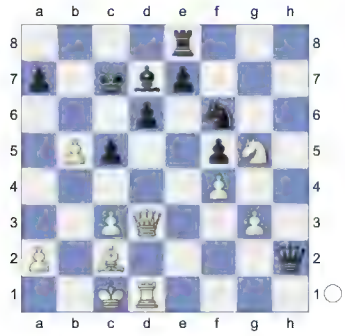
[23...Nf6∓ -0.68/21 is more appropriate.]

24.Kd2 gxf4 25.exf4 Nf6

26.Ng5

[Don't blunder 26.Qxe7? Re8 27.Qf7 Rf8-+]

26...Re8 27.g3 b5 28.cxb5 The position is equal. **28...Nxd5 29.Qd3 Qh2+ 30.Kc1** Chess con chili. **30...Nf6**



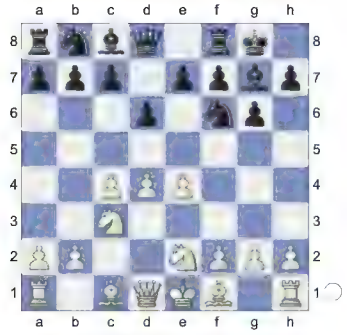
31.Rd2 Qg1+ 32.Rd1! Qg2 33.Rd2 Qg1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06

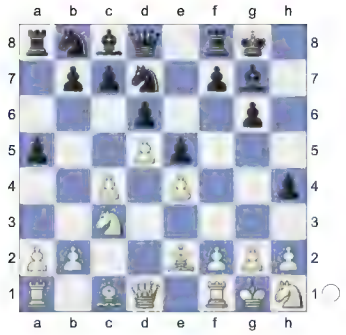
(flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

203 **E70**
□ **Derjabin,Ilja** **2333**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2399**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0



6.Ng3 **h5!** now scores much better than the old 6...e5.punktet besser als das ältere 6...e5. **7.Be2 a5**
[7...Nbd7 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 h4 10.Nh1 Nh7 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Nf2 Qf6 17.Rae1 Kh8 18.Kh1 Ng6 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Ne5 21.Qf4 Rg8 22.Nh3 Schitco,I (2424)-Bacrot,E (2683) Karlsruhe 2019 140 Games Section [Milanovic,Danilo] ½-½ (55)]
8.0-0N
[8.Be3 e5 *(8...a4 9.0-0 h4 10.Nh1 c5 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Bxc5 Nc6 13.f4 Qa5 14.Ba3 Rd8 15.Qe1 Bg4 16.Bxg4 Nxg4 17.e5 Qa7+ 18.c5 Qa6 19.h3 Nh6 20.Qxh4 Nf5 21.Qf2 Rd3 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.Qe2* Chapter-5.Nge2 [GM Ivan Cheparinov]*)* 9.d5 Na6 10.h3 Nc5 11.Qc2 h4 12.Nf1 Nh7 13.0-0-0 f5 14.Rg1 Bd7 15.g3 hxg3 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Nxg3 f4 18.Nf1 f3 19.Bd3 Ra6 20.Nd2 Bh6 21.Kb1 Raf6 22.h4 Kh8 Chaqryan,E (2326)-Andriasian,Z (2570) Yerevan 2024 CBM 221 Extra [Andriasian,Zaven] 0-1 (86)]
[8.Bg5 Nh7 9.Be3 a4 10.a3 Bd7 11.Nf1 e5 12.d5 f5 13.f3 Na6 14.Nd2 Bf6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 Qe7 17.0-0 h4 18.Kh1 Kh8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxa4 Rg8 21.Nc3 Rg7 22.Qc2 Rag8 Sanchez Alvarez,R (2387)-Salem,A (2652) Abu Dhabi 2024 0-1 (36)]
8...h4 **9.Nh1** The position is equal.
9...e5 10.d5 Nfd7N
[Vorgänger: 10...Na6 11.Bg5 h3 12.g4 Nc5 13.Ng3 0.03/21 *(13.f3± 0.58/20)* 13...Qe8 14.f3 Nh7 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bf6 0-1 Derjabin,I (2333)-Urazayev,A (2460) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Mar Early blitz 2023 (8)]



11.g4 Nc5 12.f3 f5 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Nf2 Nbd7

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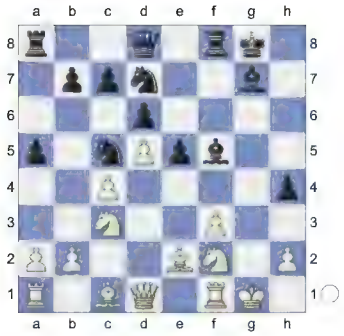
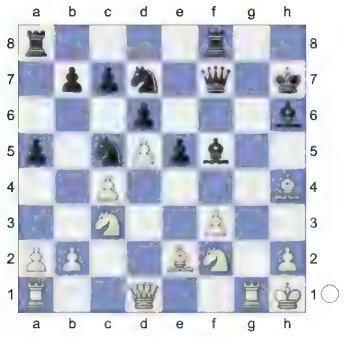
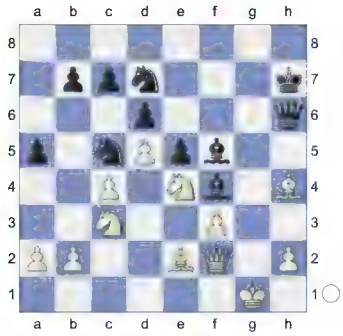


16.Kh1 Qf6 17.Rg1 Kh7 1.32/20
[⌓17...Kh8 0.74/18]
18.Bg5 0.93/19
[Better is 18.Nfe4 1.32/20 Qe7 19.Be3]
18...Qf7± 19.Bxh4 Bh6

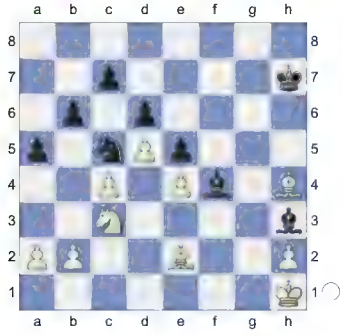


20.Nfe4 0.40/21
[20.Bg5!± 1.14/19]
20...Qh5 0.71/21
[20...Kh8± 0.40/21 deserves consideration.]

21.Qe1 Bf4 22.Qf2 Rg8 23.Rxg8 0.01/22
[23.Be7± 0.37/21]
23...Rxg8= 24.Rg1 Rxg1+ 25.Kxg1 Qh6



White must now prevent ...Nxe4. **26.Kh1 b6** 1.52/23
[26...Be3= 0.09/21 remains equal. 27.Qg3 Bf4]
27.Bd8± Nxe4 28.fxe4 1.03/23
[White should try 28.Nxe4 1.45/23 Nc5 29.Qg2 Nxe4 30.fxe4]
28...Bh3 1.82/22
[28...Bg6± 1.03/23 might work better.]
29.Qh4+- Qxh4 30.Bxh4 Nc5



31.Bd8 Bd2 2.56/23
[⌓31...Na6 1.82/22 32.Nb5 Be3 33.Nxc7 Nxc7]
32.Bxc7 Bxc3 33.bxc3 Bf3 is the strong threat. **33...Nxe4** Endgame KBB-KBN **34.Bd3 Bf5 35.Bxe4**
[Weaker is 35.Bxb6 Ng3+ 36.hxg3 Bxd3±]
35...Bxe4+

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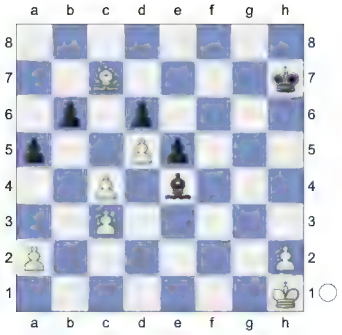
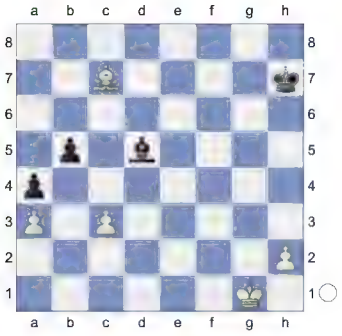
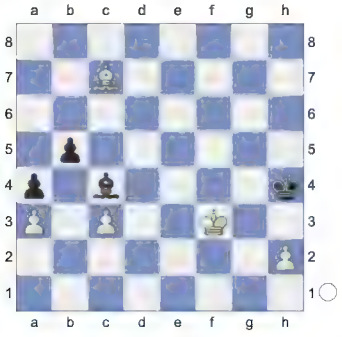


KB-KB **36.Kg1 Bd3 37.Bxd6** 0.82/27
[37.c5!+- 1.83/27 and White stays clearly on top. bxc5 38.Bxd6]
37...Bxc4± 38.Bxe5 aiming for d6.
38...Bxd5 39.Bc7 b5 40.a3 0.30/30
[40.Bxa5± 0.71/33 Threatens to win with a3. Bxa2 41.Kf2]
40...a4!=



41.Kf2 Kg6 42.Ke3 Bc4 43.Kf4 Kh5 44.Kg3 Kg5 45.Kf3 Kh4



46.Bg3+ Kh3 47.Kf4 Bd3 48.Ke3 Bg6 49.Kd4 Bf7 50.Kc5 Bc4

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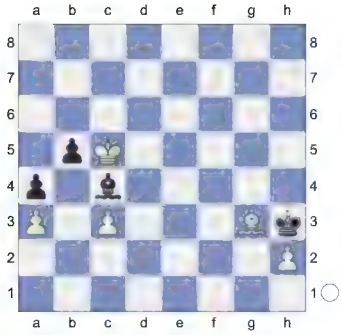
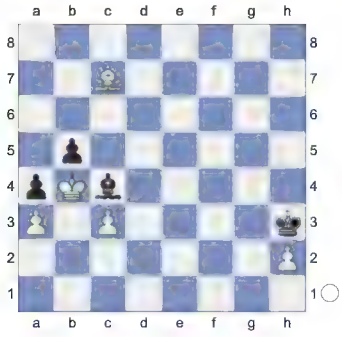
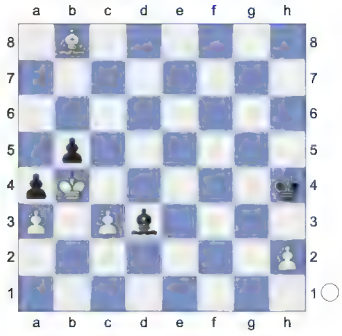


51.Kb4 Kg4 52.Bd6 Kh4 53.Kc5 Kh3 54.Kb4 Kg2 55.Bc7 Kh3



56.Bd6 Kh4 57.Bc7 Kg4 58.Bd6 Bd3 59.Bc7 Kg5 60.Bb8 0.66/33
[60.Bd8+= 0.01/29 Kf4 61.Kc5]
60...Kh4

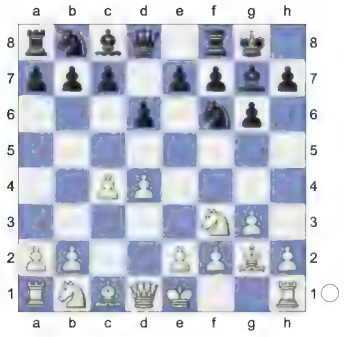


Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

204 **E68**
□ **Seres,Lajos** **2326**
■ **Kotronias,Vasilios** **2448**
Budapest FS03 GM (9) 11.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E68: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 e4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6



6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 Nc5

10...Nc5 is better than 10...a6. 10...Sc5 ist besser als 10...a6. **11.Re1 h6 12.f3**

[12.Kh2 Bd7 13.Rb1 a6 14.a3 Qc8 15.f4 Rb8 16.b4 Ne6 17.Nf3 c5 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 cxb4 20.axb4 Nf8 21.Bb2 Be6 22.Nd5 Qd8 23.Qb3 h5 24.Rbd1 Bxd5 25.cxd5 h4 26.d6 hxg3+ Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2729)-Osnos,V (2783) chess24.com 2012 Telechess CBM 89 [NV] 1-0 (46)]

12...c6

[12...Nfd7 13.Be3 Ne5 14.Bf1 Ne6 15.Nc2 Ng5 16.Be2 Ngxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Nxc4 18.Bd4 Bxh3 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qd4+ Ne5 21.Bg2 Be6 22.Rad1 h5 23.Qf2 Rh8 24.Ne3 h4 25.gxh4 Rxh4 26.Qg3 Rh5 27.Rf1 Zlatkov,A (2323)-Tabatabaei,M (2702) Vrnjacka Banja 2024 0-1 (47)]

13.Be3 Nfd7N

[13...d5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Ndb5 a6 16.Bxc5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nh5 18.Nd6 Re6 19.Qxd5 Re5 20.Qxf7+ Kh7 21.b4 b6 22.Nxc8 bxc5 23.Rad1 Qxc8 24.g4 cxb4 25.gxh5 Rxh5 26.Rd7 Qc3 27.Red1 Rha5 28.R1d3 Keymer,V (2717)-Pavlidis,A (2566) Germany 2023 CBM 218 Extra [Krasenkow,Michal] 1-0 (33)]

14.f4 &Bianco is more active. White is slightly better. **14...a5 15.b3N**

[Vorgänger: 15.Bf2 a4 16.Qc2 Qa5 17.Rad1 a3 18.b3 Na6 19.Re3 Ndc5 20.Nce2 Qc7 1.02/20 *(20...Bd7± 0.59/17* might be stronger. *)* 21.Qd2 1-0 Kopylov,A (2440)-Byambaa,Z (2279) Moscow Aeroflot op-B 11th 2012 (1)]

15...h5

16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Bf2 Bd7 18.Rad1 Qc8

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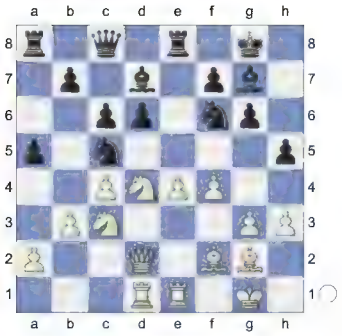
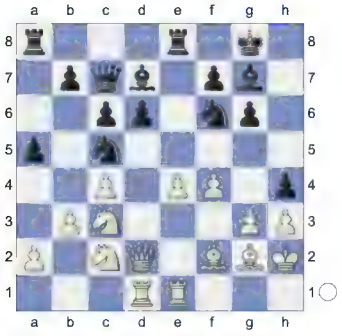


19.Kh2 Qc7 1.22/21
[Better is 19...b6 0.78/18]
20.Nc2± h4



21.gxh4
[21.Qxd6?! Qxd6 22.Rxd6 hxg3+ 23.Bxg3 Nh5=]
21...Bh6 22.Kg1 Ne6 23.Be3↑ f5 is the strong threat. White is in control.
[23.Qxd6 Qxd6 24.Rxd6 Bxf4]
23...Rad8 1.76/21
[23...Bf8± 1.10/19 24.f5 gxf5 25.exf5 Ng7]
24.f5+- Bxe3+ 25.Nxe3 Strongly threatening Rf1. **25...Nc5** 2.19/20
[25...Nf4 1.80/20 is a better defense. 26.Ng4 *(26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxd6 Bc8±)* 26...N6h5]

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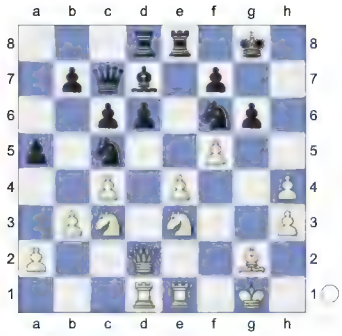
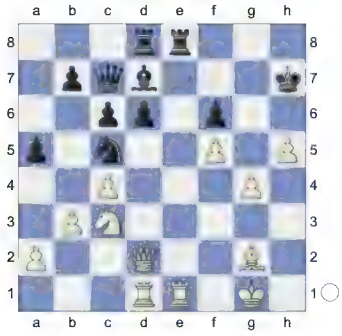
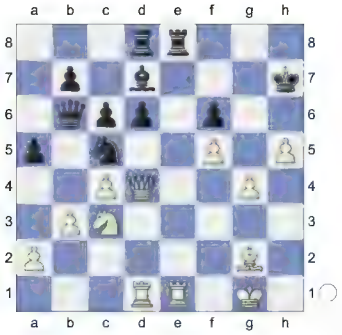


26.Ng4
[But not 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxd6 Nfxe4 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Rxe4]
26...Nxg4 27.hxg4 And now Qh6 would win. **27...Kh7** 2.43/21
[27...Bc8 1.71/19 was worth a try. 28.Qh6 Qe7 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Qg7 31.Qxg7+ *(31.Rxd6 Bxg4 32.Re3 Rxd6+-)* 31...Kxg7]
28.h5 gxf5 29.exf5 f6? 3.84/21
[29...d5 2.32/20 30.Re3 *(30.cxd5 Qg3±)* 30...Qf4 31.Rxe8 Qxd2 32.Rxd2 Rxe8 33.cxd5 Re3]

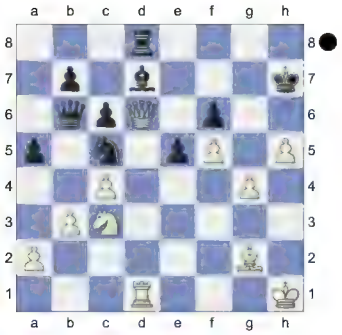


30.Qd4 Qb6? 9.40/24
[30...Bxf5 3.82/21 31.gxf5 Qg7 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Qxd6 Rg8]

(Diagram)



31.Kh1 White is clearly winning.
31...Re5 32.Rxe5 dxe5 33.Qd6



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205 **E64**
□ **Li,Ruofan** **2318**
■ **Lu,Miaoyi** **2441**
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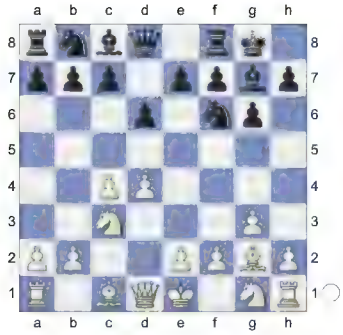
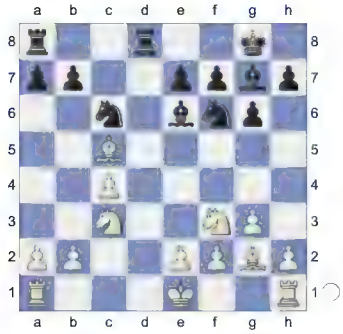
[Kitty Kat]

E64: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c5 7 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Be3 Nc6 is the new trend.ist der neue Trend. **10.Bxc5 Be6**



11.0-0N The position is equal.
[11.Nd2 Nd7 12.Ba3 *(12.Be3 Nb6 13.Rc1 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.b3 Bxc3+ 17.Rxc3 Bd5 18.f3 a5 19.Kf2 a4 20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.a3 Bc4 22.Bc5 Rd7 23.Rhc1 Bb5 24.Re3 Kf8 25.g4 f6 26.Bb4 Kf7* Petrosyan,M (2613)-Fier,A (2549) Saint Louis USA 2019 [Vigorito,D] 1-0 (55) *)* 12...Bxc3 *(12...Nb6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Bc5 Nxc4 16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.Ndb1 Bh6+ 18.e3 Bg4 19.Rd4* E 64/01 Survey 2008*)* 13.bxc3 Nde5 14.Nb3 Nxc4 15.Bc5 Rac8 16.Bxc6 Rxc6 17.Bxe7 Re8 18.Bg5 Bd5 19.0-0 f6 20.Rfd1 Bf7 21.Bc1 g5 22.Nd4 Rd6 23.Bd2 Bg6 24.Be1 Rb6 25.e3 a5 10.♖e1 ed4 11.♘d4_15151-Thomsen,R Deutschland 89/87 1953 CYB 01 [Dragan Solak] ½-½]
[11.Rc1 Bxc4 12.Nd2 Bd5 13.Nxd5

Nxd5 14.Nc4 Rac8 15.0-0 Ncb4 16.Bxa7 Nxa2 17.Rcd1 b5 18.Na3 Bxb2 19.Nxb5 Ndc3 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Re1 ½-½ (22) Ippolito,D (2368)-Lima,D (2435) Charlotte 2023]

11...Nd7 12.Ba3 Nb6 Against Nd5

13.Ng5N

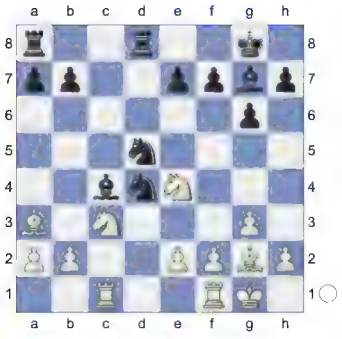
[13.Nd5 -0.78/22 13.Ng5 -0.19 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Rfd1 Bc4 16.Rxd8+ -0.83/22 *(16.e3∓ -0.47/21)* 16...Rxd8∓ 17.e3 a5 18.Nd4 -1.65/23 *(18.Ne1∓ -0.75/19 was worth a try.)* 18...Nxd4-+ 19.exd4 Bxd4 20.Bxb7 0-1 Jurkiewicz,K (2275)-Urban,K (2490) MK Cafe Cup-A 1997 (7)]

13...Bxc4 14.Nge4 Nd5 15.Rac1 -0.35/19

[15.Nxd5= -0.01/20 Bxd5 16.Rfd1]

15...Nd4 0.10/21

[15...Rac8∓ -0.35/19]



16.Rfe1= Nxc3 17.Nxc3 Rd7 18.e3 Nb5 0.57/23

[18...Nc6= 0.21/22]

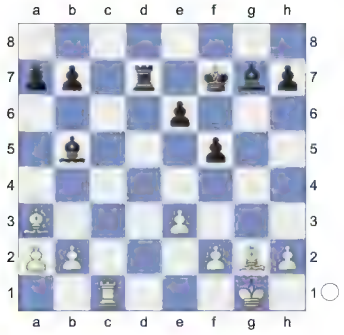
19.Nxb5± Bxb5 20.Red1 Rad8

(Diagram)

21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Bh3 0.01/24

[White should try 22.Rc8+± 0.70/18 Bf8 23.Be4]

22...f5= 23.g4 e6 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Bg2 Kf7



26.Bf3 Kg6 27.h4 -0.37/19

[27.b3= -0.02/19 deserves consideration.]

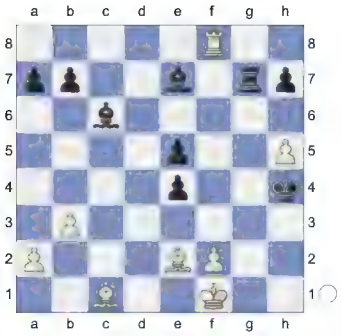
27...Bf6∓ 28.h5+ Kh6 29.Rc8 e5 30.Rf8 Kg5

31.e4 -0.56/21

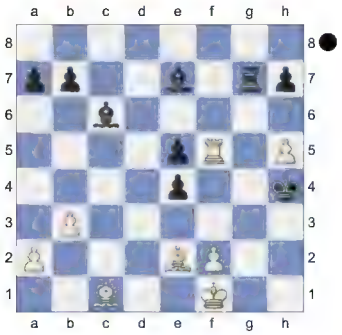
[31.Rg8+= -0.23/21 was preferrable. Kh4 32.Rf8]

31...Bc6 32.b3 fxe4 33.Bc1+ Kh4! 34.Be2 Rg7+ 35.Kf1 Be7

(Diagram)

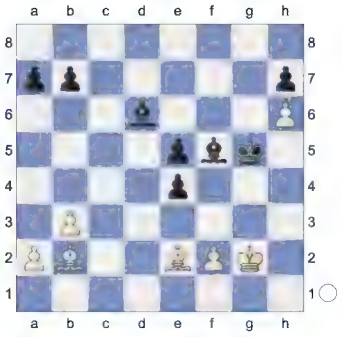


36.Rf5



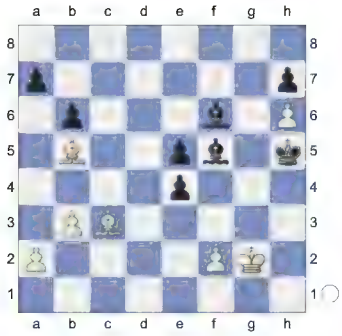
Bd7! 37.h6

Rg1+! 38.Kxg1 Bxf5∓ Endgame KBB-KBB **39.Bb2 Bd6 40.Kg2 Kg5**



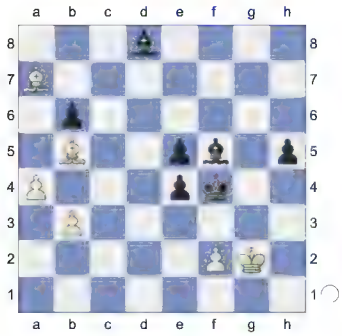
41.Bc1+ Kg6 42.Be3 b6 43.Bb5 Kh5 44.Bd2 Be7 45.Bc3 Bf6

(Diagram)



46.Bb4 Kxh6 47.Bd6 Kg5 48.Bb8 Kf4 49.Bxa7 Bd8 50.a4 h5 -0.82/23

[⌓50...Be6 -1.21/23 51.b4 Bd5]



51.Bb8 h4 Threatens to win with ...Be7. **52.Bd6** -2.07/24

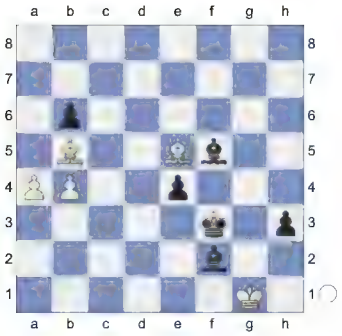
[52.b4∓ -1.08/24 might work better.]

Prevents Be7. **52...h3+!-+ 53.Kg1 Bh4** And now ...Kf3 would win. **54.b4?** -6.02/24

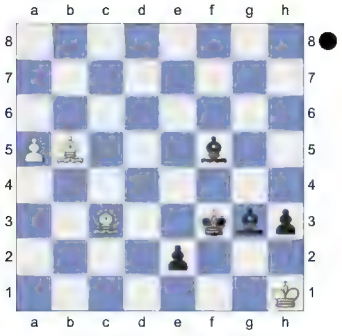
[54.Be2 -2.39/24]

54...Kf3 55.Bxe5 Bxf2+

(Diagram)



56.Kh2 e3 White must now prevent ... e2. **57.a5 bxa5** Strongly threatening ... e2. **58.bxa5 e2 59.Bc3 Bg3+ 60.Kh1**



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206 **E71**
□ **Paulsen,Dirk** **2316**
■ **Cuenca Jimenez,Jose Fernando**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.Be3 e5 7.d5 h5 now supersedes 7... Nc5. löst 7...Sc5 inzwischen ab. **8.g3N** White is slightly better.

[8.Qd2 Nc5 9.f3 *(9.Bd3 Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 Nd7 11.h4 Nc5 12.Qc2 a5 13.0-0-0 b6 14.Nge2 0-0 15.f3 f5 16.Kb1 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bg4 18.Rde1 Bf6 19.Bf2 Rf7 20.Nc1 Qd7 21.a3 Be7 22.Be3 Qd8 23.Bf2 Qd7* Sadhwani,R (2677)-Ghasi,A (2503) London 2024 ½-½ *)* 9...h4 10.b4 Ncd7 11.c5 Bf8 12.Bb5 a6 13.Ba4 Rb8 14.Qf2 Nh5 15.Nge2 Be7 16.cxd6 Bxd6 17.Bc5 0-0 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.0-0 b5 20.Bb3 Qg5 21.Nd1 Nb6 22.Kh2 Bd7 Verma,S (2191)-Banerjee,S (2141) London 2024 0-1 (51)]

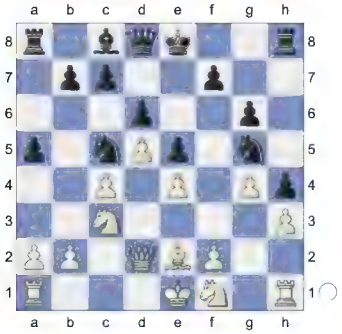
[8.Bd3 a5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Nf3 Nc5 11.Bc2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 Qe8 13.Rdg1 Rb8 14.Bh6 Kh7 15.Bg5 Rh8 16.Be3 b5 17.cxb5 Bxb5 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.d6 cxd6 21.Qxd6 Nh7 22.Nf3 Bc4 Oro,F (2433)-Coro,L (2401) Buenos Aires 2024 1-0 (55)]

8...Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Nf3 Nc5N

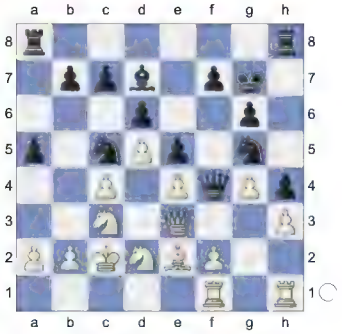
[10...a5 11.Qd2 Rh8 12.Bg2 Nh7 13.Qe3 Qe7 14.0-0 Kf8 15.b3 Nc5 16.Nb5 Kg7 ½-½ Jendrian,M (2488)-Sikorsky,H (2524) Champion's League 2019/A email [2]]

(Diagram)

11.Nd2 a5 12.Be2 h4 13.g4 Nh7 14.Nf1 -0.49/19
[14.Nb3= -0.15/18]
14...Ng5 15.Qd2 Rh8



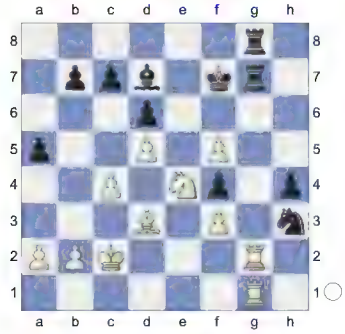
16.Qe3 Qf6 17.Nd2 Bd7 18.Kd1 Kf8 -0.23/20
[18...Qf4∓ -0.54/19]
19.Kc2 Kg7 20.Raf1 Qf4



21.Qxf4 exf4 22.f3 f5 23.gxf5 -0.86/19
[23.exf5∓ -0.38/19 gxf5 24.Bd1]
23...gxf5∓ 24.Rfg1 Kf6 25.Rg2 Rag8
[Don't play 25...fxe4?! 26.Ncxe4+ Ngxe4 27.fxe4=]

(Diagram)

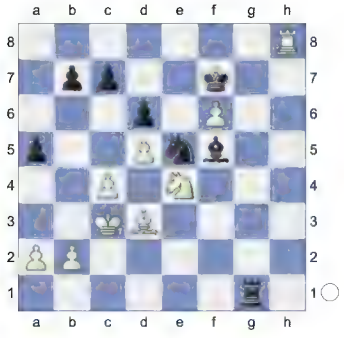
26.Rhg1 Rg7 27.Bd3 -1.23/22
[⌓27.Bf1 -0.85/22]
27...Rhg8 Active counter play! **28.exf5** -1.81/25
[28.Bf1∓ -1.33/24 was called for.]
28...Nxh3 29.Nde4+ -1.09/24
[⌓29.Rxg7 -1.47/23 Rxg7 30.Nde4+ Kf7 31.Rg4]
29...Nxe4? 0.61/25 The board is on fire.
[29...Kf7∓ -1.09/24 30.Rxg7+ Rxg7]
30.Nxe4+± Kf7



31.Rxg7+ Rxg7 32.Rh1 Ng5 1.47/22
[32...Rg2+± 0.69/22 33.Kb3 *(33.Kc3 Bxf5 34.Nxd6+ cxd6=)* 33...Nf2 34.Nxf2 Rxf2]
33.Rxh4 0.79/22
[⌓33.Nxg5+ 1.47/22 Rxg5 34.Rxh4]
33...Nxf3± 34.Rxf4 Ne5 1.01/21
[34...Ne1+!± 0.51/21 35.Kd2 Nxd3 36.Kxd3 Rg2]
35.Kc3 Rg2 1.35/21
[⌓35...b6 0.83/20]

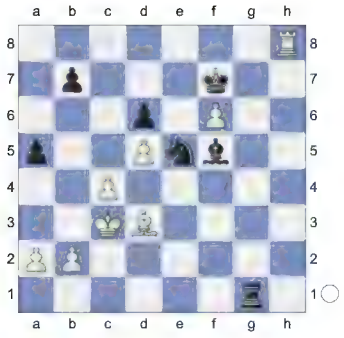
(Diagram)

36.f6 0.73/21
[⌓36.c5 1.35/21]
36...Rg1 1.36/20
[⌓36...b6 0.73/21]
37.Rh4 0.37/22
[37.c5± 1.36/20]
37...Kf8? 2.03/22
[37...Bf5!≛ 0.37/22]
38.Rh7 0.79/21
[38.c5+- 2.03/22]
38...Bf5 2.26/22
[38...Nf7± 0.79/21]
39.Rh8+? 0.24/24
[Only move: 39.Rxc7+- 2.26/22 Rc1+ 40.Kd4 Bxe4 41.Bxe4]
39...Kf7=

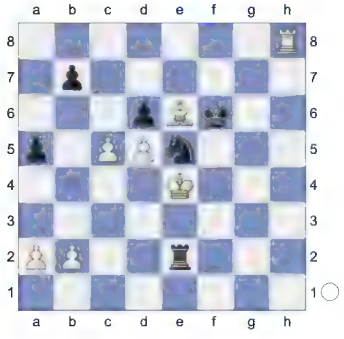


40.Nxd6+! cxd6

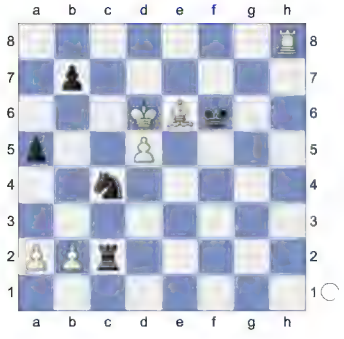
(Diagram)



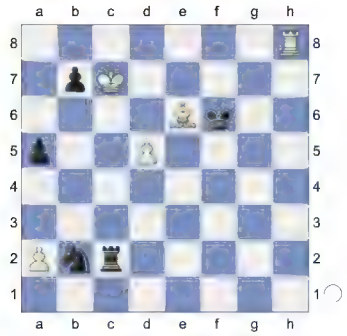
41.Bxf5 Hoping for Rh6. **41...Kxf6** Endgame KRB-KRN **42.Be6 Rg3+ 43.Kd4** aiming for c5. **43...Rd3+ 44.Ke4 Rd2 45.c5 Re2+** 0.57/22
[45...dxc5= -0.01/22 46.Rf8+ Ke7]



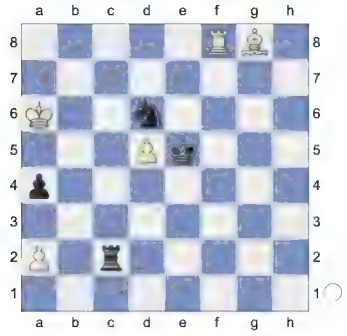
46.Kd4≛ dxc5+ 47.Kxc5 Rc2+ 48.Kd6! Black must now prevent Rf8+. **48...Nc4+ 49.Kd7** Rf8+ is the strong threat. **49...Ne5+** 1.54/21
[49...Nb6+≛ 0.66/21 50.Kd6 Nc4+ 51.Kc7 Nxb2+ 52.Kd7 *(52.Kxb7 Nd3≛)* 52...Nd3]
50.Kd6? -0.01/17
[50.Kd8± 1.54/21]
50...Nc4+=



51.Kc7! Nxb2+



52.Kxb7 0.89/18
[Better is 52.Kd7!+- 1.75/20]
52...Nc4 1.41/20
[⌓52...Nd3 0.89/18]
53.Rf8+ 0.45/22
[53.a4± 1.41/20]
53...Ke5 0.94/22
[53...Ke7± 0.45/22 54.Ra8 Nd6+ 55.Ka6 *(55.Kb6 Rxa2 56.Bh3 Rb2+ 57.Kc7 Rc2+ 58.Kb6 Rb2+ 59.Kc7 Rc2+ 60.Kb6 Rb2+=)* 55...Rxa2]
54.Bg8 0.01/22
[54.a4± 0.94/22]
54...Nd6+ 55.Ka6 a4



56.a3 Rc3 57.Rf1 Rxa3 58.Re1+ Kd4
59.Re6 -1.40/22
[59.Kb6= -0.01/19]
59...Kc5∓ Threatens to win with ...Rg3.
60.Re7 -2.65/25
[60.Re1∓ -1.38/23]
60...Rb3-+

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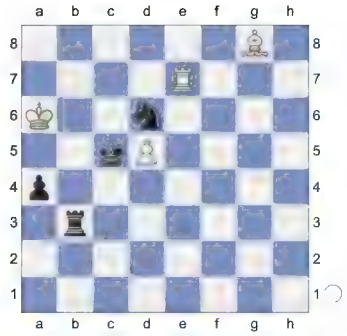
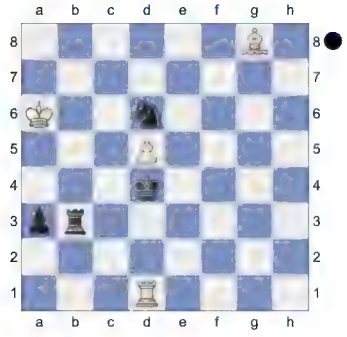
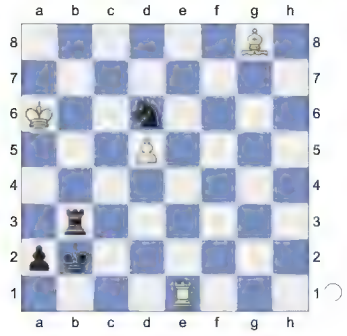


(-> ...Rb6+) **61.Rc7+ Kd4 62.Rc1 a3** Strongly threatening ...Rb8. **63.Rd1+?** -4.10/25
[63.Bh7 -2.29/26]

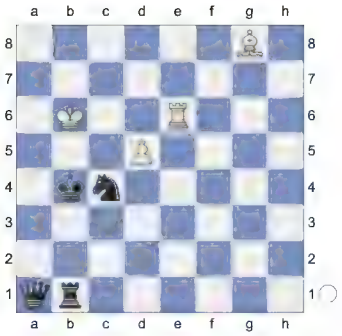


63...Kc3! 64.Rc1+ Kb2 65.Re1 a2

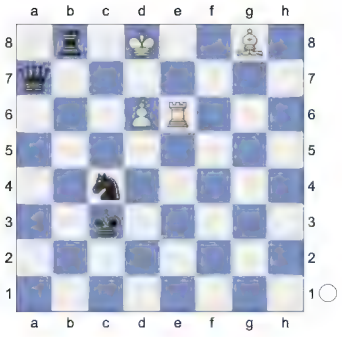


66.Re2+ Ka3 67.Re1 -#10/21
[67.Rxa2+-+ -4.28/22 Kxa2 68.Be6]
67...Rb1 Black mates. **68.Re3+ Kb4 69.Re6 a1Q+ 70.Kb6 Nc4+**

(Diagram)



71.Kc7 Qa7+ 72.Kd8 Kc3 73.d6 Rb8#



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207 **E87**
□ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Masters Open 2024 (1.39) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E87: King's Indian: Sämisch: 6...e5 7 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0

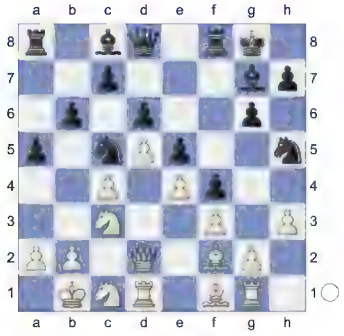
(Diagram)

6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.Qd2 f5 9.0-0-0 Nd7 10.Nge2
[10.Bd3 fxe4 11.Nxe4 b6 12.Ne2 Nc5 13.Bc2 a5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.N2c3 Ba6 16.b3 Nf4 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Rhe1 Qb8 19.g3 Nh3 20.Bh6 Rxf3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rf1 Qf8 23.Qg2 Ng5 24.h4 Rxf1 1-0 Jedrzejowski,M (2459)-Sapa,W (2449) Jerzy Krzyszton Memorial corr 1999]
10...Ndf6
[10...a6 11.Kb1 Qe8 12.Nc1 Rf7 13.Bd3 Ndf6 14.exf5 gxf5 E 87/09 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]

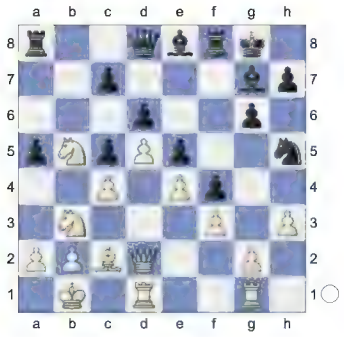
11.h3N
[11.exf5 gxf5 12.Kb1 Qe8 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qg6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Bg5 e4 17.Bc2 Rae8 18.Rh4 Nh5 19.g4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 fxg4 21.Be3 Bf5 22.fxg4 Bxg4 23.Re1 Ng7 24.Rh6 Qf5 25.Reh1 Bh5 1-0 Zakharchenko,A (2382)-Shkuran,

D (2313) Independence Cup op-B Kiev 2002 (5)]

11...f4 12.Bf2 b6 13.Kb1 a5 14.Rg1 Nd7 White is slightly better. **15.Nc1 Nc5**



16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Bc2 Qe7 18.Nb5 Be8 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Nb3 Qd8



21.a4 0.00/23

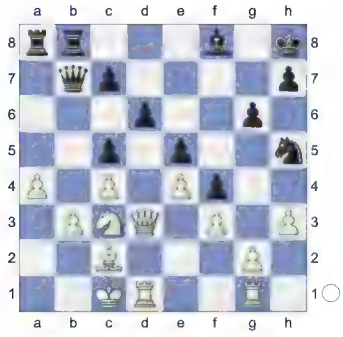
[White should try 21.Nxa5± 0.76/21 Kh8 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.dxc6]

21...Qb8= 22.Nxa5 Qb6 23.Nc6 -0.71/22 **Bxc6∓ 24.dxc6 Nf6 25.Nc3** Black continues to play with concentration. **25...Rfb8**

26.b3 Qxc6 27.Kc1 Kh8 Black is more active. **28.Nd5**

(Diagram)

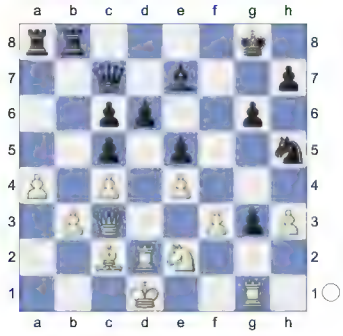
Nh5! 29.Nc3 Qb7 White is weak on the dark squares **30.Qd3 Bf8**



31.Ne2 c6 32.Qc3 Kg8 33.Rd2 Qc7 34.Kd1 Be7 35.g3 -2.21/17

[35.Rd3 -1.68/18 was worth a try.]

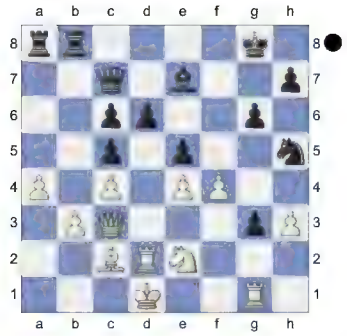
35...fxg3-+



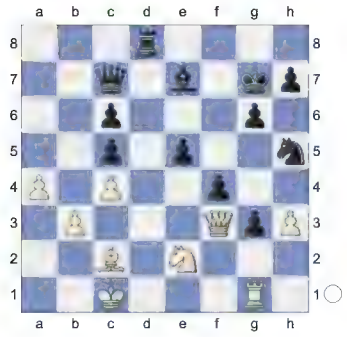
36.f4? -4.57/18

[36.Nxg3 -1.95/18 Nf4 37.Nf5]

(Diagram)



36...exf4 Black is clearly winning.
[36...Nxf4? 37.Qxg3 Rf8 38.Kc1∓]
37.e5 dxe5 38.Qf3 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Rxd8+
[Don't play 39...Bxd8 40.Kc1-+]
40.Kc1 Kg7



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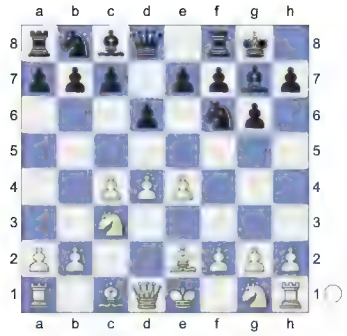
208 **E73**
□ **Raahul,VS** **2314**
■ **Iskandarov,Misratdin** **2524**
Baku op (2) 30.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

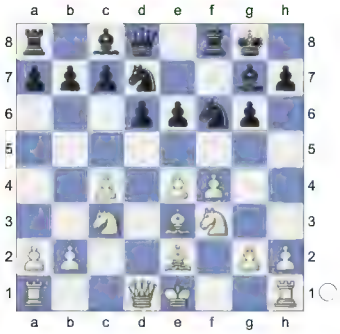
(Diagram)



6.Be3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.f4! 8.f4 scores better than 8.h3.8.f4 punktet besser als 8.h3. **8...Ned7 9.Nf3**
[9.Nh3 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Qc2 *(11.0-0 Qe7 12.Bf3 Nb6 13.Qd3 e5 14.fxe5 Qxe5 15.Bd4 Qe7 16.Nf4 c6 17.Rad1 Nbd7 18.Qd2 Ne5 19.Be2 Bg4 20.b3 Bxe2 21.Nfxe2 Nfg4 22.h3 Bh6 23.Nf4 Qh4 24.Nce2 Rae8 25.Kh1 Nf6* Cheng,B (2572)-Iskandarov,M (2551) Baku 2023 [Petrov,Marian] 0-1 (52)) 11...b6 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.e5 Ne8 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Bg4 Rf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.g4 h6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.gxf5 Qxc4 20.Rhg1 Kh8 21.f6 Nexf6 22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Rxg7 Kxg7 Deac,B (2625)-Shirov,A (2662) tornelo.com (Int.-blitz) 148/145 2020 Chess Informant 148 [Stoica,Valentin] 0-1 (32)]
9...e6N 0.76/18
[9...Re8!= 0.27/20]
[9...Nc5 10.e5 Ng4 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Qd2 c6 13.h3 Nh6 14.g4 cxd5 15.cxd5 e6 16.d6 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.g5 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Nf5 20.Rd1 Ng3 21.Rg1 Nxe2 22.Kxe2 e5 23.Qd5+ Kg7 24.Qxe5+ Sivenkov,O (2708)-3. ♘c3 g6 4.h4_36358 (2405) Merida 2022 MAINB (21) [John Watson] 1-0 Kg8 25.Qd5+ Kg7 26.d7 Qe7+ 27.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 28.fxe5 1-0 (28) Sarana,A (2708)-Utegaliev,A

(2405) Almaty 2022]
[9...c6 10.h3 Nc5 11.Qc2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.0-0 Rc8 14.e5 Bf5 15.Qd1 Nfe4 16.Rc1 Ng3 17.Re1 Nxe2+ 18.Rxe2 Nd3 19.Rcc2 dxe5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Bxe5 23.Bxa7 b6 24.Na4 Badacsonyi,S (2289)-Rasulov,V (2500) Chess.com INT 2025 0-1 (62)]

10.dxe6± fxe6



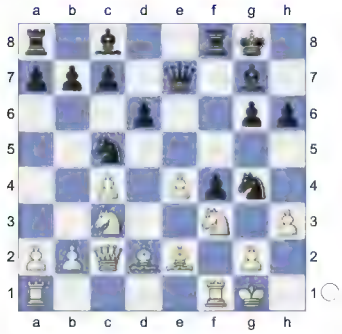
11.Ng5 Qe7 12.0-0 h6 13.Nf3N 0x0.0026aa86e69edp-1022s more active pieces.
[Vorgänger: 13.Nh3 a6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.g4 Ng8 16.g5 Qe8 1.45/19 *(⌓16...b6* 1.00/18 *)* 17.Bd3 0.84/17 *(⌓17.gxh6* 1.45/19 *Nxh6 18.Bd4)* 17...Ne7 1.37/18 *(⌓17...Kh8* 0.84/17 *)* 18.Qc2 0.57/20 *(18.gxh6±* 1.37/18 *Bxh6 19.f5 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 exf5 21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Ne6)* 18...h5!± 19.Rae1 ½-½ Girgis,L (2024)-Djordjevic,D (2126) Gligoric Cup 10th 2024 (3.3)]

13...Ng4 14.Bd2 Nc5 15.Qc2
[15.h3?! Bxc3 16.Bxc3 *(16.bxc3 Nf6=)* 16...Ne3=]

15...e5

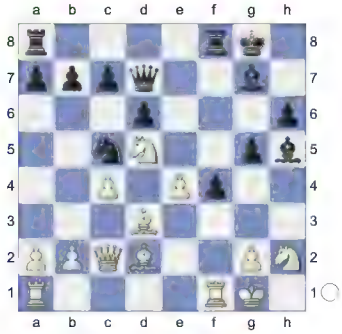
(Diagram)

16.h3 Threatens to win with b4. **16...exf4**



And now ...Bxc3 would win. **17.hxg4 Bxg4 18.Bd3** 0.49/21
[18.Rae1± 1.24/21]

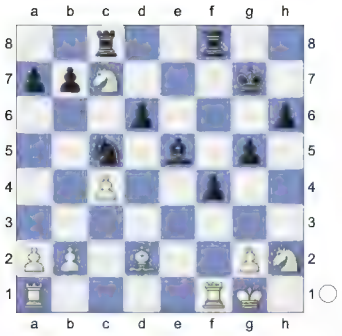
18...g5± 19.Nd5 Qd7 20.Nh2 Threatening Nxc7! **20...Bh5**
[But not 20...Bd4+ 21.Kh1±]



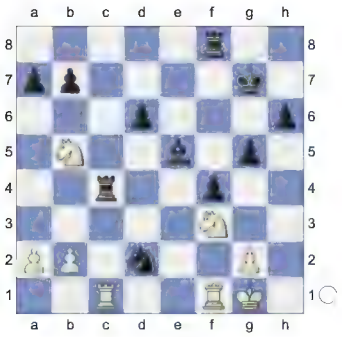
21.e5 Bxe5 22.Bg6 Bxg6 23.Qxg6+ Qg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Nxc7 0.01/25
[25.Nf3± 0.41/23]

25...Rac8!=

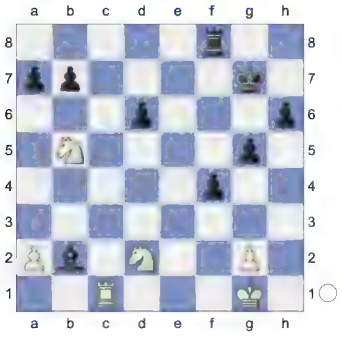
(Diagram)



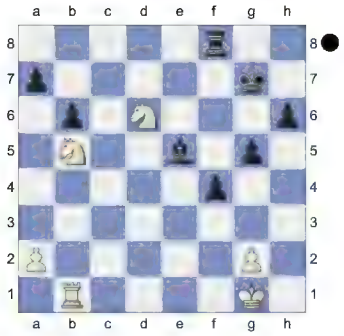
26.Nb5 Bc3 is the strong threat. **26...Ne4**
[Don't do 26...Bxb2 27.Rab1
(27.Nxd6? Rcd8-+) 27...Be5
28.Rfd1±]
[26...a6!? 27.Nc3 Nd3=]
27.Nf3 Rxc4 28.Rac1 Nxd2
[28...Rxc1 with more complications.
29.Bxc1 Ng3 30.Re1 Rc8]



Remove Defender **29.Nxd2 Rxc1**
30.Rxc1 Bxb2 0.34/23
[30...a6= -0.01/21 31.Nc3 Rc8]



31.Rb1 Be5 32.Nc4 White has compensation. **32...b6 33.Ncxd6**
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) . Loss on time!?
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209 **D83**
□ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**
■ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
Masters Open 2024 (9.67) 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D83: Grünfeld: 4 Bf4 Bg7 5 e3 0-0
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Chekhov,Valery A: 'Botvinnik, Mikhail: 'PARTIDA No. 60
GRUENFELD DEFENCE
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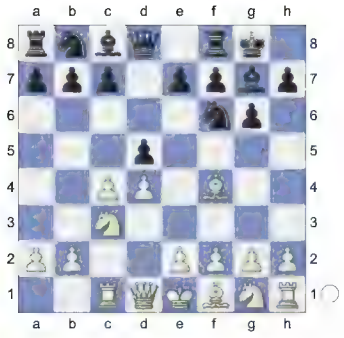
" A great game by Botvinnik, which shows that despite being considered a master of positional chess, he was a genius to attack as well. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Rc1 0-0**

(Diagram)



6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.cxd5 Ne4N 0.81/19 Repels Qd2

[8...Nbd7= 0.30/20 remains equal. 9.a3 Ne4 10.b4 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 Nxc3 12.Qa1 Qa4 13.Qxc3 a5 14.b5 Qe4 15.f3 Qxd5 16.Bh6 e5 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.c6 bxc6 19.bxc6 Nc5 20.Bc4 Qxc6 21.Ne2 Qd6 22.0-0 Be6 23.Bxe6 Nxe6 (46) Jankovic,N (2514)-Juilfs,G (2582) FIDE World Cup 2019]

[8...Rd8

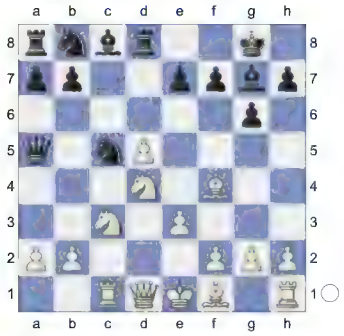
A) 9.Bc4 e6 *(9...Qxc5 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.Nf3 Na5 12.0-0 Bg4 13.e4 Qb4 14.Bc7 Bxf3 15.Bxa5 Qxa5 16.Qxf3 Nd7 17.Qe3 Rac8 18.f4 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.e5 Nxb3 21.axb3 f6 22.Rce1 Rc5 23.g3 fxe5 24.fxe5* 1-0 (53) Disconzi da Silva,R (2565)-Pergericht,D (2665) BCCA v Sunday Referee 1929 (7)*)* 10.Nge2 Nxd5 11.Bd6 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Ne4 b3+ 15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 bxa2 17.Ra1 Bb7 18.Rxa2 Bd5 19.Ra4 Nc6 20.b4 Ne5 21.b5 f5 22.Nc3 Bxg2 23.Rha1 Nxd3 ½-½ (37) Grankin,F (2748)-4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 43147 (2757) SSZ FT-97 corr Switzerland 1938 (6);

B) 9.Qd2 Nxd5 10.Bc7 Qxc7 11.Nxd5 Rxd5 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Qc1 Qa5+ 16.Rd2 Rd5 17.Ne2 Rxc5 18.Nc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.Qb2 Ra3 21.Qb5 Qc3 22.Qb2 Qc5 23.Qb1 0-1 (38) Tolush,A-Botvinnik,M USSR-Ch11 Leningrad 1939 (2)]

9.Nge2± Nxc5 10.Nd4 0.54/23

[10.a3± 1.08/23]

10...Rd8



11.Nb3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3

[Don't play 12.axb3 Rxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 14.Rxc3 Qxd5=]

12...Na6 13.a3 0.07/23

[White should play 13.e4± 0.68/21]

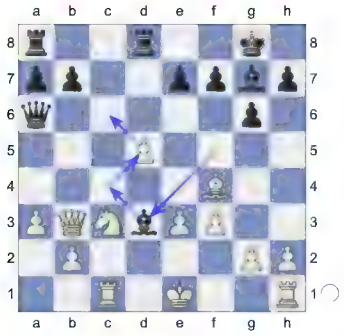
13...Bf5 0.51/24

[13...Rxd5= 0.07/23 should be considered. 14.Be2 Rd8]

14.Bxa6 0.12/24

[14.f3± 0.51/24]

14...Qxa6= 15.f3 Bd3

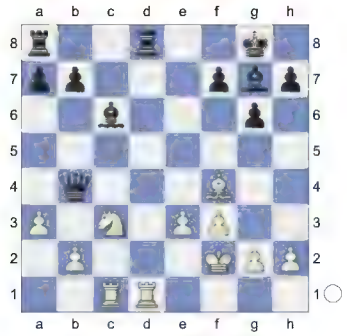


16.Kf2 Bc4 This pair of bishops is nice.

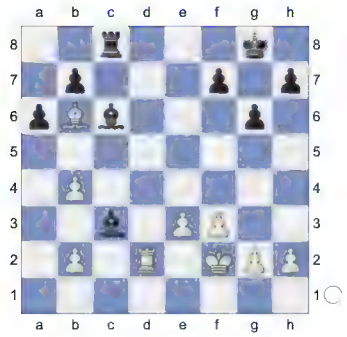
17.Qb4 Bxd5 18.Rhd1 Bc6 19.Qxe7 Qb6 20.Qb4

[20.Rxd8+ simplifies Qxd8 21.Qxd8+ Rxd8 22.e4]

20...Qxb4



21.axb4 a6 22.Bc7 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8 24.Bb6 Be5 0.53/25
[24...f5= 0.06/21]
25.Rd2 0.08/20
[25.Bd4± 0.53/25 Bd6 26.Bc5]
25...Bxc3 0.98/19
[25...f5= 0.08/20]



26.bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **26...Kf8** 1.16/21
[⌓26...h5 0.79/23 27.e4 Bb5]
27.g4± Ke7 28.g5 Bb5 29.Bc5+ Ke8 30.Rd4 0.70/22
[30.Bd4!± 1.42/21]
30...Rc6 2.14/23
[30...a5!± 0.70/22]

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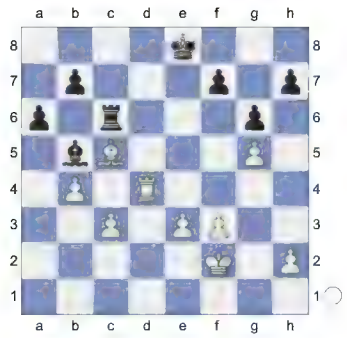
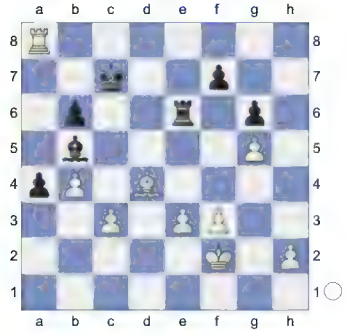


31.Re4++- Re6 32.Rh4 b6 33.Bd4 a5 34.Rxh7 Hoping for Rh8+. **34...a4 35.Rh8+** 1.10/21
[Better is 35.f4!+- 1.86/22]
35...Kd7±

36.Ra8 1.06/23
[White should try 36.Rf8 1.50/23]
36...Kc7 2.03/23
[36...Rc6± 1.06/23]

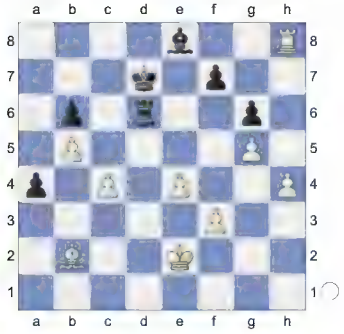


37.c4!+- Kb7 2.42/26
[37...Bxc4± 1.50/23 was necessary. 38.Rxa4 Kc6]

(Diagram)

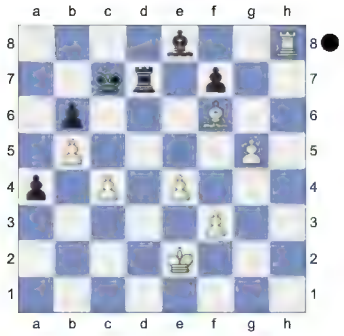
38.Rf8! Be8 3.54/24
[⌓38...Bxc4 2.13/24 39.Rxf7+ Ka6]
39.Bb2 Kc6 40.e4 Kd7? 6.17/22
[40...b5 3.79/21 41.c5 Kb7]

41.b5 Rd6 42.Ke2 6.55/22 Inhibits Rd2+.
[42.Ke3± 0.54/19 Rd1 43.Rg8]
42...Kd8 White is clearly winning. **43.h4 Kd7 44.Rg8 Kd8 45.Rh8 Kd7**



46.h5 gxh5 47.Rxh5 Kd8 48.Rh1 Rd7 49.Bf6+ Kc7 50.Rh8

(Diagram)



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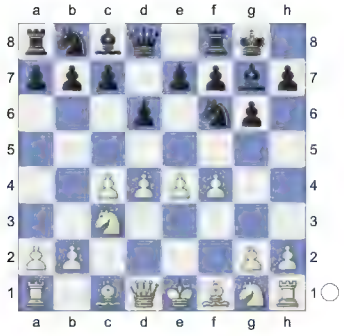
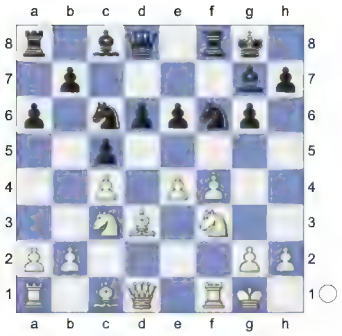
210 **E76**
□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2311**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2420**
Isolated Queens Swiss II (8) 02.05.2020
[Kitty Kat]

E76: King's Indian: Four Pawns Attack: Lines specific to 6 Nf3 move-order
Inf 96/(411) **1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f4 d6**

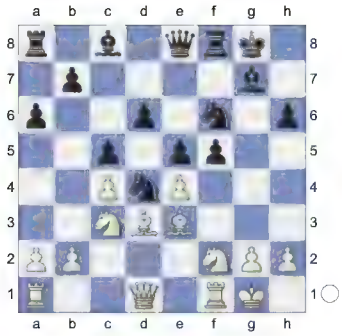


6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 a6 0.19/17
[⌓10...b6 -0.19/17]

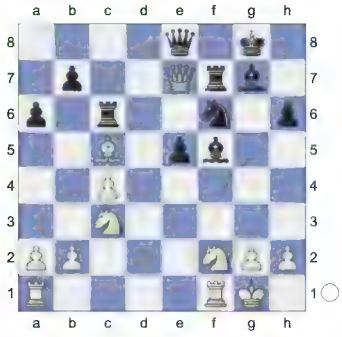
(Diagram)



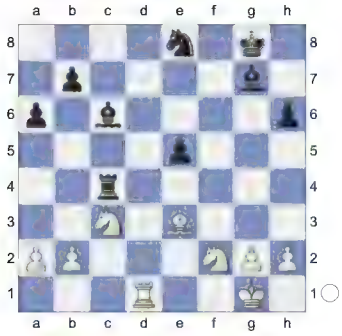
11.Ng5 -0.27/20
[⌓11.Be3 0.19/17]
[11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nb8 14.Ng5 Nbc6 15.e5 h6 16.Nf3 Turov,M (2539)-Nijboer,F (2584) Kusadasi 2006]
11...Nd4 0.28/21
[⌓11...b6 -0.27/20]
[11...Qe7 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.b3 Ne8 15.Qg4 Nd4 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxh7 Kxh7 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Qh7# 1-0 Friesse,B (1872)-Wenke,R (1517) GER Seniors Derby 14th 2015 (8)]
12.Be3 -0.25/19
[⌓12.e5 0.28/21 dxe5 13.fxe5]
12...h6N 0.34/20
[12...Ra7= -0.25/19]
[12...e5 13.f5 gxf5 14.exf5 b5 15.Nge4 Bb7 16.b3 b4 17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxf5 20.Rxf5 Nxf5 21.Bg5 Qc8 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Rf1 Ra7 24.Nxd6 Nxd6 25.Qxd6 Rd7 26.Qe6 Rd8 27.Qxc8 (39) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
13.Nh3 -0.19/21
[13.e5± 0.34/20 dxe5 14.fxe5]
13...e5= 14.f5 Qe8
[14...b5 is interesting. 15.fxg6 Bg4 16.Qe1 Be6]
15.Nf2 -1.05/19
[15.g4= -0.12/21]
15...gxf5∓
(Diagram)



16.exf5 Nxf5 -0.01/22
[Black should try 16...Bxf5∓ -1.04/22 17.Qd2 Rb8]
17.Bxf5= Bxf5 18.Qxd6 Rc8 19.Bxc5 -0.30/23
[19.Qb6 0.16/20 was preferrable.]
19...Rc6 20.Qe7 Rf7 0.01/18
[20...Qc8∓ -0.45/21 deserves consideration. 21.Be3 Re8]



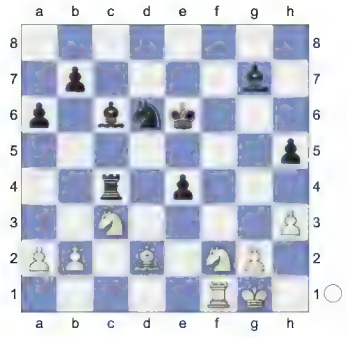
21.Qxe8+ Nxe8 22.Be3 Rxc4 23.Rfd1 Rd7 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 25.Rd1 Bc6



26.h3 Kf7 27.Ng4 h5 28.Rf1+ -0.79/24
[28.Nf2= -0.30/21]
28...Ke6∓ 29.Nf2 Nd6
[29...Nf6 simplifies 30.Rc1 Nd5

31.Nxd5 Rxc1+ 32.Bxc1 Kxd5 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Kc4]

30.Bd2 e4



Black is more active. **31.Re1** -1.18/19

[31.Rc1∓ -0.64/21]

31...Bd4 -0.54/19 A strong pair of Bishops.

[31...b5∓ -1.18/19 Hoping for ...b4. 32.Nfd1 Bd4+ 33.Ne3 Nf5]

32.Kf1 -1.17/17

[32.g4!∓ -0.54/19]

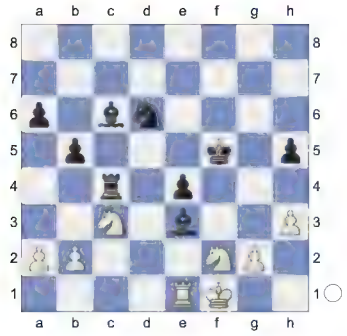
32...Ke5 -0.20/19

[Better is 32...h4!∓ -1.17/17 33.Re2 Bh8]

33.Nd3+ Kf5 34.Nf2 b5 35.Be3 -1.45/22

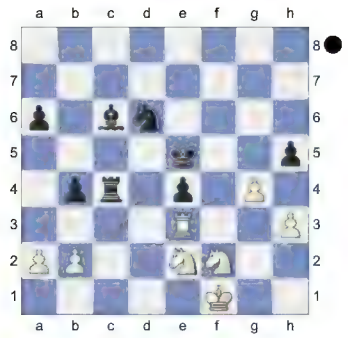
[35.g4+= -0.27/19 remains equal. hxg4 36.hxg4+ Ke6 37.Nfxe4 Nxe4 38.Nxe4]

35...Bxe3!



36.Rxe3 b4 37.Ne2 Ke5 38.g4

(Diagram)



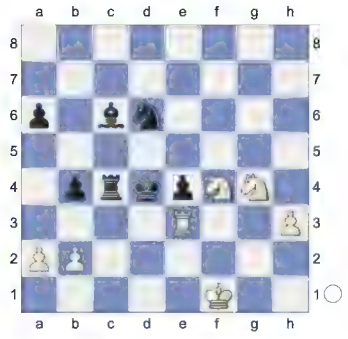
Inhibits Nf5. **38...hxg4** 0.01/21

[38...a5!∓ -0.75/21]

39.Nxg4+

[39.b3!? Rc2□ 40.Nd3+ Kf6 41.Nxb4=]

39...Kd5 40.Nf4+ Kd4

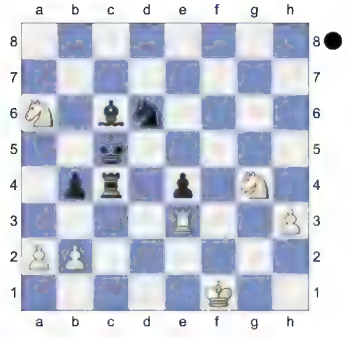


next ...Bb5 is good for Black. **41.Ne6+**

[41.Re1!? Nf5□ 42.Ne2+ Kc5 43.Ne5=]

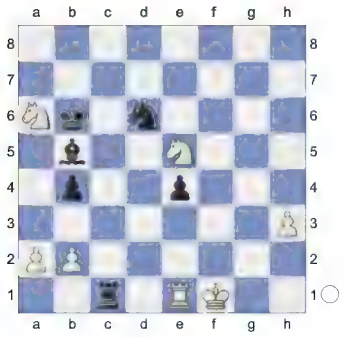
41...Kd5 42.Nc7+ Kc5 White must now prevent ...Nf5. **43.Nxa6+?** -2.07/28

[43.b3= -0.01/24 and White stays safe. Rc2 *(43...Rc1+ 44.Re1±)* 44.Re2]

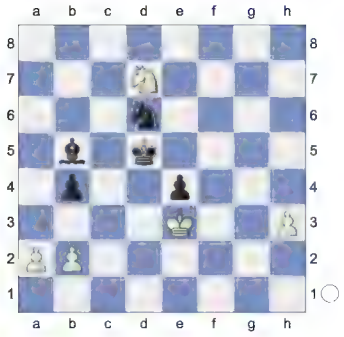


Now White is beyond hope. **43...Kb6!-+**

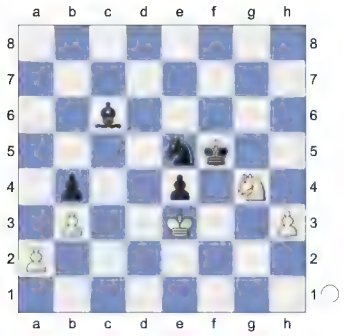
44.Ne5? -4.41/21
[44.Nxb4 -2.18/18 was necessary. Rxb4 45.b3]
44...Rc1+
[And not 44...Kxa6 45.Nxc4 Nxc4 46.Rg3=]
45.Re1 Bb5+



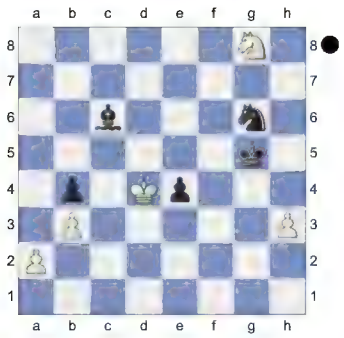
46.Kf2 Rxe1 47.Kxe1 Bxa6 48.Kd2? -5.83/21
[48.h4 -3.50/20 is the only way for White.]
48...Kc5 Black is clearly winning. **49.Ke3 Kd5 50.Nd7 Bb5**



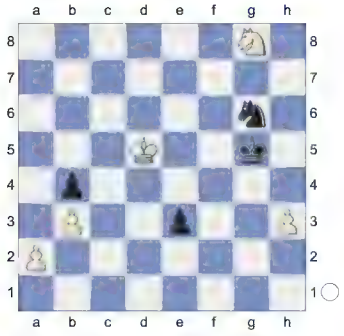
51.Nf6+ Ke5 52.Ng4+ Kf5 53.b3 Nf7 54.Nf2 Bc6 55.Ng4 Ne5



56.Nh6+ Kg5 57.Ng8 Ng6 58.Kd4



Bd5! Deflection, Promotion **59.Kxd5**
[59.Ke3 Bxg8]
59...e3



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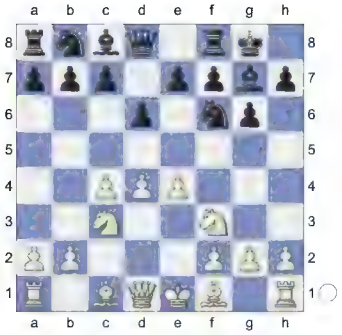
211 **E90**
□ **Dias,Paulo Jorge Guimara** **2308**
■ **Banzea,Alexandru Bogdan** **2394**
Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0

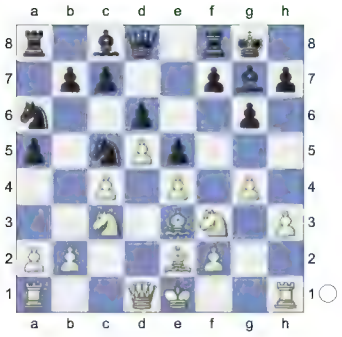
(Diagram)



6.h3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Be3 is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **8...Na6 9.g4 Nd7 10.Be2**

[10.a3 Nac5 11.Rg1 a4 12.Nd2 c6 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.g5 f5 15.f3 Bd7 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Kb1 cxd5 18.cxd5 Rac8 19.h4 Qd8 20.Be2 Qe8 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.h5 gxh5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Nde4 Nbd7 Bluebaum,M (2632)-Naiditsch,A (2700) Minsk 2017 CBM 179 [Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag] 1-0 (40)]

10...Ndc5



11.Nd2 -0.18/17

[⌓11.Qd2 0.25/18]

11...Bf6N 0.39/19

[11...f5= -0.18/17]

[11...c6 12.h4 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.h5 Rb8 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.a4 Nb4 18.Qd2 Rf7 19.Rd1 Rbf8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.axb5 Nxe4 22.Qc1 Nxf2 23.Bxf2 Rxf2 24.Qc3 Qc5 25.Ne3 Qb6 26.g5 Seemann,J (2446)-Stankovic,B (2199) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (34) e4 27.Qb3 Bxb2 28.Rh3 Bd4 29.Bg4 Bxe3 30.Be6+ Kg7 31.Qc3+ Bd4 32.Rxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qh3+ Kg7 34.Qh6# 1-0 (34) Wieringen,C (2446)-Shih,M (2199) Garmisch Partenkirchen 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson]]

12.Nb3N -0.02/20

[Vorgänger: 12.Qc2 Bg5 13.Nf3 -0.42/21 *(13.Nf1=* -0.02/17 *)* 13...Bxe3∓ 14.fxe3 Bd7 15.0-0-0 Nb4 16.Qb1 c6 17.Rdg1 -1.00/18 *(17.Rdf1∓* -0.59/17 is more appropriate.*)* 17...cxd5!∓ 18.exd5 -1.37/19 0-1 Elias,D (1460)-Turkmen,Y (1877) EU-ch Online U12 rapid 2020 (1) *(⌓18.cxd5* -1.01/20 *Rc8 19.Kd2)*]

[12.a3± 0.39/19]

12...Bg5= 13.Nxc5 Hoping for Bxg5.

13...Bxe3 14.Nxa6 -0.66/20

[14.fxe3= -0.12/20 Nxc5 15.Kd2]

14...Qh4∓ 15.Rh2 bxa6

16.Qd3 Bf4

0x0.0026aa86e61ddp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed. **17.Rh1 Rb8 18.b3 Bd7 19.Bd1** -1.23/19

[⌓19.Bf3 -0.81/19]

19...a4 -0.89/17

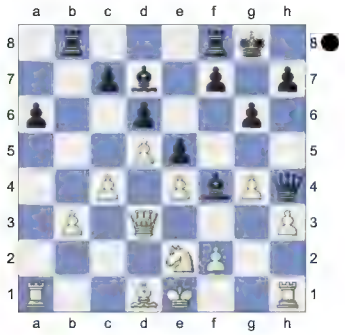
[⌓19...f5 -1.23/19 20.Rg1 fxg4 21.Bxg4 Bh2!]

20.Ne2 -1.94/19

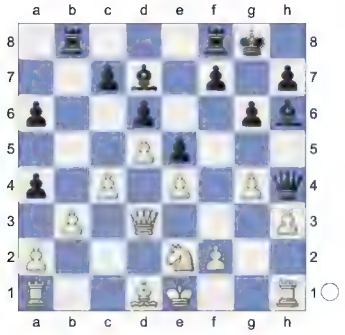
[20.Qf3∓ -0.89/17 was necessary.]

20...Bh6 -0.77/20

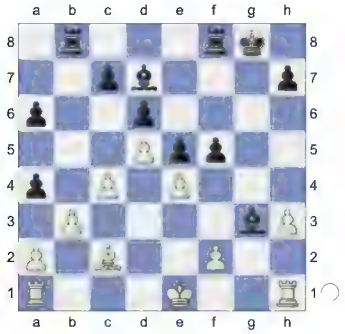
[20...axb3-+ -1.94/19 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... b2. 21.axb3 *(21.Nxf4? b2∓)*



21...Bxg4!]



21.Qg3 Bg5 22.Qxh4 Bxh4 23.Bc2 f5 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Ng3 Bxg3



26.fxg3 -1.37/21
[⌓26.Rg1 -1.00/21]
26...fxe4∓ 27.Bxe4 axb3 28.axb3 -2.03/22
[28.Rh2∓ -1.56/21]
28...Rxb3-+ aiming for ...Re3+. **29.Rf1?** -8.24/24
[29.Rh2 -2.07/19]
29...Re3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
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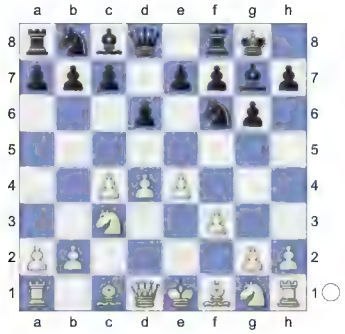
212 **E81**
□ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
Masters Open 2024 (4.54) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E81: King's Indian: Sämisch: 6th move deviations (including 6 Be3 c6) Inf 71/ (592) RR: 'Inf 71/(592)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0**



6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 b5 9.cxb5 axb5N 0.93/17
[9...Qa5± 0.33/20 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nc1 axb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6 *(13...Bd7 14.Ra3 Bxb5 15.axb5 Qb4 16.N1a2 Qd4 17.Qxd4 cxd4 18.Nb1 Nc4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Nb4 Nxb2 21.0-0 h6* Chapter-Saemish Bg5 _2486 2022*)*

14.N1a2 Bxb5 15.axb5

A) 15...Nh5 16.0-0 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 Bxc3 18.bxc3 *(18.Qxc3 Qxb5 19.Rfb1 f6 20.Be3 Nc4 21.b3* Ramirez,C (2320)-Pupo,E (2400) 71/(592) Cuba 1997*)* 18...f6 19.Bh6 Rfb8 20.g4 Ng7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qe2 Qa4 Lehmann,Z (2275)-Paschall,W (2280) 71/(592) Budapest 1997;

B) 15...Rfe8 16.0-0 e6 17.dxe6 Rxe6 18.Rfb1 Nfd7 19.Qd1 Ree8 20.Bd2 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Nc4 22.Be1 Qd8 23.Nc1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Qg5 1-0 Dreev,A (2670)-Sokolov,I (2665) Nussloch 1996 (9)]

[9...Nbd7 10.Nh3 Qa5 11.Nf2 Nb6 12.Nfd1 axb5 13.Nxb5 Bd7 14.Nbc3 Na4 15.Rc1 Rfb8 16.Bc4 Nxc3 17.Nxc3 h6 18.Be3 Ne8 19.0-0 h5 20.Bg5 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 f6 22.Bh4 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Bxc3 24.Qh6 1-0 From Beijing to Berlin,J (2470)-Gazola,V (2580) 10 Mannheim 1914 (5)]

10.Bxb5± Qa5

11.Nge2 Ba6 12.Bxa6 White is better. **12...Rxa6 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Kh1 Rb8 15.Rab1 Ne8**

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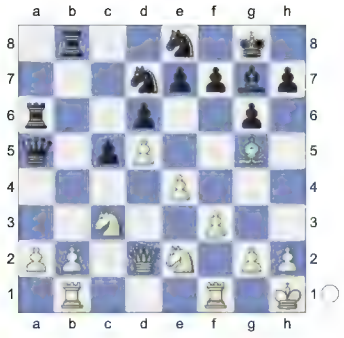


16.h3 Ra7 17.Qc2

[17.Bxe7 f6 18.Nf4 Ne5 19.Bxd6 *(19.b4? Rxb4 20.Ne6 Rxe7-+)* 19...Nxd6∓]

17...Qa6 18.g4 0.10/20

[18.Bxe7 f6 19.f4 Nb6 20.Bxd6 Nxd6∓]

[18.Rfd1± 1.02/18]

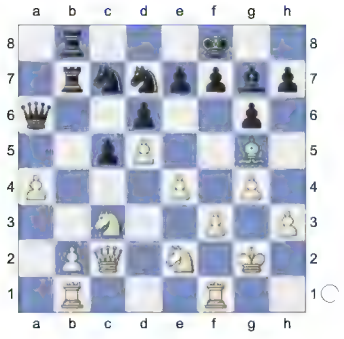
18...Kf8 0.48/20

[18...Ne5= 0.10/20]

19.Kg2 Nc7 20.a4 -0.08/22

[20.b3± 0.47/18]

20...Rab7

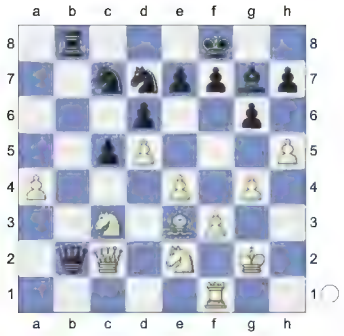


21.b3 Rb6 22.Be3 Qb7 23.h4 Rxb3 24.h5 -0.88/21

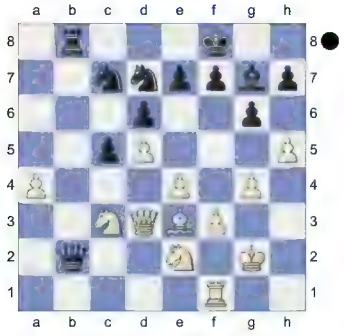
[24.Qxb3= -0.21/23 keeps the balance. Qxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3 26.Rb1 Rxc3 27.Nxc3 Bxc3 28.h5]

24...Rb2∓ 25.Rxb2 Qxb2

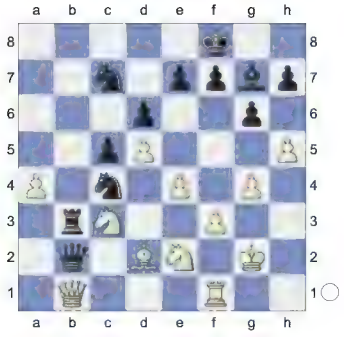
(Diagram)



26.Qd3 -3.96/19
[26.Rc1∓ -0.82/20 is more resistant.]



26...Rb3!-+ Black is winning.
[Not 26...Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Ne5 *(27...Qxe2+? perishes. 28.Rf2+-; 27...Nxd5? 28.exd5 Nf6 29.Qd3+-)* 28.Bd2∓]
27.Bd2 Ne5 28.Qb1 Nc4



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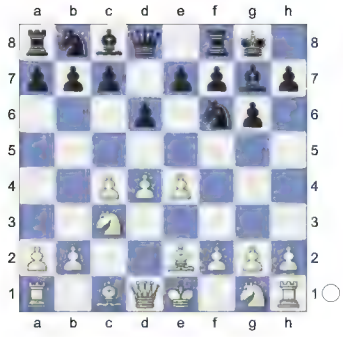
213 **E73**
□ **Tang,Zoey** **2290**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2369**
ch-USA Girls 2023 (8.2) 23.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0

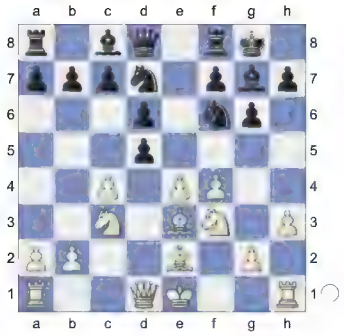


6.Be3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.h3 e6 9.f4 Ned7 White is slightly better. **10.Nf3N** -0.41/21
[10.dxe6!± 0.55/20 fxe6
A) 11.h4 Qe8 12.g4 b6 13.Bf3 Bb7 14.Nge2 Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfd7 16.Bg2 Nf6 17.Bf3 Nfd7 18.Bg2 a5 19.0-0-0 a4 20.h5 g5 21.h6 Bf6 22.fxg5 Bd8 23.Ng3 Ne5 24.Kb1 Nxc4 25.Bc1 Ne5 0-1 (33) Das,A (2446)-Sethuraman,S (2625) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (9);
B) 11.g4 b6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.0-0-0 Nc5 *(13...a6 14.Bf3 Ne8 15.h4 b5 16.g5 Nb6 17.Bxb6 cxb6 18.Nge2 b4 19.Na4 Rc8 20.Bg4 Kf7 21.f5 b5 22.fxe6+ Ke7 23.c5 bxa4 24.Kb1 Rxc5 25.Qxc5 dxc5 26.Rxd8 Bxe4+ 27.Kc1 Kxd8 28.Rd1+* 0-1 (31) Enquist,G (2411)-Lirindzakis,T (2496) Spanish Team Championship 2007 (4.3)*)* 14.Bf3 Nfd7 15.e5 Qe7 16.exd6

cxd6 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Nge2 Rac8 19.Qd3 Ndc5 20.Qc2 Na5 21.Bd4 Nxc4 22.Kb1 d5 23.f5 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Ne3 25.Qd2 exf5 0-1 (43) Bd7 (2660)-4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2673) 9th Corsica Masters (KO) rapid 2005;

C) 11.Bf3]

10...exd5∓



11.cxd5 Re8 12.Qc2 -0.82/21

[12.Bd3∓ -0.46/23 was preferrable.]

12...Nb6 -0.43/20

[12...Qe7!∓ -0.82/21 13.Bd3 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 f5]

13.Bf2 Nh5

[13...Nxe4!? 14.Nxe4 Bf5∓]

14.g3 -1.42/20

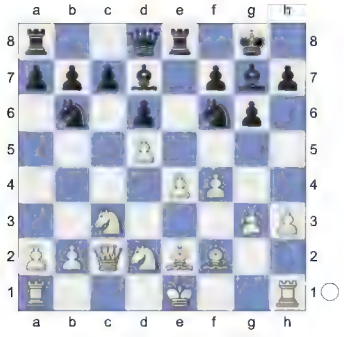
[14.0-0∓ -0.37/22]

14...Bd7 -0.27/25

[14...Bxc3+!∓ -1.42/20 15.bxc3 Nf6 *(15...f5 16.e5±)*]

15.Nd2 Nf6 0.14/20

[Better is 15...Bxc3∓ -0.36/23 16.bxc3 *(16.Qxc3 Nf6∓)* 16...f5]



16.Kf1 -0.64/23

[16.a4!= 0.14/20]

16...c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Bf3 Rc8↑ Black is pushing. **19.Kg2?** -2.08/21

[19.Rd1∓ -0.43/19]

19...d5-+ ...dxe4 is the strong threat.

20.Rad1 dxe4 -0.36/22

[20...d4!-+ -2.25/24 21.Nb3 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 Pin 23.Nxd4 Nd5]

21.Ndxe4∓ Qc7 22.Nxf6+ -0.81/19

[22.Rhe1∓ -0.39/22]

22...Bxf6∓ 23.Rd3 -1.32/22

[⌓23.Bxc6 -0.82/25 Qxc6+ 24.Kh2]

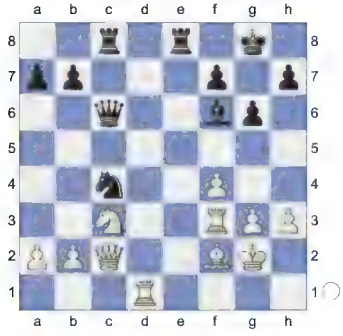
23...Nc4 -0.93/20

[⌓23...Bxf3+ -1.32/22 24.Rxf3 Nd5]

24.Rhd1 -1.48/23

[⌓24.Re1 -0.93/20]

24...Bxf3+ 25.Rxf3 Qc6



26.Rdd3 -1.78/21 Against Re3

[26.Qa4∓ -1.30/22 was worth a try.]

26...Rcd8 -0.37/25

[26...b5!-+ -1.78/21 And now ...a5 would win. 27.b4 Qb7]

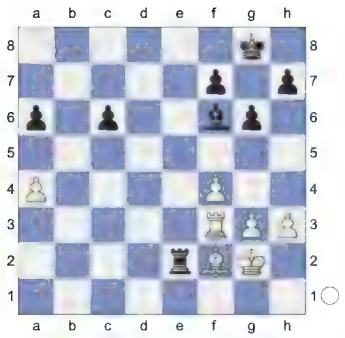
27.b3∓ Nb2 Deflection **28.Rd2** -2.47/27

[28.Qxb2 Rxd3 29.Kh2 Qxf3 *(29...Rxf3? 30.Kg1-+; 29...Rxf3? 30.Kg1-+)*]
[28.Rxd8∓ -0.37/27 Rxd8 29.Qe4 *(29.Qxb2? Rd3∓)*]
28...Rxd2 29.Qxd2 Rd8! Black is more active. **30.Qxb2 Rd3**

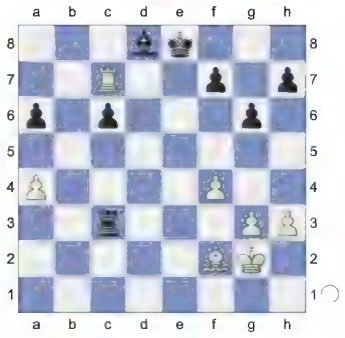
31.Qe2 -2.94/29
[31.Nd5∓ -1.41/25 Qxd5 *(31...Bxb2? 32.Ne7+ Kf8 33.Nxc6+-)* 32.Qe2]
31...Rxc3-+ 32.b4 a6 33.a4 Rc2? -0.90/20
[33...Qxa4 34.Rxc3 Bxc3 35.Qe7-+]
[33...Rb3-+ -3.46/23 is more deadly. 34.a5 Rxb4]
34.b5∓

Rxe2 -0.45/21
[Black should try 34...Qc7!∓ -0.87/22 35.Qd3 axb5 36.Qxb5 Qe7]
35.bxc6∓ bxc6∓

(Diagram)



Endgame. K R B - K R B **36.Rd3** Dodges Bd4 **36...Rc2 37.Kf3 Kf8 38.Rd7 Ke8 39.Rc7 Rc3+ 40.Kg2! Bd8**



41.Ra7 a5 42.Ra8 Kd7 43.Be1 Rc5 44.Kf3 Rd5 45.g4 Bc7

46.Ra7 h5 47.Ke2 hxg4 48.hxg4 Kc8 ...Rd4! would now be deadly. **49.Ra8+ Kb7 50.Rf8** -0.51/24
[50.Re8= -0.15/23]
50...f5 -0.03/23
[50...Bxf4? 51.Rxf7+ Bc7 52.Bg3+-]
[50...Rd7!∓ -0.51/24 51.Bd2 Bd6]

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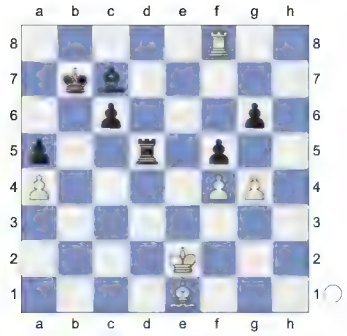
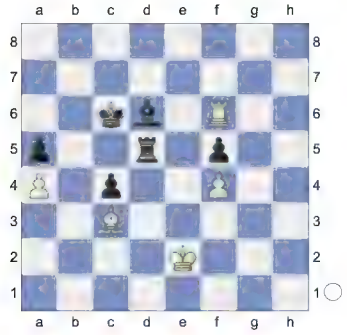
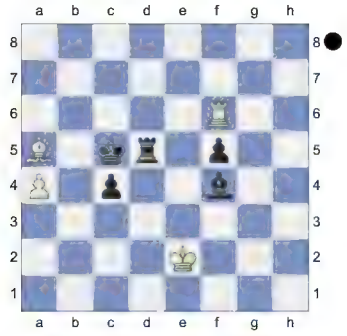


51.gxf5 gxf5
[51...Bxf4? too greedy. 52.fxg6 Be5 53.Bf2+-]
52.Bd2 c5 53.Rf7 c4 54.Bc3 Kc6 55.Rf6+ Bd6

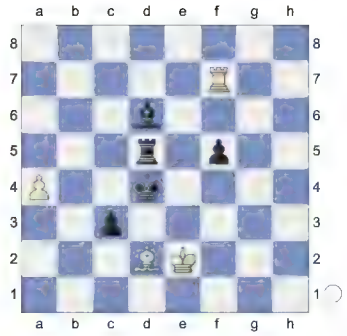


56.Be5 Kc5 57.Bc3 Bxf4 58.Bxa5

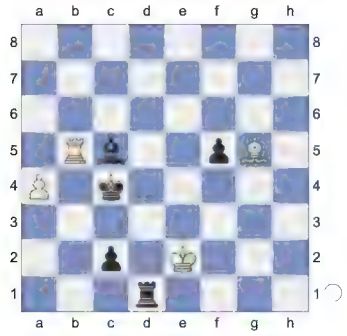


Bd6 -0.10/21
[Black should play 58...Bg5!∓ -1.16/19 59.Rf8 Re5+ 60.Kd1 Be7]
59.Rf7 -6.04/21 White is now going downhill.
[59.Be1= -0.10/21]
59...Kd4-+ Black is clearly winning.
60.Bd2 c3

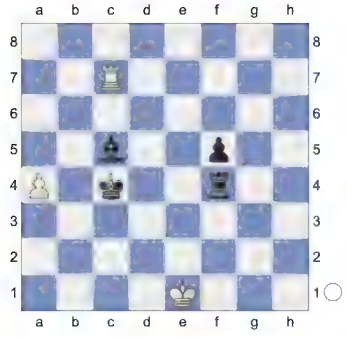
(Diagram)



61.Bc1 Kc4 White must now prevent ... Re5+. **62.Rb7 c2 63.Rb6 Bb4** Hoping for ...Re5+. **64.Rb5 Rd1 65.Bg5 Bc5**
[65...c1R 66.Bxc1 Re1+ *(66...Rxc1 67.Rxf5 Re1+ 68.Kf3∓)* 67.Kf3∓]

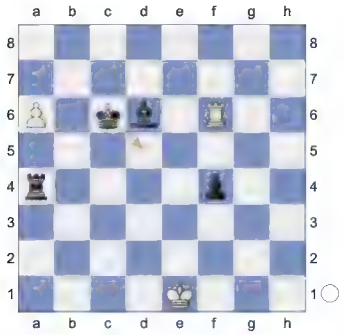


66.Rb7 c1Q
[66...c1B 67.Kxd1 Bxg5 68.Rf7=]
67.Bxc1 Rxc1 KRB-KR **68.Rf7 Rc2+ 69.Ke1 Rf2 70.Rc7 Rf4**

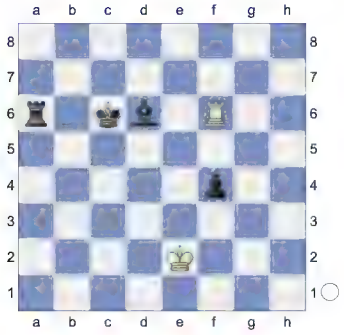


aiming for ...Rf3. **71.a5 Kb5 72.a6 Ra4 73.Rf7 f4**
[73...Rxa6 74.Rxf5 Kc4 75.Ke2 Ra2+ 76.Kf3-+]
74.Rf5 Kc6 Threatens to win with ...

Bd6!
[74...Rxa6 75.Rxf4 Bd6 76.Rd4-+]
75.Rf6+ Bd6



Strongly threatening ...Kd5! **76.Ke2 Rxa6**



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214 **E91**
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
Masters Open 2024 (3.61) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6... Bg4 Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' Bareev,Evgeny: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Bareev,E: 'Chess Informant'" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Bg4N
[6...e5 7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4 Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) 69/(518) Zalakaros 1997]
[6...c5 7.0-0 *(7.d5 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.exd5 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 a6 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Ne4 h6 15.Bh4 Ne5 16.Nxf6+ Kh8 17.Qe4 Bxf6 18.Bxf6+ Qxf6 19.f4 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rfe8 21.f5 g5* 0-1 Zacurdajev,D (2273)-Dzagnidze,N (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10) *)* 7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 Nxd4 *(9...Bd7 10.Rc1 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.c5 e5 14.Bf2 Bh6 15.Rc2 d5 16.Bh4 d4 17.Nb5 Be3+ 18.Kh1 g5 19.Bf2 Bxf2 20.Rxf2 Ne8 21.a4 Qe7 22.Bc4 Kh8 23.Qd2 Qxc5 24.Qxg5* ½-½ Shirov,A (2580)-Damljanovic,B (2515) Interzonal-15 Manila 1990 (12) *)* 10.Bxd4 Bd7 11.Qd2 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rab1 Qb6 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.Rc2 Qd8 18.Bf1 h5 19.a3 Kh7 20.Ne2 Qh8 21.Nf4 1-0 Bareev,E (2675)-Karpov,A (2780) Tilburg 1994 (6)]
7.0-0 Nfd7 8.Be3 c5 9.d5 Na6 10.h3 Bxf3

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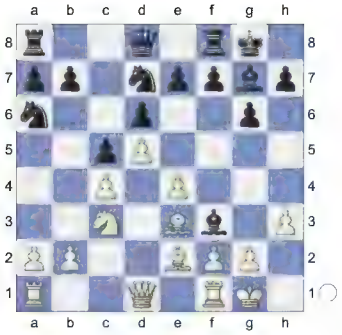
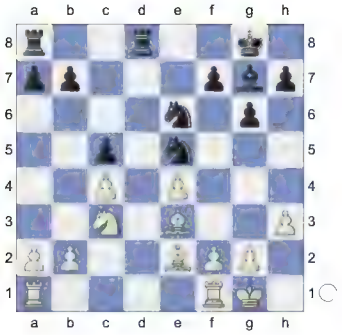


11.Bxf3 Nc7 12.Be2 e6 13.dxe6
[13.Qc2 simplifies exd5 14.exd5 f5 15.g3]
13...Nxe6 14.Qxd6 Ne5 1.55/21
[⌓14...Nd4 0.93/19]
15.Qxd8±
[15.Bxc5 Qc8 16.Be3 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4±]
15...Rfxd8



16.f4 Nc6 17.e5 1.04/19
[⌓17.Rad1 1.57/18]
17...Ncd4 1.44/21
[Better is 17...Ned4 1.04/19]
18.Bd3 Nf3+ 19.Rxf3
[19.gxf3 Rxd3 20.Kf2 Rad8±]
19...Rxd3 20.Kf2 1.23/19
[White should try 20.Nd5+- 1.66/22]
20...g5 2.24/21

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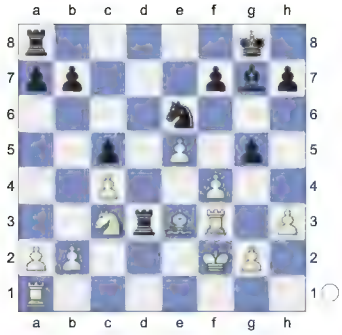
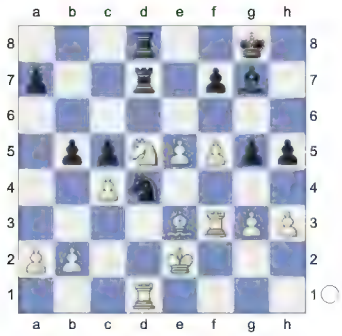


21.g3
[21.fxg5?! Bxe5 22.Ke2 Rd6±]
21...h5 2.79/22
[21...Nd4 1.99/19 keeps fighting. 22.Bxd4 Rd2+ 23.Ke1 Rxd4]
22.Ke2!+-
[22.fxg5?! Bxe5 23.Nd5 Bxb2±]
22...Rd7 23.Nd5
[23.fxg5 Bxe5 24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 *(25.Nxd1 a6±)* 25...Bxc3 26.bxc3 Re8±]
23...b5 24.Rd1 aiming for Nf6+.
[24.fxg5 bxc4 25.Rd1 Rb7=]
24...Rad8 25.f5 1.53/23
[25.fxg5 Bxe5 26.b3 Kg7±]
[White must play 25.b3!+- 2.72/23]
25...Nd4+±



26.Bxd4 cxd4

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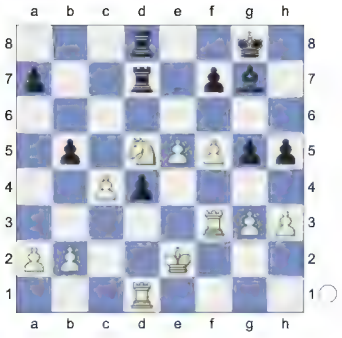
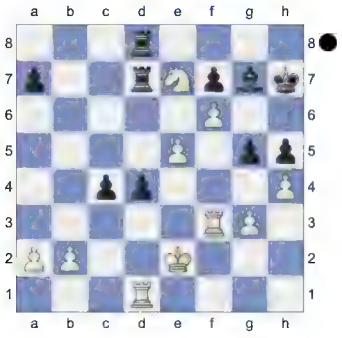


27.f6? 0.00/21
[27.Rxd4 bxc4± *(27...Bxe5 28.Ne7+* Pin *Kg7 29.Rxd7=; 27...Bxe5? 28.Ne7+* Pin *Kg7 29.Rxd7+-)*]
[27.e6 fxe6 *(27...Re8 28.Re3∓)* 28.fxe6 Re8∓]
[White has to play 27.b3!+- 1.65/20 f6 is the strong threat. Bxe5 28.f6]
27...bxc4= 28.Ne7+ Kh7 29.h4? -1.59/23
[29.Nc6= 0.00/21 d3+ 30.Kd2]



29...Bf8 -0.27/21
[29...g4!∓ -1.59/23 30.Rf5 Bh6]
30.Rdf1 -3.11/20 White does not recover from this.
[30.hxg5 Bxe7 31.fxe7 Rxe7∓]
[30.Nc6 d3+ 31.Kd2 Rc8=]
[30.Rc1= -0.27/21]
30...Rb8-+

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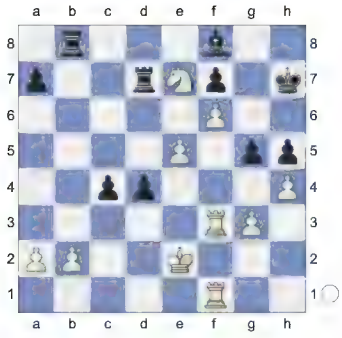
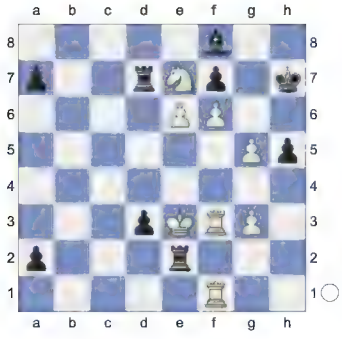
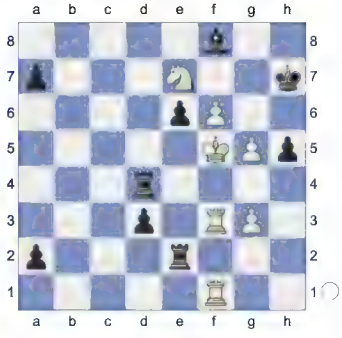


31.b3 d3+ 32.Kd2 cxb3 33.hxg5? -6.09/19
[33.Rxd3 -2.78/20 bxa2 *(33...Rxd3+? 34.Kxd3 bxa2 35.Ra1∓)* 34.Ra1 *(34.Rxd7?* perishes. *Rb1-+)* 34...Rb2+ 35.Kc3 Rxd3+ 36.Kxd3]
33...bxa2 34.e6 Rb2+ Black mates.
35.Ke3 Re2+



Skewer **36.Kf4 Rd4+ 37.Kf5 fxe6#**



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215 **E60**
□ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
Masters Open 2024 (8.51) 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.h4N
[3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 (22) Gomez Vasquez, L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Rare moves 2023 18.g5 Rxc3 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.0-0 Bd8 21.Bc4 Rc2 22.a4 Bd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game 3]
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 1-0 (34) Grimm,S (2657)-Campos (2720) Russia 2011 (1)]
[3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 exd5 12.cxd5 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Ng3 Bb5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.Bc3 Ba6 1-0 (31) Lazarevic,M (2646)-9.b3 ♖e8 10.h3 68766 (2531) French Championship 2011]

3...d5 4.cxd5 Bg7 5.h5 gxh5 1.37/18
[5...0-0± 0.64/21]

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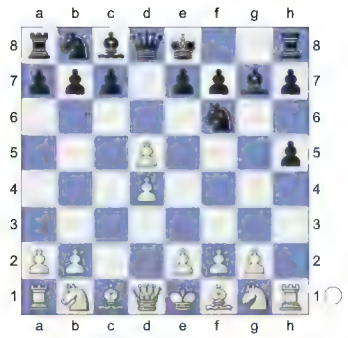
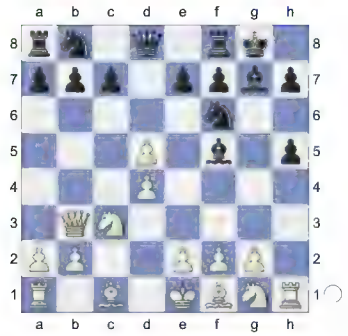
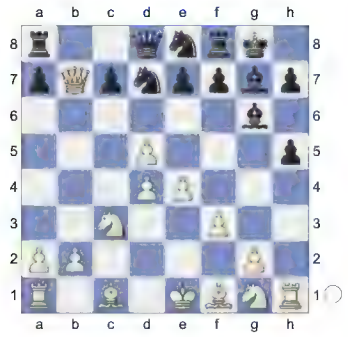


6.Nc3± Bf5 7.Qb3 0-0 1.62/20
[7...Nbd7± 1.15/20 might work better.]



8.f3!+- White is clearly better.
[8.Qxb7 Nbd7±]

8...Bg6 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Qxb7 Ne8 1.89/22
[10...e6± 1.49/20]

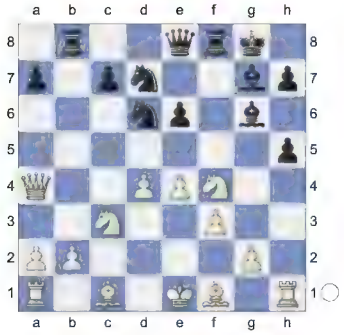


11.Nge2 Nd6 12.Qc6 Rb8 13.Qa4 e6 14.dxe6
[14.Qxa7? Ra8-+]

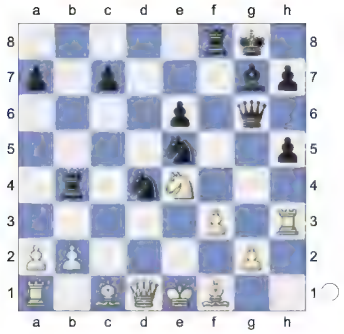
14...fxe6 15.Nf4!
[15.Qxa7? Ra8-+]

15...Qe8 2.17/16

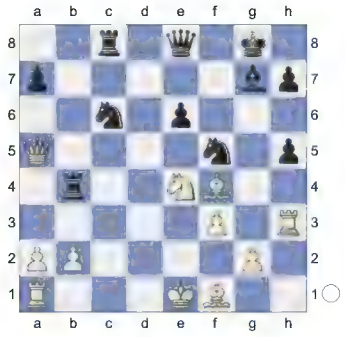
[15...Bf7 1.67/17 was necessary. 16.Nxh5 *(16.Qxa7? Ra8-+)* 16...Bxh5]



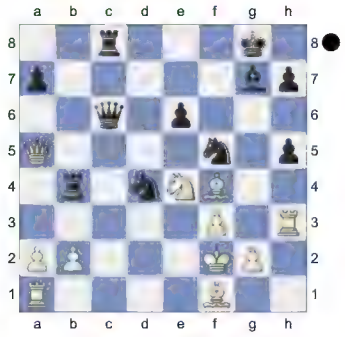
16.e5 Nf5 17.Ne4? 0.13/17
[17.Qxa7 Ra8 18.Qxc7 Nxd4∓]
[17.Bb5!+- 1.81/17 Rf7 18.Nce2 *(18.Nxh5 Bxh5 19.Rxh5 c5+-)*]
17...Nxd4!= 18.Nxg6 -0.63/17
[Better is 18.Qxd4± 0.48/20 Bxe5 19.Qd3 *(19.Qxa7 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Rxf4=; 19.Qc4 Bxf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4=)* 19...Bxf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qe3]
18...Rb4!∓ Decoy **19.Qd1** -3.15/17
[19.Nf6+? Rxf6-+ *(19...Bxf6? 20.Qa6-+; 19...Bxf6? 20.Qa6-+)*]
[19.Qa5? Qxg6 20.Kd1 Nc6-+]
[19.Qxb4∓ -0.55/17 Nc2+ *(19...Qxg6? 20.Qxd4 Nxe5 21.Qxa7+-)* 20.Kf2 Nxb4 21.Nxf8 Nxf8 22.Rh4]
19...Qxg6-+ 20.Rh3 a3 is the strong threat. **20...Nxe5**



21.Be3 Rd8 22.Qc1 Nf5 Hoping for ... Nxe3. Excellent horsemanship. **23.Qxc7 Qe8 24.Bf4 Rc8 25.Qa5 Nc6**
[25...Rxb2? 26.Bxe5+-]



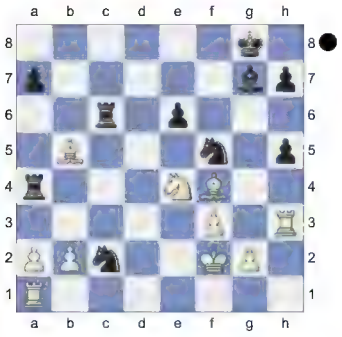
26.Qa6 Ncd4 Against Bb5
[Much less strong is 26...Rxb2 27.Rc1=]
[Don't play 26...Bxb2?! 27.Rd1=]
27.Kf2 Qc6 -0.30/21
[27...Rb6∓ -1.07/19 28.Qxa7 Rxb2+ 29.Kg1 Rbc2]
28.Qa5? -3.94/18
[28.Qxc6= -0.30/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rxc6 29.Rxh5]



28...Ra4!
[Weaker is 28...Rxb2+ 29.Kg1 h4 30.Kh1-+]
29.Qc3 Nc2? -0.59/17
[29...Qb7-+ -4.03/19 30.Qxc8+ Qxc8]
30.Qxc6∓ Rxc6 0.77/20
[30...Bd4+∓ -0.66/24 stays ahead. 31.Ke2 Rxc6]

(Diagram)

31.Bb5!



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½-½

216 **E94**
□ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
Masters Open 2024 (6.66) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

(Diagram)

6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 a5
[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh6 11.d5 Nd7 12.Nd2 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.h3 c5 15.Bf2 f4 16.Rb1 b6 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 Nd7 19.a4 Nc5 20.a5 Bd7 21.axb6 axb6 22.Nb3 (25) Grankin,F (2727)- ♘d7 10.d4 (2717) Latvia ch-20A 1997-8]
[7...Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Ne8 10.c5 f5 11.f3 dxc5 12.Bxc5 Nd6 13.Qb3 b6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.0-0-0 a5 16.a4 Qe8 17.Nc4 Nec8 18.Kb1 Kh8 19.Rc1 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Nd6 21.Bb5 fxe4 22.Bxd7 0-1 (36) Bosman,M (2404)-Fabian (2269) EUCup f Ljubljana 1995 (6)]
8.0-0N
[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.0-0-0 Re8 12.c5 Nxd5 13.exd5 e4 14.Nd2 Nb4 15.Nc4 Nxa2+ 16.Kb1 Nb4 17.d6 E 92/09 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
8...Bg4 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxd1

White is better. **11.Bxd1**

[Much worse is 11.Raxd1 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Re8∓]

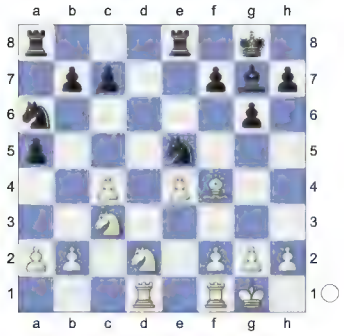
11...Bxd1 12.Raxd1 Re8 1.31/24

[⌓12...Nxe4 0.78/20 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nxe4 Bxb2]

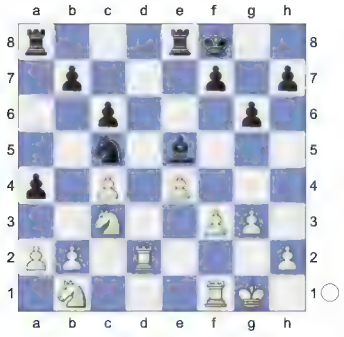
13.Nf3 0.29/22

[13.f4± 1.31/24]

13...Na6!= 14.Nd2 Ng4 15.Bf4 Ne5



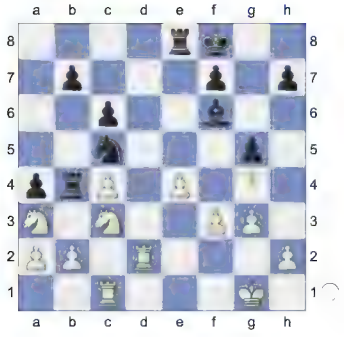
16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Ndb1 Nc5 18.f3 a4 19.g3 c6 20.Rd2 Kf8



21.Rfd1 Ra6 22.Rc1 Rb6 Black has compensation. **23.Nd1 Bf6 24.Ndc3** -0.50/25

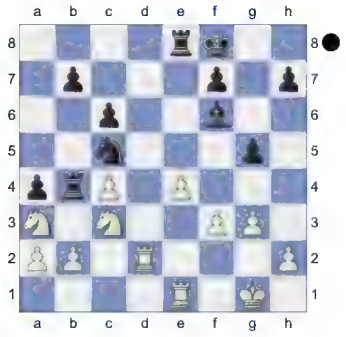
[24.h4= -0.04/23 deserves consideration.]

24...Rb4 25.Na3 g5



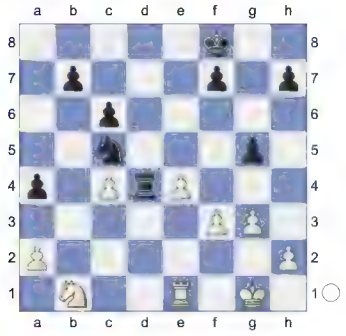
26.Re1? -3.19/22

[26.Rcd1∓ -0.39/22]



This move loses the game for White.

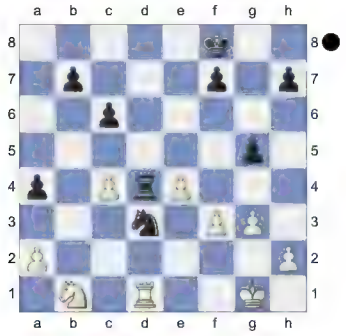
26...Rxb2!!-+ Decoy **27.Rxb2** Black must now prevent Rc2. **27...Bxc3 28.Rbb1 Bxe1 29.Rxe1** Endgame. KRN-KRN **29...Rd8 30.Nb1 Rd4**



31.Rc1 Nd3

[Not 31...g4 32.fxg4 Rxe4 *(32...Nxe4? 33.Kf1-+)* 33.Nd2-+]

32.Rd1

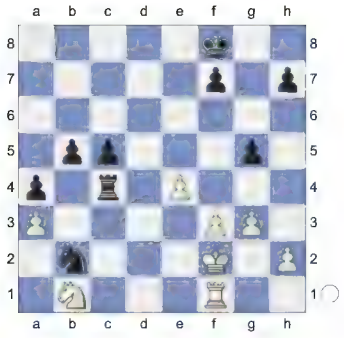


Rxc4 Black is clearly winning. **33.a3**

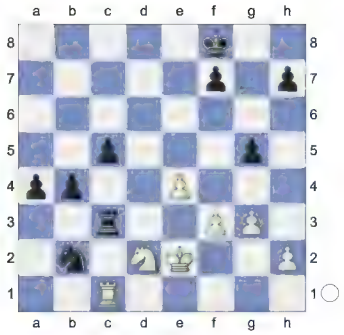
[33.Rxd3 Rc1+]

33...Nb2 34.Rf1 b5 35.Kf2 c5

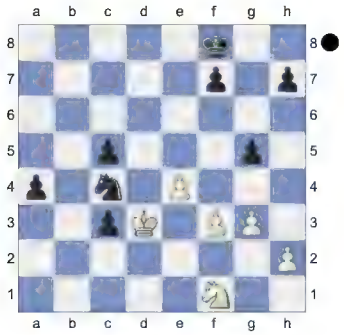
(Diagram)



36.Ke3 Rc2 37.Nd2 b4 38.Ra1 Rc3+ 39.Ke2 Rxa3 40.Rc1 Rc3



41.Rxc3 bxc3 42.Nf1 Nc4 43.Kd3



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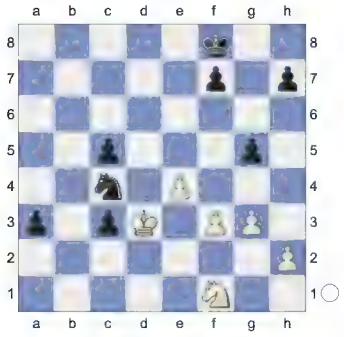

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217 **E73**

Abrahamyan,Tatev **2262**

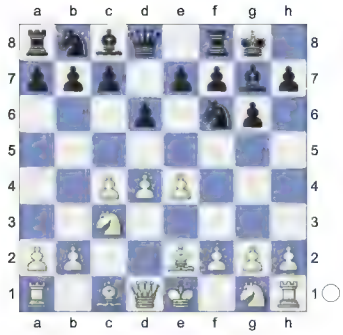
Yip,Carissa **2372**

ch-USA w 2023 (5.4) 10.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6



6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.h4 Nc5 9.Qc2 h5 10.f3 a5

White is better. **11.Nh3 c6 12.Nf2 Bd7N**

[12...cxd5 13.cxd5 b6 14.g4 Qc7 15.Qd2 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Bg5 Ncd7 18.Rc1 b5 19.Ne2 Qa7 20.Be3 Qb7 21.Ng3 Kh7 22.Rg1 Rc8 23.gxh5 Nxh5 24.Nxh5 gxh5 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.Nh3 Nf6 27.Qg2 1-0 (38) Larsen/Bronstein,G (2478)-Ujhazi,D (2347) 50/262 London 1990 (5.2) Ne8 28.Nf2 Qd8 29.Qh3 Kg8 30.Qf5 b4 31.Qxh5 b3 32.a3 Ra8

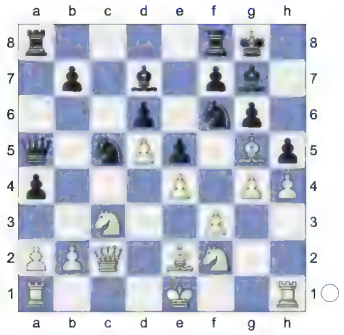
33.Ng4 Kf8 34.Nh6 Qc7 35.Nf5 Qc2 36.Rxg7 Qb1+ 37.Kf2 Qxb2+ 38.Kg3 ½-½ Batsiashvili,N (2489)-Zhu,J (2489) New Delhi FIDE GP (Women) 2023 (11)]

13.g4 cxd5 14.cxd5 a4 15.Bg5 -0.40/20

[White should play 15.Qd2± 0.59/19]

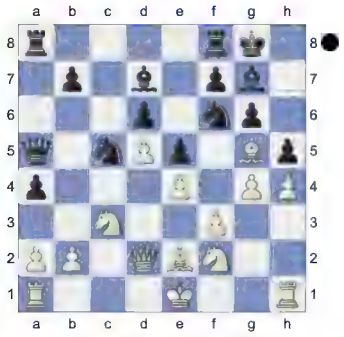
15...Qa5 0.11/20

[15...Qc8∓ -0.40/20]



16.Qd2 -1.08/21

[16.Bd2!= 0.11/20]



16...Rfc8 -0.42/19

[16...b5!∓ -1.08/21 Hoping for ...hxg4. 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.gxh5 Kg7 *(18...gxh5 19.Qh6±)*]

17.Bxf6∓ Bxf6 18.gxh5 a3 19.Rb1 -1.23/19

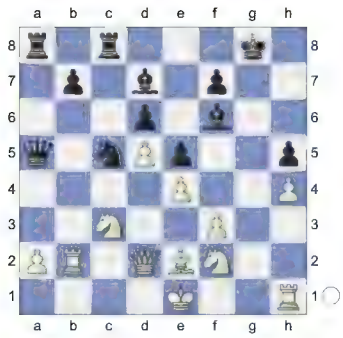
[19.b4!= 0.00/23 Qxb4 20.Rb1]

19...axb2∓ Black is much more active.

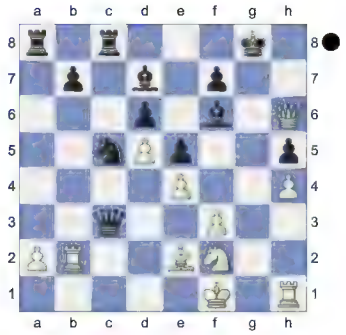
[19...gxh5? 20.b4 Qc7 21.bxc5+-]

20.Rxb2 gxh5

(Diagram)



21.Qh6? -4.32/21 This move loses the game for White. **21...Qxc3+-+ 22.Kf1**



Threatens to win with Rg1+. **22...Bg7!**

[22...Qxb2 23.Rg1+=]

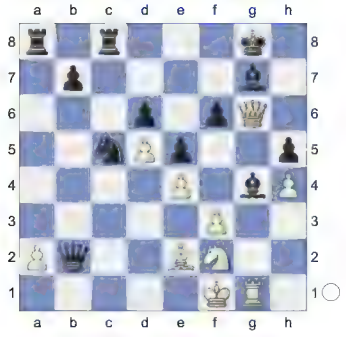
23.Rg1 Bg4

[Inferior is 23...Qxb2 24.Qxg7#]

24.Qg5 f6 25.Qg6 -6.64/20

[⌓25.Qd2 -4.02/19 Qxd2 26.Rxd2]

25...Qxb2



26.Nxg4 hxg4 27.Rxg4 Rc7 (-> ...Nd3!) **28.h5**

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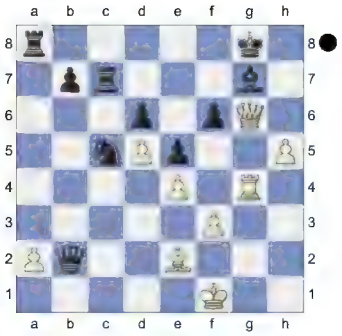
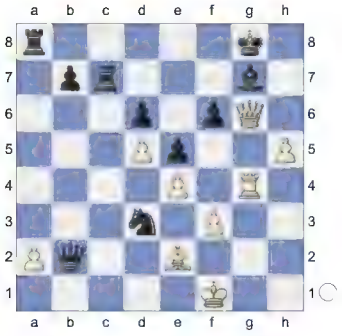


Nd3!



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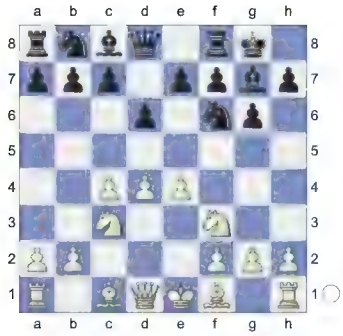
218 **E94**
□ **Espinosa,Pedro** **2238**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2399**
North American Junior U20 (7.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
This was an interesting attacking game showcasing the uncompromising style of Elisaveta. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Nf3 d6**

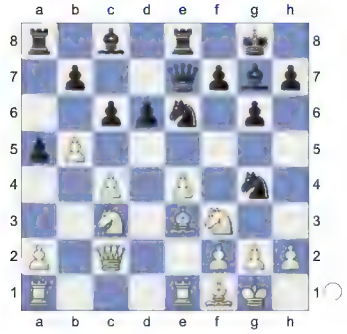
(Diagram)



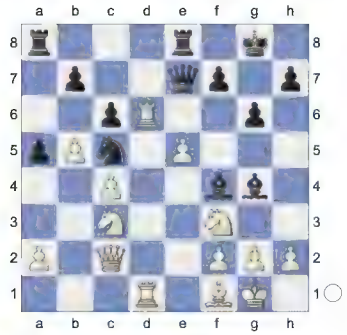
6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3
[8.Bg5 c6 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.c5 dxc5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.e6 fxe6 13.Nh4 Ngf6 14.Qd6 Qxb2 15.Qxe6+ Kh8 16.Nxg6+ hxg6 17.Qh3+ Nh7 18.Bh6 Qxc3 19.Bxg7+ Qxg7 20.f4 Rxf4 21.Rxf4 Qxa1+ 22.Bf1 Qd4+ 0-1 (25) 4) Elisaveta The Third-Olga Rubtsova vs. Elisaveta B,1 Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
8...Qe7N
[8...c6 9.d5 c5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.a3 Nh7 14.f3 h5 15.b4 Bh6 16.Bf2 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Ra2 Ndf6 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.Rb1 Rfb8 21.Rab2 Ne8 22.Bd3 Bg5 23.Nf1 1-0 (50) Luminet,D (2539)-12.♗b2 b6 13.♖ad1 ♘e7 1 (2350) 39/167 Varna 1985 (12)]
[8...a5 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 *(11.Bh4 h5 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.f3 Nf7 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Qe2 Kh8 16.Bc2 Rg8 17.Kh1 Nf8 18.Bf2 Qe7 19.Rae1 Rg7 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 g5 22.Qf2 Ng6 23.Nd1 Nh6 24.Ne3 Qf7 25.Nb1 Bd7* ½-½ (37) Gligoric,S-Geller,E 3/738 Moscow 1967) 11...Nc5 12.Ne1 f5 13.Bxg4 fxg4 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 b6 17.b3 h5 18.a3 h4 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Qd2 h3 21.g3 Qf6 22.Qe2 Bh6 23.Bxh6 1-0 (66) 8.dc5 dc5 9.♗e3 ♕a5 (2575)-Pokorny,A (2520) corr 63/EU/FSM-Final 2006 (6)]

9.Qc2 c6 10.b4 0.15/21
[10.Rad1± 0.90/19]
10...exd4=

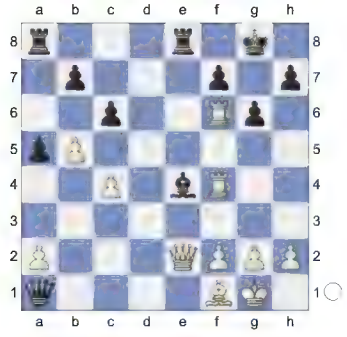
11.Bxd4
[11.Nxd4 Re8=]
11...Re8 The position is equal. **12.Rfe1 a5 13.b5 Nc5 14.Bf1** -0.12/18
[14.Rad1± 0.33/19]
14...Ne6 15.Be3 -0.51/18
[15.h3= -0.07/23]
15...Ng4∓



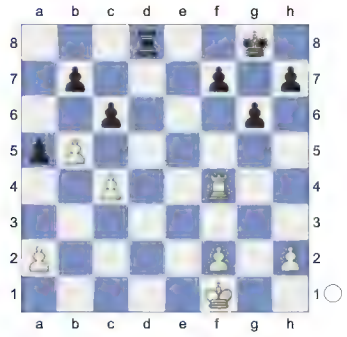
16.Rad1 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Bh6 18.Red3 Nc5 19.Rxd6 Bf4 20.e5 Bg4!



21.R1d4! Bxf3! 22.Rxf4 Qxe5 23.Rdf6 -1.53/21
[23.Rxf3? Qxd6 24.bxc6 bxc6-+]
[23.Qd2!= 0.00/22 Be4 24.Rd4]
23...Ne4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Qe2 Qa1

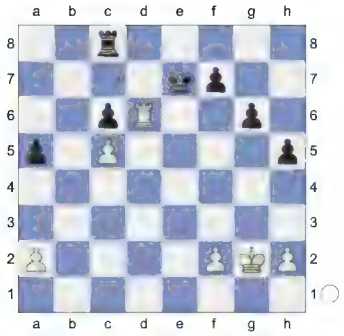


26.Rd6
[26.Rxe4? Rxe4 27.Qxe4 Qxf6 28.bxc6 bxc6-+]
26...Bxg2 Discovered Attack **27.Qd1 Qxd1** -0.67/20
[27...Qxa2? 28.Kxg2 *(28.Bxg2 Rf8+-)* 28...Qa3 29.Qd4+- *(29.bxc6 bxc6 30.Qd4 Qb4+-)*]
[27...Qe5∓ -1.05/29 28.Qd4 Bxf1 29.Qxe5 Rxe5 30.Kxf1 cxb5]
28.Rxd1 Bxf1 29.Kxf1 Rad8 Against Rd7 **30.Rxd8 Rxd8**

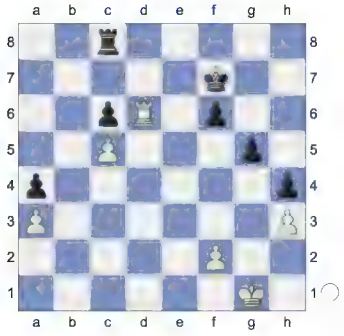


31.bxc6 bxc6 Endgame. Strongly threatening ...Kg7. KR-KR **32.Rf6! Rc8 33.Rd6 Kf8 34.c5 Ke7 35.Kg2 h5**

(Diagram)

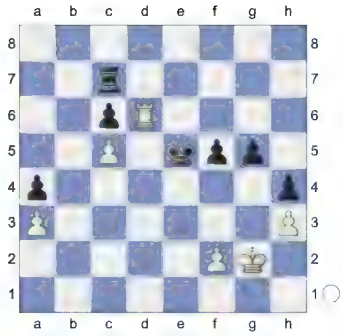


36.Kg3 -0.64/24
[36.Kf3= -0.13/26]
36...a4 37.a3 -1.35/27
[37.h4!∓ -0.37/26]
37...f6 -0.08/29
[37...Rd8∓ -1.35/27 38.Rxc6 g5 *(38...Rd3+ 39.Kf4∓)*]
38.Kg2 g5 next ...Rd8 is good for Black.
39.h3 -1.36/29
[39.h4= -0.07/24]
39...h4 -0.31/28
[39...Rd8!∓ -1.36/29 40.Rxd8 *(40.Rxc6 Rd3-+)* 40...Kxd8]
40.Kg1 -1.56/31
[40.Kf3∓ -0.31/28]
40...Kf7!∓

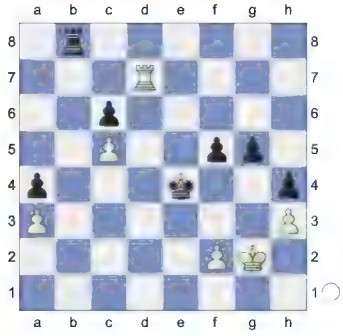


41.Kg2 Kg6 White must now prevent ... Kf5. **42.Kg1?** -3.13/27
[42.Re6∓ -1.36/27]
42...Kf5-+ 43.Kg2 -4.13/27
[⌓43.Rd4 -2.70/26]
43...Ke5 44.Kg1 f5 45.Kg2 Rc7

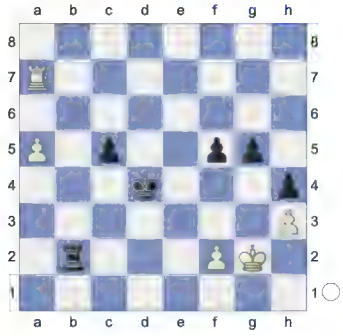
(Diagram)



46.Kg1 Ke4 47.Kg2? -5.77/24
[47.Kf1 -3.19/22]
47...Rc8 48.Rd7 Ra8 Wards off Ra7
49.Rd6 Rc8 50.Rd7 Rb8



51.Ra7 Kd5 52.Rxa4 Kxc5 53.Ra7 -5.47/27
[⌓53.Ra5+ -3.72/20 Rb5 54.Ra6]
53...Kd4 54.a4 -5.01/28
[54.Rd7+ -3.55/24 was the only defense. Ke5 55.Rc7]
54...c5 55.a5 Rb2? -1.41/23
[55...Rd8-+ -3.60/26 is more deadly. 56.f4 gxf4]



56.Rd7+ Kc4 57.a6 Ra2 58.a7 Kb5 -0.42/23 Black is more active.

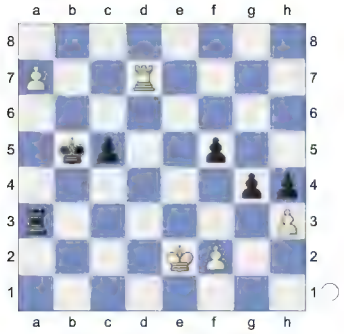
[58...g4∓ -1.47/24 ...g3 is the strong threat. 59.Rh7 Kd3]

59.Kf3 -5.02/23

[59.Rg7∓ -0.42/23]

59...Ra3+ 60.Ke2 g4

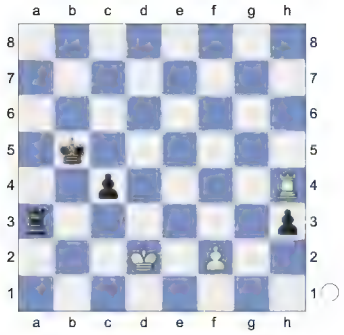
[60...Rxh3 61.a8Q *(61.a8B g4=)* 61...f4 62.Qb7+ Kc4 63.Kd2 Rb3 64.Qe4+ *(64.Qd5+ Kb4 65.Rb7+* Skewer, Deflection *Ka5 66.Qxc5+ Ka6 67.Qa7#)* 64...Kb5 65.Rb7+ Ka5 66.Rxb3 g4 67.Qa8#]



61.hxg4 fxg4 62.Rg7 h3

[62...Ra2+ 63.Ke3=]

63.Rxg4 Rxa7 64.Rh4 Ra3 65.Kd2 c4



66.Rh8 Rd3+ 67.Ke2 Ra3 68.Kd2 Ra2+? 0.00/31

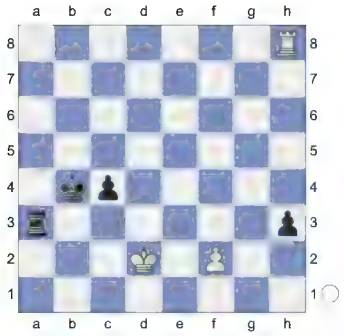
[68...Kb4-+ -8.10/27 69.Rb8+ Kc5]

69.Kc3= Ra3+? -8.10/23

[69...Kc6= 0.00/31]

70.Kd2!-+ Kb4

(Diagram)



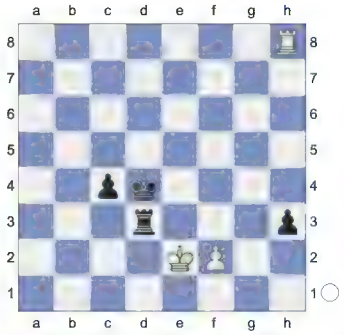
71.Rb8+ Kc5 And now ...Ra2+ would win. **72.Rh8 Kd4 73.Rh4+ Kd5?** 0.00/24

[Black should play 73...Kc5-+ -7.73/25 74.Rh8 Rf3 75.Rc8+ Kd5 76.Rd8+ Kc5 77.Rc8+ Kb4 78.Rb8+ Ka3]

74.Rh8? -7.80/26

[74.Rh5+= 0.00/24 Kd4 75.Rh4+ Kc5 76.Rh7]

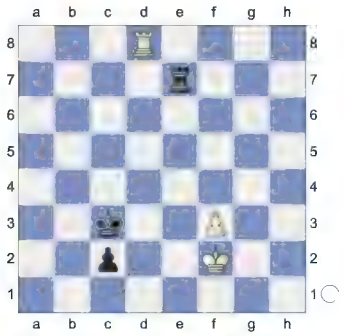
74...Rd3+ 75.Ke2 Kd4



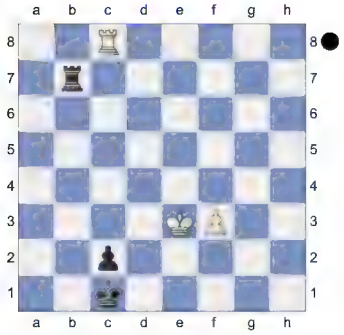
76.f3 Re3+ 77.Kf2 Re7? 0.00/29

[Black should try 77...Re5-+ -8.07/22 78.f4 Rc5 79.Rd8+ Ke4 80.Re8+ Kxf4 81.Rf8+ Kg5 82.Rg8+ Kf6]

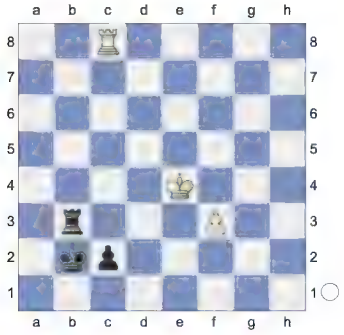
78.Rxh3= c3 79.Rh8! c2 80.Rd8+! Kc3



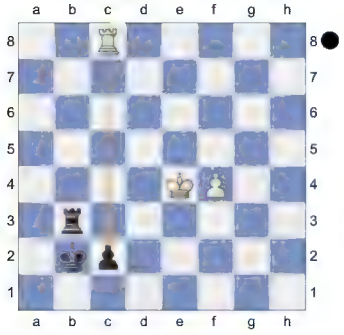
(-> ...Rc7) **81.Rc8+ Kd2 82.Rd8+! Kc1 83.Rc8 Rb7 84.Ke3?** -7.96/26
[84.f4= -0.02/20]



84...Rb3+!-+ 85.Ke4 Kb2

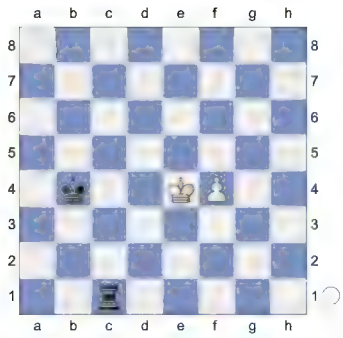


86.f4

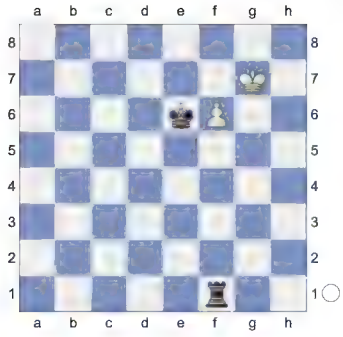


Rc3!
[And not 86...c1R 87.Rxc1 Kxc1 88.f5=]
87.Rb8+ Ka3 88.Ra8+ Kb4 89.Ra1 c1Q Black mates. **90.Rxc1 Rxc1**

(Diagram)



KR-KP **91.Ke5 Kc5 92.f5 Re1+ 93.Kf6 Kd6 94.Kg7 Rf1 95.f6 Ke6**



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0-1

219 **E73**
□ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
Masters Open 2024 (1.67) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.Be3 e5 6...Na6 is more advanced technology .6...Sa6 ist hochmodern. **7.d5 a5 8.g4 Na6 9.g5 Nd7 10.h4 Ndc5**

[10...f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.h5 Nc5 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qd3 Ra6 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.f3 Bh5 19.Qe3 Qe7 20.Kb1 Raf6 21.Rh3 R8f7 22.Rf1 Qf8 23.Nce2 b6 24.a3 Bh6 25.Qc3 1-0 Sivenkov,O (2663)-Etmans,M (2530) British CF-27 Championship Chester/ Cheshire (Town Hall) 1934 (5)]

White is better. **11.Qd2N**

[11.h5 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Nh2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 f5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Qg4 Kg7 18.Rg1 Qe8 19.0-0-0 Rh8 20.Nf3 Nb4 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.d6 c6 23.a3 Na6 24.Rg3 Rh6 25.Rdg1 Qf7 26.Qf5* 1-0 Ortega Ruiz,J (2354)-Sanroman Costas,M (2123) Santiago de Compostela Bicapawn GP B2 blitz 2022 (7)) 12.hxg6 *(12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.a4* Knaak,R-Reiners,C corr WC39/ct/3 ICCF 2019) 12...fxg6 13.f3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.Nh3 Rb8 16.Nf2 b5 17.Rc1 a4 18.Kf1 Rf4 19.Qd2 Qxg5 20.Nh3 Bxh3+ 21.Rxh3 Qg4 22.Rh2 Rxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Qxf3+ 24.Kg1 b4 25.Qe2 Qxe2 0-1 Short,N (2430)-Magnusson,G (2590) 64/405 Dortmund 1995 (4.12)]

[11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nh2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nb4 14.Rd1 a4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.a3 Na6 17.Nxa4 f5 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nf3 Nd7 20.h5 Nb6 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qd3 Nc8 23.Qe3 Nd6 24.Nh4 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 The King'S Indian Defence-White plays 5.Be2 and 6.Be3 with idea g2-g4 and h2-h4]

11...c6 12.h5 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.h6 0.33/17 'N' 'N'

[14.f3± 0.77/18 Qe7 15.Nh3 Rfc8 16.Nf2 Nb4 17.Ng4 Bxg4 18.fxg4 Qd7 19.0-0 Na4 20.Rf2 Nxc3 21.bxc3 ½-½ (48) Pniaczek,M (2102)-Ciszewski,K (2114) Suwalki Warakomska Memorial 8th 2024 (6)]

14...Bh8± 15.f3 Qe8

16.0-0-0 -0.39/21

[16.Rc1± 0.61/20]

16...b5∓ Threatens to win with ...b4.

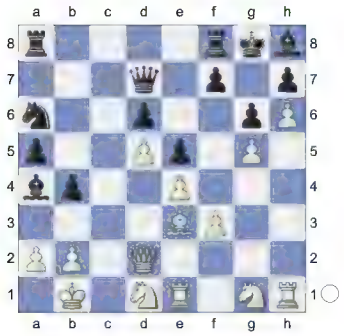
17.Re1 -0.92/21

[17.Rf1!∓ -0.37/23]

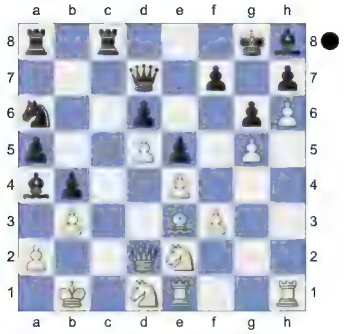
17...b4∓ 18.Nd1 Ba4! 19.Bxa6 -0.95/21

[19.Kb1!= 0.03/23 remains equal.]

19...Nxa6 20.Kb1 Qd7



21.Ne2 Rfc8 22.b3



Bb5 -0.36/19

[22...Bxb3!∓ -0.99/23 aiming for ... Bc2+. 23.axb3 a4 24.bxa4 Qxa4]

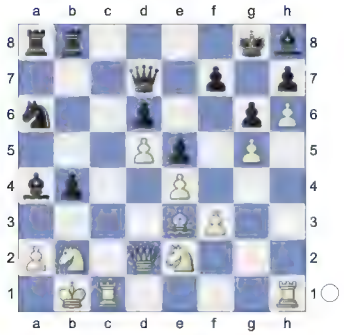
23.Nb2∓ a4 0.42/22

[23...f5∓ -0.57/23 24.gxf6 Bxf6]

24.bxa4!±

[24.Rc1 Nc5 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Nxa4 Qxa4]

24...Bxa4 25.Rc1 Dodges Bc2+. Active counter play! **25...Rcb8**



Threatening ...Bb5. **26.Nc4** -0.60/20

[26.Nxa4!= -0.04/19 Qxa4 27.Qb2]

26...Qd8!∓ 27.Qb2 -1.23/20

[White should play 27.Rhg1∓ -0.64/20]

27...Rb5 0.00/25

[Better is 27...Nc5∓ -1.23/20 White must now prevent ...b3. 28.Bxc5 dxc5]

28.Nd4= Dodges b3 **28...exd4 29.Bxd4 Bc2+** Decoy **30.Kxc2**

[30.Qxc2? Bxd4 31.Qa4 Rbb8-+]

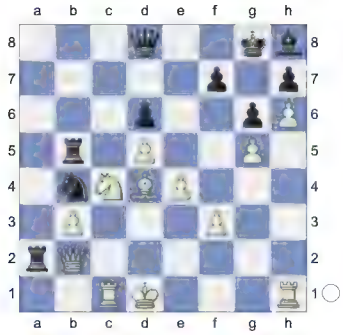
[30.Rxc2!? b3□ 31.axb3 Rxb3 *(31...Bxd4? 32.Qxd4 Rxb3+ 33.Rb2+-)* 32.Qxb3 Bxd4 33.Qd3±]

30...b3+? 2.31/18

[30...Nc5!∓ -0.34/19 keeps the upper hand. 31.Bf6 *(31.Bxh8 Rxa2* Remove Defender, Decoy *32.Qxa2 b3+∓)* 31...Bxf6 32.Qxf6 Rxa2+ 33.Kb1 Qxf6 34.gxf6 b3 *(34...Ra6 35.Rhd1=)*]

This move loses the game for Black.

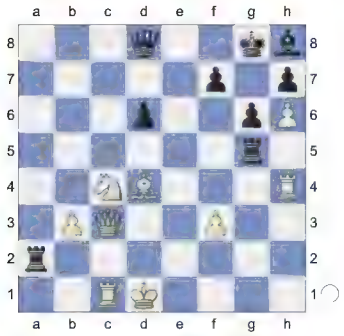
31.axb3+- Nb4+ 32.Kd1 Ra2



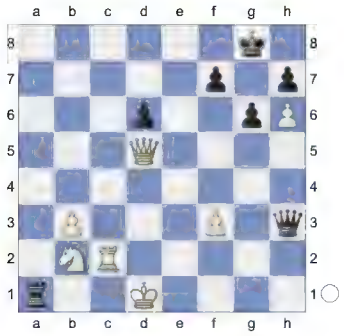
33.Qc3

[Less strong is 33.Bxh8 Rxb2 34.Bf6 Qb8 *(34...Rxd5+? 35.exd5 Qa8 36.Bxb2+-)* 35.Nxb2 Na2+-]

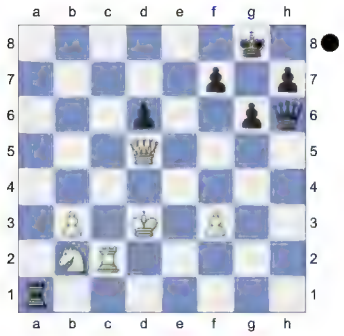
33...Nxd5 34.exd5 Rxd5 35.Rh4 Rxg5



36.Qe3 Prevents Rg1+
[36.Bxh8 leads to mate. Rg1+]
36...Bxd4 37.Qxd4 Rd5 38.Qxd5 Intending Nxd6! and mate. **38...Qxh4**
39.Nb2! Back Rank
[39.Qxd6? Qh1#]
39...Qh3 5.03/21 Prevents Rc8+.
[39...Qh1+ 2.60/18 keeps fighting. 40.Kc2 Qxh6 *(40...Qh2+? 41.Kd3+-)*]
40.Rc2 Ra1+



41.Kd2 2.20/16
[⌓41.Ke2 4.52/21]
41...Qxh6+ 42.Kd3



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220 **E61**
□ **Choubey,Saurabh** **2083**
■ **Mayank,Chakraborty** **2457**
Chennai op 15th (1) 02.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e3**
[5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 Rb8 11.Be3 Bf5 12.Qd2 a6 13.Bd4 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Rfc1 Qd7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Qe6 18.e4 Bxe4 19.Nxf6+ exf6 ½-½ Miles,E (2690)-7.f4 ♕b6 8.♘f3 (2490) 96/123 Dortmund 2005]
5...d6

6.Be2 b6N
[6...Nc6 7.0-0 *(7.d5 Nb8 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.b3 Nc6 12.Bb2* #2 Quickstarter Guide-QS: 1...Nf6 2.c4 g6*)* 7...e5 8.b3 *(8.Re1 e4 9.Nd2 Re8 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Rb1 h5 12.b4 Bf5 13.b5 Nd8 14.a4 h4 15.h3 Ne6 16.Ba3 Ng5 17.Bf1 Qd7 18.Kh2 Nh5 19.Nd5 c6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Nc3 Bxd4 22.Red1 Be5+*

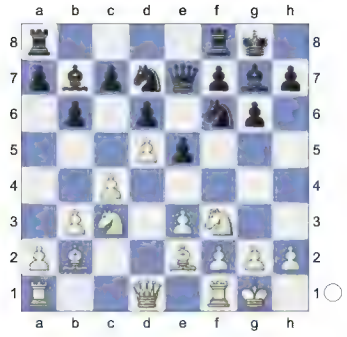
0-1 8.♕c2 a6 9.♖d1 ♕c7_6439 (1933)-Thierry,R (2303) Redbus KO Southend 2001 (3)) 8...exd4 9.exd4 Re8 10.Be3 Ne7 Miscellaneous Systems-Miscellaneous Systems Wh]

7.0-0 Bb7 8.b3! 0.32/22 now scores much better than the old 8.Qc2. punktet besser als das ältere 8.Dc2.

[8.Qc2± 0.78/18]

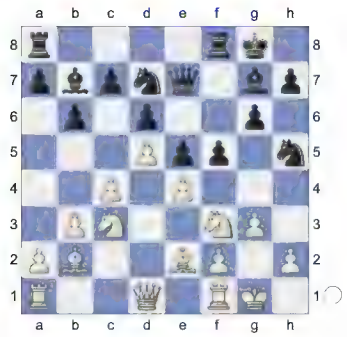
8...Nbd7 9.Bb2 e5 10.d5 White is slightly better. **10...Qe7N**

[10...a5 11.Nd2 h6 12.a3 Nh7 13.b4 f5 14.Nb3 f4 15.Bg4 Ng5 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Bxa1 bxc5 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 1-0 (55) Ivic,V (2581)-Kovalev,V (2648) Titled Arena Mar 6th blitz 2021]



11.e4 Nh5 12.g3 Prevents Nf4. **12...f5** 0.93/16

[12...Bh6± 0.51/19]



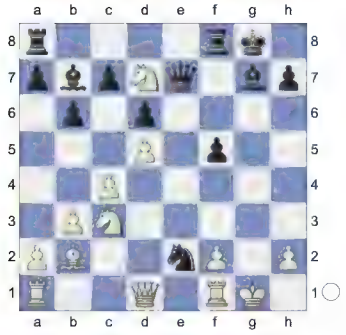
13.exf5!± gxf5 14.Nxe5 Discovered Attack

[14.Qc2 feels hotter. a5 15.Nh4 Nf4 16.Nxf5 Qg5 17.Nh4]

14...Nxg3 1.54/19

[Black should try 14...Nxe5± 0.67/18 15.Bxh5 f4]

15.Nxd7! Nxe2+



16.Qxe2 0.42/21

[16.Nxe2± 1.15/23 Qxd7 17.Bxg7 Qxg7+ 18.Kh1]

16...Qxd7± 17.Nb5 -0.50/23

[17.Kh1± 0.41/21]

17...Rae8∓ 18.Qd2 c6 -0.02/20

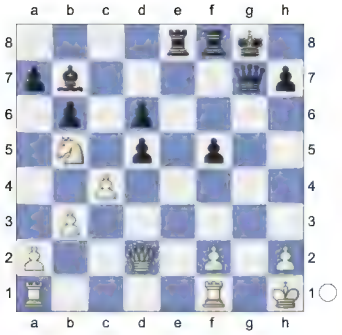
[18...Bxb2!∓ -0.66/21 19.Qxb2 Bxd5 Deflection 20.cxd5 Qxb5]

19.Bxg7!= The position is equal.

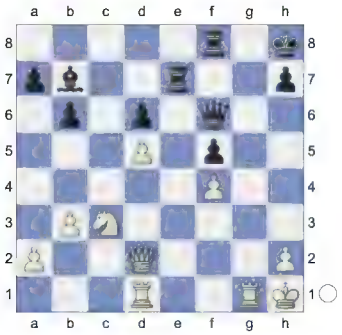
19...Qxg7+ 20.Kh1 cxd5!

[20...cxb5? loses. 21.Rg1 Rf7 22.Rxg7+ Rxg7 23.Re1+- *(23.cxb5 Re5+-; 23.Rg1 Rg6+-)*]

(Diagram)

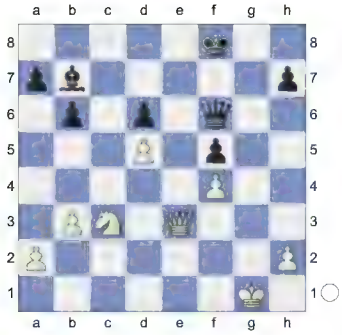


21.cxd5 And now Rg1! would win.
[21.Nxd6 with more complications. Ba8 22.Nxe8 dxc4+ 23.f3]
21...Re5
[21...Rf6 looks sharper. 22.Rg1 Rg6 23.Nxd6 Qe5]
22.Nc3 Qf7 23.Rad1 Qf6 24.f4 Re7 25.Rg1+ Kh8
[25...Kf7 seems wilder. 26.Qd3 Ba6 27.Qxa6 Qxc3 28.Qd3 Qxd3 29.Rxd3 Re4]

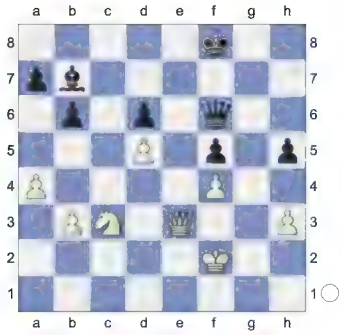


26.Rg3 Rg8 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Rg1+ Rg7 ...Qxc3! is the strong threat. **29.Qe3** Black must now prevent Qe8+. **29...Rxg1+ 30.Kxg1** Endgame. KQB-KQN **30...Kf8**

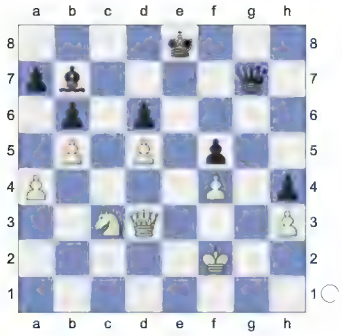
(Diagram)



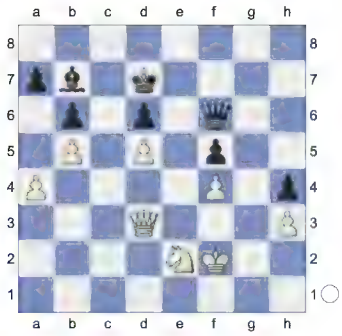
31.a4 Qg6+ 32.Kf2 Qh5 33.h3 Qh4+ 34.Qg3 Qf6 35.Qe3 h5



36.Kg2 h4 37.Kf2 Qg7 38.b4 Ba6 39.b5 Bb7 40.Qd3 Ke8

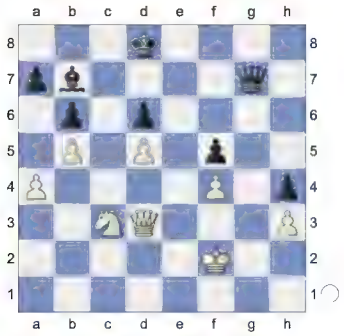


41.Ne2 Qf7 42.Nc3 Qg7 43.Ne2 Qf7 44.Nc3 Qf6 45.Ne2 Kd7

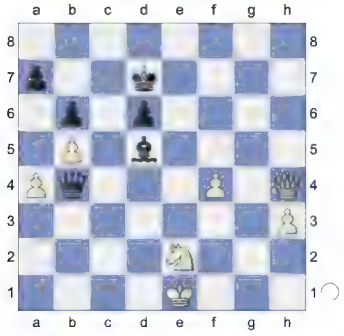


46.Nc3 Kd8 47.Ne2 Qf7 48.Nc3 Qg7

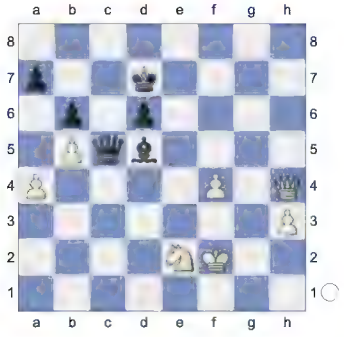
49.Ne2 Qf7 50.Nc3 Qg7



51.Ne2 Qc7 52.Qxf5 Nd4 would now be deadly. **52...Qc5+ 53.Ke1 Bxd5 54.Qf6+ Kd7 55.Qxh4 Qb4+**



56.Kf2 Qc5+ 57.Ke1 Qb4+ 58.Kf2 aiming for Qg4+. **58...Qc5+ 59.Ke1 Qb4+ 60.Kf2** Strongly threatening Qg4+. **60...Qc5+**



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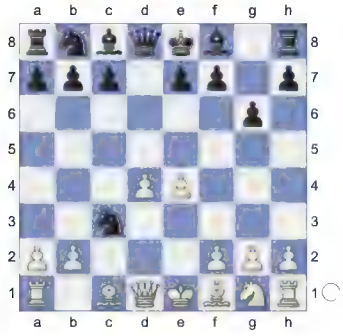
½-½

221 **D85**

☐ **Reference Games**
■ **Grischuk,Aleksander Vs Nepo**
[Kitty Kat]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**

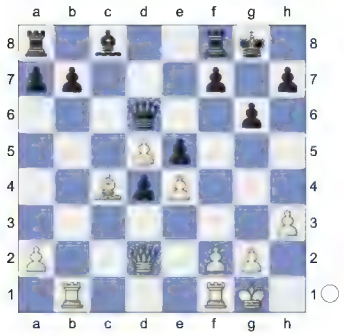


6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.h3N Against Bc8-g4

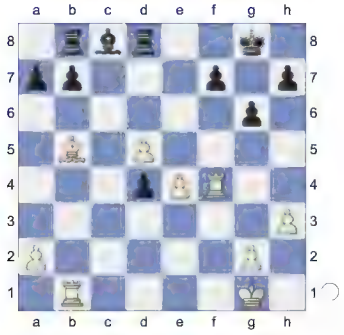
[9.Be2 Nc6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.d5 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Be3 f5 17.e5 f4 18.Bc1 Rad8 19.Rd1 Nc7 20.d6 exd6 21.exd6 Rf5 22.g4 Rf6 23.Ba3 Ne6 24.Ne5* Harnett,R-Abou Wally,A US Open Framingham 2001*)* 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bc7 14.0-0 exd5 15.exd5 Ba5 16.Rb3 b6 17.Qd1 Bd7 18.c4 13.f4 ♗c7 14. 0-0 ed5_19420_-N,N]

9...Nc6 10.d5 Bxc3+

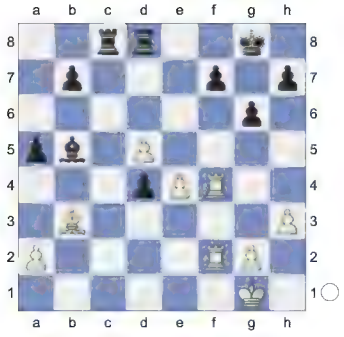
11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bc4 e5 15.0-0 Qd6



16.f4 Rb8 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Qf4
[18.Rbd1 keeps more tension. b5 19.Bb3 a5 20.Qxa5 Bxh3 21.Qd2]
18...Qxf4 19.Rxf4 Re8 20.Bb5 White has compensation. **20...Rd8**



21.Rbf1 Bd7 22.Bc4 Rbc8 23.Bb3 Bb5 24.R1f2 a5



And now ...Rc8-c1+ would win. **25.d6 Bc4**

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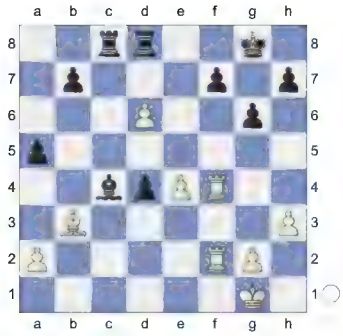
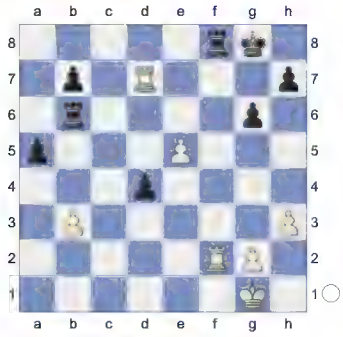
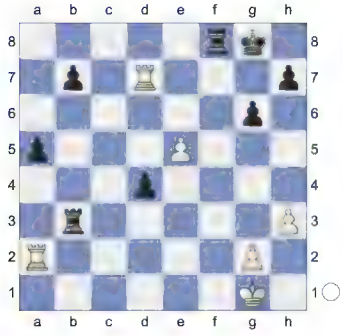


26.Rxf7 -0.57/29
[White should play 26.Bxc4= 0.00/23 Rxc4 27.Rxf7 Rxd6 28.e5]
26...Bxb3 0.00/32
[Reject 26...Rxd6 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.e5=]
[26...Bxf7∓ -0.57/29 27.Rxf7 a4 *(27...Rxd6? is the wrong capture. 28.Rc7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kf8 29.Rxc8++-)*]
27.axb3= The position is equal.
27...Rxd6 Endgame. Strongly threatening ...d4-d3. KRR-KRR **28.e5 Rb6 29.Rd7 Rf8**

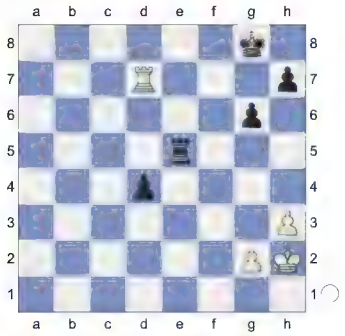


Hoping for ...Rf8xf2. **30.Ra2 Rxb3**

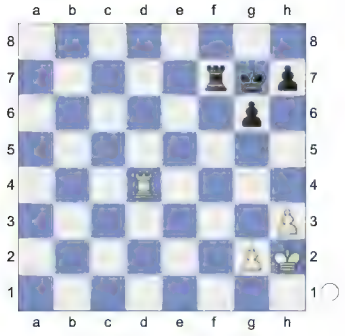


31.Rxa5 Re3 32.Rb5 Re1+ 33.Kh2

Rf7 34.Rbxb7 Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Rxe5



36.Rxd4 KR-KR **36...Re7 37.Kg1 Kg7 38.Kh2 Rf7 39.Kg1 Re7 40.Kh2 Rf7**



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222 **E60**

☐ **Reference Games**

■ **Pohjosmaeki,Risto Vs Wister**

[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3**

[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.e3 d6 *(9...Ne5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Rac1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bc3 Rb8 17.b3 Re8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rbd8 23.Rd4 f5 24.Qd2* ½-½ Ilincic,Z (2311)-Krzywda,A (2249) Budapest FS11 IM 2022 (8)) 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 0-1 Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) EU-Cup 32nd Novi Sad 2016 (5.1)]

3...c5N

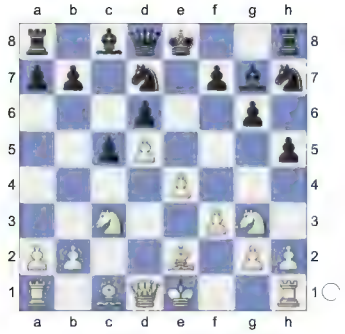
[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio, M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 2023 Rxc3 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.0-0 Bd8 21.Bc4 Rc2 22.a4 Bd7 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]

4.d5 d6 5.e4 Bg7

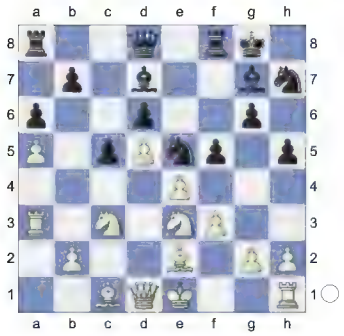
6.Ne2 e6 7.Nbc3 exd5 8.cxd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.Ng3**

[9.a4 is interesting. Nh5 10.g4 Ne5 11.gxh5 Nxf3+ 12.Kf2]

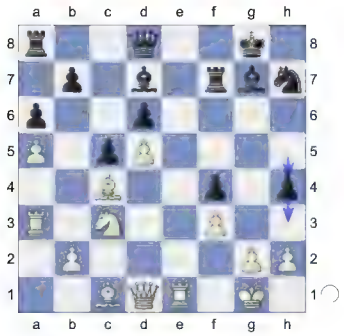
9...h5 10.Be2 Nh7



Prevents Bc1-g5 **11.a4 0-0 12.Ra3 a6 13.Nf1 Ne5 14.a5 Bd7 15.Ne3 f5**



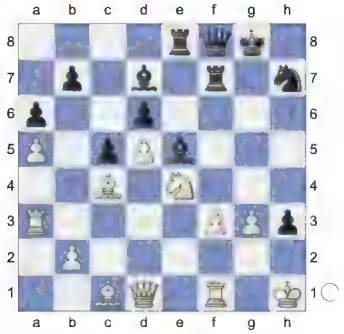
16.exf5 gxf5 17.0-0 f4 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Rf7 20.Re1 h4



21.Kh1 h3 22.g3 fxg3 23.hxg3 Qf8 24.Rf1

[24.Re6!?]

24...Be5 25.Ne4 Re8



26.Re3 Qg7 27.Qe2 Strongly threatening Ne4xd6! **27...Kf8 28.Bd2 Nf6 29.Nxc5**

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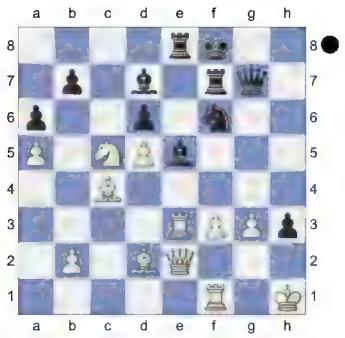
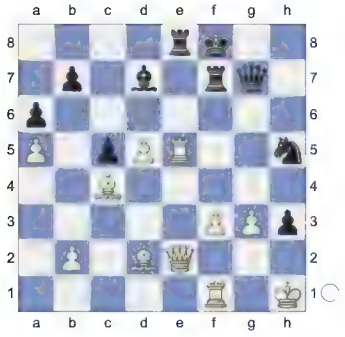


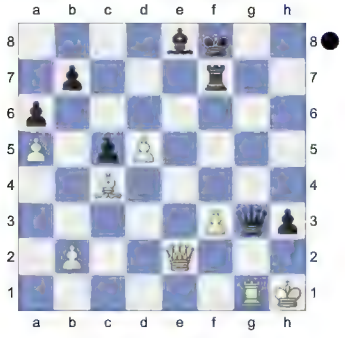
Deflection **29...dxc5** The position is equal.

[29...Qxg3? loses. 30.Rg1 *(30.Nxb7? perishes. Rg7-+)* 30...Qh4 *(30...Nh5? 31.Nxd7+ Rxd7 32.f4+-)* 31.Ne6+ *(31.Nxb7? h2∓; 31.Be1 Qh6±)* 31...Bxe6 32.Rxe5+- *(32.dxe6 Rg7±; 32.dxe6 Rg7=)*]

30.Rxe5 Nh5!



31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Be1 Black must now prevent d5-d6. Some like it hot. A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Nxg3+ 33.Bxg3 Qxg3 34.Rg1**



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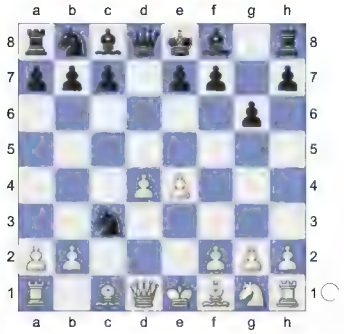
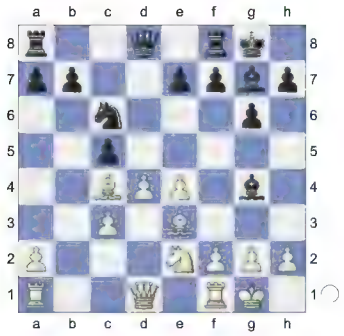
223 **D87**
□ **Reference Games**
■ **Belous,Mikhail Vs Erdos**
[Kitty Kat]

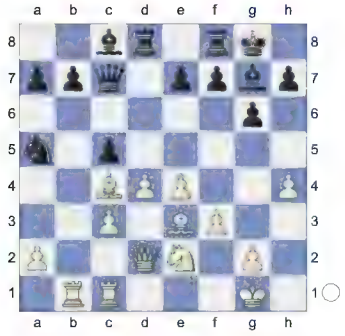
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**



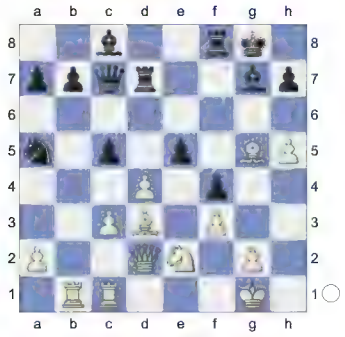
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 0-1 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere, Y (2224) Caioba op 7th 2023 (2)]
8...Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]



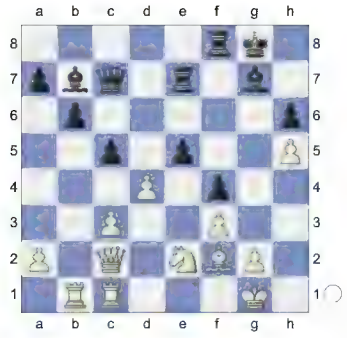
11.f3 Bd7 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qd2 Rad8
14.Rfc1
[14.dxc5?! Ne5 15.Bb3 Bb5∓]
14...Bc8 15.h4 White is slightly better.
15...Na5



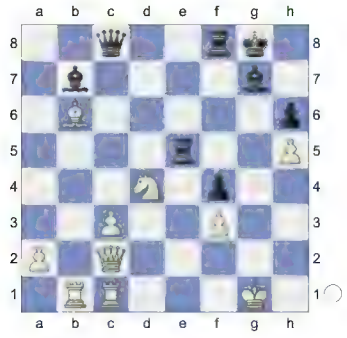
16.Bd3 f5 17.Bh6 0.25/21
[17.dxc5 fxe4 18.fxe4 Kh8=]
[17.h5± 0.76/19]
17...e5= Inhibits Ne2-f4. **18.exf5 gxf5**
19.Bg5 -0.12/24
[⌓19.Rd1 0.28/22]
19...Rd7 0.31/20
[19...Rd6= -0.12/24]
20.h5± Threatens to win with h5-h6.
20...f4!



21.Qc2 0.00/21
[21.h6± 0.47/20 might be stronger. Bf6 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Re1]
21...h6 0.36/21
[21...Kh8= 0.00/21]
22.Bh4 b6 23.Bf2 Nb7 24.Be4 0.11/23
[24.Qa4± 0.53/21]
24...Re7 25.Bxb7 -0.36/24
[White should try 25.Rd1± 0.40/20]
25...Bxb7
(Diagram)

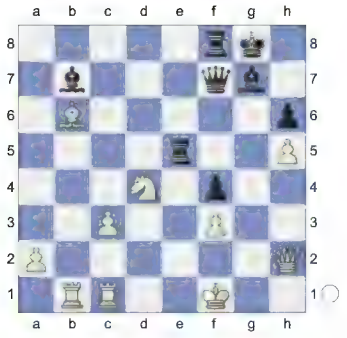


26.dxc5 e4!
[26...bxc5?! 27.Rxb7 Qxb7 28.Bxc5±]
27.cxb6 axb6 28.Bxb6 Qc8 29.Nd4
[29.Qb3+ Kh8 30.Qb4 Ref7∓]
29...exf3 30.gxf3 -2.33/20 This move loses the game for White.
[30.Re1= -0.10/20 and White has nothing to worry. Re3 *(30...Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 fxg2 32.Re7=)* 31.Nxf3 Rxc3 32.Qe2]
30...Re5

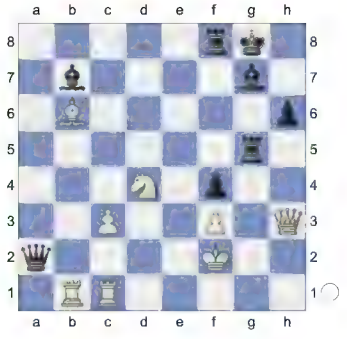


31.Qh2? -5.60/22
[31.Kf2 -2.56/17 nothing else works. Qh3 *(31...Rxh5 32.Rh1∓)* 32.Rg1 Qh4+ *(32...Rxh5 33.Qg6=; 32...Qxh5 33.Rh1=)* 33.Kf1 Qxh5 34.Rg2]
31...Qe8 32.Kf1 Qf7
[32...Qxh5 33.Qxh5 Rxh5 34.Ne6=]

(Diagram)

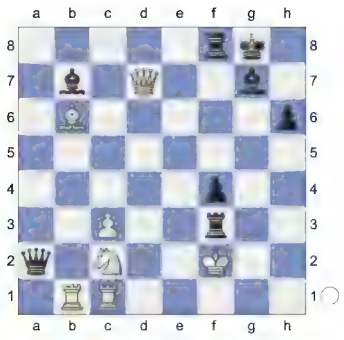


And now ...Qf7-c4+ would win. **33.Kf2** -5.69/18
[33.Rb2 -3.94/17 might work better. Ba6+ *(33...Qxh5 34.Qxh5 Rxh5 35.Rcc2=; 33...Rxh5? 34.Qg1-+)* 34.Ne2]
33...Rxh5-+
[33...Qxh5 34.Qxh5 Rxh5 35.Rg1∓]
34.Qg2 -7.17/19
[⌓34.Qg1 -4.93/16 Qxa2+ 35.Nc2]
34...Rg5 35.Qh3 Qxa2+ -11.69/21
[⌓35...Bxd4+ -#11/19 36.Bxd4 Qxa2+ 37.Kf1 Re8 *(37...Ba6+* is a self mate. *38.Rb5 Qc4+ 39.Kf2 Bxb5 40.Rc2 Re8 41.Be5 Qd3 42.Qe6+ Rxe6 43.c4 Qe3+ 44.Kf1 Rg1#)* 38.Be5 Rexe5 39.Re1 Ba6+ 40.Rb5 Bxb5+ 41.c4 Bxc4+ 42.Re2 Qxe2#]



36.Nc2 Rg3 37.Qd7 Rxf3+

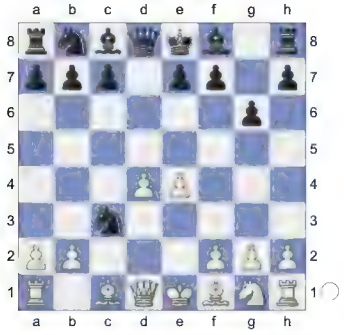
(Diagram)



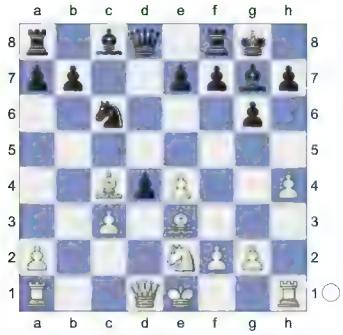
Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.33
0-1

224 **D87**
□ **Reference Games**
■ **Sambuev,Bator Vs Dukic**
[Kitty Kat]

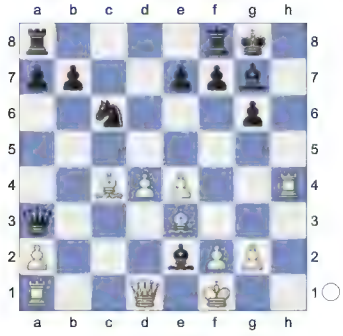
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3**



6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 exf4 0-1 Buganca,L (1947)-Labussiere, Y (2224) Caioba op 7th 2023 (2)]
8...Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.h4N
[10.Qd2 Qa5 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.Rb2 b6 16.Bd2 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rac8 18.Kd2 f5 19.e5 e6 20.Rc1 Ne7 21.Ba6 Rcd8 22.Bb4 Nd5 23.Bxf8 Bxf8 24.Rc4 b5 1-0 Zelbel,P (2466)-Meng,R (2455) NED-chT 2122 Netherlands 2021 (1.2) 25.Rxb5 Bxb5 26.Bxb5 Bb4+ 27.Kd1 Ba5 28.Rc6 Kf7 29.Bc4 Bb6 30.Bxd5 Rxd5 31.Rc4 g5 32.a4 Rd8 33.Kc2 h5 34.Kd3 Ke7 35.f4 g4 36.Nc1 h4 37.Nb3 h3 38.g3 Rb8 39.Rb4 Rc8 1-0 Moore,T (2564)-De Cara,J (2460) Chapter 10 Game 5 (8.6) 40.a5 Bd8 41.Rb7+ Rc7 42.a6 1-0 Maze,S (2564)-Chabanon,J (2460) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute Guingamp 2010 (8.6)]
10...cxd4

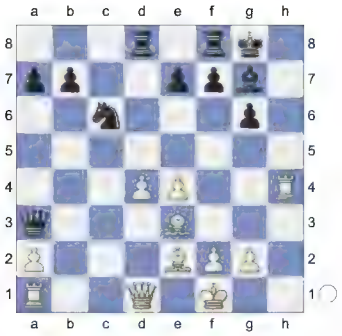


11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Qa3 13.h5 Bg4 14.hxg6 hxg6 The position is equal.
15.Rh4 Really sharp! **15...Bxe2+**

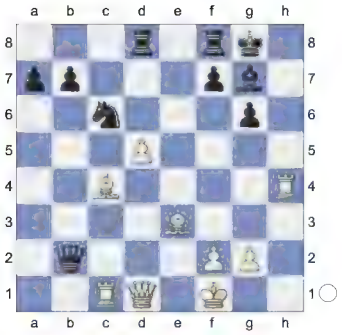


16.Bxe2 Rad8

(Diagram)



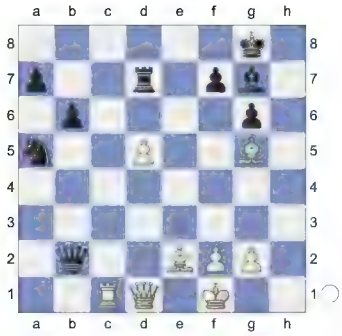
17.d5 e6! 18.Rc1 exd5 19.exd5 Qxa2 20.Bc4 Qb2



21.Re4 Repels Nc6-e7 **21...Na5 22.Be2 b6 23.Bg5** This pair of bishops is nice. **23...Rd7 24.Re7 Rfd8** 4.84/23
Black cannot hold the game after this.
[24...Rd6!± 0.31/20]
25.Rxd7+-

Deflection. White is clearly winning.
25...Rxd7

(Diagram)



26.Rc8+ Kh7 6.53/21
[⌓26...Bf8 4.45/20 27.Bh6 Qf6 28.Rxf8+ *(28.Bxf8 Rd8+-)* 28...Kh7]
27.Qd3 Threatening mate with Qd3-h3+.
27...Qa1+ 28.Bc1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.36
1-0

225 **E60**
☐ **Reference Games**
■ **Rawlings,Alan J C Vs Koestn**
[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3**
[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.e3 d6 *(9...Ne5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Rac1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bc3 Rb8 17.b3 Re8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nxc6*

Bxc6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rbd8 23.Rd4 f5 24.Qd2 ½-½ Ilincic,Z (2311)-Krzywda,A (2249) Budapest FS11 IM 2022 (8)) 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 0-1 Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) EU-Cup 32nd Novi Sad 2016 (5.1)]

3...e6N

[3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 18.g5 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio, M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 2023 Rxc3 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.0-0 Bd8 21.Bc4 Rc2 22.a4 Bd7 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]

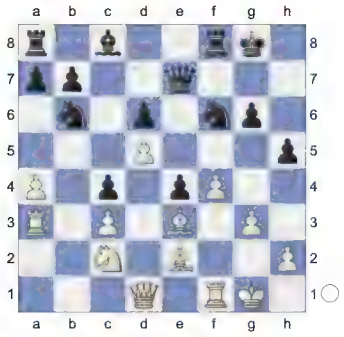
4.e4 c5 5.d5 d6

6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nge2 exd5 8.cxd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.Ng3 h5 10.Be2 Nh7**

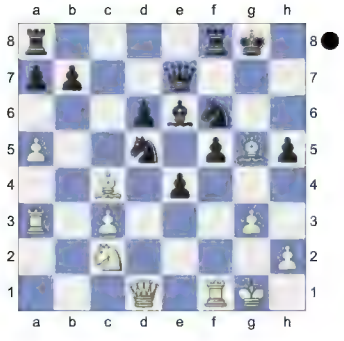
(Diagram)

Inhibits Bc1-g5. **11.Nf1 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qe7 13.Ne3 0-0 14.a4 f5** The position is equal. **15.Ra3 Bd4!**

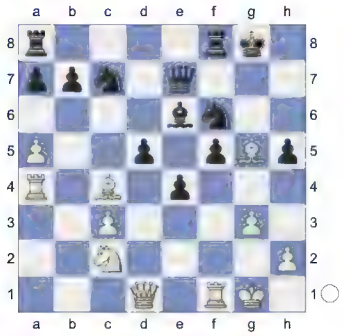
16.Nc2 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 fxe4 18.f4 c4 19.Be3 Nhf6 20.0-0 Nb6



21.a5 Nbxd5 22.Bxc4 Be6 23.f5 gxf5 24.Bg5



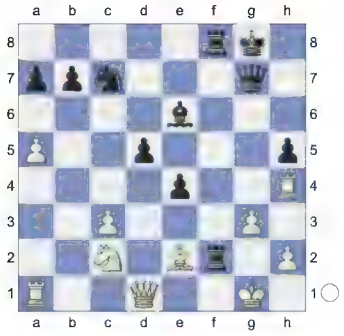
Hoping for Bc4xd5. **24...Nc7 25.Ra4 d5**



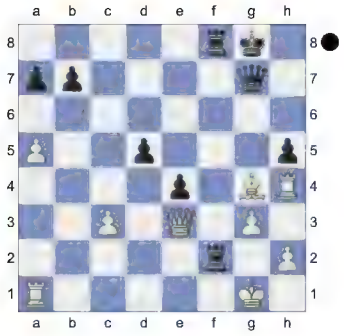
26.Be2 This pair of bishops is nice. **26...f4! 27.Rxf4** Qd1-d4! would now be deadly.

[27.gxf4 Bh3 28.Kh1 Bxf1 29.Bxf1 Ne6∓]

27...Qg7 28.Bxf6 Rxf6 29.Rh4 Raf8 30.Ra1 Rf2



31.Nd4 Bc8 32.Qc1 The board is on fire. **32...Ne6 33.Nxe6 Bxe6 34.Qe3 Bg4 35.Bxg4**



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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	h4[1] Bg7[2]	Nc3 d6[3]	e4 Nc6[4]	Nge2[5] 0-0[6]	f3 e5	d5[7] Nd4	Be3 c5	dxc6 bxc6[8]
2	g3 c5[9]	dxc5[10] Na6[11]	Bg2 Nxc5	Nc3 Bg7	Nh3[12] 0-0	0-0 d6	Nf4 Bf5	Be3 Nce4[13]
3	. . . c6	Bg2[14] d5	Nf3[15] Bg7	0-0[16] 0-0	Re1[17] dxc4	e4 b5	a4 a5	axb5 cxb5[18]
4	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	Qb3 Bg7[19]	Nc3 0-0	Nf3 Qb6[20]	0-0 Rd8	h3[21] Be6[22]	c5 Qxb3[23]
5	Nf3 Bg7	g3[24] d6[25]	Bg2 0-0	0-0 c6[26]	Nc3[27] Bf5[28]	Re1[29] Ne4	Qb3[30] Nxc3	bxc3 Nd7[31]
6	. . . . . .	e3 0-0[32]	Be2 d6[33]	Nc3[34] Nbd7[35]	0-0[36] e5	e4[37] h6[38]	Re1 Qe7	Bf1 c6[39]
7	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	h3 b6[40]	Be2 Bb7	0-0 e6	Nc3[41] d5	cxd5 Nxd5	Bd2 Nd7[42]
8	Nc3 d5[43]	Bg5[44] Ne4[45]	Bf4[46] Nxc3	bxc3 c5[47]	e3[48] Bg7[49]	cxd5 Qxd5	Nf3[50] Nc6	Be2 cxd4[51]

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	. . .	Nf3	Qb3[52]	Qxc4	Qa4+[55]	Qa3[56]	e3[58]	Be2
	. . .	Bg7	dxc4[53]	Be6[54]	Bd7	Bc6[57]	Nbd7[59]	0-0[60]
10	. . .	. . .	Bg5	Bf4[62]	e3	cxd5	bxc3	Be2
	. . .	. . .	Ne4[61]	0-0[63]	c5	Nxc3[64]	Qxd5	cxd4[65]
11	. . .	cxd5	Bd2[66]	e4[68]	Bxc3	Bxd4[69]	Bxe5[70]	Bc3
	. . .	Nxd5	c5[67]	Nxc3	cxd4	e5	Bb4+	Bxc3+[71]
12	. . .	. . .	e4	bxc3	Nf3[73]	h3[75]	Be2[77]	Be3[79]
	. . .	. . .	Nxc3[72]	Bg7	c5[74]	0-0[76]	b6[78]	Bb7[80]
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14	. . .	. . .	Bg5	e3[85]	Nxe4	Be2[86]	0-0	Bh4
	. . .	d6	Bf5[84]	Ne4	Bxe4	0-0	h6	c5[87]
15	. . .	g3	Bg2	Nf3[90]	0-0[92]	d5[94]	b3[95]	Bg5
	. . .	0-0[88]	d6[89]	Nc6[91]	Bg4[93]	Na5	c5[96]	a6[97]
16	. . .	. . .	. . .	d5	Nf3	0-0	a4	e4
	. . .	. . .	c5	d6[98]	Na6[99]	Nc7	Rb8	Bg4[100]
17	. . .	e4	h3[102]	Be3[104]	Nf3[106]	Rc1[108]	d5	Qc2
	. . .	d6[101]	0-0[103]	c6[105]	Na6[107]	e5	Nc5	a5[109]
18	. . .	. . .	Nf3	h3[111]	d5[113]	g3[115]	exf5	Ng5[117]
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19	. . .	. . .	Be2	Nf3[120]	d5[122]	Bg5[124]	Be3[126]	Nd2
	. . .	. . .	0-0[119]	e5[121]	a5[123]	h6[125]	Na6	c6[127]
20	f3	d5[129]	Nc3[131]	Kf2[132]	cxd5	a4	g3	h4
	c5[128]	d6[130]	e6	exd5	a6	Nbd7	h5	Ne5[133]
21	. . .	e4	Nc3	Nge2[135]	Be3	Qd2	h4[138]	0-0-0
	Bg7	d6	0-0[134]	a6[136]	Nbd7[137]	b5	h5	e5[139]

[1] **3.Bg5** Ne4 [3...d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.a3 Nd7 8.e3 c6 9.g3 f5 10.Bg2 Nf6 11.Nge2 Bd6 12.b4

Qd8 13.b5 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rc8 15.a4 Be6 16.Qb2 Bc4 17.a5 0-0 18.a6 Qb6 19.axb7 Qxb7 20.0-0 Ne4 21.Rfb1 Bd3 22.bxc6 Qxc6 23.Rc1 Qd7 24.Nd5 Rb8 25.Qa2 Qd8 26.Nef4 Bb5 27.Qxa7 g5 28.Nh5 Kh8 29.Bxe4 fxe4 30.Nhf6 Bd3 31.Qd7 Qxd7 32.Nxd7 Rb5 33.Nc3 Rb7 34.Nxf8 Bxf8 35.Nd5 Kg7 36.Rc7 Rb2 37.Nc3 Rc2 38.Nd5 Rb2 39.Ne7 Kf6 40.Nc6 Rc2 41.d5 h5 42.h3 h4 43.g4 Kg7 44.Rd7 Bb5 45.Rb7 Bc4 46.Rd7 Bb5 47.Rb1 Rc5 48.Rxb5 Rxb5 49.Nd8 Kg6 50.Nxf7 Kf6 51.Nd8 Ba3 52.Rf7+ Kg6 53.Rf5 Be7 54.Nc6 Bf6 55.Ne5+ Kg7 56.Nc4 Rb4 57.Nd6 Kg6 58.Ne8 Bc3 59.Nc7 Rb6 60.Ne6 Bf6 61.Kg2 Rd6 62.Nc5 Rd8 63.Nxe4 Be7 64.Nd2 Rc8 65.Nf3 Bd8 66.Ne5+ Kg7 67.Nc6 Kg8 68.Nxd8 Rxd8 69.Rxg5+ Kf7 70.Rf5+ Kg6 71.Kf3 Rd7 72.Kf4 Re7 73.e4 Rd7 74.Rg5+ 1-0 (74) Grischuk,A (2742)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

[3...Bg7 4.Nc3 h6 5.Bd2 *(5.Bh4 c5 6.d5 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e3 Nxg3 9.hxg3 d6 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.Be2 Nf6 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Bd3 a6 15.Bf5 b5 16.0-0 b4 17.Ne2 Qc7 18.a3 0-0 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.axb4 cxb4 21.Nd4 a5 22.Nf5 Nc5 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne4 f5 25.Nxc5 Qxc5 26.b3 Ra7 27.Ra4 Qc7 28.Qb2+ Kf7 29.Qd4 Qc5 30.Qd3 Kg7 31.Rfa1 Rf7 32.Qd4+ Qxd4 33.exd4 f4 34.Rxa5 Rxa5 35.Rxa5 fxg3 36.fxg3 Rf8 37.Rb5 Ra8 38.Rxb4 Ra2 39.c5 Rc2 40.c6 Kf6 41.Rc4* 1-0 (41) Grischuk,A (2742)-Timofeev,A (2574) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 5...d6 6.g3 *(6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.h3 e5 9.e4 a5 10.Be3 Na6 11.g4 Nd7 12.a3 Ndc5 13.b4 Nd7 14.Rg1 0-0 15.Rg3 Kh7 16.g5 h5 17.c5 dxc5 18.b5 Nab8 19.Nd2 Re8 20.Nc4 Bf8 21.Be2 Nb6 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.Bxh5 c4 24.Be2 Nd7 25.h4 Nc5 26.h5 Bd7 27.Kf1 Rc8 28.Kg2 Nd3 29.Bxd3 cxd3 30.Qxd3 Qc7 31.hxg6+ fxg6 32.Bd2 Qc4 33.Rh1+ Kg8 34.Qf3 Bg7 35.a4 Rf8 36.Qe3 Qd4 37.Rf3 Rxf3 38.Kxf3 Rf8+ 39.Kg3 Rc8 40.Ra1 Rc4 41.Ra2 Bf8 42.Ne2 Qxe3+ 43.Bxe3 Rxe4 44.Bxb6 Rg4+ 45.Kh2 Bb4 46.Ng3 Rxg5 47.Be3 Rg4 48.Rc2 Bd6 49.Bc5 Bxc5 50.Rxc5 Rh4+ 51.Kg2 Rxa4 52.Rc7 Bxb5 53.Rxb7 Bc4 54.Rd7 Bb5 55.Rd6 Kf7 56.Kf3 Rd4 57.Ke3 Bc4 58.Rd7+ Ke8 59.Rg7 Rxd5 60.Rxg6 a4 61.Rc6 Rd3+ 62.Ke4 Bd5+ 63.Kxd3 Bxc6 64.Kc3 Ke7 65.Kb4 Ke6 66.Nf1 Kf5 67.Ne3+ Kf4 68.Nc4 e4 69.Nd2 Bd7 70.Ka3 Bc6 71.Nxe4 Kxe4 72.Kb2 Kd4 73.Ka1 Kc3 74.f4 Be8 75.f5 Bf7 76.f6 Kb3 77.Kb1 a3 78.Ka1 a2* ½-½ (78) Grischuk,A (2745)-Krzyzanowski,M (2535) chess.com INT 2022*)* 6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bg2 exd5 9.cxd5 0-0 10.Qc1 Kh7 11.Nf3 Re8 12.0-0 Na6 13.Bf4 Bf5 14.Nd2 g5 15.e4 Bg6 16.Be3 Ng4 17.Nc4 Nxe3 18.Nxe3 c4 19.f4 gxf4 20.gxf4 Nc5 21.f5 Bh5 22.Nxc4 Qf6 23.Kh1 Rac8 24.Qe3 b5 25.Na5 b4 26.Nb5 Qh4 27.Rf4 Qg5 28.h4 Qf6 29.Nc6 a6 30.Nbd4 Rxc6 31.Nxc6 Qxb2 32.Re1 Qc3 33.f6 Nd3 34.Ref1 Nxf4 35.Qxf4 Bf8 36.Kh2 Bg6 37.Qg4 h5 38.Qd7 Ra8 39.Qb7 Re8 40.Qd7 Ra8 41.e5 dxe5 42.Ne7 Bd3 43.Rf5 Bh6 44.Rxh5 Qd2 45.Nf5 Qf4+ 46.Kh3 Ra7

47.Qc8 Rc7 48.Rxh6+ Qxh6 49.Qxc7 Bxf5+ 50.Kh2 Qxh4+ 51.Kg1 Qd4+ 52.Kh2 Kg6 53.d6 e4 54.Qd8 Qxf6 55.Qg8+ Qg7 56.Qb8 Qe5+ 57.Kg1 Qd4+ 58.Kh2 Kg7 59.Qd8 Qf6 60.Qb6 Qe5+ 61.Kg1 a5 62.Qd8 Qd4+ 63.Kh2 e3 64.Qg5+ Bg6 65.d7 Qxd7 66.Qxe3 Qd6+ 67.Kg1 a4 68.Bf1 Qf6 69.Bc4 Qc3 70.Qf4 b3 71.axb3 axb3 72.Bxb3 Qxb3 73.Qd4+ f6 74.Qd7+ Qf7 75.Qd6 Be4 76.Kf2 Qd5 77.Qe7+ Kg6 78.Qb4 Kf5 79.Kg3 Qe5+ 80.Kh3 Kg6 81.Qb3 Qh5+ 82.Kg3 Qg5+ 83.Kf2 Qd2+ 0-1 (83) Fedoseev,V (2704)-Ponkratov,P (2659) Ufa RUS 2021]

4.Bf4 c5 5.f3 Qa5+ 6.Nd2 g5 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Bxd4 Qxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nxd2 10.Bxh8 Nxf1 11.Bd4 Nc6 12.Bf2 Bg7 13.Rb1 Nxh2 14.Rxh2 h6 15.Kd2 d6 16.b3 a5 17.a4 f5 18.e3 Be6 19.Ne2 Kf7 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Rhh1 f4 22.Nb5 fxe3+ 23.Bxe3 Bf5 24.Rbd1 Rd8 25.Kc1 Kg6 26.Rd2 Rc8 27.g4 Be6 28.f4 Bxg4 29.fxg5 h5 30.Rf1 h4 31.Rf4 Bf5 32.Rxh4 Nb4 33.Bd4 e5 34.Nxd6 exd4 35.Nxc8 Bxc8 36.Re2 Bf5 37.Re7 d3 38.Kd2 Na2 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.Rh6 Bg6 41.Rh4 Nb4 42.Rd4 Kf7 43.Rd7+ Ke6 44.Rxb7 Nc6 45.Rb6 Kd7 46.Ke3 Bf5 47.Rb5 Bg6 48.Rd5+ Ke6 49.Kf4 Nb4 50.Rd8 Ke7 51.Rd4 Nc6 52.Rd5 Nb4 53.Rd4 Nc6 54.Rd5 Nb4 55.Rd4 ½-½ (55) Maghsoodloo,P (2677)-Sindarov,J (2707) chess.com INT 2025

3.b4 d5

[3...Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.Nd2 a5 6.b5 c6 7.a4 d5 8.e3 Bf5 9.Ngf3 cxb5 10.axb5 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ba2 Bd3 14.Re1 Bxb5 15.e4 Rc8 16.Qb3 Bc4 17.Nxc4 Nxc4 18.Bc3 b5 19.d5 a4 20.Qb4 Qd6 21.Qxb5 Na3 22.Qd3 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 Nxe4 24.Qd3 Bxa1 25.Rxe4 Rc8 26.Qd1 Bb2 27.Qxa4 Rc1+ 28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.Nxe1 Qc5 30.d6 exd6 31.Qe8+ Kg7 32.Qxf7+ Kh6 33.h4 Qc1 34.Qf8+ Bg7 35.Qe7 Bc3 36.Kf1 Qxe1+ 37.Qxe1 Bxe1 38.Kxe1 g5 39.hxg5+ Kxg5 40.Kd2 Nb5 41.Kd3 Na7 42.Ke4 Nc6 43.Be6 Kf6 44.Bh3 Ne5 45.f3 h5 46.g3 Ng6 47.Bf1 h4 48.gxh4 Nxh4 49.Bh3 d5+ 50.Kxd5 Nxf3 ½-½ (50) Maghsoodloo,P (2674)-Iniyan,P (2508) chess.com INT 2025]

4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nbd2 a5 7.b5 c5 8.bxc6 Nxc6 9.Ba3 Bf5 10.Qb3 a4 11.Qxb7 Na5 12.Qxe7 Qc8 13.Qc5 Qb7 14.Qb5 Qxb5 15.cxb5 Rfc8 16.Be2 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.0-0 Rab8 19.Bd6 Rb7 20.Rac1 Nc4 21.Bc5 Rxb5 22.Nd2 Rb2 23.Nxc4 Rxe2 24.Nb6 Rb8 25.Nxa4 Rxa2 26.Nc3 Rab2 27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Bd6 Rd8 29.Bc7 Rd7 30.Bf4 h6 31.h4 Kh7 32.Rc8 Bf6 33.Bg3 Kg7 34.Rd1 Rdb7 35.Re8 Re7 36.Rxe7 Bxe7 37.d5 Rb7 38.d6 Bd8 39.h5 gxh5 40.Kh2 f5 41.Kh3 Kf7 42.Bh4 Rd7 43.Bxd8 Rxd8 44.d7 Ke6 45.Kh4 Rxd7 46.Rxd7 Kxd7 47.Kxh5 Ke6 48.Kxh6 Kf6 49.Kh5 Kf7 50.Kg5 Ke6 51.Kf4 Kf6 52.g4 fxg4 53.Kxg4 Ke5 54.Kg5 Ke6 55.Kf4 Kd5 56.Kf5 1-0 (56) Andreikin,D (2695)-Kobo,O (2539) chess.com INT 2024

3.e4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qf3 c6 8.Nge2 Bg7 9.h4 h5 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Qe3 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Bb5 Re8 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.Bh6 Bh8 19.Bf4 Qf5 20.Be5 f6 21.Bg3 e5 22.Rad1 Re7 23.Qa3

Rae8 24.Qxa7 e4 25.fxe4 Rxe4 26.Nc3 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qf4 29.Qc5 g5 30.Nxd5 Qe4 31.Ne7+ Kf7 32.Nxc6 Qxe1+ 33.Kh2 Qxh4+ 34.Kg1 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 bxc6 36.Qxc6 h4 37.Qd7+ Kg6 38.a4 f5 39.a5 g4 40.Qd6+ Bf6 41.g3 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 hxg3 0-1 (42) Sarana,A (2668)-Fier,A (2606) chess.com INT 2023

3.d5 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 c6 [5...d6 6.Nf3 e6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be3 Nb6 14.c5 dxc5 15.Bxc5 Nd4 16.e5 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qc8 18.Bd4 c5 19.e6 Rxe6 20.Rxe6 cxd4 21.Re7 Qf8 22.Rxb7 dxc3 23.bxc3 h5 24.Re1 Re8 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 26.Rxa7 Qe6 27.g3 Nc4 28.Kg2 Nd2 29.Qb7 h4 30.gxh4 Ne4 31.Qb8+ Kh7 32.Qf4 Nf6 33.Qf3 Bh6 34.a4 Kg7 35.a5 Nd5 36.a6 Nf4+ 37.Kh2 Qd6 38.Rxf7+ Kxf7 39.a7 Kg7 40.a8Q Ne2+ 41.Kg2 Nf4+ 42.Kf1 1-0 (42) Jobava,B (2603)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]
6.Nf3 d6 7.h3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nc5 9.0-0 a6 10.Re1 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 Nd7 12.Bf4 b5 13.dxc6 Nc5 14.Qe3 bxc4 15.Nd5 Nd3 16.c7 Qe8 17.e5 Nxe1 18.Rxe1 Bb7 19.exd6 exd6 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Bxd6 Qd7 22.Qc5 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qxh3 24.Qc6 h5 25.Be5 Rae8 26.Nxg6+ fxg6 27.Bxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rxe8 1-0 (28) Andreikin,D (2729)-Mekhitarian,K (2540) chess.com INT 2023

[2] **3...c6** 4.Nc3 [4.Bf4 Qb6 5.Qd2 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.e3 Bf5 8.Qb3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd6 10.Nd2 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Qa6 12.Ne5 Be6 13.Qc3 Bg7 14.h5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.h6 Bf6 17.e4 0-0 18.Nf3 Rad8 19.e5 Bh8 20.Nd2 Bf5 21.Nb3 b6 22.f3 f6 23.Kf2 fxe5 24.dxe5 c5 25.Rhd1 Rd3 26.Rxd3 Qxd3 27.Qxd3 Bxd3 28.Ke3 Bf5 29.g4 Be6 30.Nd2 Rd8 31.Ne4 Rd5 32.Nc3 Rd4 33.b3 Kf7 34.Ne4 Bd5 35.Ng5+ Kg8 36.Bg3 a5 37.Rb1 Bb7 38.Rb2 Rd5 39.Rd2 Rxd2 40.Kxd2 Bd5 41.Kc3 b5 42.f4 b4+ 43.Kd3 a4 44.bxa4 Bxa2 45.a5 Bd5 46.a6 Kf8 47.Bf2 c4+ 48.Kd4 Ba8 49.Kxc4 Ke8 50.Nxh7 Kd7 51.Nf8+ 1-0 (51) Duda,J (2756)-Howell,D (2658) chess.com INT 2021]
[4.Nh3 b5 5.cxb5 cxb5 6.Nd2 Nc6 7.e3 Rb8 8.Nf4 Bh6 9.Nd3 d6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Bf5 12.h5 Bg7 13.h6 Bh8 14.Be2 Re8 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.g4 Bxd3 17.Bxd3 e5 18.g5 Nd5 19.Be4 Ncb4 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Nf3 Rf5 24.e4 Ne3 25.Qd4 Ng2+ 26.Kf1 Ne3+ 27.Ke2 Qxd4 28.Nxd4 Rxg5 29.Kxe3 1-0 (29) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Erdos,V (2586) Chennai IND 2022]
[4.h5 Nxh5 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ng7 7.Nc3 h5 8.Nh3 Bxh3 9.Rxh3 e6 10.g4 Nd7 11.Be3 Be7 12.Qf3 Qa5 13.0-0-0 Rg8 14.Kb1 hxg4 15.Qxg4 Nf5 16.Rh7 Nf8 17.Rh3 0-0-0 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Nb5 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 a6 21.Rc3+ Kb8 22.Qf3 axb5 23.Qxf7 Bb4 24.Rb3 Rh8 25.a3 Rh7 26.axb4 Rxf7 27.bxa5 Rxf2 28.Bxb5 Ka7 29.Rc1 Rf7 30.Bd3 Rf4 31.Rc6 Rxd4 32.Rc7 Rb8 33.Bb5 g5 34.Rg7 g4 35.Ka2 Re4 36.Bd3 Rxe5 37.Rxg4 d4 38.Rxd4 Rxa5+ 39.Kb1 e5 40.Rdb4 Nd7 41.Rb5 Rxb5 42.Rxb5 b6 43.Bf5 Nc5 44.b4 Rf8 45.bxc5 Rxf5

46.cxb6+ Kb7 47.Kc2 Rf6 48.Rxe5 Rxb6 49.Re3 Rc6+ 50.Rc3 Rxc3+ 51.Kxc3 ½-½ (51) Wagner,D (2584)-Kamsky,G (2658) chess.com INT 2022]

4...d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Bf4 Bg7

[6...Qb6 7.e3 Qxb2 8.Qc1 Qxc1+ 9.Rxc1 Bd7 10.Nb5 Na6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Ne5 f6 13.Nxd7 Kxd7 14.Nc7 Nxc7 15.Rxc7+ Ke6 16.Rxb7 Rc8 17.Bc7 a5 18.Ba6 Bh6 19.Ke2 Nd6 20.Ra7 Ra8 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Bd3 Ra7 23.Rc1 Kd7 24.Bxd6 Kxd6 25.Rc8 e5 26.Rd8+ Ke6 27.dxe5 fxe5 28.Bb5 a4 29.Bc6 Ra5 30.g4 Bg7 31.Rg8 Kf7 32.Rb8 d4 33.Rb7+ Kf8 34.e4 Bf6 35.g5 Be7 36.Bd5 Rc5 37.Rb8+ 1-0 (37) Wei,Y (2722)-Lagno,K (2560) chess.com INT 2023]

[6...Nc6 7.e3 Bg7 8.Be2 *(8.h5 Nxh5 9.Rxh5 gxh5 10.Qxh5 e5 11.dxe5 Be6 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Bb5 Ne7 15.Nd4 Ng6 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.f4 Bb4 18.Na4 Qa5 19.f5 a6 20.fxe6 axb5 21.exf7 bxa4 22.Qf5+ Kb8 23.Kb1 Ka8 24.e6 a3 25.Qd3 Rc8 26.Nb5 axb2 27.Kxb2 Be7 28.Kb1 Rc4 29.Nc7+ Rxc7 30.Bxc7 Qxc7 31.Qxd5 Rd8 32.Qb3 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Qb6+* 0-1 (33) Ivanisevic,I (2569)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022*)* 8...h5 *(8...h6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qb3 Na5 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.Nxd5 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Rd1 Bg7 18.0-0 Nc6 19.Rd2 Qa5 20.Qxa5 Nxa5 21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.Kf1 Kf8 23.b3 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Ke2 Rc1 26.Nb4 Bf6 27.Rc2 Ra1 28.g3 Be7 29.Nd5 Nc6 30.Nd4 Nxd4+ 31.exd4 Bd6 32.Kd3 Ke8 33.Re2+ Kd8 34.Ne3 Be7 35.Ng4 h5 36.Nh6 f5 37.Nf7+ Kd7 38.Ne5+ Kc7 39.Nxg6 Bd6 40.Ne7 f4 41.Nd5+ Kc6 42.Nxf4 Bxf4 43.gxf4 Rh1 44.Re6+ Kd7 45.Rh6 Rxh4 46.Ke4 Rh1 47.f5 h4 48.Ke5 h3 49.Rh7+ Kc6 50.f6 Re1+ 51.Kf5 Rf1 52.f4* 1-0 (52) Grischuk,A (2766)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Paris FRA 2019*; 8...Ne4 9.Nf3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 h6 11.Rb1 0-0 12.0-0 Na5 13.Ne5 Bf5 14.Rb5 Rc8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Rc1 b6 17.Rb4 f6 18.Nf3 Nc4 19.Qe1 Kh8 20.Nd2 e5 21.e4 dxe4 22.dxe5 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 fxe5 24.Qxd8 Rfxd8 25.Bg5 Rd6 26.a4 Bf6 27.Bxf6+ Rxf6 28.Rb5 Re6 29.a5 Kg7 30.axb6 axb6 31.Kf1 Kf6 32.Ke1 Rd6 33.Rd1 Rdc6 34.Ra1 Rd6 35.Rd1 Rdc6 36.Ra1 Rd8 37.Rb3 Bg4 38.Bxg4 hxg4 39.Ra6 Rdd6 40.Ke2 Kf5 41.g3 Rd3 42.Rbxb6 Rxb6 43.Rxb6 Rxc3 44.Rb8 Rf3 45.Rf8+ Ke6 46.Re8+ Kf6 47.Rh8 Kf7 48.h5 e3 49.hxg6+ Kxg6 50.fxe3 Rxg3 51.e4 Rg2+ 52.Ke3 Rg3+ 53.Ke2 Rg2+ 54.Ke3 Kg5 55.Rf8 g3 56.Rg8+ Kh4 57.Rh8+ Kg4 58.Rg8+ Kh4* ½-½ (58) Ponkratov,P (2589)-Timofeev,A (2574) Novokuznetsk RUS 2023*)* 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qa3 a6 13.b4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rac1 f6 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bg3 exd4 20.exd4 Bh6 21.Rcd1 Bf8 22.Qb3 Nb6 23.a3 Ra7 24.Bd3 Bxd3 25.Rxd3 Nc4 26.Nd1 a5 27.Ne3 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 axb4 29.axb4 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Re7 31.Qd3 Qe8 32.b5 cxb5 33.Qb3 Qc6 34.Qb1 Kg7 35.Rc1 Qb6 36.Qb3 Rd7 37.Bf4 b4 38.Rd1 Qe6 39.Bd2 Qe2 40.Qc2 Qc4 41.Qa4 Rb7 42.Qe8

Bd6 43.Rc1 Re7 44.Rxc4 Rxe8 45.Rc6 Re2 46.Rxd6 Rxd2 47.Rxd5 b3 48.Rb5 b2 49.Rb7+ Kf8 50.Kh2 Rxf2 51.d5 Ke8 52.d6 Kd8 53.d7 g5 54.Kg3 Rd2 55.hxg5 fxg5 56.Kh3 h4 57.g4 Rd3+ 58.Kh2 Rg3 59.Rxb2 Rxg4 60.Rd2 Re4 61.Rd5 g4 62.Kg2 Re2+ 63.Kf1 Rh2 64.Rd4 g3 65.Kg1 h3 66.Rd3 Rg2+ 67.Kh1 Rh2+ 68.Kg1 Rg2+ 69.Kh1 ½-½ (69) Bellahcene,B (2517)-Salem, A (2622) Sharjah UAE 2024]

7.e3 0-0

[7...Qb6 8.Qb3 0-0 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Ne5 Rfc8 13.f3 h5 14.Kd2 e6 15.Rhc1 Bf8 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Na5 18.b3 Ba3 19.Rc2 Be7 20.Nb5 Nxb3+ 0-1 (20) Chigaev,M (2631)-Sarana,A (2685) chess.com INT 2022]

8.Be2 Qb6

[8...Nc6 9.h5 Bf5 *(9...Ne4 10.h6 Bf6 11.Nf3 Bf5 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Rc1 g5 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nxg5 e5 16.Bg4 exf4 17.Bxf5 Bxg5 18.exf4 Bxf4 19.Qg4+ Qg5 20.Bxc8 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Qxg4 22.Bxg4 Rd8 23.Rc5 Rxd4 24.Rg5+ Kf8 25.Rg7 Ne5 26.Bh5 Ke7 27.Rxh7 Rd8 28.Kf1 Rg8 29.g4 Kf6 30.Ke2 b6 31.Ke3 Nxg4+ 32.Kf4 Ne5 33.Kxe4 Rg5 34.Bd1 Rg2 35.f4 Nc4 36.Bh5 Nd6+ 37.Kd5 Ke7 38.f5 Rh2 39.f6+* ½-½ (39) Nyzhnyk,I (2571)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2574) Chesterfield MO USA 2024*; 9...Re8 10.hxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qb5 Qc7 18.Qd5 Rad8 19.Qxe4 e5 20.dxe5 Rxe5 21.Qf4 Qa5+ 22.b4 Qd5 23.Qh6+* ½-½ (23) Dardha,D (2631)-Erdos,V (2565) Sharjah UAE 2023*)* 10.h6 Bh8 11.Nf3 Rc8 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Rc1 Bf6 14.Qb3 Na5 15.Qb4 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb6 18.Rc1 Nc6 19.a3 Rc8 20.b4 a6 21.Qb3 Qd8 22.a4 e6 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Na5 25.Qa3 Nc4 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Ne5 Bxe5 28.Bxe5 f6 29.Bg3 Bd3 30.b6 Kf7 31.Bc7 Ra8 32.Qxd3 cxd3 33.Bxd8 1-0 (33) Ding,L (2799)-Mamedyarov,S (2765) chess.com INT 2021]

9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.axb3 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Ne5 e6 13.Nd3 Rfc8 14.g4 Bf8 15.g5 Nh5 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.Kd2 Nb4 18.Ne5 Be8 19.Rhc1 Nc6 20.Nd3 Nb4 21.Ne5 Nc6 22.Nd3 Nb4 23.Ne5 ½-½ (23) Ding,L (2745)-Abdusattorov,N (2762) Saint Louis USA 2024

3...c5 4.d5 Bg7

[4...e6 5.Nc3 exd5 6.cxd5 d6 7.e4 a6 8.h5 *(8.a4 Bg7 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Qe7 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Ne5 14.a5 0-0 15.Na4 Rae8 16.0-0 Nh5 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.g3 Qg7 20.Ra3 f5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Re3 Ref8 23.Nb6 g5 24.hxg5 Rxg5 25.Ne4 Nf4 26.Qd1 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 Nf4+ 28.Kg1 Rh5 29.f3 Nh3+ 30.Kg2 Qh6 31.Ree1 Kh8 32.f4 Nxf4+ 33.Rxf4 Rh2+ 34.Kg1 Rxf4 35.gxf4 Qh3 36.Re2 Nf3#* 0-1 (36) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Bachmann,A (2588) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 8...Nxh5 9.g4 Nf6 10.g5 Nh5 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Bxh5 gxh5 13.f4 b5 14.Qxh5 Qe7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd1 a5 17.Nf2 Ba6 18.Qf3 f5 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne2 0-0-0 21.a3 Nxd5 22.axb4 Nxb4 23.Rxa5 Bb7 24.Bd2 Nc6 25.Ra4 Bg7 26.Bc3 Kb8 27.Qd3

Rhe8 28.Qb5 Bxc3+ 29.bxc3 Kc7 30.Rh6 Qg7 31.Rh5 Qg6 32.Rg5 Qf7 33.Ng4 Rb8 34.Nh6 Qf6 35.Ng4 Qf7 36.Ne3 Nd8 37.Nf5 Ne6 38.Rg3 Qd7 39.Qa5+ Kc8 40.Rd3 d5 41.e5 c4 42.Rxc4+ 1-0 (42) Maghsoodloo,P (2728)-Svidler,P (2683) chess.com INT 2023]

[4...b5 5.cxb5 a6 6.e3 *(6.bxa6 Bxa6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.a4 d6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.e4 Bxf1 11.Kxf1 0-0 12.g3 Qb6 13.Kg2 Rfb8 14.Ra2 Qb3 15.Qe2 h5 16.a5 Ng4 17.Bg5 Kf8 18.Rc1 Bd4 19.Nd2 Qb4 20.f3 Nge5 21.a6 c4 22.Nd1 Qb5 23.Rca1 Nc5 24.a7 Rb7 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Nxe3 Nb3 27.Nxb3 Qxb3 28.Qd2 Qb6 29.Qc3 Kg8 30.f4 Nd3 31.Kf3 Rc7 32.Ra6 Qxb2 33.Qxb2 Nxb2 34.Nc2 c3 35.Ke3 f5 36.e5 Kf7 37.exd6 exd6 38.Kf3 Nc4 39.Nd4 Nd2+ 40.Ke2 Ne4 41.Nb5 Re7 42.Kd1 Rb7 43.R1a5 Ke7 44.Kc2 Nc5 45.Rc6 Nd7 46.Rc7 Rb6 47.Nd4 Kd8 48.Ne6+ Ke8 49.Rc6 Rb7 50.Nc7+* 1-0 (50) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Xiong,J (2685) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A) 6...Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0

A1) 8.Nf3 d6 9.a4 Bg4 *(9...Nbd7 10.e4 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6 12.Bg5 Bxb5 13.axb5 h6 14.Bd2 Ng4 15.0-0 Qc7 16.Qe2 Qb7 17.h5 g5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Nxg5 Nge5 20.Nf3 c4 21.Nd4 Nf6 22.Nf5 Qd7 23.Be3 Kh7 24.Bd4 Rg8 25.b6 Bh8 26.g3 e6 27.dxe6 fxe6 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Ne3 Qf7 30.Qxc4 Rg7 31.b7 Qxb7 32.Qxe6 Rg5 33.Ncd5 Nxe4 34.Nf5 Bg7 35.Nde7 Qa8 36.Ng6 Nd2 37.Rd1 Nf3+ 38.Kf1 Nh2+ 39.Ke1 Qh1+ 40.Kd2 Qf3 41.Nxg7 Qxf2+ 42.Kc1 Qc5+ 43.Kb1 Qb4 44.Qd5 Ng4 45.Ne6 Nf6 46.Nxg5+ hxg5 47.Qf7+ Kh6 48.Qxf6 Qe4+ 49.Kc1 Qe3+ 50.Kc2 Qe2+ 51.Rd2 Qe4+ 52.Kc3 Qe3+ 53.Rd3 Qc5+ 54.Kd2 Qb4+ 55.Ke2 Qxb2+ 56.Rd2 Qb5+ 57.Kf2 Qc5+ 58.Kg2 Kxh5 59.Nxe5* 1-0 (59) Caruana,F (2792)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2530) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 10.Ra3 axb5 11.Bxb5 Na6 12.e4 Nb4 13.Be2 Nd7 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Re1 Qb7 16.Bg5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne5 18.Rf1 c4 19.b3 Rfc8 20.Bd2 Nbd3 21.f4 Qb4 22.Nb1 c3 23.fxe5 Nb2 24.Qc2 cxd2 25.Qxb2 Qxe4 26.Qxd2 Rc2 27.Qd3 Rxe2 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.exd6 exd6 30.Nd2 Rg4+ 31.Kh1 Rxh4+ 32.Kg2 Rd4 33.Nf3 Rg4+ 34.Kh3 Rb4 35.Rb1 Rc8 36.Kg2 Rc3 37.Ng1 Rc2 38.Nf3 Rg4+ 39.Kf1 Rf4 40.Kg2 Rg4+ 41.Kf1 Rf4 42.Kg2 g5 43.Rf1 Rg4+ 44.Kh1 Rc3 45.Rg1 Rf4 46.Nh2 Rxf2 47.Rxg5 Rcc2 0-1 (47) Grischuk,A (2766)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Riga LAT 2019;

A2) 8.a4 Bb7 9.Nf3 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Qd6 axb5 12.Bxb5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.h5 Qf6 15.h6 Bh8 16.Rh4 Bxf3 17.Rf4 Qd8 18.Bxd7 1-0 (18) Rapport,R (2763)-Svidler,P (2714) Paris FRA 2021;

B) 6...axb5 7.Bxb5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3

Ba6 9.Bxa6 Qxa6 10.Nge2 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.a4 Qc4 13.g3 e6 14.b3 Qg4 15.Ba3 Na6 16.Rc1 exd5 17.Nf4 Rfb8 18.Nb5 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 d6 20.Bb2 Rb7 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxd5 Bg7 23.Rd3 Rab8 24.g4 c4 25.Rxc4 Nc5 26.Rd1 Nxb3 27.Nxd6 Ra7 28.Nc8 1-0 (28) So,W (2773)-Sindarov,J (2629) Chennai IND 2022]

5.Nc3 d6

[5...e6 6.h5 *(6.e4 exd5 7.exd5 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.Kf1 a6 10.a4 d6 11.h5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Nd2 Rxe3 18.fxe3 Bxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Qe7 20.Rh3 Re8 21.Rb1 Bg5 22.Re1 Qf6+ 23.Qf2 Qxb2 24.Nf3 Qxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Bf6 26.Rb1 b6 27.Ke2 Re4 28.Kd3 Rg4 29.g3 Kf8 30.a5 bxa5 31.Rb7 Ke7 32.Ra7 a4 33.Rxa6 Ne5+ 34.Nxe5 Bxe5 35.Ra7+ Kf6 36.Rh7 Rxg3 37.Rhxf7+ Kg5 38.Rxa4 Rg1 39.Ra2 Kg4 40.Re7 Bg3 41.Re6 g5 42.Ra6 Rd1+ 43.Ke4 Rc1 44.Raxd6 Bxd6 45.Rxd6 Rxc4+ 46.Kd3 Rc1 47.Rf6 c4+ 48.Kd2 Ra1 49.d6 Ra3 50.e4 Rd3+ 51.Kc2 Kh3 52.e5 g4 53.Rh6+ Kg2 54.Rh7 g3 55.d7 Kf2 56.e6 g2 57.Rf7+ Ke2 58.Rg7 Kf2 59.Rxg2+ Kxg2 60.e7 Rxd7 61.e8Q Rd3 62.Qe4+ Kf2 63.Qxc4 Rf3 64.Kd2 Kg3 65.Qe4 Rf4 66.Qg6+ Kf2 67.Qg5 Rf3 68.Qg4 Ra3 69.Qd4+ Kf1 70.Qf6+ Kg2 71.Ke2 Rg3 72.Qf5 Kh2 73.Qh5+ Kg1 74.Qh4 Kg2 75.Qe4+ Kg1 76.Qd5 Rg6 77.Qd4+ Kh2 78.Qh4+ Kg1 79.Kf3 Rg2 80.Qe1+ Kh2 81.Qe5+ Kh1 82.Qh8+ Kg1 83.Qh4 Rg8 84.Qd4+ Kh1 85.Qh4+ Kg1 86.Qe1+ Kh2 87.Qd2+ Kh1 88.Qc1+ Kh2 89.Qc2+ Kh1 90.Qh7+* 1-0 (90) Carlsen,M (2882)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019 *)* 6...Nxh5 7.g4 Nf6 8.d6 0-0 9.e4 Nc6 10.Qf3 h5 11.gxh5 Nxh5 12.Be2 Nd4 13.Qh3 Qf6 14.f4 Nc2+ 15.Kf1 Nxa1 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.f5 Re8 18.Qxh5 exf5 19.Nd5 Qd4 20.Ne2 1-0 (20) Alekseenko,K (2693)-Ragger,M (2665) Struga MKD 2021]

6.e4 b5

[6...e6 7.Be2 *(7.Nge2 exd5 8.cxd5 0-0 9.Ng3 h5 10.Be2 a6 11.a4 Nh7 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.Nd1 Nd7 15.Ne3 Ne5 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Bd7 18.a5 Nf6 19.f3 Bb5 20.Rc1 Bxc4 21.Rxc4 Nd7 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.0-0 b5 24.axb6 Rab8 25.f4 Bxg5 26.fxg5 Ne5 27.Rc2 Rxb6 28.Nh1 Reb8 29.Nf2 Rb3 30.Ra1 Qa7 31.Kh1 c4 32.Rf1 a5 33.Nd1 Rd3 34.Qf2 Qxf2 35.Nxf2 Rdb3 36.Nd1 a4 37.Nc3 Rxb2 38.Rxb2 Rxb2 39.Nxa4 Rb3 40.Rc1 Re3 41.Nc3 Nd3 42.Rc2 Kf8 43.Re2 Rxe2 44.Nxe2 Nf2+ 45.Kg1 Nxe4 46.Nd4 f6 47.gxf6 Kf7 48.Nb5 Kxf6* 0-1 (48) Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2630)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) chess.com INT 2022*; 7.h5 Nxh5 8.g4 Nf6 9.g5 Ng8 10.f4 Ne7 11.Nf3 exd5 12.cxd5 Bg4 13.Bh3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 Nd7 15.Kf2 c4 16.Be3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.e5 Nf5 19.d6 Qb6 20.Qa4+ Kf8 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Nxb5 a6 23.Nc3 b5 24.a4 b4 25.Ne4 Rc8 26.Nfd2 c3 27.bxc3 a5 28.Nc4 Ke8 29.Rd1 Kd7 30.Nb6+ Kc6 31.Nxc8 Rxc8 32.cxb4 axb4 33.Nxc5 Bf8 34.Ne4 Kb7 35.Rxh7 Ka6 36.Rxf7 b3 37.Rxf8 Rxf8 38.Nc5+ Ka5 39.Nxb3+ Kb4 40.Nd4 Nh4 41.Ne6 Rc8 42.Rd2 Rc2 43.Rxc2*

1-0 (43) Chigaev,M (2631)-Paravyan, D (2617) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A) 7...exd5 8.exd5

A1) 8...Nbd7 9.Bf4 *(9.Nf3 Ng4 10.h5 Qe7 11.Bg5 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 f6 13.Bd2 g5 14.0-0 Nge5 15.Nd4 cxd4 16.cxd4 0-0 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.Be3 b6 19.a4 Nc5 20.a5 Rb8 21.Ra3 h6 22.Qd2 Bf5 23.axb6 axb6 24.Rfa1 Rb7 25.Qd1 Kg7 26.R1a2 Ne4 27.Bd3 Qf7 28.Rb2 Nc5 29.Bxf5 Qxf5 30.Bxc5 dxc5 31.Qe2 e4 32.Re3 Re8 33.Rb5 Qe5 34.g3 Qd4 35.Rb1 Rf7 36.Rd1 Qf6 37.d6 Re6 38.d7 Rd6 39.Rxd6 Qxd6 40.Rxe4 Rxd7 41.Kg2 Qc6 42.Kh2 Qf6 43.Kh3 Qf5+ 44.g4 Qf6 45.Re5 Qd6 46.Kg2 Qc6+ 47.f3 Qd6 48.Qe4 Ra7 49.Qe2 Rd7 50.Qe4 Ra7 51.Kh3 Rf7 52.Re8 Qf6 53.Kg2 Qb2+ 54.Kh3 Qf6 55.Kg2 Qb2+ 56.Kg3 Qf6 57.Qd3 Qf4+ 58.Kg2 Qf6 59.Kg3 Qf4+ 60.Kg2 Qf6 61.Qe2 Rd7 62.Qe4 Rd2+ 63.Kh3 Qd6 64.Re5 Kf6 65.Rf5+ Kg7 66.Re5 Kf6 67.Rf5+ Kg7 68.Qb7+ Kh8 69.Qa8+ Kg7 70.Qa7+ Kh8 71.Qa1+ Kg8 72.Qa8+ Kg7 73.Qa1+ Kg8 74.Re5 Qf8 75.Qa3 Rf2 76.Kg3 Qf4+ 77.Kxf2 Qxe5 78.Qa8+ Kf7 79.Qb7+ Kf8 80.Qc8+ Ke7 81.Qb7+ Kf8 82.Qxb6 Qh2+ 83.Kf1 Qh1+ 84.Ke2 Qg2+ 85.Ke3 Qg1+ 86.Ke2 Qg2+ 87.Ke3 Qg1+ 88.Ke2* ½-½ (88) Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Yekaterinburg RUS 2021 *)* 9...Ne5 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Kf1 Re8 12.b3 Bf5 13.Rd1 a6 14.g3 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Bxb5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bxe8 Qxe8 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.f3 Qf5 21.g4 Qf6 22.Kg2 Qe5 23.Qe2 Qf4 24.Qxe4 Rxa2+ 25.Kh3 Qf6 26.Re1 Qc3 27.Ne2 Qd2 28.Nf4 Qc3 29.Re3 Qb2 30.Re2 Qxb3 31.Rxa2 Qxa2 32.Qe8+ Bf8 33.Re1 Qf2 34.Qe3 Qb2 35.g5 c4 36.Rc1 Bg7 37.Rxc4 Be5 38.Rc8+ Kg7 39.Ne6+ fxe6 1-0 (39) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 8...h5 9.Bg5 a6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Re1 b6 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.Ne4 Nbd7 15.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 16.Qxe1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qf8 18.Ne4 Re8 19.Kg2 Nh7 20.Qd2 f5 21.Ng3 Nxg5 22.hxg5 Ne5 23.Re1 h4 24.Nf1 h3+ 25.Kxh3 Nxf3 26.Rxe8 Qxe8 27.Qf4 Nd4 28.Qe3 Qd7 29.Kg2 Bf8 30.Ng3 Bd6 31.f4 Kf8 32.Ne2 Nxe2 33.Bxe2 Qg7 34.Qe6 Qe7 35.Qxe7+ Kxe7 36.Kf3 Kf7 37.a3 a5 38.Bd1 Kg7 39.Ba4 Kf7 40.Bb5 Bc7 41.Bd7 Bd6 42.Bc6 Bc7 43.Bb5 Bd6 44.Ba4 Bc7 45.Bd7 Bd6 46.Be6+ Kg7 47.Bc8 Kf7 48.Bd7 Bc7 49.Ba4 Bd6 50.Bb5 Bc7 51.Ba4 Bd6 ½-½ (51) Paravyan,D (2601)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 7...h5 8.Nf3 exd5 9.exd5 0-0 10.Ng5 *(10.0-0 Bf5 11.Bf4 Na6 12.a3 Nc7 13.Qd2 Qd7 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 a6 16.Ng5 b5 17.b3 Rab8 18.Nce4 Rb6*

19.Rae1 bxc4 20.bxc4 Ng4 21.Qg3 Ne8 22.Rb1 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 Nh6 24.Qb3 Nf5 25.Qb7 Qa4 26.Qb3 Qd7 27.Qb7 Qa4 28.Qb3 Qd7 ½-½ (28) Bu Xiangzhi (2684)-Zhao,Y (2489) Huairou District CHN 2025*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Bf4 Ne5 12.Qd2 Re8 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Rfe1 Nh7 15.Bf1 Nxg5 16.hxg5 Qb6 17.Rac1 Re7 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Rae8 20.Rce1 Kf8 21.b3 Qd8 22.Qe2 a5 23.Bg3 Nc6 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Qd2 Rxe1 26.Qxe1 Nd4 27.Bf4 b6 28.Bd3 Qd7 29.Qe4 Kg8 30.g3 Bf8 31.Kg2 a4 32.b4 Bg7 33.b5 Kf8 34.Bc2 a3 35.Bd3 Qd8 36.Qe3 Kg8 37.Bf1 Be5 38.Bxe5 Nf5 39.Qxa3 dxe5 40.Qc1 h4 41.Bd3 Nd6 42.gxh4 Qd7 43.Be2 Nf5 44.Bg4 Nxh4+ 45.Kh3 Nf5 46.Qb1 f6 47.gxf6 Kf7 48.Qe4 Kxf6 49.Bxf5 gxf5 50.Qh4+ Kg6 51.Qg3+ Kf6 52.Qh4+ Kg6 53.f4 exf4 54.Qxf4 Qa7 55.Qg3+ Kf6 56.Qc3+ Kg5 57.Qe3+ Kg6 58.d6 Kf6 59.Kg3 Qg7+ 60.Kf2 Qd7 61.Qd3 Ke5 62.Qd5+ Kf4 63.Qf3+ Ke5 64.Qd5+ Kf4 65.a4 Kg4 66.Qc6 Qd8 67.d7 Qh4+ 68.Kf1 Qh8 69.Qg2+ Kf4 70.Qd2+ Ke4 71.Qe2+ Kf4 72.Qd2+ Ke4 73.Qd5+ 1-0 (73) Grischuk,A (2745)-Sindarov,J (2661) Astana KAZ 2023]

7.cxb5 a6 8.a4 0-0 9.Nf3 axb5

[9...Bg4 10.Ra3 axb5 11.Bxb5 Na6 12.Be2 Nb4 13.0-0 Qc8 14.Be3 h6 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Rc1 Rd8 17.a5 e6 18.Ra4 Qb7 19.a6 Qb6 20.Rca1 exd5 21.Nxd5 Nfxd5 22.exd5 Re8 23.Bf1 Reb8 24.R1a3 Qd8 25.Bf4 Qf6 26.Bg3 Rb6 27.Rb3 Bd7 28.Rbxb4 cxb4 29.Rxb4 Qd8 30.h5 g5 31.Nd4 Kg8 32.Rxb6 Qxb6 33.Nc6 Bxc6 34.dxc6 Qxc6 35.b4 Rc8 36.b5 Qb6 37.Qxd6 Qxd6 38.Bxd6 Bd4 39.g4 Rc2 40.Bg3 Rc3 41.Kg2 f6 42.Be2 Kf7 43.Bf3 Ke6 ½-½ (43) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.Bg5

[11.Qe2 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 Na6 13.0-0 Nc7 14.Bd2 Nxb5 15.axb5 Qd7 16.Qc4 Rab8 17.Ra5 h5 18.Re1 Ng4 19.Bc3 Bf6 20.Rea1 Rb7 21.R1a3 Rfb8 22.Rb3 Kh7 23.g3 Qc8 24.Kg2 Kg7 25.Qa4 Qd7 26.Kg1 e6 27.dxe6 Qxe6 28.Ng5 Qe7 29.Kg2 Bxc3 30.bxc3 f6 31.Nh3 d5 32.exd5 Qe2 33.Qf4 Qd1 34.Rb2 Qxd5+ 35.f3 Ne5 36.Ra6 Rb6 37.Rxb6 Rxb6 38.Nf2 Qf7 39.Qa4 Qd5 40.Qe4 Qf7 41.Nd3 Nc4 42.Re2 Rxb5 43.Qc6 Rb6 44.Qc8 Rd6 45.Qxc5 Rd7 46.Nf4 Ne5 47.Qb6 Qc4 48.Rxe5 Rd2+ 49.Re2 Rxe2+ 50.Nxe2 Qxe2+ 51.Qf2 Qd3 52.Qe1 Kf8 53.f4 ½-½ (53) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

11...h6 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.0-0 Ng4 14.h5 Bxb5 15.axb5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 g5 17.Bd2 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Qb1 Qf8 20.Qe4 Nde5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.f4 Ng4 23.Ne2 gxf4 24.Rxf4 Rxf4 25.Nxf4 Bd4+ 26.Kf1 Ne5 27.b6 Qa8 28.g3 Qa1+ 29.Be1 Qxb2 30.Ne6 Qxb6 31.Qf5 Qb5+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+ 33.Kh3 Qf3 34.Qxf3 Nxf3 35.Ba5 Bf6 36.Kg4 Ne5+ 37.Kf5 Nc4 38.Be1 Kf7

39.Nd8+ Ke8 40.Ne6 Ne3+ 41.Ke4 Nc2 42.Bd2 c4 43.Bxh6 c3 44.Bf4 Kf7 45.g4 Nb4 46.g5 Be5 47.g6+ Ke8 48.Bc1 c2 49.h6 Na2 50.Bd2 Nc3+ 51.Kd3 Nxd5 52.h7 Bh8 53.g7 Bxg7 54.Nxg7+ Kd7 55.h8Q Nb4+ 56.Ke2 Nc6 57.Qh3+ Kc7 58.Qc3 Kd7 59.Kf2 e5 60.Qxc2 Nd4 61.Qd3 Kc6 62.Nf5 Nb5 63.Qc4+ Kb6 64.Be3+ Ka5 65.Ne7 d5 66.Nc6+ Ka6 67.Qa4+ Kb7 68.Qxb5+ Kc7 69.Qb6+ Kc8 1-0 (69) Dardha,D (2645)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025

3...d6 4.Nc3 Nbd7

[4...Nc6

A) 5.e4 e5 6.d5 Nd4 7.Nge2 c5 8.dxc6 bxc6 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Bg7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 0-0 13.Qd2 Ng4 *(13...Re8 14.f3 d5 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.Bb5 Bb7 18.Bxe8 Rxe8 19.0-0 dxe4 20.Nb5 Qc6 21.Nd6 Rd8 22.Qb4 Ba6 23.Nxe4 Nd5 24.Qa5 Rd7 25.Rfe1 Nxe3 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.Qxa6 Qd4 28.Kh1 Nf5 29.h5 Ng3+ 30.Nxg3 Qh4+ 31.Kg1 Bd4+ 32.Kf1 Qxg3 33.Qe2 Qh4 34.Qd2 Qh1+ 35.Ke2 Qxg2+ 36.Kd3 Bf2 37.Re8+ Kh7 38.Qf4 Qf1+ 39.Kd2* 1-0 (39) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020*)* 14.Bd4 Ne5 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.f4 c5 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Qf2 Qf6 19.f5 gxf5 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.cxd5 fxe4 22.Qxf6 Bxf6 23.d6 Rab8 24.Bc4 Kg7 25.g3 e3 26.Rhe1 e4 27.Rxe3 Bxb2+ 28.Kc2 f5 29.Rd5 Bd4 30.Rb3 Kf6 31.d7 Rxb3 32.axb3 Rd8 33.b4 Be5 34.bxc5 Bxg3 35.c6 Bc7 36.Rb5 Ke7 37.Rxf5 Rf8 38.Rb5 Kd6 39.Rh5 Kxc6 40.Bb5+ Kb6 41.Ba4 Bd8 42.Rxh6+ Kc7 43.h5 Rf6 44.Rxf6 Bxf6 45.h6 Kd6 46.h7 Ke7 47.Kd2 Bd4 48.Kc2 a5 49.Kb3 e3 50.Kc2 Bg7 51.Kd3 Kd8 52.Kxe3 Ke7 53.Ke4 Bh8 54.Kd5 Bg7 55.Kc6 Kd8 56.Kd6 1-0 (56) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020;

B) 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.d5 Nb8 7.e4 Bg4 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 c6 11.Be2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Rc8 13.Nb5 a6 14.Nd4 Nh5 15.Kf1 0-0 16.Kg2 Nc5 17.Rac1 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 e5 19.dxe6 Nxe6 20.Rxc8 Nhf4+ 21.Kf1 Qxc8 22.Qd2 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 Qc4+ 24.Qd3 Qxa2 25.Qc3 Qa4 26.Rd1 Qb5+ 27.Ke1 Qh5 28.Qf6 Qe5 29.Qxe5 dxe5 30.Rd7 b5 31.Ra7 Rd8 32.Rxa6 Nd4 33.Rb6 Nxf3+ 34.Kf1 f5 35.exf5 gxf5 36.Rxb5 f4 37.Ba7 Kg7 38.Kg2 Rd3 39.Rb7+ Kg6 40.h5+ Kxh5 41.Rxh7+ Kg4 42.Rg7+ Kf5 43.b4 Rb3 44.Bc5 Ke4 45.Rh7 Rb1 46.Rh1 Ne1+ 47.Kh3 Kf3 48.Rg1 e4 49.Rh1 Rd1 50.Be7 Rd7 0-1 (50) Bartel,M (2601)-Tomczak,J (2568) Krakow POL 2025]

5.Qc2

[5.e4 e5 6.d5 Nc5 7.Qc2 a5

A) 8.Be2 Be7 *(8...h5 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.g3 a4 14.0-0-0 Kf8 15.Rdg1 c6 16.Be2 cxd5 17.exd5 Qb6 18.Qd2 Kg7 19.Qe3 a3 20.b3 Nxb3+ 21.axb3 Qxb3 22.Nd1 Qb4 23.Qc3 Qc5 24.Kb1 Ne4 25.Qe3 a2+ 26.Ka1 Qb4 27.Nb2 Nd2 28.Bd1 Qxb2+ 29.Kxb2 a1Q+ 30.Kc2 Ra2+*

31.Kd3 Ra3+ 32.Kxd2 Rxe3 33.fxe3 Rh8 34.Bc2 Qa5+ 35.Kd3 Qa3+ 36.Ke2 Qc3 37.Bd3 Ra8 38.Rd1 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Qb2 ½-½ (39) Fedoseev,V (2677)-Giri,A (2769) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 9.h5 g5 10.Be3 h6 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Nxe5 Bd6 14.Nd3 Qe7 15.f3 Bg3+ 16.Kd1 0-0 17.a4 Ne8 18.Kc1 b6 19.Kb1 Nd6 20.Nc1 f5 21.Bd3 Rae8 22.Ra3 Be5 23.N1e2 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Nf5 25.Qc1 Qg7 26.Rf1 Nd4 27.Nxd4 Bxd4 28.g4 Rf4 29.Bc2 Qf8 30.Ng3 Qf6 31.Be4 Bxg4 32.Bg6 Rf8 33.fxg4 Rxf1 34.Nxf1 Qxf1 35.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 36.Ka2 Rf2 37.Rb3 Kf8 38.d6 cxd6 39.Rxb6 Ke7 40.Bf5 Be5 41.Rb5 Kf6 42.Kb1 Bd4 43.Bc2 Rf1+ 44.Ka2 Rf2 45.Kb1 Rf1+ 46.Ka2 Rf2 47.Kb1 ½-½ (47) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020;

B) 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Be2 Bd7 10.Nd2 h5 11.Nb3 b6 12.Nxc5 bxc5 13.Bg5 Bh6 14.g3 Qe7 15.Qd2 Ng8 16.0-0-0 f6 17.Bxh6 Nxh6 18.f3 Nf7 19.g4 Qf8 20.Rdg1 hxg4 21.fxg4 Qh6 22.Nd1 ½-½ (22) Donchenko,A (2676)-Ragger,M (2615) Muelheim GER 2024]

5...c5 6.d5 a6 7.e4 b5 8.cxb5 Bg7 9.bxa6 0-0 10.h5 Nxh5 11.g4 Nhf6 12.g5 Nh5 13.Be2 Bxa6 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.f4 e6 16.Nge2 Qe8 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Ng3 Ne5 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Qg2 Rb8 21.Nxh5 Qg6 22.Be3 d5 23.0-0-0 d4 24.Rdg1 dxc3 25.b3 Bd3 26.Qh3 Rxb3 27.axb3 Ra8 28.Kd1 Qxh5+ 29.Qxh5 Ra1+ 30.Bc1 Rxc1+ 0-1 (30) Fedoseev,V (2702)-Salem, A (2629) Sharjah UAE 2024

3...Nc6 4.d5 Ne5 5.Nf3 Nxf3+ 6.exf3 Bg7 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be3 c6 9.Qd2 h5 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Qa5 12.Rfe1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Rc8 14.Bf1 0-0 15.Bd4 Rfe8 16.a3 a6 17.Rac1 Bf5 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qd8 20.Rc2 Nd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Rce2 Ne5 24.Ne4 Qc7 25.f4 Nd7 26.f5 gxf5 27.Ng3 Ne5 28.Nxf5 Qc4 29.Qd2 f6 30.Re4 1-0 (30) Paravyan,D (2619)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025

3...b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.d5 Bg7 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 e6 8.h5 gxh5 9.Nh3 Qe7 10.Nf4 Nbd7 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.f3 Rhg8 13.Qd2 Bh6 14.Bf1 h4 15.0-0-0 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Nh5 17.Rh2 Rg6 18.Be3 Rdg8 19.Kb1 Kb8 20.a3 Qf6 21.Ka2 Ng3 22.Bd3 Ne5 23.Nb5 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Nh5 25.dxe6 Qxe6 26.Rxh4 Nf6 27.Nd4 Qe8 28.g4 Nd7 29.Rxh7 Rxg4 30.Nf5 Rg2 31.Bd4 Qe6 32.Rdh1 a5 33.R1h6 Ne5 34.Bxe5 Qxe5 35.Qd4 Qxd4 36.Nxd4 Ba6 37.Kb3 Rd2 38.Kc3 Rd1 39.Rh8 Rxh8 40.Rxh8+ Kb7 41.b3 a4 42.b4 Rc1+ 43.Kd2 Rxc4 44.Nf5 d5 45.exd5 Rf4 46.Ne3 Rxf3 47.Rd8 Rf2+ 48.Kc3 Ra2 49.Nc2 Be2 50.Rd7 Bd1 51.Nd4 Rxa3+ 52.Kb2 Rd3 53.Nb5 a3+ 54.Ka2 Bb3+ 55.Kxa3 Bc4+ 56.Ka4 Bxb5+ 57.Kxb5 Rxd5+ 0-1 (57) Grischuk,A (2766)-Mamedyarov,S (2765) Paris FRA 2019

[3] **4...d5** 5.h5 Nxh5 6.cxd5 e6 [6...Nf6 7.e4 c6 8.dxc6 0-0 9.cxb7 *(9.Be2 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.d5 Nbd7 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bxe7 Ngxe5 15.Bxf8 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Kxf8 17.Qb3 Qd6 18.Ne4 Qa6 19.Be2 Qa5+ 20.Kf1 Rb8 21.Qe3 Rxb2*

22.Re1 Bd4 23.Qh6+ Bg7 24.Qf4 Be5 25.Qf3 Kg8 26.Rxh7 Kxh7 27.Qxf7+ Bg7 28.g3 Nf8 29.Ng5+ Kh6 30.Qf4 Rb4 31.Qe3 Rd4 32.Kg2 Bf6 33.Ne4+ Kg7 34.Nxf6 Kxf6 35.Qe8 Qxe1 36.Qxf8+ Ke5 37.Qe7+ Kxd5 38.Bc4+ Kxc4 39.Qxe1 Bb7+ 40.Kh3 Bd5 41.Qa5 g5 42.Qa4+ Kc3 43.Qa3+ Kd2 44.Qxc5 g4+ 45.Kh4 Kd3 46.Qxa7 Bf3 47.Qa3+ Kc4 48.Qb3+ Kc5 49.a4 Rb4 50.Qc3+ Rc4 51.Qa3+ Kd5 52.Qb3 Kc5 53.Qb5+ Kd4 54.a5 Rc5 55.Qb4+ Rc4 56.Qb2+ Kc5 57.Qb6+ Kd5 58.a6 Rc6 59.Qb4 Rh6+ 60.Kg5 Rh8 61.Qd2+ Kc4 62.Qc2+ Kb5 63.Qb2+ Kxa6 64.Qxh8 Kb5 65.Qc3 Kb6 66.Kf6 Bd5 67.Ke5 Bf7 68.Kd4 Bg8 69.Qc5+ Kb7 70.Ke5 Ba2 71.Kd6 Be6 72.Qb4+ Ka7 73.Kc7 Bc8 74.Qb8+ Ka6 75.Qb6# 1-0 (75) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 9...Bxb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bd2 *(11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Bd2 Rc8 13.Qb3 N7b6 14.Nb5 a6 15.Na3 h6 16.Be2 Qd7 17.0-0 a5 18.Rfc1 Qg4 19.Qb5 a4 20.Nc2 Bc6 21.Qd3 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4 23.Ne3 Be4 24.Qd2 Ba8 25.Rc5 Rfd8 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Ne1 Nd5 28.Bf3 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Qf5 30.Bxa8 Rxa8 31.Nd3 Rc8 32.Rf1 Qe6 33.a3 Qd5 34.Qe2 h5 35.Qf3 Qxf3 36.gxf3 f6 37.e6 f5 38.f4 Bf6 39.Nc5 Ra8 40.Kf2 h4 41.Ke2 Kg7 42.Rg1 Kh6 43.Nd7 Kg7 44.Nc5 Kh6 45.Rf1 Ra5 46.Kd3 Kh5 47.Nd7 Bg7 48.Rb1 Ra6 49.Nc5 Ra8 50.Ke2 Bh6 51.Nd3 g5 52.fxg5 Bxg5 53.Rf1* ½-½ (53) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 11...Nd7 *(11...Na6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qb3 Rad8 14.Qxd5 Rxd5 15.Rh4 Nc7 16.Bc4 Rd7 17.Bb3 Ne6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.f3 Rc7 20.Kd1 Rd7 21.Ke2 h5 22.Rc1 Rfd8 23.Be3 Bd5 24.a3 Rb7 25.Rc2 Rbb8 26.g4 Rdc8 27.Kd2 Bb3 28.Rc3 Ba4 29.b4 Rxc3 30.Kxc3 a5 31.Rh2 Rc8+ 32.Kb2 axb4 33.axb4 Rc4 34.Ka3 Bc6 35.Rb2 Bd5 36.Ka4 Rc3 37.Bf4 h4 38.g5 Kf8 39.b5 Ke8 40.Ka5 Rd3 41.Rd2 Rb3 42.Rc2 Rd3 43.Bh2 Rxd4 44.f4 Bb3 45.Rc8+ Kf7 46.Rc3 Ra4+ 47.Kb6 Bd5 48.Rc2 Ke8 49.Ne2 h3 50.Nc3 Rc4 51.Ka7 Rc8 52.Ka6 Kd7 53.b6 Ra8+ 54.Kb5 Bc6+ 55.Kc5 Ra5+ 56.Kb4 Ra6 57.Rd2+ Kc8 58.Kc5 Kb7 59.Rd3 Ra5+ 60.Kb4 Ra8 61.Rxh3 Kxb6 62.Bg1+ Kc7 63.Rd3 Rb8+ 64.Kc5 Bf8 65.Rd4 Rb2 66.Be3 Rc2 67.Kc4 Bd5+ 68.Kd3 Rb2 69.Bc1 Rb3 70.Ra4 Bc6 71.Ra5 Kd8 72.Bd2 Ke8 73.Kc2 Rb8 74.Rc5 Bb7 75.Rb5 Be4+ 76.Kb2 Rb7 77.Ka3 Rxb5 78.Nxb5 Bf5 79.Bc3 Bg4 80.Nd4 Bg7 81.Ka4 Bf8 82.Ka5 Kd7 83.Ka6 Bg7 84.Ka7 Ke8 85.Kb8 Kd7 86.Kb7 Kd8 87.Ba5+ Kd7 88.Kb8 Bf8 89.Nb3 Bg7 90.Bc3 Ke8 91.Ka7 Bd1 92.Nc5 Bg4 93.Ba5 Bf8 94.Bc7 Kf7 95.Kb8 Ke8 96.Bb6 Be2 97.Nxe6 Bg4 98.Nc7+ Kd7 99.Bc5 Kc6 100.Ba3 Bh3* ½-½ (100) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 12.Qf3 N7b6 13.Be2 h5 14.Qg3 Nb4 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.a3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.axb4 Rxd4 19.Bf4 Bxg2 20.Rh4 Bb7 21.b5 Rd3 22.Qg5 a6 23.Nge2 Qe8 24.Be3 f6

25.Qg3 fxe5 26.b6 Kh7 27.Rc4 Rf3 28.Qg2 Qa8 29.Rc7 Bf6 30.Bg5 Rd6 31.Bxf6 Rdxf6 32.Rd1 Kh6 33.Rdd7 Rxc3 34.Rxb7 Rc2 35.Rxe7 Qg8 36.Qe4 Qb3 37.Rh7+ Kg5 38.Rbe7 Rc4 39.Rxe5+ Rf5 40.Rxf5+ gxf5 41.Qe7+ Kg4 42.Qg7+ Kh4 43.Qf6+ Kh3 44.Qxf5+ Kg2 45.Rg7+ Rg4 46.Nf4+ Kg1 47.Rxg4+ hxg4 48.Qxg4+ Kh1 49.Qg2# 1-0 (49) Ethereal (3535)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

7.g4

[7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...Nf6 9.e4 0-0 10.Be2 c5 11.d5 Bg4 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Rxh6 Re8 14.Qd2 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.0-0-0 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Rd4 18.Qe3 Rxd1+ 19.Kxd1 Nd7 20.d6 Qf6 21.Kc1 Qxd6 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Bf3 Ne5 24.Be2 Qd5 25.Rh3 h5 26.Bxh5 Qc4+ 27.Kb1 Qf1+ 28.Kc2 Nc4 29.Qg5 Qxf2+ 30.Kd3* 0-1 (30) Sandipan,C (2486)-Mamedyarov,S (2723) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 9.e3 Qe7 10.Be2 0-0 11.a3 Rad8 12.Qc2 Rfe8 13.Bd2 Na5 14.b4 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Nf6 17.g3 Ng4 18.Nh2 Nh6 19.Nf3 Nf5 20.Kf1 h5 21.Bd3 Bh6 22.Re1 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Rxd4 24.Qc2 Rd6 25.Nb5 Rc6 26.Qb1 Bg4 27.Be2 Bxe2+ 28.Rxe2 Bg7 29.Rd2 Rb6 30.Qd3 a6 31.Nd4 Bxd4 32.Qxd4 Rd6 33.Qb2 Red8 34.Rxd6 Rxd6 35.Rh4 Qd7 36.Ke2 Qb5+ 37.Kf3 Qc6+ 38.Ke2 Qb5+ 39.Kf3 Qd5+ 40.e4 Qc4 41.Kg2 Rd1 0-1 (41) Grischuk,A (2759)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Amsterdam NED 2019]

7...Nf6 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.e4 Qe7

[9...Bxg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 c6 13.Nge2 Bc4 14.Qc2 Qa5 15.Nf4 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Na6 17.a3 Nc7 18.Kf2 g5 19.b4 Qa6 20.Nd3 Qc4 21.Rac1 Nd7 22.Nb2 Qe6 23.Ne2 Nb5 24.a4 Nd6 25.Ng3 f5 26.exf5 Qd5 27.Nc4 Nxc4 28.Qxc4 Qxc4 29.Rxc4 Nb6 30.Rc5 0-0 31.a5 Nd5 32.a6 ½-½ (32) Vachier Lagrave,M (2780)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Jerusalem ISR 2019]

10.g5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bd5 12.f3 Nc6 13.Bg2 Nxd4 14.Ne2 0-0-0 15.Nxd4 Bxe4 16.fxe4 Bxd4 17.Qe2 Qb4+ 18.Kf1 ½-½ (18) Ding,L (2745)-Mamedyarov,S (2733) Almaty KAZ 2024

4...Nc6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.d5 Nb4 7.g3 e6 8.a3 Na6 9.Bg2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.0-0 Nc5 12.d6 c6 13.Nd2 a5 14.b3 Re6 15.Qc2 Rxd6 16.Nc4 Re6 17.Be3 Bf8 18.Bh3 Re8 19.b4 d5 20.Bxc8 Qxc8 21.Bxc5 Qh3 22.Nd2 Bxc5 23.bxc5 Ng4 24.Nf3 Re3 25.Rfe1 Rae8 26.Qd3 Rxd3 27.exd3 Re3 0-1 (27) Dardha,D (2580)-Mamedyarov,S (2734) Durres ALB 2023

[4] **5...h5** 6.Be2

[6.Nge2 0-0 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 b5 10.cxb5 a6 11.Ng3 Qa5 12.a4 Ne5 13.Ra3 Qb4 14.Be2 axb5 15.axb5 Rxa3 16.bxa3 Qxa3 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Rb1 Ra8 19.Qc2 c4 20.Bc1 Qc5 21.Be3 Qc8 22.Bd4 Nfd7 23.Qd1 Nc5 24.f4 Nb3 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.f5 Qc5+ 27.Kh2 Ra3 28.Bxh5 Qe3 29.fxg6 Qxc3 30.gxf7+ Kf8 31.Qg4 Nd2 32.Nf5 Nf3+ 33.Kh1 1-0 (33) Vachier Lagrave,M (2760)-Saric,I (2680) Zagreb CRO 2022]

6...0-0 7.Nf3

[7.Bg5 a6 *(7...Na6 8.f3 c6 9.Qd2 Nc7 10.Rd1 a6 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Nd7 13.Bh6 b5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.c5 Qe8 16.f4 Rd8 17.b4 a5 18.a3 axb4 19.axb4 dxc5 20.dxc5 Nf6 21.Rd3 Rxd3 22.Qxd3 Qa8 23.f5 e5 24.fxg6 fxg6 25.Qd6 Rf7 26.Qxe5 Qa3 27.Rd3 Qa1+ 28.Bd1 Na6 29.Rd2 Nxb4 30.Qd4 Qa5 31.Rf2 Na6 32.e5 Nd5 33.e6+ Rf6 34.Rxf6 Nxf6 35.e7 Nc7 36.Kf2 Qa1 37.Ne2 Qa2 38.Qe5 Nce8 39.Kg3 Qa3+ 40.Kh2 Qe3 41.Qxe3 Ng4+ 42.Kg3 Nxe3 43.Bb3 Nf5+ 44.Kf4 Kf6 45.g3 Nc7 46.e8B Nxe8 47.Nc3 Nd4 48.Ne4+ Ke7 49.Ba2 Nf6 50.Nd2 Ne6+ 51.Bxe6 Kxe6 52.Kg5 Ke5 53.Kxg6 Ne4 54.Nf3+ Kd5 55.g4 hxg4 56.Ne1 b4 57.h5 b3 58.Nd3 g3 59.h6 b2 60.h7 b1Q 61.Nf4+ Ke5 62.h8Q+ Kxf4 63.Qb8+ Qxb8* 0-1 (63) Fier,A (2574)-Van Foreest,J (2707) Douglas IOM 2023*; 7...Nbd7 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nh3 e6 12.f3 exd5 13.cxd5 Qa5 14.0-0 Ne5 15.Nf2 Nh7 16.Be3 Qd8 17.g3 Rb8 18.Kg2 Bd7 19.Rab1 f5 20.b4 c4 21.Bd4 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.f4 Ng4 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Rbe1 Nf6 26.Kh2 Bc8 27.Re2 fxe4 28.Nfxe4 Nxe4 29.Nxe4 Bf5 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Qb2+ Kh6 32.Ng5 Rxe2+ 33.Qxe2 Qf6 34.Re1 Kg7 35.Qe3 Ra8 36.Re2 Bd3 37.Qb6 Bxe2 38.Qb7+ Kg8 39.Qxa8+ Kg7 40.Qb7+ Kg8 41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Qd7+ Kg8 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qxe2 c3 45.Qxb5 Qe7 46.Ne6+ Kh7 47.Qd3 Qa7 48.Qc2 Qe3 49.Ng5+ Kh6 50.Ne4 g5 51.hxg5+ Kh5 52.Nf6#* 1-0 (52) Esipenko,A (2723)-Sanal,V (2593) chess.com INT 2022*; 7...c6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rac1 e5 12.d5 Nc5 13.Qc2 a5 14.Be3 Ncxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rfd1 Nf6 17.Ng5 cxd5 18.cxd5 Qxc2 19.Rxc2 Rfc8 20.Rcd2 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 Rc4 22.g3 Rac8 23.Bb6 a4 24.a3 Rc2 25.Red2 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Bh6 27.f3 Bxg5 28.hxg5 Nd7 29.Ba5 Kf8 30.Bb4 Ke7 31.Bc3 Rc4 32.Kf2 b5 33.Ke3 f6 34.f4 fxg5 35.fxe5 Nxe5 36.Bxe5 dxe5 37.d6+ Kd7 38.Rd5 Rg4 39.Kf2 h4 40.Rxe5 Rxg3 41.Rxb5 g4 42.Rg5 Kxd6 43.Ra5 Rf3+ 44.Ke2 Rf4 45.Ke3 Rc4 46.Ra6+ Ke5 47.Rxg6 h3 48.Kd3 Rf4 49.Ke3 Rf3+ 50.Ke2 Kf4 51.Rg8 Kg3 52.Rg7 h2 53.Rh7 Rb3* 0-1 (53) Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-Svidler,P (2714) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 b5 10.cxb5 Qa5 11.bxa6 Nbd7 12.Nf3 Bxa6 13.0-0 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qxd2 15.Nfxd2 Bxe2 16.Bxe7 Rfb8 17.Bxd6 Rxb2 18.Rfe1 Bd3 19.Nf3 Rb6 20.Nxc5 Rxd6 21.Nxd3 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Rxd5 23.Nb4 Rb5 24.Nc6 Rb2 25.a4 Ra6 26.Nfd4 Nc5 27.Rc1 Nd3 28.Ra1 Nc5 29.Rc1 Nb3 30.Nxb3 Rxb3 31.Rc4 Rb7 32.Nd4 Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Ra1 34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.Rc7 R1xa4 36.Nf3 Ra7 37.Rc5 Rf4 38.Rc2 Ra1 39.Kg3 Rfa4 40.Rc7 Rg4+ 41.Kh2 Ra2 42.Kg1 Rb4 43.Rc1 Rba4 44.g3 Ra1 45.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 46.Kg2 Kf6 47.Ng5 Ra7 48.Nh3 Kf5 49.Ng5 f6 50.Nh3 Ra4 51.Ng1 Ke4 52.Nh3 Kf5 53.Ng1 g5 54.hxg5 fxg5 55.Nf3 g4 56.Nh4+ Ke4 57.Ng6 Ra2 58.Kf1 Ra6 59.Nh4 Kd3 60.Nf5 Kd2 61.Ng7 Ra5 62.Ne6 Ra1+ 63.Kg2 Ke1 64.Nf4 Rd1 65.Nxh5 Rd2 66.Nf4 Rxf2+ 67.Kg1 Rc2 68.Nd3+

Ke2 69.Ne5 Rc5 70.Nxg4 Rg5 71.Nh6 Rxg3+ 72.Kh2 Rg5 73.Nf7 Rf5 74.Nd6 Rf4 75.Kg2 Kd3 76.Kg3 Rf6 77.Ne8 Re6 78.Nc7 Re5 79.Kf4 Kd4 80.Na6 Re7 81.Nb4 Rf7+ 82.Kg5 Rc7 83.Na6 Rb7 84.Kf5 Kc4 0-1 (84) Dardha,D (2630)-Saric,I (2670) Vasto ITA 2024]

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[7...c5 8.d5 e6 *(8...a6 9.a4 e6 10.Bg5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nbd7 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Rad1 Bg4 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.a5 Nd7 18.Ng5 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Ne5 20.b3 Nc6 21.Rd3 Re7 22.Qd2 Rd8 23.Rd1 Kg7 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Qxd6 Qxd6 26.Rxd6 Nxa5 27.Rd3 Nc6 28.f3 Nd4 29.b4 Ne2+ 30.Kf1 Nf4 31.Rb3 cxb4 32.Rxb4 Rd7 33.Nh3 Nd3 34.Rb1 Ne5 35.c5 Nd3 36.c6 bxc6 37.Ke2 Ne5 38.Rc1 Rc7 39.f4 Nd7 40.Ng5 c5 41.e5 Nb6 42.Kf3 c4 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.Kxg4 c3 45.Rc2 Nd5 46.Kf3 Nb4 47.Rc1 Nd3* 0-1 (47) Artemiev,V (2709)-Fedoseev,V (2687) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 9.Bg5 *(9.0-0 exd5 10.cxd5 a6 11.a4 Bg4 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Re8 14.Bf4 Nh7 15.Qf3 Nxg5 16.Bxg5 Qc7 17.Bf6 Bxf6 18.Qxf6 Nd7 19.Qg5 Qd8 20.Qg3 Ne5 21.Rfe1 c4 22.Re2 b5 23.Nd1 b4 24.Ne3 Rc8 25.Rd1 c3 26.bxc3 Rxc3 27.Kh1 b3 28.f3 b2 29.Qe1 Rb3 30.Rb1 Nd3 31.Qd1 Qxh4+ 32.Kg1 Rc3 33.Nf1 Rec8 34.Qd2 Qf6 35.Rxb2 Nxb2 36.Qxb2 Kg7 37.Ne3 Rc1+ 38.Kf2 Ra1 39.g4 Qxb2 40.Rxb2 h4 41.g5 h3 42.Ng4 Rh8 43.Kg3 Rg1+ 44.Kh2 Rg2+ 45.Rxg2 hxg2+ 46.Kxg2 Rb8 47.Ne3 Rb4 48.a5 Ra4 49.Kf2 Kf8 50.Ke2 Rxa5 51.Nc4 Ra2+ 52.Kd3 Ke7 53.f4 Rf2 54.e5 Rxf4 55.Nxd6 a5 56.Nc8+ Kd8 57.Nd6 a4 58.Kc3 a3 59.Kb3 Rf3+ 60.Ka2 Ke7 61.Ne4 Re3 62.d6+ Kd8 63.Nf6 Rxe5 64.Kxa3 Rxg5 65.Kb4 Rf5 66.Nh7 Kd7* 0-1 (66) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Anton Guijarro,D (2685) chess.com INT 2023*; 9.Bf4 Re8 10.Ng5 exd5 11.exd5 a6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Bxd6 Qb6 14.Bf4 Qxb2 15.Rc1 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Bxb5 Ra3 18.Qd2 Qb4 19.Bc6 Ng4 20.Nb5 Qxd2 21.Bxd2 Rxa2 22.Bf4 Ree2 23.Bg3 Ne3 24.Rfe1 Nf5 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Na7 Nxg3 27.Nxc8 Bd4 28.Bxd7 Rxf2 29.Kh2 Be5 30.Re1 Ne2+ 31.Kh1 Bg3 32.Nh3* 1-0 (32) Grischuk,A (2776)-Svidler,P (2714) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 9...exd5

A) 10.exd5 Re8 *(10...Bg4 11.Qd2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Re8 13.Rfe1 Qb6 14.Qc2 a6 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Ng4 18.Ne4 Nde5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qc2 f5 21.Ng5 Ng4 22.Re6 Rxe6 23.dxe6 Bd4 24.Rf1 Re8 25.Qe2 Qc6 26.Qf3* 1-0 (26) Dardha,D (2609)-Sasikiran,K (2636) Cap d'Agde FRA 2022*)* 11.0-0 Bf5 12.Nd2 Nbd7 13.Re1 a6 14.Nf1 Qb6 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.axb3 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bc1 Bc2 19.Ne3 Be4 20.f3 Bf5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Kf1 Ne5 23.g3 Kh7 24.Rb1 Kg6 25.Bd2 b5 26.Kf2 bxc4 27.bxc4 Reb8 28.Bc3 a5 29.b3 Bf6 30.Rec1 Rb7 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.Bd3 Kf6 33.f4 Bd4+ 34.Kf1 Rg8 35.Kg2 Rgb8 36.Bc2 Rb4 37.Kf3 Re8 38.Re1 Rxe1 39.Rxe1 a4 40.bxa4 Rxc4 41.Bd1 Rc3+ 42.Kg2 Ra3 43.Bxh5 c4 44.Re2 Rxa4 45.Rc2

c3 46.Be2 Ra5 47.Bf3 Rb5 48.Kf1 Rb1+ 49.Kg2 Rb2 50.Bd1 Rb5 51.Kf3 Rxd5 52.Be2 Rc5 53.Bd3 d5 54.Ra2 Kg7 55.Bxf5 Bf6 56.Bd3 d4 57.Re2 Ra5 58.Rc2 Ra1 59.Rh2 Rd1 60.Ke4 Re1+ 61.Kd5 Re3 62.Kc4 Rxg3 63.h5 Kh6 64.Re2 Rf3 65.Re8 c2 66.Bxc2 Rc3+ 67.Kd5 Rxc2 0-1 (67) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 10.cxd5 Bg4 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Re8 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Nc4 Nb6 15.Rae1 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Qb6 17.Re2 Ng4 18.Qb5 Qc7 19.f3 Ne5 20.a4 c4 21.a5 a6 22.Qa4 Nd3 23.Be3 Rac8 24.Bb6 Qe7 25.g3 Nxb2 26.Rxb2 Bxc3 27.Rc2 Be5 28.f4 Bg7 29.Rxc4 Rxc4 30.Qxc4 Qxe4 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Rc1 Bd4+ 33.Bxd4 Rxd4 34.Rb1 Rxd5 35.Rxb7 Rxa5 36.Rb6 d5 37.f5 gxf5 38.Rf6 d4 39.Rd6 Ra2 40.Rxd4 Kg7 41.Rd5 Kg6 42.Rd6+ f6 43.Rd5 a5 44.Rb5 a4 45.Ra5 a3 46.Kf1 Kf7 47.Ra6 Ke7 48.Ke1 Kd7 49.Kd1 Ke8 50.Kc1 Ke7 51.Kb1 Rb2+ 52.Ka1 Rb3 53.Ra7+ Ke6 54.Rg7 Rf3 55.Ka2 f4 56.gxf4 Rxf4 57.Kxa3 Rxh4 58.Kb2 Kf5 59.Kc2 Rd4 60.Kc3 Rd8 61.Rg1 h4 62.Rf1+ Kg5 63.Rg1+ Kh5 64.Rh1 f5 65.Kc2 f4 0-1 (65) Paravyan,D (2610)-Sindarov,J (2668) chess.com INT 2024]

[7...Bg4 8.Be3 *(8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 a6 11.0-0 Nh7 12.Nf3 Nxg5 13.hxg5 c5 14.Rad1 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Rd2 Ne5 17.b3 b5 18.f4 Ng4 19.Nd5 bxc4 20.bxc4 e5 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Nf3 Bg7 23.Rc1 Kh8 24.Kh1 Re8 25.Qd3 Qa5 26.Rf1 Qc5 27.Rc2 Kg8 28.Qe2 Re6 29.Qd3 Rce8 30.Re2 a5 31.Qc2 Rb8 32.Qd3 a4 33.Nf4 Ree8 34.Nd5 a3 35.Nd2 Rb2 36.Nb3 Qa7 37.Nf4 Qe7 38.g3 Rxe2 39.Qxe2 Qxe4+ 40.Qxe4 Rxe4 41.c5 dxc5 42.Nxc5 Rc4 43.Ncd3 Rc2 44.Nb4 Rh2+ 45.Kg1 Bd4+* 0-1 (45) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Theodorou,N (2597) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 8...Nbd7 9.Qd2 c6 10.0-0 e5 11.Rad1 Re8 12.d5 cxd5 13.cxd5 a6 14.Ng5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Ng4 16.Bc1 Rc8 17.g3 b5 18.Kg2 Nb6 19.f3 Nf6 20.Be3 Nfd7 21.Rc1 Nc4 22.Bf2 Qa5 23.Rc2 Nxb2 24.Rxb2 Qxc3 25.a4 Nc5 26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Bh6 29.Rxc5 Qxc5 30.Nh3 Rb8 31.Rf2 Be3 32.Rf1 Bd4 33.Rd1 Kg7 34.Rd2 Rb1 35.Rd1 Rb3 36.Rd3 Qc4 37.Rd2 Qc3 38.Rc2 Qa1 39.Ra2 Qc3 40.Rc2 Qb4 41.Rc4 Qb5 42.Rc2 Qb6 43.Rd2 Be3 44.Rc2 Bc5 45.Rd2 Re3 46.Qd1 Qb4 47.Re2 Rb3 48.Rc2 Rb1 49.Rc1 Qb2+ 50.Rc2 Qb3 51.Qe2 Ra1 52.Rb2 Qc3 53.Qd2 Qc4 54.Kh2 Qf1 55.Qg2 Qd1 56.Rd2 Qe1 57.Re2 Qc3 58.Rc2 Qa5 59.Qe2 Bd4 60.Qg2 Be3 61.Re2 Bh6 62.Rc2 ½-½ (62) Nguyen,N (2645)-Chigaev,M (2617) Singapore SGP 2023]

8.0-0 c6 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bg4 11.cxb5 cxb5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Nfd7 15.Nd5 Nc6 16.e6 fxe6 17.Nc7 Rad8 18.Nxa6 Bxb2 19.Ra2 Bf6 20.Rad2 e5 21.Nc7 e4 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Bxg4 Ne5 24.Rxd4 1-0 (24) Nabaty,T (2630)-Sindarov,J (2677) Budapest HUN 2024

[5] **6.Nf3** Bg4 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.gxf3 h5 10.f4 Ned7 11.Rg1 c6 12.Be3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Ng4 14.Bd4 Bf6 15.f3 Nh6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Qd2 f5 18.0-0-0 Qxh4 19.Nb5 Rc8+ 20.Kb1 Qf6 21.Nxa7 Rd8 22.Nb5 Kf8 23.Bd3 Kg7 24.Bc2 fxe4 25.fxe4 Ng4 26.Rde1 Rhe8 27.Rgf1 Qe7 28.e5 dxe5 29.d6 Qh4 30.Nc7 Rf8 31.f5 Nc5 32.Qd5 b6 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.Ne6+ Nxe6 35.Qxe6 Qg5 36.Ba4 Kh6 37.d7 Rxf1 38.Rxf1 Ne3 39.Rc1 Qf4 40.Bc6 Qf5+ 41.Qxf5 Nxf5 42.Ba4 Nd6 43.Bc6 Nf5 44.Ba4 Nd6 45.Bc6 Nf5 ½-½ (45) Narayanan,S (2668)-Puranik,A (2632) Baku AZE 2024

6.d5 Ne5 7.Be2 h5 8.Nf3

[8.Nh3 c6 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.b3 cxd5 13.exd5 Qa5 14.Bd2 Neg4 15.Nce4 Qd8 16.Nxf6+ exf6 17.Nf3 Re8 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.Bc3 Bh6 20.Rc2 Bf5 21.Rb2 Ne3 22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.Nxd4 Nxf1 24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Kxf1 Bf4 26.Rc2 Be5 27.Bd2 Kg7 28.Bd3 f4 29.Bf5 Rc7 30.Rc1 Rce7 31.b4 b6 32.Bc2 Bb2 33.Rd1 Rc8 34.Bd3 Be5 35.Rc1 Rec7 36.a4 a5 37.Bf5 Ra8 38.b5 Re8 39.Rc2 Rce7 40.Rc1 Bb2 41.Rd1 Ba3 42.Bxf4 Re2 43.Be3 R8xe3 44.fxe3 Ra2 45.Rd4 Bc5 46.Re4 Rxa4 47.g4 Ra1+ 48.Kg2 hxg4 49.Rxg4+ Kh6 50.Re4 Ra2+ 51.Kf3 Kg7 52.Re7 Kf8 53.Rc7 a4 54.Rc8+ Kg7 55.Rc7 Kf8 56.Rc8+ Kg7 57.Rc7 Kf8 ½-½ (57) Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Ragger,M (2631) Chartres FRA 2023]

[8.Bf4 0-0 9.Nf3 Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 c6 11.Qd2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Kh7 13.a4 Nd7 14.a5 f5 15.Ra3 Ne5 16.Be3 f4 17.Bxf4 Bd7 18.Nd1 Rxf4 19.Qxf4 Bh6 20.Qg3 Qf8 21.Ne3 Bf4 22.Qg2 Rc8 23.Rc3 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Qc8 25.c4 b5 26.axb6 axb6 27.Qg1 Qa8 28.Kf1 Qa2 29.Ng2 Qa1+ 30.Ne1 Qb2 31.Ng2 Qc1+ 32.Ne1 Qd2 33.Qg2 Kg7 34.Rg1 Kf8 35.Qh1 e6 36.Rg3 exd5 37.exd5 Bf5 38.Rg1 Kf7 39.Rg3 Nd7 40.Rg5 Bxg5 41.hxg5 Ne5 0-1 (41) Fedoseev,V (2696)-Carlsen,M (2847) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]

8...Nxf3+ 9.gxf3

[9.Bxf3 0-0 10.Bg5 c6 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Bxg4 hxg4 14.h5 Kg7 15.hxg6 Rh8 16.0-0-0 fxg6 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Nf4 Qa6 19.Qc2 Bg5 20.Qc3+ Bf6 21.Ne6+ Kf7 22.Qb3 cxd5 23.exd5 Rac8 24.c5 Rxh1 25.Rxh1 dxc5 26.d6 c4 27.d7 cxb3+ 28.dxc8Q Bxb2+ 29.Kd2 Qa5+ 30.Ke2 Qb5+ 31.Ke3 Qe5+ 32.Kd3 Qd5+ 33.Ke3 Qe5+ 34.Kd3 Qb5+ 35.Ke3 Qe5+ ½-½ (35) Bu Xiangzhi (2694)-Bai,J (2550) Fuling CHN 2023]

9...c6 10.Be3 0-0

[10...Qa5 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.a3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Rc8 14.b4 Qc7 15.Bd4 0-0 16.Rc1 a5 17.Kf1 axb4 18.axb4 Ne8 19.Kg2 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Nf6 21.Bd3 Kg7 22.f4 Kh7 23.f3 Qb8 24.e5 Ng8 25.Ne4 Nh6 26.Ng5+ Kg8 27.e6 Be8 28.exf7+ Bxf7 29.Rce1 Qa8 30.Rxe7 Qa2+ 31.Kg3 Qxd5 32.Qxd5 Bxd5 33.Bxg6 Rf6 34.Rd1 Rxg6 35.Rxd5 Rf6 36.Rxb7 Nf5+ 37.Kh3 Ne3 38.Rd4 d5 39.Rd3 Re8 40.b5 Rxf4 41.b6 Nf5 42.Rd7 Rxh4+ 43.Kg2 Re2+ 44.Kf1 Ng3+ 0-1 (44) Williams,S (2451)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025]

11.Qd2 Bd7

[11...cxd5 12.cxd5 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Rd1 d5 15.exd5 Bf5 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Kg2 Rc8 18.Bb5 Bd7 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.d6 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Re6 22.Bg5 Qa5 23.Rhe1 Rc6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Qe3 Kf7 26.Rd4 Rc5 27.Be7 Rf5 28.Qh6 Qe5 29.Rc4 1-0 (29) Nihal,S (2688)-Salem,A (2639) Sharjah UAE 2023]
12.Rg1 Qa5 13.f4 cxd5 14.cxd5 b5 15.f3 b4 16.Nd1 Kh7 17.Nf2 Rac8 18.Kf1 Rc7 19.f5 Rfc8 20.fxg6+ fxg6 21.Qd3 Rc2 22.Kg2 Rxb2 23.Bd4 Nxd5 24.exd5 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Rxe2 26.Rge1 Rcc2 27.Rxe2 Rxe2 28.Rc1 Qb6 29.Qxb6 axb6 30.Rb1 Kg7 31.Rxb4 Rxa2 32.Rxb6 Bf5 33.Kg3 Rd2 34.Rb5 Kf6 35.f4 Ra2 36.Kf3 Ra3+ 37.Kg2 Kf7 38.Rb4 Re3 39.Ra4 Bg4 40.Rd4 Ra3 41.Nd3 Kf6 42.Nb4 Bd7 43.Nd3 Ra4 44.Nb4 Kf5 45.Rc4 Kg4 46.Rc7 Rxb4 47.Rxd7 Re4 48.Rd8 Rxf4 49.Rg8 Kxh4 0-1 (49) Dardha,D (2604)-Sindarov,J (2668) London ENG 2024

[6] **6...Nh5** 7.Bg5 0-0 8.Qd2 f6 9.Be3 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.f3 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.0-0-0 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 e4 15.g4 exf3 16.gxf5 fxe2 17.Bxe2 Ng3 18.fxg6 Nxh1 19.Rxh1 Qf6 20.h5 Rae8 21.h6 Qxb2+ 22.Qxb2 Bxb2+ 23.Kd2 hxg6 24.Bg4 b6 25.Be6+ Kh7 26.a4 a5 27.Ke2 Be5 28.Rh4 Bc3 29.Rh3 Bb4 30.Bd4 Bc5 31.Bg7 Rf2+ 32.Kd3 Re7 33.Rg3 Bb4 34.Ke3 Bc5+ 35.Kd3 c6 36.Kc3 cxd5 37.cxd5 Bb4+ 38.Kc4 Bd2 39.Rh3 Rf4+ 40.Kb5 Rb4+ 41.Kc6 Bf4 42.Bg8+ Kxg8 43.h7+ Kf7 44.h8Q Rc4+ 45.Kb5 Rc5+ 46.Ka6 Re8 47.Qh7 Ke7 48.Be5+ Kd8 49.Bxf4 1-0 (49) Grischuk,A (2766)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Paris FRA 2019

[7] **8.Be3** exd4 9.Nxd4 h5 10.Qd2 Re8 11.0-0-0 a5 12.Kb1 a4 13.a3 Bd7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Ne5 16.Bg5 Qb8 17.g4 c5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Bh6 Bh8 20.gxh5 c5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.f4 Nf7 23.Bc4 Bxd4 24.f5 Bb5 25.Bd5 Bd3+ 26.Ka1 Bxe4 27.fxg6 Bxd5 28.gxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rhf1+ Ke6 30.Be3 Qb3 31.Bxd4 Qa2# 0-1 (31) Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Guseinov,G (2665) lichess.org INT 2020

[8] **11.Nxd4** exd4 12.Bxd4 d5 [12...Rb8 13.Qc2 c5 14.Bf2 Be6 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.Rxd6 Qa5 17.Be1 Ne5 18.f4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.e5 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.h5 Bxa2 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Ne4 Qb6 25.Bh4 Rd4 26.Nf6+ Kf8 27.Bf2 Bxf6 28.exf6 Qxf6 29.Qxc5+ Rd6 30.Qc8+ 1-0 (30) Shankland,S (2709)-Svidler,P (2714) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]
13.cxd5 cxd5 14.e5 Nh5 15.Kf2 Re8 16.Qd2 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Qd4 Qf6 19.Rd1 Bb7 20.g4 Nf4 21.Re1 Re6 22.Qxf6 Rxf6 23.Kg3 Rb8 24.Rh2 h6 25.Rd2 Kg7 26.Re5 Bc6 27.b3 Rb4 28.Ne2 Re6 29.Nxf4 Rxe5 30.Nd3 Rd4 31.Rc2 Re6 32.Kf2 a5 33.Nc5 Rf6 34.Kg3 Rdf4 35.Bg2 Rb4 36.Nd3 Rb6 37.Ne5 Re6 38.f4 f6 39.Nf3 Re3 40.Rd2 a4 41.Kf2 axb3 42.Kxe3 b2 43.Rd1 b1Q 44.Rxb1 Rxb1 45.Nd4 Bb7 46.g5 hxg5 47.hxg5 fxg5 48.fxg5 Rb2 49.Bh3 Rxa2 50.Kf4 Kf7 51.Ke5 Ke7 52.Bf1 Ra3 53.Kf4 Ba6 54.Bg2 Kd6 0-1 (54) Carlsen,M (2831)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2735) London ENG 2024

9 **3...Bg7** 4.Bg2 0-0 [4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nb6 *(6...Nb4 7.d5 c6 8.a3 Qa5 9.Nc3 cxd5 10.Bf4 N4c6 11.exd5 Nd4 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Re8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Nd7 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.d6 e5 20.Bg5 Qb6 21.Qg4 f5 22.Qa4 Nc5 23.Qc4+ Kh8 24.Na4 Qxd6 25.Nxc5 b6 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Nxd3 e4 28.Nb4 Bxb2 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Nd5 Bxa3 31.Ra1* 1-0 (31) Li,D (2568)-Li, C (2652) Shenzhen CHN 2023 *)* 7.Ne2

A) 7...c5 8.d5 e6 *(8...0-0 9.0-0 e6 10.a4 exd5 11.exd5 Na6 12.Nec3 Nc4 13.Na3 Ne5 14.h3 Nb4 15.Ne4 b6 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bf4 Ned3 18.Qb3 Nxf4 19.gxf4 Kh8 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Nc4 Qd7 22.Ned6 Ba6 23.Rfe1 Bxc4 24.Nxc4 Rae8 25.d6 Qf7 26.f5 Bh6 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Qg3 Rd8 30.b3 Kh7 31.Re1 Rd7 32.Be4 Bg7 33.Re2 f5 34.Bg2 Qf6 35.Qe3 Qa1+ 36.Kh2 Bh6 37.Qg3 Qf6 38.h4 Bf8 39.Rd2 a6 40.Kh3 Rd8 41.d7 b5 42.axb5 axb5 43.Ne5 Be7 44.f4 Kg7 45.Bf3 c4 46.bxc4 bxc4 47.Rg2 g5 48.Qe1 g4+ 49.Bxg4 fxg4+ 50.Rxg4+ Kf8 51.Qe4 Nd3 52.Nxd3 Qc3 53.Rg3 Bxh4 54.Kxh4 Qf6+ 55.Kg4 cxd3 56.Rxd3 Qg7+ 57.Kf3 Qf6 58.Qd5* 1-0 (58) Keymer,V (2607)-Grandelius,N (2666) Malmo SWE 2021 *)* 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5 0-0 11.Nec3 N8d7 12.Na3 Ne5 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Qc1 Rc8 15.Bh6 Bf3 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qf4 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Kxf6 19.Nab5 Rcd8 20.Nxa7 Nxd5 21.Nab5 Nxc3 22.Nxc3 Rd4 23.Rfe1 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nd3 25.Re2 Rfd8 26.h4 h5 27.b3 R8d7 28.a3 Kf5 29.Re3 b6 30.Ra2 Kf6 31.Rae2 Kg7 32.Nb5 R4d5 33.Nc3 Rd4 34.Nb5 R4d5 ½-½ (34) Samunenkov,I (2523)-Lagarde,M (2606) Petrovac MNE 2024;

B) 7...e5 8.d5 c6 9.0-0 *(9.a4 cxd5 10.exd5 0-0 11.0-0 N8d7 12.Nec3 Nf6 13.Bg5 Nc4 14.Na3 Nxa3 15.Rxa3 h6 16.Be3 Bf5 17.h3 h5 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Kh2 e4 20.Rd1 Rfe8 21.Bg5 Rac8 22.a5 e3 23.Bxe3 Bf8 24.d6 Bxd6 25.a6 b6 26.Bb7 Rcd8 27.Ra4 Qe7 28.Rad4 Rd7 29.Qf3 Bc5 30.Rxd7 Nxd7 31.Bh6 Kh7 32.Bc1 Qe6 33.Qf4 Ne5 34.Ne4 Bxe4 35.Bxe4 Bf8 36.Bd5 Qe7 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Bg7 39.Kg2 Qd7 40.g5 Kg8 41.Qe4 Kf8 42.Bd2 Kg8 43.Bb4 Qa4 44.Rh1 Qd7 45.Kg3 b5 46.Qh4 Re7 47.Bxe7 Qxe7 48.Kg2 Nc4 49.Qf4 Nd6 50.Rd1 Nf5 51.Bc6 Be5 52.Qg4 Nd6 53.b4 Kg7 54.Rd5 f5 55.Qh4 Kf8 56.Bxb5 Qe6 57.Bc6 Nf7 58.b5 Bd6 59.Qd4 Bc7 60.Qc5+ Kg8 61.Rd7 f4 62.Qe7 Qxe7 63.Rxe7 Bb6 64.Bd5 Kf8 65.Rxf7+ Ke8 66.Rb7 Bd4 67.b6 Bxb6 68.Rxb6 axb6 69.a7 f3+ 70.Kxf3 Kd7 71.a8Q Ke7 72.Qc6 Kd8 73.Be6 Ke7 74.Qd7+ Kf8 75.Qf7#* 1-0 (75) Komododragon (3590)-Igel (3495) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 9...0-0 10.Qb3 Re8 11.Be3 Bf8 12.Nbc3 Na6 13.Rfd1 Bd7 14.h4 c5 15.Rd2 c4 16.Qc2 Bd6 17.Rf1 Rc8 18.Rdd1 Nc5 19.Rb1 Na8 20.b4 cxb3 21.axb3 b5 22.b4 Na6 23.Qa2 Nxb4 24.Qxa7 Nc7

25.Qa3 Qe7 26.Qb2 Nba6 27.Ra1 Rb8 28.Rfb1 Nc5 29.Qd2 Rec8 30.Nc1 Ne8 31.Ra7 b4 32.Nd1 Nf6 33.Rxb4 Rxb4 34.Qxb4 Ncxe4 35.Qa5 Bb8 36.Ra8 Kg7 37.Na2 Bc7 38.Qa7 Rxa8 39.Qxa8 Bf5 40.Qa7 Bd8 41.Qxe7 Bxe7 42.Ba7 Nd2 43.Ne3 Bd3 44.Bb8 Nd7 45.d6 Bf8 46.Bc7 Be4 47.h5 Nf3+ 48.Kh1 f6 49.Nc3 Bc6 50.Ncd5 Ne1 51.Bf1 Nf3 52.Bg2 e4 53.Nb4 Bb5 54.Ned5 f5 55.Bxf3 exf3 56.hxg6 hxg6 57.Nc2 Kf7 58.Nd4 Bc4 59.Nb4 Bg7 60.Nxf3 Bc3 61.Ng5+ Kf6 62.Bd8+ Ke5 63.Nc2 Kxd6 64.Ne3 Ba6 65.Kg1 Bb2 66.Ng2 Nf8 67.Ba5 Ke7 68.Nf4 Bc4 ½-½ (68) Igel (3495)-Komododragon (3590) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd7 7.0-0 Qc8 8.d5 Na5 9.Qd3 c5 10.e4 0-0 11.Bd2 a6 12.e5 Bf5 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.dxe6 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nd5 Nc6 18.Bh6 Bg7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nb6 Nd4 21.Qe3 Qxe6 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Rae1 Qxe3 24.Rxe3 Kf6 25.b3 Rb8 26.Rd1 b5 27.cxb5 axb5 28.b4 e5 29.bxc5 dxc5 30.f4 exf4 31.gxf4 Rb6 32.Re5 Ne6 33.Rdd5 Ra6 34.Bf1 Rxa2 35.Rd6 c4 36.Rc6 Rb2 37.Bg2 Kg7 38.Be4 Nd4 39.Rc7+ Kf6 40.Bd5 Be6 41.Rc6 c3 42.Bxe6 Nxc6 0-1 (42) Erdogmus,Y (2524)-Murzin,V (2635) Jeddah KSA 2024]

5.e3

[5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.b3 a6 *(9...e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 Qe7 12.h3 Nc6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 e5 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Rae1 Nd4 17.f4 Bd7 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nf5 20.Bf2 Rae8 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Nc3 Qg7 23.Ne4 Nd4 24.Be3 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Bf5 26.g4 Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Bh2+ 28.Kxh2 Rxe4 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.Kg2 Qe5 31.Rf7+ Kg8 32.Qf2 Qe8 33.Rf6 Re2 34.Rf8+ Qxf8 35.Qxe2 Qf4 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qe8+* ½-½ (40) Rakhmanov,A (2632)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2023*)* 10.a4 e6 11.0-0 exd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.h3 h5 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Kh2 Rfe8 16.Ra2 b6 17.f3 Nh7 18.Bd2 Be5 19.Ne4 h4 20.Bc3 hxg3+ 21.N4xg3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Re3 23.Nce4 Rxb3 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.f4 Rd8 26.Re2 Nf6 27.Ng3 Qd3 28.Qe1 Qc3 29.Qf2 Nxc4 30.Rfe1 Qd4 31.Ne4 Qxf2 32.Nxf2 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Re7 b4 35.Ng4 Nxg4+ 36.hxg4 Kg7 37.g5 Ne3 38.R1xe3 Rxe3 39.Rxe3 c4 40.Bf1 c3 41.Bd3 b3 42.Bc2 Rc8 43.Bxb3 c2 44.Bxc2 Rxc2+ 45.Kg3 Rd2 46.Re8 Rxd5 47.Rd8 Rd3+ 48.Kf2 d5 49.Ke2 Rd4 50.Ke3 Rd1 51.Ke2 Rd4 52.Kf3 f5 53.Rd7+ Kf8 54.Ke3 Re4+ 55.Kf3 d4 56.Kg3 Re3+ 57.Kf2 Rd3 58.Ke2 Re3+ 59.Kf2 Re4 60.Kg3 Kg8 61.Kf3 Re3+ 62.Kf2 Re4 63.Kg3 Kf8 64.Kf3 Ke8 65.Rd6 Kf7 66.Rf6+ Kg7 67.Rd6 Re3+ 68.Kf2 Re4 69.Kg3 Re3+ 70.Kh4 Re4 71.Kg3 Re3+ 72.Kh4 d3 73.Rxd3 Rxd3 ½-½ (73) Duda,J (2724)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2023]

5...c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.Ne2 Nxc5 8.0-0 d6 9.Nbc3 Bf5 10.b3 Qd7 11.Re1 Nd3 12.Rf1 Nxc1 13.Rxc1 Bh3 14.Bxh3 Qxh3 15.Nf4 Qd7 16.Nfd5 Ne8 17.Qd2 e6 18.Nf4 Nf6 19.Rfd1

Rfd8 20.Nfe2 a6 21.Na4 Qe7 22.Nb6 Rab8 23.Qb4 h5 24.Kg2 h4 25.a4 Ne4 26.f3 Nc5 27.Rb1 Qf6 28.Rf1 Qf5 29.Qd2 h3+ 30.Kg1 d5 31.cxd5 exd5 32.a5 Ne6 33.Rbd1 d4 34.e4 Qb5 35.Nd5 Qxb3 36.Rb1 Qa3 37.Rfd1 Qxf3 38.Qd3 Qg2# 0-1 (38) Kuzubov,Y (2624)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2794) chess.com INT 2023

3...d6 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Nh4 Be6 8.d5 cxd5 9.cxd5 Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 a5 12.Bd4 Na6 13.Rc1 b5 14.e4 Qb8 15.h3 Rc8 16.Qd2 b4 17.Ne2 Bb5 18.Rxc8+ Qxc8 19.Rc1 Qb7 20.Re1 Rc8 21.Nc1 Nc5 22.f4 Nfd7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.e5 Qb6 25.Kh2 Kg8 26.e6 fxe6 27.dxe6 Nf6 28.f5 Be8 29.fxg6 Bxg6 30.Qg5 Kg7 31.Nf5+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Qg7 1-0 (33) Lazavik,D (2553)-Caruana,F (2782) chess.com INT 2023

3...d5 4.cxd5 c6 5.dxc6 Nxc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.e3

[7.Bg2 exd4 8.0-0 Bg7 9.e3 Bg4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Nc3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qxd4 13.Be3 Qb4 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 a6 16.Rfd1 Rfc8 17.Kg2 h5 18.Rd6 Ne8 19.Rd7 Ne5 20.Rxb7 Nxf3 21.Kxf3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxc3 23.Rd1 Nf6 24.h3 Rc6 25.b4 Re8 26.g4 hxg4+ 27.hxg4 Rc4 28.Rd4 Rxd4 29.Bxd4 Nxg4 30.Rb6 Ne5+ 31.Bxe5 Rxe5 32.Rxa6 Rb5 33.Ra4 Kg7 34.Ke4 g5 35.Kd4 g4 36.Kc4 Rf5 37.Ra2 Rf4+ 38.Kc5 Rf5+ 39.Kc6 Rf6+ 40.Kc7 Rf3 41.Rb2 g3 42.fxg3 Rxg3 43.b5 Rc3+ 44.Kd6 Rd3+ 45.Kc6 Rc3+ 46.Kd5 Rd3+ 47.Kc5 Rc3+ 48.Kd4 Rc8 49.b6 f5 50.b7 Rb8 51.Rb6 f4 52.Kc5 f3 53.Kc6 f2 54.Rb1 Rf8 55.Rf1 Rf6+ 56.Kc7 Rf7+ 57.Kb6 Rf8 58.Ka7 Rf7 59.Ka8 1-0 (59) Jobava,B (2603)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]

7...Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Qd5 11.f3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.exd4 Be6 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Rd1 Kb8 16.Kf2 Rd6 17.Be2 Rhd8 18.Rd2 Rxd4 19.Rxd4 Rxd4 20.Rd1 Rxd1 21.Bxd1 Kc7 22.Ke3 Nd5+ 23.Nxd5+ Bxd5 24.a3 Kd6 ½-½ (24) Lazavik,D (2560)-Mamedyarov,S (2734) chess.com INT 2023

10 **4.Nf3** cxd4

[4...Bg7 5.Bg2

A) 5...0-0

A1) 6.Nc3 d5 7.dxc5 dxc4 *(7...Qa5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Rd8 11.Qxd8+ Qxd8 12.Bxc3 Qc7 13.Rc1 Be6 14.h4 Bxa2 15.h5 f6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Ra1 Bd5 18.Ra4 Nd7 19.Rah4 Nf8 20.e4 Ba2 21.e5 Qxc5 22.exf6 exf6 23.0-0 Nh7 24.Rd1 Be6 25.Nd4 Rd8 26.Bxb7 Ng5 27.Bg2 Bf7 28.Ra1 Rd7 29.Ra6 Rd6 30.Ra5 Qc7 31.Kh2 a6 32.Nc2 Rd3 33.Rxa6 Rxc3 34.bxc3 Qxc3 35.Nd4 Qc5 36.Rxf6 Kg7 37.Rc6 Qe5 38.Ra6 Qc5 39.Rc6 Qe5 40.Rb6 Nh7 41.Rb7 Nf6 42.Nc6 Qe8 43.Rd4 Kh6 44.Re7 Qf8 45.Rf4 Kg7 46.Kg1 g5 47.Rf5 g4 48.Rf4* 1-0 (48) Korobov,A (2658)-Kuybokarov,T (2584) Douglas IOM 2023) 8.0-0 *(8.Qa4 Be6 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Qxc4 Bc6 11.0-0 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nbd7 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.b4 Qc6+ 15.Nf3 b6 16.Rac1 bxc5 17.b5 Qb7 18.a4 e5*

19.Be3 e4 20.Nd2 Rfe8 21.h3 Rac8 22.Qb3 Ne5 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Qxc4 Nd7 25.Rfd1 Nb6 26.Qa2 Bxc3 27.Rxc3 c4 28.Bxb6 e3+ 29.f3 Qxb6 30.Rxc4 Qe6 31.Rxc8 Qxa2 32.Rxe8+ Kg7 33.Rxe3 Qxa4 34.Rb1 Qc2 35.Rbb3 Qc4 36.h4 h6 37.Kf2 g5 38.hxg5 h5 39.b6 axb6 40.Rxb6 h4 41.Rh6 hxg3+ 42.Kxg3 Qc5 43.Kf2 Qxg5 44.Rh3 Qc5 45.Rg3+ Kf6 46.Rg4 Kf5 47.Rge4 f6 48.Kg2 Kg5 49.Rd3 Qc2 50.Rg4+ Kf5 51.Re4 Qc6 52.Rdd4 Qc7 53.Rf4+ Kg5 54.Rg4+ Kf5 55.Rdf4+ Ke6 56.Re4+ Kf5 57.Re8 Qd7 58.e4# 1-0 (58) Grischuk,A (2732)-Troff,K (2487) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8...Qa5 9.Qd4 Nc6 10.Qxc4 Be6 11.Qh4 Qxc5 12.Be3

A1a) 12...Qa5 13.Rfd1 *(13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Nd5 15.Qc5 Qxc5 16.Bxc5 Rfc8 17.Bxd5 Rxc5 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rfd1 Rac8 20.Rd7 R8c7 21.Rad1 Bxc3 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.bxc3 Kf7 24.Rb1 e5 25.Kf1 b6 26.Rb3 Rc5 27.a4 Ra5 28.Rb4 Rc5 29.Rb3 Rc4 30.Ra3 Ke6 31.Ke1 Kd5 32.Kd2 e4 33.Ra1 g5 34.Kc2 Ke5 35.a5 b5 36.a6 b4 37.Ra5+ Kf6 38.Rb5 Rxc3+ 39.Kd2 Ra3 40.Rxb4 e3+ 41.fxe3 Rxa6 42.h4 h6 43.hxg5+ Kxg5 44.Re4 Kf6 45.Rh4 Kf5 46.Rf4+ Ke5 47.g4 e6 48.Rf7 Ra2+ 49.Kd3 Ra3+ 50.Kd2 Ra2+ 51.Kd3 Ra3+ 52.Kd2 Ra2+* ½-½ (52) Ding,L (2805)-Mamedyarov,S (2764) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 13...Rfd8 14.Ng5 Bf5 15.Qc4 e6 16.h3 h6 17.Nf3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qb3 d4 20.Bd2 Qa6 21.Bf1 Be6 22.Qc2 Rac8 23.e3 d3 24.Qb1 Bf5 25.Bc3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Qc4 27.Nd4 Be4 28.Bxd3 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 30.Rxd3 Ne5 31.Rdd1 Rxc3 32.Kg2 b6 33.a4 Rc5 34.Nb5 Rxd1 35.Rxd1 Nc6 36.Rd7 a6 37.Nd4 Nxd4 38.Rxd4 b5 39.Rd6 bxa4 40.Rxa6 Rc4 41.g4 Kf8 42.Kg3 Kg7 ½-½ (42) Le,Q (2713)-Mamedyarov,S (2772) Bucharest ROU 2019;

A1b) 12...Qb4 13.Qxb4 Nxb4 14.Bc5 Nbd5 15.Nd4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nd5 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rad1 Rac8 19.Bxa7 Rxc3 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Rxd5 Ra8 22.Be3 Rxa2 23.Rb1 Rxe2 24.Rxb7 Bf6 25.Kf1 Rexe3 26.fxe3 Rxe3 27.Kf2 Ra3 28.Rbd7 h5 29.Rd3 Ra2+ 30.Rd2 Ra3 31.R7d3 Ra1 32.Rd1 Ra4 33.Re1 Bd4+ 34.Kf3 Bf6 35.Re4 Ra2 36.Re2 Ra4 37.Re4 Ra2 38.Re2 Ra4 39.Re4 ½-½ (39) Artemiev,V (2704)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com INT 2021;

A2) 6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4

A2a) 7...d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nb5 e6 *(9...Be6 10.Nd4* ½-½ (12) Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Duda,J (2758) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 10.N5c3 Nc6 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxd5 Nb4 14.Bb3 Bh3

15.Re1 Rac8 16.Nc3 Rxc3
17.bxc3 Bxc3 18.Bh6 Re8
19.Rac1 Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Nd3
21.Ba4 Re6 22.Rd1 Rxe2
23.Bd7 Nb2 24.Bb5 Nxd1
25.Bxe2 Nc3 26.Bf3 b6
27.Bf4 Nxa2 28.Bb8 a6
29.Bc7 b5 30.Bb7 Be6
31.Bxa6 b4 32.Be5 b3
33.Kf1 Nb4 34.Be2 Nc6
35.Bb2 Bd5 36.Ke1 Kf8
37.Kd2 Ke7 38.Kc3 Ke6
39.Bg4+ Ke5 40.Kd3+ Kd6
41.Ba3+ Kc7 42.Bd1 Na7
43.Kd4 Kc6 44.Be2 Nc8
45.Bb2 Nb6 46.Bd1 Na4
47.Ba3 h5 48.h4 Be6 49.f3
Kc7 50.g4 b2 51.Bc2 Ba2
52.Ke5 b1Q 53.Bxb1 Bxb1
54.Kf6 Ba2 55.gxh5 gxh5
56.Kg5 Kd7 57.Kxh5 Ke6
58.Kh6 Bb1 59.h5 Nb6
60.Kg7 Nd7 61.Bb2 Nb6
62.h6 Nc4 63.Bc1 Ne5 64.h7
Bxh7 65.Kxh7 Nxf3 66.Kh6
Kf5 67.Kh5 Ke4 68.Bb2 Ne1
69.Kg5 f5 70.Bc1 Nd3
71.Bd2 Ne5 72.Kf6 Nc4
73.Bc1 Nb6 74.Kg5 Ke5
75.Bf4+ Ke6 76.Bc1 Nc4
77.Kf4 Ne5 78.Ke3 Ng4+
79.Kf3 Nf6 80.Bf4 Nd5
81.Kg3 Kf6 82.Kf3 Ne7
83.Bg3 Ng6 84.Bf4 Ke6
85.Ke3 Nh4 86.Bg3 Ng6
87.Kf3 Kd5 88.Bf4 Nf8
89.Bg3 Ne6 90.Bf4 Nxf4
91.Ke3 Ke6 92.Kxf4 Kf6
93.Kf3 Ke5 94.Ke3 f4+
95.Kf3 Kf5 96.Kf2 Ke4
97.Ke2 Ke5 98.Kf2 Kf5
99.Kf3 Kg5 100.Kf2 Kg4
101.Kg2 f3+ 0-1 (101)

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A2b) 7...Nc6 8.Nc3

A2b1) 8...Qa5 9.Nb3

(9.e3 d6 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.b3 Bg4 13.Qc2 Rac8 14.h3 Be6 15.Rac1 h5 16.e4 Qb8 17.f4 Rfd8 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Bd7 20.Rce1 d5 21.Bf4 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Re8 23.Na4 Qa5 24.Bd2 Qc7 25.Nc5 Qd6 26.b4 Qb8 27.Bc3 Rcd8 28.Qf2 Ng4 29.Qf3 d4 30.Bd2 Ne3 31.Bxe3 dxe3 32.Qxe3 Qxb4 33.Nxd7 Rxd7 34.Bxc6 Rd2 35.Bxe8 Qb7+ 36.Qf3 Qb2 37.Bxf7+ Kxf7 38.f6 Bxf6 39.Qxh5+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Kf7 41.Qh7+ Ke8 42.Qh5+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ Kf7 44.Qh7+ Ke8 45.Qg8+ Kd7 46.Qe6+ Kc7 47.Qe4 Rh2+ 48.Kg1 Rd2 49.Qf4+ Kd8 50.g4 Qb6+ 51.Kh1 Qb7+ 52.Qf3 Qb2 53.Rd1 Ke8 54.Rxd2 Qxd2 55.Rd1 Qc2 56.g5 Bxg5 57.Qh5+ Kf8 58.Qf3+ Bf6 59.Qd3 Qxa2 60.Qd8+ Kf7 61.Qd5+ Kf8 62.Rg1 Bg7 63.Qa8+ Kf7 64.Qd5+ Kf8 65.Qd8+ Kf7 66.Qd3 Qa6 67.Qd5+ Kf8 68.Qf3+ Qf6 69.Qg2 Kg8 70.Rf1 Qe6 71.Qd5 Qxd5+ 72.cxd5 a5 73.Rf3 Bd4 74.Rf4 Bb6 75.Rg4+ Kf8 76.Ra4 Ke8 77.h4 Bc7 78.h5 Kd7 79.Kg2 Be5 80.Kf3 Bf6

81.h6 Kd6 82.Rxa5 Ke5 83.Ra6 Kf5 84.Rxf6+ Kxf6 85.d6 exd6 86.h7 Kg7 87.Ke4 Kh8 88.Kd5 Kxh7 89.Kxd6 ½-½ (89) Oparin,G (2674)-Sadhwani,R (2628) chess.com INT 2022*)*
9...Qh5 10.Nd5 *(10.e4 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Nxc5 Bg4 14.f3 Bc8 15.Be3 b6 16.Nb3 Ba6 17.Rac1 Ne5 18.Bd4 Nd3 19.Rc2 Rfd8 20.Rcd2 Nb4 21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Nc6 23.Be3 Ne8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rxd8 Nxd8 26.Bd4 Bh6 27.Ke2 Nc6 28.Kd3 e6 29.f4 Kf8 30.Be3 e5 31.Nd5 Nd6 32.Nd2 f5 33.exf5 gxf5 34.fxe5 Nxe5+ 35.Ke2 Bxe3 36.Nxe3 Ke7 37.Nf3 Nc6 38.a3 h6 39.Kd3 Kf6 40.Nc4 Ne4 41.Ncd2 Nc5+ 42.Kc4 Ne6 43.Nb3 Nc7 44.Nbd4 Na5+ 45.Kd3 Nb7 46.b4 Nd6 47.Nd2 Ke5 48.Nc6+ Kd5 49.Nxa7 b5 50.Nb1 Ke5 51.Nc3 f4 52.Nc6+ Kf5 53.Nd4+ Kg4 54.gxf4 Kxf4 55.a4 bxa4 56.Nxa4 Kg4 57.Nc3 Kh3 58.b5 Ndxb5 59.Ncxb5 Nxb5 60.Nxb5 Kxh2 61.Nd4 h5 62.Nf5 h4 63.Nxh4* ½-½ (63) Girel,J (2484)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...d6 11.Nf4 Qe5 12.Nd2 a5 13.Nf3 Qc5 14.b3 a4 15.Bb2 Bf5 16.e3 Be4 17.Nd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 b5 19.Rc1 Ne5 20.Nf3 axb3 21.axb3 bxc4 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.Rxc4 Qb5 24.Ne2 Rab8 25.Qc2 Qxb3 26.Nxe5 Qb7+ 27.Nf3 Rfc8 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Qb1 Qxb1 30.Rxb1 Nd5 31.Rd1 e6 32.Rd2 Bf6 33.h4 h6 34.Nh2 Kg7 35.Nf3 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Nh2 Kg6 38.Ng4 Bg7 39.Nh2 Rb8 40.Rc2 Rb2 41.Rxb2 ½-½ (41) Lazavik,D (2567)-Xiong,J (2645) chess.com INT 2024;

A2b2) 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Rd1 Bf5 12.e4 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.b3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Rac1 Nc5 18.Qd2 b4 19.Ne2 Qa5 20.Rc2 Nxb3 21.axb3 Bxb3 22.Nd4 Bxc2 23.Qxc2 Rfc8 24.Qb1 Rc3 25.Bf2 Rac8 26.Bf1 Qa4 27.Kg2 b3 28.Rd2 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Qa2 30.Qxa2 bxa2 31.Ra4 Rc2 32.g4 Rb8 33.Kg3 Rb1 34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.Bd3 Rxf2 36.Kxf2 a1Q 37.Rxa1 Rxa1 38.g5 h6 39.h4 hxg5 40.hxg5 f6 41.gxf6+ Kxf6 42.f4 g5 43.Ke3 Ra3 0-1 (43) Rustemov,A (2525)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 5...cxd4 6.Nxd4

B1) 6...h5 7.h3 d6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.b3 a6 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 *(14...b5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qxd5*

Qb6 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Qd2 b4 20.e3 Qa5 21.e4 Rc3 22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Rfe1 Be6 24.Rcd1 Qxa2 25.Qxb4 Qxb3 26.Qxb3 Bxb3 27.Rd2 Rfc8 28.h4 Rc1 29.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kh2 Kg7 31.Bf3 Kf6 32.Kg2 Ke5 33.Rb2 Bc4 34.Rd2 Rc3 35.Rb2 Bd3 36.Rb7 Kf6 0-1 (36) Rustemov,A (2525)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024*)* 15.e4 b5 16.Rfd1 bxc4 17.bxc4 Nd7 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Qe2 Qa5 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qa4 22.f4 Nc4 23.Bf2 Nb2 24.Rf1 Qxa2 25.e5 Qb3 26.Rc6 Nd3 27.Bd4 Nb4 28.Rb6 a5 29.f5 Rc2 30.Qe4 Qxg3 31.Bf2 Qxe5 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.Qxg6 Rcxf2 34.Rxf2 Qd4 35.Qe6+ Kh8 0-1 (35) Oparin,G (2674)-Narayanan,S (2662) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 6...0-0 7.Nc3

B2a) 7...Qc7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Nb3 Qa6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qa6 13.Bd4 Qa4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qd4+ Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Na6 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.f4 Nc5 19.Kf2 Na4 20.b3 Nc3 21.Ke1 Rc7 22.Kd2 Rfc8 23.Rc2 Nb5 24.Rxc7 Rxc7 25.Nxb5 Bxb5 26.a4 Bd7 27.Rc1 Rxc1 28.Kxc1 a5* ½-½ (28) Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan CIV 2019*)* 12.Re1 Nd7 13.e4 Ne5 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.f3 Bd7 16.Bf1 Qb6+ 17.Be3 Qb4 18.Bd2 Qb6+ 19.Be3 Qb4 20.Bd2 Qb6+ 21.Be3 ½-½ (21) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Radjabov,T (2765) Bucharest ROU 2021;

B2b) 7...Nc6 8.Nc2 d6 9.b3 h5 10.h4 Be6 11.Rb1 Qd7 12.Bb2 Rfd8 13.Ne3 Rac8 14.Ncd5 Ne5 15.0-0 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bh3 17.Qd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 b6 19.Rbc1 Qb7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rc1 Rc5 22.b4 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Ng4 24.Nxg4 Qxd5+ 25.Kg1 hxg4 26.Qc8+ Bf8 27.Qxg4 Qxa2 28.Qd4 e5 29.Qc3 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 a5 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.f4 Qf1 33.Qe3 Bh6 34.Qe4 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qf1+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh3 Bg7 38.h5 Qf1+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Kh3 gxh5 41.Qa8+ Bf8 42.fxe5 Qxe2 43.Bd4 Qf1+ 44.Kh2 Qe2+ 45.Kh3 Qg4+ 0-1 (45) Wojtaszek,R (2696)-Duda,J (2750) Warsaw POL 2022;

C) 5...Qa5+

C1) 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 d6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e3 0-0 11.Rac1 Bg4 12.d5 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Ne5 14.Be2 a6 15.a4 Qb4 16.Qc2 b5 17.cxb5 c4 18.Na2 Qb3 19.Qxb3 cxb3 20.Nb4 axb5 21.Bxb5 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Nd2 23.Rfd1 Bxb2 24.Rc7 Ne4 25.Rb1 Bf6 26.Rxb3 Nc5 27.Rb1 Nxa4 28.Bxa4 Rxa4 29.Nc6 Re8 30.Rb8 Rxb8 31.Nxb8 g5 32.Nc6 Kf8 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Re8 1-0 (34) Ding,L (2799)-Carlsen,M (2847) chess24.com INT 2021;

C2) 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Bc3 *(7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Qb3 Ne4 9.Be3 Qa5+*

10.Nbd2 Nc5 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.0-0 d6 13.a3 Bf5 14.Qc1 Na4 15.b4 Qc7 16.Nb3 0-0 17.Nfd4 Bd7 18.Qc2 Rac8 19.Rac1 Ne5 20.c5 dxc5 21.bxc5 Rfd8 22.Bf4 h6 23.h4 Bg4 24.Qe4 h5 25.Nb5 Qd7 26.Qxa4 Bxe2 27.c6 bxc6 28.Nxa7 Ra8 29.Bxe5 Bxf1 30.Bxc6 Qxa7 31.Qxa7 Rxa7 32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.Kxf1 Rxa3 34.Nc5 Ra2 35.Bf3 Rdd2 36.Ne4 Rdc2 37.Rxc2 Rxc2 38.Ng5 Rb2 39.Kg2 Rb6 40.Bd5 e6 41.Bc4 Rc6 42.Bb3 Rc3 43.Ba2 Ra3 44.Bc4 Rc3 45.Ba2 Ra3 46.Bc4 Rc3 47.Ba2 ½-½ (47) Oparin,G (2681)-Muradli,M (2546) chess.com INT 2023*)* 7...Ne4 8.0-0 0-0 9.e3 Nc6 10.Qb3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 d6 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Rfe1 Na5 14.Qc2 Be6 15.d5 Bg4 16.h3 Bd7 17.a4 e5 18.h4 h6 19.e4 b6 20.h5 g5 21.Nh2 Qc8 22.Qd1 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Qe2 Qd7 25.Be4 Bh3 26.g4 Rf4 27.f3 Raf8 28.Ndf1 Bxf1 29.Rxf1 Qc8 30.Kg2 Qa6 31.Bd3 e4 32.fxe4 Bxc3 33.Rxf4 Rxf4 34.Rf1 Rxf1 35.Nxf1 Be5 36.Ne3 Qc8 37.Nf5 Qf8 38.Qc2 Qf6 39.Kf3 Kf8 40.Ke2 Ke8 41.Kf3 Kd7 42.Ke2 Kc7 43.Kf3 Bf4 44.Kg2 Nb7 45.Kf3 Qa1 46.Kg2 Qf6 47.Kf3 Nd8 48.Kg2 Nf7 49.a5 Ne5 50.axb6+ axb6 51.Be2 Kb7 52.Qa4 Qf8 53.Kh3 Nf7 54.Kg2 Ne5 55.Kh3 Bd2 56.Kg2 Bb4 57.Kh3 Ba5 58.Kg2 Kc7 59.Kh3 Qf6 60.Kg2 Kd8 61.Kh3 Qf8 62.Kg2 Kc8 63.Qb5 Kb7 64.Kh3 Bc3 65.Kg2 Bd4 66.Qe8 Qxe8 67.Nxd6+ Kb8 68.Nxe8 Nf7 69.Bd1 Kc8 70.Ba4 Kd8 71.Kg3 Ne5 72.Bb5 Nf7 73.Kf3 Be5 74.Ke2 Ke7 75.Kf3 Bc3 76.Ke2 Ne5 77.Nc7 Nxg4 78.Na8 Ba5 79.Kf3 Ne5+ 80.Kg3 Kd6 81.Kf2 Nd3+ 82.Kf3 Ne5+ 83.Kg3 Nf7 84.Kg4 Ke5 85.Nc7 Nd6 86.Ne6 Nxe4 87.Ng7 Nf6+ 88.Kh3 g4+ 89.Kg3 Be1+ 90.Kg2 Bh4 91.d6 Ne4 92.d7 Bd8 93.Ne8 Kf4 94.Ng7 Ng5 95.Ne8 Ne6 96.Bc6 Nd4 97.Ba4 Nf5 98.Ng7 Nxg7 99.Bc6 Nxh5 100.Bb5 Nf6 101.Bc6 h5 102.Bb5 h4 103.Bc6 h3+ 104.Kh2 Nh7 105.Bb5 Ng5 106.Bc6 g3+ 107.Kh1 Nf3 108.Bxf3 Kxf3 109.Kg1 g2 110.Kh2 Bc7+ 111.Kxh3 g1Q 112.d8Q Qh1# 0-1 (112) Rustemov,A (2525)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2739) chess.com INT 2023;

C3) 6.Qd2 Nc6 7.Qxa5 Nxa5 8.dxc5 Ne4 9.Nbd2 Nxc5 10.Rb1 Na4 11.e3 Nc6 12.0-0 d6 13.a3 Bf5 14.e4 Be6 15.Re1 Rc8 16.b4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bf1 Bc3 19.b5 Nb6 20.Re3 Bxd2 21.Bxd2 Bxc4 22.Bg2 Kd7 23.e5 Bd5 24.exd6 e6 25.Bf1 Kxd6 26.Bc3 Rhe8 27.Bb4+ Kd7 28.Rd1 Rc7 29.a4 Nxa4 30.Ra1 Nb6 31.Rxa7 Rc1 32.Re1 Rxe1 33.Bxe1 Rc8 34.Ra1 Rc2 35.h4 h5 36.Rd1 Kc8 37.Ba5 Nd7 38.Bb4 b6 39.Bd6 Nc5 40.Bxc5 Rxc5

41.Ra1 Kb7 42.Rd1 Kc7 43.Ra1 Kb7 44.Rd1 f6 45.Re1 Kc7 46.Ra1 Kd6 47.Bd3 f5 48.Bf1 Rc3 49.Ra6 Kc5 50.Ra7 Rb3 51.Rc7+ Kd4 52.Rd7 Rb1 53.Rd8 Ke4 54.Kg2 Ke5+ 55.f3 Rb2+ 56.Kg1 Bxf3 57.Rb8 Bd5 58.Rxb6 Kd4 59.Rb8 Ke3 60.Rg8 Rb1 61.Rc8 e5 62.Rc5 Kd4 63.Rc2 e4 64.Rd2+ Ke5 65.Kf2 e3+ 66.Kxe3 Rxf1 67.Rb2 Rc1 68.b6 Rc3+ 69.Kd2 Rc8 70.b7 Rb8 71.Rb6 Rxb7 72.Rxg6 Bf3 73.Rg5 Bg4 74.Ke3 Rb3+ 75.Kf2 Rb2+ 76.Ke3 Rg2 0-1 (76) Tabatabaei,M (2696)-Deac,B (2690) chess.com INT 2024]

5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bg2 h5 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Bf4

[8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 Nxd4 *(9...d6 10.Nc2 Be6 11.b3 h4 12.gxh4 Qa5 13.Qd3 Qh5 14.Qg3 d5 15.Bf3 Qh8 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxa1 18.Nxa1 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxa1 20.Bh6 Qf6 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.Rd1 Rc8 24.Qg4 e6 25.h5 gxh5 26.Qxh5 Qc5 27.Rd8+ Ke7 28.Qh4+ f6 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qh7+ Kd6 31.Qg7 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Qb2 33.e3 Qxa2 34.Qxb7 a5 35.h4 Qb1 36.Qb6+ Ke7 37.Qc7+ Kf8 38.Qc4 Kf7 39.h5 Qf5 40.Qh4 Kg7 41.e4 Qe5 42.Qg4+ Kh8 43.h6 f5 44.exf5 exf5 45.Qg5 Qe4+ 46.Kh2 Qe5+ 47.Kh3 Qc3+ 48.Qg3 Qf6 49.Qg7+ Qxg7 50.hxg7+ Kxg7 51.Kg3 Kg6 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.f3 Ke6 54.Kg5 Ke5 55.Kg6 Kd4 56.Kxf5 Kc3 57.Kg4 Kxb3 58.f4 a4 59.f5 a3 60.f6 a2 61.f7 a1Q 62.f8Q Qg1+ 63.Kh5 Qh1+ 64.Kg6 Qc6+ 65.Kg7 Qc4 66.Qf7 Qxf7+ 67.Kxf7* ½-½ (67) Le,T (2567)-Nihal,S (2693) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10.Qxd4 d6 11.Qd3 Be6 12.b3 d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxa1 16.Ba3 Bf6 17.Nxf6+ exf6 18.Bxf8 Qxd3 19.exd3 Kxf8 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Rc7 b5 22.Rxa7 Rxd3 23.Kg2 Kg7 24.Ra5 b4 25.Ra4 Rd2 26.Kf3 g5 27.Ke3 Rc2 28.Kf3 f5 29.Kg2 f6 30.Rxb4 Rxa2 31.Rb8 Rb2 32.b4 Rb3 33.b5 g4 34.h4 Rb4 35.b6 f4 36.gxf4 Rxf4 37.Rc8 Rb4 38.Rc7+ Kg6 39.b7 f5 40.Rc6+ Kg7 41.Rc7+ Kg6 42.Rc6+ Kg7 43.Rc7+ Kf6 44.Rc6+ Kg7 ½-½ (44) Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2577)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024]

[8.b3 h4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bb2 Qa5 11.Qd2 Qf5 12.Qd3 Qxd3 13.exd3 h3 14.Bf3 Nh7 15.Rf1 Bb7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Na4 Bxb2+ 18.Kxb2 e5 19.Bh1 d6 20.d4 Kc7 21.Rfe1 Bc8 22.c5 exd4 23.Re7+ Kb8 24.Bxc6 Ng5 25.Rxd4 dxc5 26.Rc4 Rd2+ 27.Ka3 Rxf2 28.Nxc5 a5 29.Ra4 Rf6 30.Bh1 Rf1 31.Bc6 Rf6 32.Bh1 Rf1 33.Bb7 Ne6 34.Rxa5 Nc7 35.Bxc8 Rxc8 36.Ra4 Rf5 37.Rb4+ Ka8 38.Ra4+ Kb8 39.Ra5 Rd8 40.Rd7 Re8 41.Rd4 Kc8 42.Rh4 Kd8 43.Rxh3 Ree5 44.Nb7+ Kd7 45.Rxe5 Rxe5 46.Ka4 Nd5 47.Rh7 Rf5 48.Nc5+ Kd6 49.Ne4+ Ke5 50.Nc5 Kd6 51.Nd3 Nc3+ 52.Ka3 Rf3 53.Rh8 Kc7 54.Ne5 Rf2 55.b4 Kd6 56.Nd3 Rd2 57.Nb2 Rf2 58.Kb3 Ne4 59.Nc4+ Kc6 60.a3 g5 61.Re8 f5 62.Re5 g4 63.b5+ Kd7 64.Kb4 Rxh2 65.Rxf5 Rh1 66.Rf4 Rb1+ 67.Ka5 Nxg3 68.Rxg4 Nf5 69.a4 Ne7 70.Ka6 Kc7 71.Nb6 Kb8 72.Rd4 1-0 (72) Dautov,R (2584)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Viernheim

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8...h4 9.Rc1 Nh5 10.Be3 Nf6 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Nf6 13.Bf4 Nh5 ½-½ (13) Grischuk,A (2708)-Sindarov,J (2674) Tashkent UZB 2024

4.d5 b5 5.cxb5 a6 6.bxa6 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nf3 d6 9.Bg2 Nxa6 10.0-0 Bf5 11.Nd2 Nb4 12.Nc4

[12.e4 Bc8 *(12...Bg4 13.Bf3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 Qa5 15.a3 Qa6 16.Bg5 Nd3 17.Qe2 Rfb8 18.Rab1 h6 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.b3 c4 21.bxc4 Qxc4 22.Rxb8+ Rxb8 23.Nd1 N7c5 24.e5 Qxd5 25.Nc3 Qa8 26.Rd1 Nxe5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.h4 Qxa3 29.Nd5 Qa7 30.Bxh6 e6 31.Ne3 d5 32.Ng4 Bh8 33.h5 Ne4 34.hxg6 fxg6 35.Ne3 Rb2 36.Qg4 Rxf2 37.Qxg6+ Bg7 38.Rb1 Rf8 39.Kg2 Rf2+ 40.Kh3 Rf8 41.Ng4 Qf7 42.Qxf7+ Rxf7 43.Bf4 Rf5 44.Rb6 e5 45.Ne3 Rh5+ 46.Kg4 exf4 47.Nf5 Rxf5 48.Kxf5 fxg3 49.Rb8+ Kf7 50.Rb1 g2 51.Rg1 Ng3+ 52.Kg4 Ne4 53.Rxg2 Ke6 54.Kf3 Be5 55.Rg6+ Nf6 56.Rg8 Kf5 57.Rd8 d4 58.Rd5 Nxd5 59.Ke2 Ke4* 0-1 (59) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Jones,G (2677) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 13.Nc4 Ba6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Nd1 Ne5 16.Nde3 Qb8 17.Rd1 Qa7 18.a3 Nbd3 19.Rxd3 Nxc4 20.Qc2 Nxb2 21.Rb3 Nd3 22.Rab1 c4 23.Rb6 Bd4 24.Rc6 Rab8 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Bf1 Ne5 27.Rxa6 Qxa6 28.Nxc4 Rc8 29.Qd1 Rxc4 30.Bh6 Qa4 0-1 (30) Batsuren,D (2531)-Shankland,S (2672) New York USA 2024]

12...Bc2 13.Qd2 Bb3 14.Na3 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Nfxd5 16.Bxd5

[16.Nc4 e6 17.a3 Qb8 18.Rd1 Rd8 19.Rb1 Qb5 20.Nxd6 Rxd6 21.axb4 Rad8 22.bxc5 Qxc5 23.Qe1 Qc2 24.Bg5 Nc3 25.Rxd6 Nxe2+ 26.Kh1 Rxd6 27.b4 Bc3 28.Qf1 Bd4 29.Rd1 Bc5 30.Re1 Bxb4 31.Rxe2 Qa4 32.Bf6 Rd1 33.Rb2 h5 34.h4 Kh7 35.Kh2 Rxf1 36.Bxf1 Qa1 37.Bg2 Ba3 38.Rb3 Qxf6 39.Rxa3 Kg7 40.f4 e5 41.fxe5 Qxe5 42.Rf3 f6 43.Rd3 Qb2 44.Rd7+ Kh6 45.Rd3 Qb8 46.Rf3 Kg7 47.Rd3 g5 48.hxg5 fxg5 49.Kg1 Qb1+ 50.Bf1 Qe1 51.Kg2 Kf6 52.Rf3+ Ke5 53.Rf2 Kd4 54.Re2 Qc1 55.Kf2 Qc7 56.Rd2+ Kc3 57.Re2 h4 58.gxh4 Qh2+ 59.Bg2 Qf4+ 60.Kg1 gxh4 61.Bf1 Qc1 62.Rh2 Qe3+ 63.Kh1 Qe1 64.Rh3+ Kd2 65.Rd3+ Kc2 66.Rf3 Qe5 67.Bg2 Kd2 68.Kg1 Qa1+ 69.Kh2 Ke2 70.Rh3 Qg7 71.Rf3 Qe5+ 72.Kh1 Qb8 73.Rh3 ½-½ (73) Grigoryan,K (2618)-Vakhidov,J (2546) New York USA 2024]

16...Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Rxa3 18.Bh6 Qa8 19.Qxa8 Raxa8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfc1 Rfb8 22.Rc2 Kf6 23.Kf1 Ke5 24.Ke1 Kd5 25.Rd1+ Kc6 26.b3 Kb5 27.e4 Kc6 28.Kd2 Rb4 29.Ke3 f5 30.f3 Rf8 31.Rc3 fxe4 32.fxe4 e5 33.Rcc1 Rd4 34.Rf1 Rb8 35.Rcd1 Ra8 36.Ra1 c4 37.Rfc1 Ra3 38.Rc3 Kd7 39.Rac1 Rxa2 40.bxc4 Rxh2 41.c5 ½-½ (41) Ni,H (2667)-Ding,L (2811) chess.com INT 2022

[11] **4...Qa5+** 5.Bd2

[5.Nc3

A) 5...Bg7 6.Qa4 Qxc5 7.Bg2 Ng4 8.Nh3 *(8.Ne4 Qc6 9.Qxc6 dxc6 10.Nf3 Na6 11.Rb1 Bf5 12.Nh4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 0-0-0 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Bc2 Ne6 16.Nf3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Be3 Bd4*

19.Bc1 h5 20.h4 Rd7 21.b4 Rhd8 22.Kg2 Kb8 23.c5 Nc7 24.Bf4 Kc8 25.Bb3 e6 26.Bc4 Bf6 27.Rfc1 Nd5 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.a4 Be5 30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Rb2 Red5 32.Rcc2 Kc7 33.Kf3 Rd1 34.b5 R8d7 35.b6+ Kb8 36.a5 a6 37.Ra2 Kc8 38.e3 Kd8 39.Ra4 Ke7 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.Kxg4 R7d2 42.Raa2 Rg1+ 43.Kf4 Rxc2 44.Rxc2 Ra1 45.f3 Rxa5 46.e4 Rb5 47.Ke5 Rb4 48.Rc1 a5 49.Kf4 a4 50.Kg5 a3 51.Ra1 Ra4 52.e5 a2 53.f4 Kf8 54.h5 gxh5 55.Kxh5 Kg7 56.Rg1+ Kf8 57.Ra1 Ke7 58.Kg5 Ra3 59.Kh5 f6 60.Kg6 Rg3+ 61.Kh5 Ra3 62.Kg6 Rg3+ 63.Kh5 Rg2 64.Kh4 Kf7 65.Kh3 Rb2 66.Kg4 Kg6 67.f5+ exf5+ 68.Kf4 Rb4+ 0-1 (68) Divya, D (2490)-Svane,F (2664) Wijk aan Zee NED 2025*)* 8...0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nf4 d6 11.Ncd5 Nge5 12.b3 Nxc4 13.bxc4 Bxa1 14.Be3 Bd4 15.Nd3 Bxe3 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Rb1 Rb8 18.Nf6+ exf6 19.Bxc6 Kg7 20.e3 Bf5 21.Rxb7 Rxb7 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Qa6 Be6 24.Kg2 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Rxb7 26.g4 Rb4 27.Qe2 Ra4 28.h3 Rb4 29.Qc2 Rb8 30.Qc3 Rb4 31.g5 Ra4 32.gxf6+ Kh6 33.Qb3 1-0 (33) Keymer,V (2675)-Xiong,J (2688) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 5...Qxc5 6.e4 *(6.Qa4 Qc6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bg2 Qxa4 9.Nxa4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Rd1 Nb6 13.Nc5 0-0 14.a4 Nc4 15.Nd3 Bf5 16.Nh4 Bxd3 17.exd3 Rfd8 18.Rb1 Rac8 19.Nf3 Nb6 20.b3 Nd5 21.Bd2 Ncb4 22.Bf1 Nc3 23.Bxc3 Rxc3 24.Rd2 Bf6 25.Kg2 a5 26.d4 Nc6 27.d5 Nb4 28.Bc4 Rd6 29.Rbd1 Kg7 30.h4 Na6 31.Rd3 Rxd3 32.Rxd3 Nc5 33.Re3 h5 34.Re2 Kf8 35.Nd2 Rb6 36.Ne4 Bd4 37.Nxc5 Bxc5 38.f4 Rd6 39.Kf3 Ke8 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.Kxg4 Rf6 42.Re4 Kf8 43.h5 gxh5+ 44.Kxh5 Rg6 45.Kh4 Bd6 46.f5 Rg1 47.Rg4 Rh1+ 48.Kg5 f6+ 49.Kg6 Kg8 50.Bb5 Kf8 51.Bd7 Bc5 52.Rg3 Bd4 53.Be6 Bb2 54.Rg4* 0-1 (54) Vidit,S (2727)-Duda,J (2760) Warsaw POL 2021*;* *6.Be3 Qa5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Rc1 d6 10.Nh3 Nc6 11.Nf4 Bd7 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.b3 Qd8 14.Ncd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Ne5 16.Bg5 Nc6 17.Qd2 Be6 18.Rfd1 Qf8 19.b4 h6 20.Be3 Kh7 21.b5 Ne5 22.c5 dxc5 23.Bxc5 Qe8 24.Qb4 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Rc7 26.Rb1 e6 27.Bg2 Bf8 28.Bxf8 Qxf8 29.Qf4 Qg7 30.Rbc1 Re7 31.Rc5 f6 32.Qc1 Rae8 33.h3 b6 34.Rc8 Qf8 35.Rxe8 Qxe8 36.f4 Nf7 37.Qc6 Qxc6 38.bxc6 Kg7 39.Kf2 Kf8 40.Ke3 Rc7 41.Kd4 Nd8 42.Rc1 Ke7 43.Ke3 Kd6 44.Rd1+ Ke7 45.Rc1 Kd6 46.Rd1+ Ke7 47.Rc1* ½-½ (47) Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 6...d6 7.Be3 Qa5 8.Bg2 *(8.f3 Bg7 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Nf4 Nh5 12.Nxh5 Qxh5 13.Bg2 Qa5 14.Qd2 Be6 15.b3 Rfc8 16.Nd5 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.h3 e6 20.Nc3 d5 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Nb5 Bf8 23.g4 Bd7 24.f4 Nb4 25.Nc7 Bc6 26.Nxa8 Rxa8 27.Bd4 Bd6 28.Be5 Bxe5 29.fxe5 Nxa2 30.Rce1 Kf7 31.e6+ Ke7 32.Rhf1 Be8 33.Rf4 Rc8 34.Ra1 Nc3*

35.Rc1 Ne4+ 36.Bxe4 Rxc1 37.Kxc1 dxe4 38.Rxe4 Bc6 39.Re5 Bg2 40.h4 h6 41.Kd2 Bh3 42.Re4 Bg2 43.Re5 Bh3 44.Re4 Bg2 45.Rf4 Kxe6 46.g5 hxg5 47.hxg5 Ke5 48.Rf6 Be4 49.Ke3 Bc2 50.b4 Kd5 51.Rf7 Kc6 52.Rf2 Bb1 53.Rf1 Ba2 54.Rf6+ Kb5 55.Rxg6 Kxb4 56.Rg7 b5 57.Rxa7 Bg8 58.g6 Kc3 59.Rc7+ Kb3 60.Rc8 1-0 (60) Jumabayev,R (2577)-Svidler,P (2698) Almaty KAZ 2024*)*
8...Nc6 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Ng4 13.Bd2 Qh5 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nf4 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 g5 17.Nh5 g4 18.Nxg7 Kxg7 19.h4 f6 20.Be3 b6 21.Nd5 Kf7 22.Bf1 Nf3+ 23.Kg2 Nce5 24.Be2 f5 25.exf5 Bxf5 26.Nc7 Rad8 27.Nb5 Be4 28.Kf1 Nh2+ 29.Ke1 Nhf3+ 30.Kf1 Nh2+ 31.Ke1 Nef3+ 32.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 33.Ke2 Ne5 34.Kd2 Bf3 35.Re1 Nc6 36.Nd4 Nxd4 37.Bxd4 e5 38.Be3 Ke6 39.Kc3 Rc8 ½-½ (39) Maurizzi,M (2618)-Sevian,S (2699) Sharjah UAE 2024]

5...Qxc5 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bg2
[7.e4 0-0 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Bd2 d6 10.h3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Qc5 12.Be3 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bf1 b5 17.cxb5 Bb7 18.Qa4 Nd7 19.Qc2 Rc8 20.Bc3 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Bxe4 0-1 (21) Motylev,A (2642)-Chigaev,M (2643) Moscow RUS 2021]

7...0-0
[7...Qxc4 8.Rc1 Na6 9.Nd5 Qxa2 *(9...Qb5 10.Bc3 Nxd5 11.Bxg7 Rg8 12.Bh6 Ndc7 13.Nf3 Qxb2 14.0-0 Qxa2 15.Nd4 d6 16.Ra1 Qb2 17.Qd3 Nc5 18.Qe3 e5 19.Rfd1 f6 20.Rab1 Qa2 21.Nb5 Nxb5 22.Rxb5 Qa6 23.Rxc5 dxc5 24.Qxc5 Be6 25.Qc7 Qb6 26.Qxh7 Bf7 27.Be3 Qb5 28.Qh4 g5 29.Qe4 Rd8 30.Rc1 Bd5 31.Qf5 Qd7 32.Qxf6 Bxg2 33.Kxg2 Qd6 34.Qf5 Qd5+ 35.Kg1 Rg7 36.Bxg5 Ra8 37.Bf6 Rf7 38.Qg6 Kd7 39.Qg4+ Kd6 40.Bg5 a5 41.Qa4 Rc7 42.Rd1 Qxd1+ 43.Qxd1+ Ke6 44.Qb3+ Kf5 45.Be3 a4 46.Qb6 Rcc8 47.g4+ Ke4 48.Qxb7+* 1-0 (48) Lazavik,D (2566)-Sargsyan,S (2634) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 10.Ra1 Qc4 11.Ra4 Qc5 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Rxa6 bxa6 14.Bxa8 Bxb2 15.Nf3 0-0 16.0-0 d6 17.Bh6 Rd8 18.Be3 Qb4 19.Bd5 e6 20.Qc2 Qc3 21.Qxc3 Bxc3 22.Rc1 Bf6 23.Bc6 a5 24.Bb5 Bd7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Rc6 d5 27.Bh6 Rd8 28.Ra6 Bg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Rxa7 Kf6 31.Rxa5 Rd7 32.e3 h5 33.Ra8 Rb7 34.Kg2 Rc7 35.h3 Rb7 36.g4 hxg4 37.hxg4 Rc7 38.g5+ Kf5 39.Ra4 e5 40.Ra6 Rd7 41.Kg3 Ke4 42.Ra8 Re7 43.Rd8 Re6 44.Rd7 f5 45.gxf6 1-0 (45) Mamedyarov,S (2762)-Carlsen,M (2855) chess24.com INT 2021]

8.b3
[8.Rc1 d6 9.b3 Nc6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nh3 Bd7 11.Nf4 Bc6 12.e4 e6 13.0-0 Na6 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.Rb1 a5 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bd4 Qe7 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.e5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nd7 22.Nd3 Nb8 23.Nb5 Nc6 24.f4 a4 25.Nf2 axb3 26.axb3 f6 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Rd1* ½-½ (29) Ghazarian,K (2501)-Sevian,S (2696) Saint Louis USA 2024 *)* 10.Nf3 Qh5 11.h3 h6 12.g4 Qc5 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qd2 h5 15.g5 Nd7 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nd4 Nc5

18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nb4 Qc7 20.Bxc6 Rb8 21.Bg2 a5 22.Nd5 Qa7 23.0-0 Be6 24.Rfd1 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Rb4 26.Rc2 Rc8 27.Rdc1 Be5 28.Rc4 Qb6 29.Rxb4 axb4 30.Rc4 Bc3 31.Qc2 Qa5 32.Be4 Kh7 33.Bf3 Kg8 34.Be4 Kh7 35.Bf3 Kg8 36.Kg2 Ra8 37.Bxc5 dxc5 38.d6 exd6 39.Bxa8 Qxa8+ 40.Kg1 d5 41.Rxc5 d4 42.Qd3 Qxa2 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Qf3 1-0 (44) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Carlsen,M (2864) Oslo NOR 2022]

8...d6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0 Qh5 11.h4 h6 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 g5 16.Nf3 Ne5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 b6 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf3 Qg6 22.Qxa8 Rxa8 23.Bxa8 Bb2 24.Rcd1 Qc2 25.e3 Bf6 26.Bd5 Qxa2 27.b4 1-0 (27) Eljanov,P (2672)-Svidler,P (2698) Ajka HUN 2024

[12] **7.Nf3** 0-0 8.0-0 b6

[8...d6 9.Nd4 Bd7 *(9...Ng4 10.Rb1 Ne5 11.b3 h5 12.h3 h4 13.g4 Rb8 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Bxh4 Ned3 16.exd3 Bxd4 17.Ne2 Bf6 18.d4 Bxh4 19.dxc5 dxc5 20.Qc2 Qc7 21.Nc3 Be6 22.Rfe1 Kg7 23.Ne4 Bf6 24.Nxf6 exf6 25.Re3 Rbd8 26.Rbe1 Rd4 27.Bd5 Qd7 28.Qe2 f5 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rg3+ Kf8 31.Qh5 Rxd5 32.cxd5 Qxd5 33.Qh4 Qd2 34.Ree3 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qd6 36.Rd3 Qe5 37.Qh6+ Ke7 38.Qg5+ Qf6 39.Qf4 Rf8 40.Qd6+ Ke8 41.Qb8+ Ke7 42.Qxb7+ Ke8 43.Qb8+ Ke7 44.Qxa7+ Ke8 45.Qxc5 f4 46.Rgf3 Rh8 47.Qc6+ Kf8 48.Qd6+ Kg7 49.Rxf4 Qb2 50.Rg3+* 1-0 (50) Lazavik,D (2578)-Hakobyan,A (2617) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10.Rb1 Qc8 11.b3 Bh3 12.Bg5 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Qd3 Rac8 16.Qf3 h6 17.Be3 Ng4 18.Bd2 Rc6 19.Nd5 h5 20.a4 Re8 21.Rbd1 Nf6 22.Be3 a6 23.Bd4 Ng4 24.h3 Ne5 25.Qe3 Nd7 26.Qf3 Nc5 27.a5 Qe4 28.Qxe4 Nxe4 29.Bb6 Nc5 30.Rb1 Nd7 31.Be3 Kf8 32.Rfd1 Nf6 33.Nb4 Rcc8 34.Kf3 Nd7 35.Nd3 Ne5+ 36.Nxe5 Bxe5 37.Bb6 e6 38.Rd3 Ke7 39.Rbd1 f5 40.Kg2 g5 41.f3 f4 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Rh8 44.Rh1 Rxh1 45.Kxh1 Rh8+ 46.Kg2 Rc8 47.Rd1 Rh8 48.Rh1 Rxh1 49.Kxh1 Kd7 50.Kg2 Kc6 51.Bd8 Bc3 52.Bxg5 Bd2 53.Bd8 Kd7 54.Bb6 Ke7 55.Kf2 Kf6 56.Bc7 Bb4 57.e4 Kg5 58.Bd8+ Kg6 59.Ke2 e5 60.Kd3 Be1 61.Bb6 Bb4 62.Bc7 Kg5 63.Bb6 Kh4 64.Ke2 Kg5 65.Kd3 Kg6 66.Bd8 Be1 67.c5 dxc5 68.Bc7 Kf6 69.Kc4 Ke6 70.g5 Bf2 71.g6 Bd4 72.g7 Kf7 73.Kd5 Kxg7 74.Bxe5+ 1-0 (74) Lazavik,D (2578)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024]

9.Nd4 Bb7 10.Bxb7 Nxb7 11.e4

[11.b3 Rc8 12.Bb2 d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.e3 Rfd8 16.Qe2 Nc5 17.Rfd1 Ne4 18.Rac1 Ng5 19.h4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Bxd4 21.hxg5 Bxb2 22.Qxb2 Qxg5 23.Qe2 h5 24.Rc4 b5 25.Re4 a6 26.Kg2 e6 27.Qc2 Qf5 28.Qc6 g5 29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Qc8+ Kg7 31.exd4 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 h4 33.Qc3 h3 34.d5+ Kg6 35.f3 Qe2 0-1 (35) Bok,B (2617)-Nihal,S (2684) chess.com INT 2023]

11...Rc8 12.Qe2

[12.b3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 e6 15.Ba3 Nc5 16.Rc1 exd5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.Nb5 Nd3 19.Nc7 Qd8 20.Bxf8 Nxc1 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qxc1 Rxc7 23.Qb2+ Qf6 24.Rb1

h5 25.Kg2 Qxb2 26.Rxb2 Kf6 27.Rd2 Ke5 28.Kf3 g5 29.h3 f6 30.Ke3 Rc3+ 31.Rd3 Rxd3+ 32.Kxd3 g4 33.hxg4 hxg4 34.Ke3 f5 35.f3 gxf3 36.Kxf3 a5 37.a4 Ke6 38.Kf4 Kf6 39.Ke3 Kg6 40.Kf4 Kf6 41.Ke3 Kf7 42.Kf4 Kg6 43.g4 fxg4 44.Kxg4 Kf6 45.Kf4 Ke6 46.Ke4 Kd6 47.Kd4 Kc6 48.Kc4 b5+ 49.axb5+ Kb6 50.Kc3 Kxb5 51.Kb2 a4 52.bxa4+ Kxa4 ½-½ (52) Bok,B (2620)-Nihal,S (2693) chess.com INT 2024]

12...Na5 13.b3 Nc6 14.Nxc6 dxc6 15.e5 Nd7 16.Bf4 Nc5 17.Rad1 Qe8 18.Qe3 Rd8 19.h4 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Qc8 21.Bg5 Re8 22.Ne2 Qg4 23.Kg2 Ne6 24.Rd2 Qf5 25.Qf3 Qxf3+ 26.Kxf3 Bxe5 27.Rd7 f6 28.Be3 Bb8 29.b4 Kf7 30.Nf4 Rd8 31.Rb7 Bxf4 32.gxf4 a5 33.Rxb6 axb4 34.Rxb4 Rd3 35.Ra4 Ng7 36.Ke2 Rd7 37.Ra7 Rd8 38.a4 Nf5 39.Bb6 Rb8 40.a5 Nxh4 41.c5 Nf5 42.Kd3 h5 43.a6 h4 44.Rb7 Rh8 45.a7 h3 46.Rb8 1-0 (46) Lazavik,D (2577)-Sindarov,J (2706) chess.com INT 2025

[13] **11.Nxe4** Bxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Qc2

[13.f3 Nc5 14.Rb1 Ne6 15.Nd5 Nc7 16.b3 e6 17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.Qd2 d5 19.cxd5 Rfd8 20.Rbc1 Qe5 21.f4 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 exd5 23.Rfd1 Rd7 24.Kf2 f5 25.Bd4 Bxd4+ 26.Rxd4 Kf7 27.Rc5 Rad8 28.Ke3 h5 29.h4 b6 30.Rc3 Re8+ 31.Kd2 Re6 32.Rcd3 Red6 33.b4 b5 34.Rc3 Ra6 35.a3 Re6 36.Rc5 Rde7 37.Rxb5 Rxe2+ 38.Kc3 Rc7+ 39.Kb3 Re3+ 40.Ka4 Rcc3 41.Rbxd5 Rxa3+ 42.Kb5 Rxg3 43.Rd7+ Ke8 44.Rd8+ Ke7 45.R4d7+ Ke6 46.Rd6+ Ke7 47.R8d7+ Ke8 48.Rg7 Rg4 49.Rc6 Kd8 50.Rcc7 Rxf4 51.Rgd7+ Ke8 52.Rh7 Kd8 53.Rcd7+ Kc8 54.Rc7+ Kd8 55.Rb7 Kc8 56.Rbg7 Rd4 57.Rxg6 Rd5+ 58.Kc6 Ra6+ 59.Kxd5 Rxg6 60.Rxh5 Rb6 61.Kd4 0-1 (61) Ivanchuk,V (2634)-Vakhidov,J (2539) Tashkent UZB 2025]

13...Nf6 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.Qb3 Qc6 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rfd1 b6 18.a4 Qe4 19.f3 Qf5 20.Qb5 Nd7 21.Nd5 Kf8 22.Bf2 Nc5 23.b4 Nb3 24.g4 Qe6 25.Rc2 h5 26.h3 Na1 27.Ra2 Nb3 28.a5 hxg4 29.hxg4 bxa5 30.Qa4 Nd4 31.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Qe5 33.Re4 Qg3+ 34.Kf1 e6 35.Nf4 d5 36.Nxe6+ fxe6 37.Rd4 Ke7 38.Qxa5 Rh8 39.Qc5+ Kf7 40.Rxa7+ Rxa7 41.Qxa7+ Kf6 42.g5+ Qxg5 43.Rg4 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Rg2 Rxg2+ 46.Kxg2 Qxc4 47.Qa1+ e5 48.Qb2 Qb5 49.Kf1 d4 50.Qa3 Qc4 51.Qb2 Qb5 52.Qb3 g5 53.Kf2 Qb6 54.b5 d3+ 55.e3 Qd6 56.Ke1 e4 57.fxe4 d2+ 58.Kd1 g4 59.Qb2+ Ke7 60.Qxd2 Qc5 61.Qd4 Qxb5 62.Ke1 Ke8 63.Qd5 Qb2 64.Kf1 Kf8 65.Qg5 Qc1+ 66.Kf2 Qd2+ 67.Kg3 Qe1+ 68.Kxg4 Qg1+ 69.Kf4 Qf1+ 70.Ke5 Qb5+ 71.Kf4 Qb6 72.Kg4 Qf6 73.Qf5 Kg7 74.Qxf6+ Kxf6 75.Kf4 Ke6 76.e5 Ke7 77.Ke4 Kf7 78.Kd4 Ke7 79.e4 Ke8 80.Kd5 Kd8 81.e6 Ke8 82.Ke5 Ke7 83.Kf5 Ke8 84.Kf6 Kf8 85.e7+ Ke8 86.e5 1-0 (86) Tabatabaei,M (2666)-Sindarov,J (2700) chess.com INT 2025

[14] **4.d5** Bg7

[4...cxd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nc5 10.Be3 Bg4 *(10...Nce4 11.Nxe4*

Nxe4 12.Bd4 Nf6 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.Nd2 Qa5 15.h3 Bd7 16.a3 Rfc8 17.Nc4 Qa6 18.Qd3 Bb5 19.b3 Bxc4 20.bxc4 Nd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.f4 Rc5 23.Qd4+ Kg8 24.Rc3 Rac8 25.Rfc1 Nb6 26.Qe3 R8c7 27.Kh2 Rxc4 28.Bf3 Qa5 29.Rxc4 Nxc4 30.Qd4 b5 31.a4 Qb6 32.Qxb6 axb6 33.axb5 Rc5 34.e4 Kf8 35.Be2 Na5 36.Rxc5 bxc5 37.Kg2 Ke8 38.Kf2 Kd7 39.Ke3 Kc7 40.Kd2 Nb3+ 41.Ke3 Nd4 42.Bc4 Kb6 43.e5 Nxb5 44.g4 f6 45.Ke4 Nc3+ 46.Kd3 Nb5 47.Ke4 Na3 48.Be2 c4 49.Kd4 Kb5 50.h4 Kb4 51.g5 f5 52.h5 c3 53.Kd3 c2 54.Kd2 Kb3 55.Kc1 Kc3 0-1 (55) Rustemov,A (2525)-Maksimovic,B (2514) chess.com INT 2025) 11.Bd4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 a6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.e3 Qa5 15.a3 Ncd7 16.Qb3 Nc5 17.Qc2 Ncd7 18.Qb1 Ne5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.d6 exd6 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bg2 d5 23.Rfd1 Rfd8 24.Qa2 d4 25.b4 Qb6 26.exd4 exd4 27.Na4 Qb5 28.Nc5 a5 29.Bf1 Qb6 30.bxa5 Qxa5 31.Bc4 Qa7 32.Nd3 Ne4 33.Re1 Nc3 34.Qd2 Rdc8 35.Ba2 Qxa3 36.Ra1 Qd6 37.h4 h5 38.Nf4 Bh6 39.Bxf7+ Kxf7 40.Ra7+ Rc7 41.Re6 Rb1+ 42.Kh2 Qxf4 43.gxf4 Rxa7 44.Qxd4 Kxe6 45.Qxa7 Bxf4+ 46.Kg2 Be5 47.Qa6+ Kf5 48.Qd3+ Ke6 49.Qxg6+ Bf6 50.Qxh5 Rb5 51.Qg4+ Kf7 52.f4 Rb2+ 53.Kf3 Ne2 54.Qd7+ Kf8 55.Kg4 Nd4 56.Qd5 Rb5 57.Qd6+ Kf7 58.Qd7+ Kf8 59.h5 Rb2 60.h6 Rg2+ 61.Kh5 Ne2 62.Qc8+ Kf7 63.Qb7+ Kf8 64.Qa8+ Kf7 65.Qb7+ Kf8 66.Qb4+ Kf7 67.h7 Rh2+ 68.Kg4 Rh4+ 69.Kf3 Rxf4+ 70.Qxf4 Nxf4 71.Kxf4 Bh8 72.Kf5 Kg7 73.Kg4 Kxh7 ½-½ (73) Jobava,B (2603)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]

5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.Nf3 Qxb2

[8...0-0 9.0-0 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Nd4 Qc5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Ndb5 Ne8 14.Nd5 cxd5 15.Be3 d4 16.Nxd4 Qxc4 17.Bxa8 Nd7 18.Nc6 Bf6 19.Nxa7 Qxa2 20.Bd5 Qa6 21.Qc2 Nc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Qxc5 Bh3 24.Rfe1 Nd6 25.Nc6 Bd7 26.Nb8 Qc8 27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.e4 Rc8 29.Qe3 e6 30.Qf3 Bg7 31.e5 Nf5 32.Be4 Nd4 33.Qf4 h5 34.Rb7 Rc7 35.Rxc7 Qxc7 36.Bg2 Qc3 37.Qe4 Kh7 38.h4 Qc5 39.Qe3 Qa5 40.Kh2 Nc2 41.Qf4 Nxe1 42.Qxf7 Nxg2 43.Kxg2 Qd5+ 0-1 (43) Jobava,B (2603)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]

9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Nd4 Qc5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Ndb5 Na6 13.Be3 Qxc4 14.Qxd6 0-0 15.Qxc6 Qxc6 16.Bxc6 Bf5 17.Bxa8 Bxb1 18.Bb7 Nb4 19.0-0 Bxa2 20.Ra1 Rb8 21.Nxa2 Rxb7 22.Nxb4 Rxb5 23.Nc6 Rb7 24.Bxa7 h5 25.Bc5 e6 26.f3 Kh7 27.Bd4 Nd5 28.Kf2 Rc7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Ne5 Nf6 31.e4 Nd7 32.Nd3 Rc2+ 33.Ke3 Rc7 34.Kd4 Nf8 35.Nc5 Nd7 36.Nd3 Nf8 37.e5 Nd7 38.Ra6 Nb8 39.Rb6 Nc6+ 40.Ke4 Ne7 41.Nf4 Rc4+ 42.Kd3 Ra4 43.Rb7 Kf8 44.Rb8+ Kg7 45.Rb7 Kf8 46.Nh3 Ra3+ 47.Ke4 Ra4+ 48.Kd3 Ra3+ 49.Kc4 Rxf3 50.Ng5 Rf5 51.Nh7+ Kg7 52.Nf6 Nc6 53.Ne8+ Kf8 0-1 (53) Jobava,B (2603)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021

4.Nf3 d5 5.b3 a5 6.Nc3 a4 7.cxd5 axb3 8.dxc6 bxa2 9.cxb7 Bxb7 10.Bg2 Nd5 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Nxb6 13.Rxa2 Rxa2 14.Nxa2 Bg7 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Bxd4 17.Rd1 Bc5

18.Nc3 f5 19.Nd5 N8d7 20.Bb2 0-0 21.Nxb6 Nxb6 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Kg2 Kf7 24.h4 h5 25.e3 Bd6 26.Rxc8 Nxc8 27.e4 fxe4 28.Bxe4 e6 29.f3 Ne7 30.Bc1 ½-½ (30) Bok,B (2624)-Paravyan, D (2617) chess.com INT 2022

15 **5.cxd5** cxd5 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0-0 [7.Nc3

A) 7...Ne4

A1) 8.Ne5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Ba3 Qa6 14.Qxa6 Bxa6 15.Rfb1 Rfb8

A1a) 16.Bxe7 Bxe2

A1a1) 17.Bd6 Rxb1+ *(17...Rb6 18.Bc5 Rxb1+ 19.Rxb1 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Bf1* ½-½ (21) Sadhwani, R (2628)-Erigaisi,A (2675) chess.com INT 2022*)* 18.Rxb1 Bb5 19.Bf1 a6 20.a4 Bxa4 21.Bxa6 Bf8 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Bd3 Rc8 24.Rb7 c5 25.Ra7 Bb3 26.Ra3 Bd1 27.dxc5 Rxc5 28.Kf1 Bf3 29.Ke1 Rc6 30.c4 dxc4 31.Bxc4 Rxc4 32.Rxf3 h5 33.h4 Kg7 34.Kf1 Ra4 35.Rb3 Ra5 36.Rf3 Ra4 37.Rb3 Ra5 38.Rf3 Ra4 ½-½ (38) Niemann,H (2637)-Grandelius,N (2656) Malmo SWE 2022;

A1a2) 17.Bf1 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Kd3 Kd6 22.Rb3 Rb6 23.Rab1 *(23.Re1 Rab8 24.Kc2 h5 25.h4 Kd7 26.Re3 Kd6 27.Re1 Kd7 28.Re3 Kd6* ½-½ (30) Tomashevsky,E (2718)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)* 23...Rab8 24.h4 *(24.c4 dxc4+ 25.Kxc4 R8b7 26.h4 h5 27.R1b2 Rb8 28.Rb1 R8b7 29.R1b2 Rb8 30.Rb1 R8b7* ½-½ (30) Grischuk,A (2778)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) Zagreb CRO 2021*)* 24...h5 25.R1b2 Rxb3 26.axb3 a5 27.Kc2 Re8 28.Kd2 Rb8 29.Kc2 Re8 30.Kd2 Rb8 31.Kc2 ½-½ (31) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2751) chess24.com INT 2021;

A1b) 16.e3 Bf8 17.Bf1 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 e6 ½-½ (18) Karthik, V (2609)-Xu,X (2623) La Roda ESP 2024 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Rb3 Rb6 21.Rab1 Rab8 22.Ke2 Ke7 23.Kd3 Kd6 24.c4 ½-½ (24) Martirosyan,H (2666)-Sjugirov,S (2703) Poikovsky RUS 2022;

A2) 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nb3 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Rfd1 Qd7 15.Bh6 Rfd8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.e3 e6 18.Bf1 Ne7 19.Bb5 Bc6 20.Bd3 Ba4 21.f3 h5 22.Kg2 Bxb3 23.axb3 a5 24.Na2 Rh8 25.b4 Qa4 26.Bb1 Nc6 27.bxa5 Nxa5 28.Qb4 Qxb4 29.Nxb4 Nc4 30.Rc3 Nxb2 31.Rdc1 Rc4 32.Rxc4 Nxc4 33.Kf2 Ra8 34.Bd3 Ra4 35.Rb1 g5 36.h3 g4 37.hxg4 hxg4 38.e4 Nd2 39.Rb2 dxe4 40.fxe4 Ndxe4+ 41.Bxe4 Nxe4+ 42.Ke3 Nxg3 43.Kf4 Ne2+

44.Ke3 Nc3 45.Rb3 Rxb4 46.Rxc3 f5 47.Rc6 Kf6 48.d5 Re4+ 49.Kd3 Re5 50.d6 Rd5+ 51.Kc4 b5+ 52.Kb4 Ke5 0-1 (52) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Giri,A (2772) chess.com INT 2022;

A3) 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 b6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bf4 Bb7 15.Re1 Rc8 16.h4 Na5 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.Rad1 Bd5 19.Nd6 exd6 20.Bxd5 Rxc3 21.Qe4 Qg4 22.Rc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 b5 24.Rc7 Qd1+ 25.Kg2 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd6 Bb6 28.Rd7 Rd8 29.Bxf7+ Kh7 30.Rxd8 Bxd8 31.Bc5 a6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Kf3 Kg7 34.Ke4 Nc4 35.Bb7 Nb2 36.Bb4 Na4 37.Bxa6 Nc3+ 38.Bxc3 Bxc3 39.Bxb5 Be1 40.Ke3 h5 41.a4 Kf6 42.Ke2 Ba5 43.Bd3 Bb6 44.Kf3 Ba5 45.Kg2 Bb6 46.f3 Kg7 47.g4 Ba5 48.g5 Be1 49.f4 Kf7 50.Bc4+ Kg7 51.Kh3 Kf8 52.f5 Kg7 53.Bb5 Kf7 54.fxg6+ Kg7 55.Bd3 Ba5 56.Kg2 Bb4 57.Kf3 Be1 58.Bf5 Ba5 59.Bd3 Be1 60.Be4 Bd2 61.Ke2 Ba5 62.Bf3 Kxg6 63.Bc6 Kf7 64.Bf3 Kg6 65.Bc6 Kf7 66.Bb5 Bb4 67.Kf3 Be1 68.Be2 Kg6 69.Bd3+ Kg7 70.Bf5 Ba5 71.Bg4 Kg6 72.Bxh5+ Kxh5 73.Kf4 Be1 74.Kf5 Bxh4 75.g6 Kh6 76.a5 Kg7 ½-½ (76) Korobov,A (2668)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Moscow RUS 2019;

A4) 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 *(9...Nc6 10.Nd2 e6 11.Ba3 Bf8 12.0-0 Bxa3 13.Qxa3 Qe7 14.Qb2 0-0 15.e4 Rd8 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.Rac1 Na5 18.Qb4 Nc6 19.Qa3 Qa5 20.Qb2 Bd7 21.exd5 exd5 22.Nb3 Qb5 23.a4 Qb6 24.Bxd5 Be8 25.Bf3 Na5 26.Rb1 Rab8 27.Nxa5 Qxa5 28.Re5 Qc7 29.Qb4 Bc6 30.Qc5 Rdc8 31.Bg4 Re8 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Bf3 Qd7 34.Bxc6 bxc6 35.a5 Kg7 36.a6 Re2 37.Kg2 Qe6 38.Rf1 h5 39.h4 Qe4+ 40.Kg1 Ra2 41.Qxa7 g5 42.Qc5 gxh4 43.Qg5+ Qg6 44.Qxh4 Rxa6 45.Qf4 Ra5 46.Re1 Rf5 47.Qh4 Rf3 48.c4 Rf5 49.Qe4 Qf6 50.Re2 Ra5 51.Kg2 Ra4 52.d5 cxd5 53.Qxd5 h4 54.Re4 hxg3 55.Rg4+ Kf8 56.Qc5+ Ke8 57.Re4+ Kd7 58.Rd4+* 1-0 (60) Teclaf,P (2575)-Areshchenko,A (2627) Poland POL 2023 *)* 10.Nd2 e6 11.e4 Nc6 12.exd5 Na5 13.Qb1 exd5 14.0-0 b6 15.Qb5 Be6 16.Ba3 Re8 17.Bb4 a6 18.Qa4 Nb7 19.Qc6 a5 20.Ba3 Qc8 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxc3 23.Nb3 a4 24.Rac1 Qd3 25.Rc7 Qf5 26.Qxf5 gxf5 27.Nd2 Na5 28.Nf3 Re2 29.Ra1 Rd8 30.Be7 Bxd4 31.Nxd4 Rxd4 32.Bf6 Rc4 33.Rxc4 Nxc4 34.Rd1 h6 35.h4 Rd2 36.Re1 Kf8 37.Rb1 Rxa2 38.Rb4 Rc2 39.Rxa4 Ke8 40.Ra7 Re2 41.Rb7 Re6 42.Bd4 Rd6 43.Bc3 Rd7 44.Rb8+ Rd8 45.Rb7 Rd3 46.Bb4 Rd7 47.Rb8+ Rd8 48.Rb7 Rd4 49.Re7+ Kd8 50.Rxf7 Ne5 51.Rxf5 Ng4 52.Bc3 Rc4 53.Bg7 Kd7 54.h5 Ke6 55.Rb5 Rc1+ 56.Kg2 Rc2

57.Bd4 Rd2 58.Bxb6 Kd6 59.Rb4 Nf6 60.Be3 Ra2 61.Rb6+ Ke5 62.Bd4+ Kxd4 63.Rxf6 1-0 (63) Samunenkov,I (2541)-Mamedyarov,S (2732) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 7...0-0 8.Ne5

B1) 8...Bf5 9.Bf4 *(9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Bf4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Na4 Re8 16.b3 Qa5 17.Qd2 Qxd2 18.Bxd2 Nd7 19.Bf3 Ne5 20.Bg2 Nd7 21.Bf3 Ne5 22.Bg2 Nd7* ½-½ (22) Salem,A (2679)-Sindarov,J (2629) Abu Dhabi UAE 2022 *)* 9...Ne4 *(9...Qb6 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.e3 Ra5 13.0-0 h6 14.h4 Rfa8 15.Rac1 e6 16.Bf3 g5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Bxg5 c5 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Rfd1 Bg4 22.Kg2 Bxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Nd7 24.Be7 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxa2 26.Bxc5 Nxc5 27.Rxc5 Rxb2 28.Rcc1 Raa2 29.Rf1 Kg7 30.Rb1 Rxb1* ½-½ (30) So,W (2778)-Shankland,S (2704) Berlin GER 2022 *)* 10.Rc1 *(10.Qb3 Nc6 11.Qxd5 Nxd4 12.Bxe4 Qxd5 13.Bxd5 Nc2+ 14.Kd2 Nxa1 15.Nd3 e5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Nc2 18.g4 Nb4 19.gxf5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Rad8 21.e4 gxf5 22.Ke3 f6 23.Rg1+ Kh8 24.Nd3 fxe4 25.N3f4 Rg8 26.Rxg8+ Rxg8 27.Nxf6 Rg1 28.Nxe4 Rb1 29.Nd3 Rh1 30.f4 Rxh2 31.f5 Rh3+ 32.Kd4 Rf3 33.f6 h5 34.Ne5 Rf1 35.f7 h4 36.Ng5 Rf5 37.Ke4 Rf1 38.Ne6* 1-0 (38) So,W (2778)-Xiong,J (2685) Saint Louis USA 2022*)* 10...Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e3 Qxb2 15.Qc2 Qxc2 16.Rxc2 Rfe8 17.Rc5 f6 18.Bc7 e5 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Rxc6 Rac8 21.Rfc1 Re7 22.h3 h5 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Bxg4 25.Bxe4 Bf5 26.Bd5+ Kh7 27.Kg2 Bh6 28.Bd6 Rxc6 29.Rxc6 Re8 30.e4 Be6 31.Rc7+ Bg7 32.Bxe6 1-0 (32) Artemiev,V (2699)-Wei,Y (2762) Almaty KAZ 2024;

B2) 8...Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.e3 Bh3 14.f4 Qb6 15.Bf3 g5 16.Qe2 Rfc8 17.Bg4 Qb4+ 18.Bd2 Qxb2 19.Rd1 Bxg4 20.Qxg4 Rc2 21.fxg5 Qxa2 22.Rf1 Rb1 23.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 24.Qd1 Qb3 25.Rf5 e5 26.dxe5 Qd3 27.Rf3 Bxe5 28.Qe2 Rxd2 0-1 (28) Matlakov,M (2671)-Dubov,D (2702) chess.com INT 2022;

B3) 8...b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.0-0

B3a) 10...Nc6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Nxc6 *(12.Qd2 e6 13.Rfd1 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qd7 15.Qf4 Nh5 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Qd3 Ne8 19.g4 Qe7 20.e3 Nd6 21.b3 Rc6 22.Ne2 Rdc8 23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Rc1 Rxc1+ 25.Nxc1 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Ne4 27.Ne2 Qc7 28.f3 Nc5 29.Qc3 a5 30.a3 Ba6 31.Nf4 Qd7 32.g5 Qb5 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 Nd7 35.h4 Qc4 36.Qd4 Qc1+ 37.Kf2 Bc4 38.e4 Qxf4* 0-1 (40) Vidit,S (2726)-Nielsen, P (2618) chess24.com INT

2021) 12...Rxc6 13.Qb3 e6 14.Nb5 a6 15.Rxc6 Bxc6 16.Nc3 Nh5 17.Be3 b5 18.Bf3 Qb6 19.Na4 Qa7 20.Nc5 Nf6 21.Rc1 Rc8 22.Bf4 a5 23.Be5 Be8 24.Qd1 Rc6 25.e3 b4 26.Be2 Qb6 27.a4 bxa3 28.bxa3 Qa7 29.Bb5 Rc8 30.Bxe8 Nxe8 31.Bxg7 Nxg7 32.Rb1 Rb8 33.Rxb8+ Qxb8 34.Qa4 Nf5 35.Qxa5 Qb1+ 36.Kg2 Qb2 37.Kg1 h5 38.h4 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qc2 40.Kg1 Qd1+ 41.Kg2 Qe2 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qg5 Qc2 44.Qf4 Nh6 45.Qe5+ Kh7 46.Nd7 Ng4 47.Nf6+ Nxf6 48.Qxf6 Kg8 49.Qf4 Qb1 50.a4 Qb4 51.Qc7 Qxa4 52.Qb8+ Kh7 53.Qc7 Qe8 54.Kf3 Kg8 55.Kg2 Qf8 56.Kf3 Qg7 57.Qe7 Qh6 58.Qd8+ Kg7 59.Qc7 g5 60.hxg5 Qxg5 61.Qf4 Kg6 62.Qb8 Qg4+ 63.Kg2 Qe4+ 64.Kg1 Kg7 65.Qd8 Qg4 66.Kg2 Qe4+ 67.Kg1 Qf5 68.Kg2 Qg4 69.Kg1 Qf3 70.Qg5+ Kh7 71.Qd8 Kg6 72.Qg8+ Kf6 73.Kf1 Qh1+ 74.Ke2 Qe4 75.Qh8+ Kg5 76.Qg7+ Qg6 77.Qe5+ Kg4 78.Qf4+ Kh3 79.Qh4+ Kg2 80.Qf4 Qc2+ 81.Ke1 Qc1+ 82.Ke2 Qf1+ 83.Kd2 Qxf2+ 0-1 (83) Koneru,H (2586)-Aronian,L (2782) chess24.com INT 2021;

B3b) 10...e6 11.Rc1 a6 12.Na4 a5 13.Qb3 Ra6 14.Rfd1 Nfd7 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.e3 Ra8 17.Bc7 Qe7 18.Nxb6 a4 19.Nxa4 Ba6 20.Nb6 Ra7 21.Qa4 Nf6 22.Qc6 Bb7 23.Qd6 Qe8 24.a4 Ba6 25.b4 Ne4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.b5 Bb7 28.Qc5 h5 29.Bd6 h4 30.Qc7 1-0 (30) Matlakov,M (2674)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2758) chess.com INT 2022;

B4) 8...e6 9.0-0 Nfd7 10.f4 *(10.Nf3 Nc6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nb6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Bd2 b6 16.h4 Bb7 17.Re1 Qd7 18.a3 Nce7 19.h5 Nf5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Rc1 Rac8 22.Qe2 Rxc1 23.Bxc1 Rc8 24.g4 Nfe7 25.g5 f5 26.Ng3 Nc6 27.Bd2 Kf7 28.Qd3 Qd6 29.Ne2 Rd8 30.b4 a6 31.Rc1 Rc8 32.b5 axb5 33.Qxb5 Nce7 34.Rxc8 Bxc8 35.a4 Bd7 36.Qb3 Qc7 37.Nc3 Nxc3 38.Bxc3 Bxa4 39.Qxa4 Qxc3 40.Qd7 Qc1+ 41.Kh2 Qc8 42.Qa7 Qd8 43.Qa4 Qd6+ 44.Kg1 Nd5 45.Qa7+ Qc7 46.Qa8 Nf4 47.Bf1 Qd7 48.Qb8 Nd5 49.Bc4 Qc7 50.Qxc7+ Nxc7 51.Kf1 b5 52.Bb3 Nd5 53.Bxd5 exd5 54.Ke2 b4 55.Kd3 Ke6 56.Nh4 Kf7 57.Ng2 b3 58.Nf4 b2 59.Kc2 Bxd4 60.f3 Be5 61.Nxd5 Ke6 62.Nb6 Bd4 63.Nc4 Kd5 64.Nd2 Ke5 65.Nb3 Be3 66.Kxb2 Kf4 67.Kc3 Kxf3 68.Kd3 Bxg5 69.Nd4+ Kg4 70.Ne6 Bf6 71.Ke2 g5 72.Nc5 Bd4 73.Ne6 Bb6 74.Nf8 f4 75.Nd7 Bd4 76.Kd3 f3 77.Kxd4 f2 78.Nf6+ Kh4* 0-1 (78) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Artemiev,V (2716) lichess.

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[7.Ne5 Ne4 8.Nd2

A) 8...Nd7 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nxd7 *(11.Bf4 Nf6 12.e3 Be6 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.Rfc1 Qa5 15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Bf1 Nd5 17.Nd2 Qxe2 18.Bxe2 f5 19.Nb3 b6 20.Ba6 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Kf7 22.Nd2 Nb4 23.Bc4 Rd8 24.a3 Nd3 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.Rc3 Rc8 27.Kf1 Rxc3 28.bxc3 b5 29.Ke1 Bd5 30.f3 Bf8 31.e4 Ba2 32.d5 e5 33.Bxe5 Bxa3 34.Bc7 b4 35.Bd6 a5 36.Kd1 Ke8 37.Bc5 Kd7 38.g4 fxg4 39.fxg4 g5 40.Ke1 Kc7 41.Kd1 Kb7 42.Be7 Kb6 43.Ke1 Kb5 44.Kd1 Bb2 45.cxb4 axb4 46.Bxg5 Be5 47.Be7 b3 48.Ba3 b2 49.Bxb2 Bxb2 50.h4 Kc5 51.g5 Be5 52.h5 Bf4 53.g6 hxg6 54.hxg6 Bh6 55.Nf3 Bb3+ 56.Ke1 Ba4 57.Kf2 Be8 58.Ne5 d2 59.Nd3+ Kd4 60.Nb2* 0-1 (60) Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Stavanger NOR 2019*)* 11...Bxd7 12.Bxe4 Bh3 13.Re1 *(13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Bg2 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Bxd4 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Rb1 Bxb2 18.Qxd8 Rexd8 19.Rfd1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 f6 21.Rd7 Kf7 22.Bf4 Ra8 23.a4 Bc3 24.Be3 a5 25.Bc5 Re8 26.Rb7 f5 27.Kf3 Ke6 28.e4 h5 29.h4 Kf6 30.Ke3 e6 31.Rb3 Be5 32.f4 Bb8 33.e5+ Kf7 34.Rb7+ Kg8 35.Kd4 Rc8 36.Bd6 Bxd6 37.exd6* 1-0 (37) Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 13...Bxd4 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Qf3 Qb6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qxe3 18.fxe3 Rac8 19.Rac1 b6 20.a3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Kf2 Bd7 24.Bd5 e6 25.Bc4 Kf8 26.e4 e5 27.Ke3 f6 28.b4 g5 29.Bd3 Be8 30.Bc4 Bd7 31.Bd3 Be8 32.Bc4 Bd7 ½-½ (32) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 8...Nf6 9.Nb1 Ne4 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Nb1 ½-½ (11) Ding,L (2799)-Carlsen,M (2865) chess24.com INT 2022]

7...0-0

[7...Ne4 8.Ne5 Nd7 9.Nxd7 Bxd7 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bc6 12.Re1 0-0 13.e4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Qd7 16.Qe2 e6 17.h4 Rac8 18.Bd2 h5 19.a4 Rc6 20.a5 Rfc8 21.Rb1 Rc4 22.Be1 Qd5 23.Re3 R8c7 24.Qa2 Rxd4 25.Re2 Rdc4 26.Rd2 Qf3 27.Rd8+ Kh7 28.Rbd1 Re4 29.a6 bxa6 30.Qxa6 Bxc3 31.Bxc3 Qxc3 32.Qf1 a5 33.Ra8 a4 34.Kg2 Qc6 35.Ra6 Qb7

36.Kg1 Rec4 37.Ra5 Qb4 38.Ra8 a3 39.Qe2 Rc1 40.Qf3 Qb7 41.Qf6 Rxd1+ 0-1 (41) Sargissian,G (2689)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Moscow RUS 2019]

8.Nc3

[8.Ne5

A) 8...Ne4 9.Nd2 Nc6 *(9...Nxd2 10.Bxd2 Nd7 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.e3 e6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Rfc1 Rfc8 16.Rxc8+ Rxc8 17.Rc1 Rxc1+ 18.Bxc1 Bb5 19.Bd2 Bf8 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 f5 22.a4 Kf7 23.f4 h5 24.h4 Ke8 25.b4 Kd7 26.b5 Be7 27.Ke2 Bf8 28.Kd3 Be7 29.Kc2 Bf8 30.Kb3 Be7 31.Bb4 Bd8 32.Bf8 Ke8 33.Bd6 Kd7 34.Bb4 Bc7 35.Ba3 Bd8 36.Bb4 Bc7 37.Ba3 Bd8 38.Bb4* ½-½ (38) Carlsen,M (2863)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxe4 Bh3 13.Re1 ½-½ (13) Matlakov,M (2674)-Giri,A (2773) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 8...Nfd7 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.Nc3 e6 11.b3 Nc6 12.e3 b6 13.Ba3 Rd8 14.Rc1 Ba6 15.Re1 Rac8 16.Bf1 Bxf1 17.Rxf1 h5 18.Ne2 e5 19.Bb2 e4 20.Ba3 Bh6 21.Nc3 h4 22.gxh4 Qh3 23.h5 Nxd4 24.Qxd4 Bg7 25.Qd2 Qg4+ 26.Kh1 Qf3+ 27.Kg1 Qg4+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Kg1 Qg4+ ½-½ (29) Yoo,C (2563)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022;

C) 8...Bf5 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Bf4 *(10.Be3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.Qb3 e6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Rac1 Qa5 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.e3 c5 17.Bd6 c4 18.Qb4 Qxb4 19.Bxb4 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Rb8 21.e4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Rxe4 f5 24.Re2 Bxd4 25.Bd6 Rbd8 26.cxd4 Rxd6 27.Rxc4 Kf7 28.Ra4 a6 29.Re5 Red8 30.Rea5 Rxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxa6 Kf6 33.h4 Rd2 34.Kf1 h6 35.Ra5 g5 36.hxg5+ hxg5 37.Kg2 Rb2 38.Kf1 Rd2 39.Kg2 Rb2 40.Kf1 Rd2* ½-½ (40) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 *(12.Qb3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.Qxd5 b6 16.Qd4 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 18.Qe3 Qc5 19.Qf4 Kg7 20.a4 Qa5 21.c4 Be6 22.h4 h6 23.Be4 Rd4 24.Qe3 Qxe5 25.Bd5 Qxe3 26.fxe3 Rg4 27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.Kf2 Rcxc4 29.Rxc4 Rxc4* 0-1 (29) Firouzja,A (2682)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019 *)* 12...bxc6 13.Qa4

C1) 13...e6 14.Rfd1 *(14.Qxc6 Rc8 15.Qa4 Rxc3 16.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 17.Rxc1 Qb6 18.e3 Qb2 19.Qd1 h5 20.a4 Bg4 21.Qe1 Be2 22.Bf1 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 Re8 24.Qc3 Qxc3 25.Rxc3 e5 26.dxe5 Bxe5 27.Rd3 Bxf4 28.gxf4 Rd8 29.a5 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Rb3 Kd6 32.Kd3 Rd7 33.h4 Rc7 34.Rb8 Rc5 35.Rb7 Rxa5 36.Rxf7 Ra3+ 37.Kd4 Ra4+ 38.Kd3 Ra3+ 39.Kd4 Ra4+* ½-½ (39) Ding,L (2812)-Carlsen,M (2845) Shamkir AZE 2019 *)* 14...a5 15.h3 h5 16.c4 g5 17.Be3 Bf6 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.c5 Qc7 20.Bd2 Rfe8 21.Bc3 Reb8 22.Rd2 Bg6 ½-½ (22) Samunenkov,I (2556)-Rodshtein,M (2623) Eforie Nord ROU 2025;

C2) 13...Qb6 14.e4 dxe4

15.Rab1 Qd8 16.Rb7 Re8 17.Qxc6 e5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Qc4 Qf6 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Qd4 Rd8 23.Qe3 Kg7 24.h4 h6 25.Bf1 a5 26.Bc4 Be6 27.Bxe6 Rxe6 28.Rc1 Rd3 29.Qf4 Qxf4 30.gxf4 e3 31.fxe3 Rexe3 32.c4 Rd2 33.c5 Rg3+ 34.Kf1 Rh3 35.Kg1 Rxh4 36.c6 Rg4+ 37.Kf1 Rxf4+ 38.Kg1 Rff2 39.Rbb1 Rg2+ 40.Kf1 Rdf2+ 41.Ke1 Rh2 42.c7 Rxa2 0-1 (42) Samunenkov,I (2533)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2755) chess.com INT 2024]

8...Nc6

[8...Ne4 9.Ng5 Nf6 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Ne5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Be6 16.Qd4 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.a4 b6 19.Ra3 Rac8 20.h4 Qb8 21.Qe3 Rc4 22.a5 Qc7 23.axb6 axb6 24.h5 Rc8 25.Bxd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Qc6 27.Qd3 gxh5 28.Rd8+ Kg7 29.Rd7 Qe6 30.Qd2 h4 31.Qg5+ Qg6 32.Qxg6+ Kxg6 33.gxh4 Re8 34.Rb3 Rxh4 35.Rxb6+ Kf5 36.f3 Rc4 37.e6 fxe6 38.Rd3 Rec8 39.Re3 R8c6 40.Rb3 e5 41.Kf2 e4 42.fxe4+ Rxe4 43.Rb5+ e5 44.Rxe4 Kxe4 45.Rb7 Rxc3 46.Rxh7 Kd5 47.Rd7+ Ke4 48.Rh7 Ra3 49.Rh4+ Kd5 ½-½ (49) Martirosyan,H (2633)-Dubov,D (2720) chess.com INT 2022]

[8...e6 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Bd6 Re8 12.Ne5 Bf8 13.Bxf8 Rxf8 14.e3 Qe7 15.Qf3 Rfd8 16.h4 Be8 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qf4 h5 19.Rc2 Rac8 20.Rfc1 Ne8 21.Nb1 Kg7 22.Nd2 Qd6 23.Qxd6 Nxd6 24.Bf1 Kf6 25.Nb3 Ke7 26.Na5 Bd7 27.Bd3 Rxc2 28.Rxc2 Rb8 29.Kf1 Kd8 30.Ke2 b6 31.Nc6+ Bxc6 32.Rxc6 Kd7 33.Rc1 b5 34.Rc5 a6 35.b3 Nb7 36.Rc1 Na5 37.Rc5 Kd6 38.Rc1 Nc6 39.Kd2 Rb7 40.Ke2 Rc7 41.Kd2 b4 42.Bxa6 Ra7 43.Bb5 Rxa2+ 44.Rc2 Rxc2+ 45.Kxc2 Nd8 46.Kd2 Ke7 47.Ba6 Nc6 48.Bb5 Na5 49.Kc2 Nb7 50.Kd2 Kf6 51.Bd3 Nd6 52.Ke2 Kg7 53.f3 Kf6 54.Kf2 ½-½ (54) Petrov,N (2563)-Kozul,Z (2506) Pasching AUT 2025]

9.Ne5 Bf5

[9...Bd7 10.Bf4 e6 11.Rc1 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qe7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Bb5 17.Re1 Rad8 18.Qb3 Ba6 19.Qc3 b6 20.h4 h5 21.Rcd1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Qc7 25.Kh2 Bb7 26.Qd6 Qc8 27.Bxb7 Qxb7 28.b4 b5 29.Qc5 Kg7 30.Kg1 a6 31.Qd6 Qe4 32.Qxa6 Qxb4 33.f4 Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Qe2+ 35.Kh3 Qf1+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh3 Qf3 38.Kh2 b4 39.Qa7 Qe2+ 40.Kg1 Qd1+ 41.Kg2 Qc2+ 42.Qf2 Qe4+ 43.Kh2 Qd5 44.Qc2 Qf3 45.Qd2 Qc3 46.Qg2 Qc4 47.Qf2 Kf8 48.Qg2 Kg8 49.Qa8+ Kg7 50.Qg2 Qd4 51.Qc2 Qe3 52.Qb2 Qc3 53.Qg2 Qa3 54.Qc2 Qa6 55.Qd2 Qc4 56.Qg2 Qd3 57.Qb2 Qe4 58.Qd2 Qc4 59.Qg2 ½-½ (59) Erigaisi,A (2701)-Paravyan,D (2601) chess.com INT 2023]

[9...Ng4 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.h3 *(11.Na4 a5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Be3 Ne4 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.b3 Nd6 16.Bf4 Nf5 17.e3 h6 18.g4 Nh4 19.Bg3 Nxg2 20.Kxg2 f6 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.f4 e6 23.Rf2 Qe8 24.Qc2 Kh7 25.Na4 Ra6 26.Qd3 Rf7 27.Nc5 Raa7 28.Qc3 Bf8 29.h4 e5 30.h5 gxh5*

31.dxe5 fxe5 32.Qxe5 Qxe5 33.fxe5 Rxf2+ 34.Bxf2 hxg4 35.e4 Re7 36.Bd4 h5 37.exd5 cxd5 38.Na4 Bf5 39.Kg3 Bh6 40.Rf1 Kg6 41.Nb6 Bg5 42.Nxd5 h4+ 43.Kh2 g3+ 44.Kg1 Rd7 45.Nf4+ Bxf4 46.Rxf4 h3 47.e6 h2+ 48.Kh1 Rh7 0-1 (48) Raja,R (2532)-Puranik,A (2618) Fagernes NOR 2024*)* 11...Nh6 12.Bxh6 ½-½ (16) Safarli,E (2620)-Bernadskiy,V (2497) Munich GER 2025]

[9...e6 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Qd2 c5 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qb6 17.Qxb6 Rxb6 18.b3 Ba6 19.e4 Rc6 20.Na4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Rc7 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Bd3 Bb7 25.Kf1 Nf6 26.Ke2 Kf8 27.Rd2 Ke7 28.Rc2 Rxc2+ 29.Bxc2 Kd6 30.b4 Bc6 31.Nc3 h5 32.h4 Ke5 33.Kd2 Kd4 34.Bb3 Bd5 35.Ne2+ Ke4 36.Nc3+ Kd4 37.Ne2+ Ke5 38.Bxd5 Nxd5 39.a3 Ke4 40.Nc3+ Kd4 41.Nxd5 exd5 42.Kc2 Kc4 43.Kd2 Kb3 44.Kd3 Kxa3 45.Kc3 Ka4 46.f4 Kb5 47.f5 gxf5 48.Kd4 Kxb4 49.Kxd5 a5 50.Ke5 a4 0-1 (50) Rustemov,A (2525)-Shankland,S (2671) chess.com INT 2024]

10.Be3

[10.Bf4 Rc8 11.Rc1 h5 12.e3 h4 13.g4 Be6 14.h3 Qa5 15.a3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qb3 Qb6 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.Nb5 Bd7 21.Nc3 e6 22.b3 g5 23.Na2 a5 24.a4 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Rxc8 Nxc8 27.Nc3 Nd6 28.f4 f6 29.fxg5 fxg5 30.Bf1 Be8 31.Bd3 b6 32.Kf2 Bc6 33.Kf3 Kf6 34.Kf2 Be8 35.Ke2 Bc6 36.Kf2 e5 37.Be2 Ne4+ 38.Nxe4+ dxe4 39.dxe5+ Kxe5 40.Ke1 Kd6 41.Kd2 Kc5 42.Kc3 b5 43.axb5 Bxb5 44.Bxb5 Kxb5 45.Kc2 Kb4 46.Kb2 Kb5 47.Kc2 Kb4 48.Kb2 Kb5 49.Kc2 ½-½ (49) Firouzja,A (2751)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2721) Saint Louis USA 2024]

[10.Nxc6 bxc6

A) 11.Bf4 Nh5 *(11...Nd7 12.Qd2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.b3 Re8 15.Rac1 Nd7 16.Rfe1 Rc8 17.e4 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 dxe4 19.h3 h5 20.Rcd1 Qf6 21.Qxf6 Nxf6 22.Rd4 Nd5 23.Bd2 Re6 24.Kh2 Rce8 25.b4 e3 26.Bxd5 exd2 27.Rxe6 Bxe6 28.Bxe6 Rxe6 29.Rxd2 Re4 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ra4 32.Rd3 Rxa5 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.Re3 Rf5+ 36.Ke2 Rb5 37.Kd3 Rb2 38.Rf3+ Ke6 39.Kc3 Rb1 40.Kc4 g5 41.a4 Ra1 42.Kb4 f5 43.a5 c5+ 44.Kb5 c4 45.Kb4 Kd5 46.Ra3 Rb1+ 47.Kc3 Rc1+ 48.Kd2 Rf1 49.a6* 1-0 (49) Mamedyarov,S (2741)-Yakubboev,N (2667) Jerusalem ISR 2022 *)* 12.Be3 c5

A1) 13.Nxd5 e6 14.Nf4 cxd4 15.Nxh5 gxh5 16.Bd2 *(16.Bxa8 Qxa8 17.Bd2 Bh3 18.f3 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 h4 20.Kg2 hxg3 21.hxg3 Qd5 22.Qb3 d3 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.exd3 Rb8 25.Rb1 Rxb2 26.Rxb2 Bxb2 27.g4 Kg7 28.Kg3 Kg6 29.Bf4 a6 30.Bc7 f6 31.Bb6 h5 32.Kh4 hxg4 33.fxg4 f5 34.Kg3 fxg4 35.Kxg4* ½-½ (35) Gagunashvili,M (2550)-Tari,A (2619) Durres ALB 2023*)* 16...Rb8 *(16...Rc8 17.Bb4 Re8 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.Qa4 d3 20.exd3 Bxd3 21.Rfd1 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bd4 23.Be1 e5 24.Bd5*

Kg7 25.Bxf7 Rf8 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Bxh5 Rf8 28.Bf3 Qa6 29.Rc1 1-0 (29) Martirosyan,H (2632)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021*)* 17.b3 h4 18.Rc1 h3 19.Bf3 e5 20.Rc5 Qd7 21.e4 Be6 22.Qe2 Rfc8 23.Rfc1 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 Rc8 25.Bb4 Bf8 26.Rxc8 Qxc8 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Qd2 Qc3 29.Qxc3 dxc3 30.Bd1 Bg4 31.Bc2 Bf3 32.Kf1 Ke7 33.Ke1 Kd6 34.b4 h6 35.Bd3 Kc6 36.a3 Kb6 37.Bc4 f6 38.Bd3 a5 39.Bf1 axb4 40.axb4 Bxe4 41.Kd1 Kc6 42.Kc1 Kd5 43.Bxh3 Kc4 44.Bf1+ Kxb4 45.Be2 Kc5 46.Bf1 Kd4 47.Be2 Bd3 48.Bf3 e4 49.Bg2 e3 50.fxe3+ Kxe3 51.Bd5 Kf2 52.g4 Kg1 53.h4 Kf2 54.h5 Kg3 55.Be6 Kf4 56.Bd7 Kg5 57.Be6 Be2 58.Kc2 Bxg4 59.Bd5 Bxh5 60.Kxc3 Kf4 61.Kd2 Bf3 62.Be6 h5 63.Ke1 Kg3 64.Kf1 h4 0-1 (64) Bok,B (2620)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.Na4 c4 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 Nf6 17.Nc5 Ne4 18.h3 h5 19.Bf4 Rb5 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.e3 Qb6 22.Rc3 Be6 23.Bxe4 Bxh3 24.Re1 Bf5 25.Bg2 e5 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 Rd8 28.Qa1 Ra5 29.Qb2 Rxe5 30.Rc6 Qb4 31.Qc3 Qxc3 32.Rxc3 Rb5 33.Ra1 Be6 34.Rxa7 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rd2 36.Kg1 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Rd2 38.Kg1 Rd1+ ½-½ (38) Vidit,S (2720)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2718) Zagreb CRO 2024;

B) 11.b3 h5 12.Bb2 h4 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Na4 hxg3 15.hxg3 Ng4 16.Bf3 Re8 17.e4 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 dxe4 19.Be2 e5 20.dxe5 Qg5 21.Qd4 Bh3 22.Qe3 Qxe3+ 23.Kxe3 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Bxe5 25.g4 Kg7 26.Bxe5+ Rxe5 27.Nb2 Rh8 28.Nc4 Re7 29.Kd4 Rh2 30.Re1 f5 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.Kc5 f4 33.Bf3 e3 34.Bxc6 Rxa2 35.b4 Kf6 36.b5 Rf2 37.Kd6 Re6+ 38.Kc7 Rc2 39.Nd6 f3 0-1 (39) L'Ami,E (2645)-Van Foreest,J (2695) Utrecht NED 2023;

C) 11.Na4 Nd7 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.b3 h5 15.Qe1 Qb5 16.Qd2 a5 17.Rfd1 Qb4 18.Rc3 e5 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Rab8 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.Rd1 Nb6 25.Nc5 Nd7 26.Na4 Nb6 27.Nb2 a4 28.Rdc1 axb3 29.axb3 c5 30.Rxc5 Rxc5 31.Rxc5 Nd7 32.Rxd5 Rxb3 33.Rd2 Be6 34.Nd1 Rb1 35.Bd5 Bh3+ 36.Bg2 Bf5 37.f3 Bc2 38.Rxc2 Rxd1+ 39.Kf2 Nf6 40.h4 Nd5 41.Bh3 Rh1 42.Bc8 Rh2+ 43.Kg1 Ne3 44.Kxh2 Nxc2 45.Kg2 f5 46.Kf2 Kf6 47.Ba6 Nb4 48.Bc4 Ke5 49.Ke3 Nc6 50.f4+ Kf6 51.Bd5 Nb8 52.Bc4 Nd7 53.Bb5 Nf8 54.Kd4 Nh7 55.Bd3 Ke6 56.Bc4+ Ke7 57.Bd3 Nf6 58.Bc2 Kd6 59.Bb3 Ke7 60.Bd5 Ng4 61.Bf3 Nh6 62.Ke5 Nf7+ 63.Kd5 Kf6 64.Kc6 Ke7 65.e4 fxe4 66.Bxe4 Kf6 67.Kd7 Nh6 68.Ke8 Ng4 69.Kf8 Ne3 70.Bd3 Nf5 71.Bxf5 gxf5 72.Kg8 Kg6 73.Kf8 Kf6 74.Kg8 Kg6 75.Kf8 Kf6 ½-½ (75) So,W (2757)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2718) Zagreb CRO

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10...h5
[10...Rc8 11.Rc1 h5 12.Qb3 e6 13.Qxb7 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.Bxa7 h4 16.h3 Nxe5 17.g4 Bxg4 18.hxg4 Rc7 19.Qa6 h3 20.Bxh3 Qh4 21.Kg2 Nxg4 22.Nxd5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 exd5 24.Rc8 Ne5 25.b3 d4 26.Qb7 Rxc8 27.Qxc8+ Kh7 28.Qb7 Qg5+ 29.Kf1 Qc1+ 30.Kg2 Qg5+ 31.Kf1 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 ½-½ (32) Eljanov,P (2695)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) Oetigheim GER 2024]
11.h3 Rc8 12.Rc1 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Rxc6 bxc6 16.Qa4 Qd7 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Qa6 Bf5 19.h4 e5 20.Qa4 e4 21.Rc5 Bf8 22.Ra5 Rc7 23.b4 Bd6 24.Ra6 Kg7 25.a3 Bg4 26.Qc2 Qc8 27.Ra5 Bd7 28.Qd2 Rb7 29.Bf4 Qc7 30.Bxd6 Qxd6 31.e3 f6 32.Qc3 Kf7 33.Bf1 Ke7 34.Ba6 Rb6 35.Be2 Rb7 36.Kf1 Be8 37.Ke1 Bd7 38.Kd2 Be8 39.Qc5 Qxc5 40.dxc5 Ke6 41.Kc3 Ke5 42.a4 Rc7 43.Bf1 Bd7 44.Be2 Be8 45.Bf1 g5 46.Be2 gxh4 47.gxh4 f5 48.Ra6 Rb7 49.Ra5 f4 50.b5 f3 51.Bf1 Bd7 52.Ra6 cxb5 53.c6 Rc7 54.axb5 Bc8 55.Ra3 Rg7 56.Ra1 Rg1 57.Kb2 Kd6 58.Rc1 Kc7 59.Rd1 Bh3 60.Be2 Rg2 0-1 (60) Tabatabaei,M (2666)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2729) chess.com INT 2025
5.Qa4 dxc4
[5...Bg7 6.cxd5
A) 6...Nxd5 7.Nf3
A1) 7...Bg4 8.Nbd2 Na6 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Qd1 Nb6 12.Nb3 Qd7 13.Kh2 Rfd8 14.Bf4 c5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Qb5 17.Qc2 Rac8 18.Rad1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Nd5 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Nxf4 22.gxf4 Qxc5 23.Rd8+ Kg7 24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Qe4 Qc5 26.b4 Qxf2 27.Qe5+ Kg8 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Qe5+ Kg8 30.Qb8+ Kg7 31.Qe5+ ½-½ (31) Koneru,H (2543)-Muzychuk,A (2526) Stavanger NOR 2025;
A2) 7...Nb6 8.Qc2 Bg4 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 *(10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Bxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.0-0 Na6 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh6 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Kf7 17.Qb3+ e6 18.a3 Qa4 19.Qf3 Nd7 20.Bf4 e5 21.Bh6 Nac5 22.Rc3 Ne6 23.e3 Nb6 24.Qe2 Rd7 25.f4 exf4 26.gxf4 f5 27.e4 Qd4+ 28.Kh1 Qd2 29.Qxd2 Rxd2 30.exf5 gxf5 31.Re1 Rg8 32.Bf3 Nd5 33.Rb3 Nc5 34.Bh5+ Kf6 35.Bg5+ Rxg5 36.fxg5+ Kxg5 37.Rf3 Kxh5 38.Rxf5+ Kg6 39.Rf8 Rxb2 40.Rg1+ Kh6 41.Rg4 Nd3 42.Rh4+ Kg7* 0-1 (42) Duda,J (2738)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Baden Baden GER 2019*)*
10...Bxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.e3 Qd7 13.Nb3 Na6 14.e4 Rfd8 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.Qxc5 Re8 17.Be3 Rad8 18.b3 Bh3 19.Rfe1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qe6 21.Bf4 Nc8 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Rc2 Red8 24.b4 a6 25.a4 Nd6 26.Rce2 Nc4 27.b5 cxb5 28.axb5 b6 29.Qc6 Qxc6 30.bxc6 Rd4 31.Ra2 a5 32.Rb1 Rc8 33.Be3 Nxe3+ 34.fxe3 Rb4 35.Rc1 Kf8 36.Rd2 Ke8 37.Kf3 f6 38.c7 b5 39.Rc5 a4 40.Rd3 Rc4 41.Rxb5 R8xc7 42.Rb8+ Kf7 43.Ra3 Ra7 44.Rb6 Ra5 45.h3 Re5 46.Ra6

Rexe4 47.g4 Rb4 48.Ke2 Rec4 49.Kf3 g5 50.Ra7 h5 51.gxh5 Rh4 52.Kg3 Rbe4 53.Kg2 f5 54.Ra6 e6 55.Ra7+ Kf6 56.h6 Rxh6 57.R7xa4 Rxa4 58.Rxa4 Rh4 59.Ra3 Ke5 60.Kg3 Ke4 61.Ra6 e5 62.Rg6 Rh5 63.Rf6 Rh8 64.Rg6 f4+ 65.exf4 gxf4+ 66.Kg4 f3 67.Rf6 Rg8+ 68.Kh5 Ke3 69.h4 f2 70.Rf5 e4 71.Kh6 Rg1 0-1 (71) Mishra,A (2585)-Bok,B (2617) Saint Louis USA 2023;

A3) 7...0-0 8.0-0 Nb6 *(8...a5 9.e4 b5 10.Qd1 Nb6 11.h3 Be6 12.Re1 Na6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Kh2 Rfd8 15.Ne2 a4 16.Nf4 Nc7 17.Qc2 Nc4 18.Rd1 h6 19.Rb1 g5 20.Nh5 Bh8 21.g4 Ne5 22.Be3 Nxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Bxa2 24.Rbc1 Bb3 25.Qd2 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 Ne6 27.d5 cxd5 28.exd5 Qd6+ 29.Kg2 Ng7 30.Ng3 b4 31.Ne4 Qg6 32.Qxb4 Ne8 33.Rd2 Nd6 34.Nxd6 exd6 35.Be4 Qf6 36.Bc2 Qe5 37.Bxa4 Rdb8 38.Qc4 Rxb2 39.Rxb2 Qxb2 40.Qc6 Qb8 41.Qc2 Be5 42.Bc6 Ra1 43.Qf5 Qb1 44.Qxb1 Rxb1 45.h4 f6 46.h5 Kf7 47.Bd7 Ke7 48.Bf5 Rb4 49.Kf3 Bd4 50.Bd2 Rb2 51.Be1 Kd8 52.Be6 Kc7 53.Kg2 Kb6 54.Kf1 Kc5 55.f3 Kc4 56.Bg3 Be5 57.Bf2 Bd4 58.Bg3 Kd3 59.Bxd6 Ke3 60.Bf8 Kxf3 61.Ke1 Be3 62.Kd1 Rd2+ 63.Ke1 Rc2* 0-1 (63) Grischuk,A (2732)-Boruchovsky,A (2529) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9.Qc2 Na6 10.Rd1 Bg4 11.Nc3 Qc8 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Rac1 c5 14.d5 Nc4 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Qb3 Nd6 17.Ng5 c4 18.Qa3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Bxe2 20.Re1 Bd3 21.Re5 Qd7 22.Nf3 Rac8 23.h4 Nc5 24.Be3 b6 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Rce1 f6 27.Re6 Rxd5 28.Nd4 Rc5 29.Bh3 Nf5 30.Bxf5 Bxf5 31.Nxf5 Rxf5 32.Rxe7 Rxe7 33.Qxe7 Qxe7 34.Rxe7 Ra5 35.Rc7 b5 36.Rc8+ Kf7 37.Rc7+ Ke6 38.Rxh7 Rxa2 39.Rb7 a6 40.g4 Ra3 41.Kg2 Rxc3 42.Rb6+ Ke5 43.Rxa6 Rd3 44.Rb6 Rd5 45.Kf3 c3 46.Ke2 Kd4 47.Rxf6 b4 48.Rxg6 b3 49.Kd1 Kc4+ 0-1 (49) Duda,J (2756)-Giri,A (2777) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 6...0-0 7.dxc6 Nxc6 8.Nf3 Nd5 9.0-0 *(9.Nc3 Nb6 10.Qd1 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 Bxd4 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bh6 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Rd7 16.b3 a6 17.Ne4 Bd5 18.Rfd1 Bc6 19.Ng5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rad8 21.Nf3 Bb2 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Rc2 Ba3 24.e4* ½-½ (24) Bernadskiy,V (2606)-Ragger,M (2647) Terme Catez SLO 2022 *)* 9...Nb6 10.Qa3 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Qxe7 Nc4 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qxa7 Re8 18.Bf4 Rxb2 19.Rac1 Ne5 20.Nc7 Qe7 21.Qc5 Bf8 22.Qxe5 Rxa2 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Kf1 1-0 (25) Grischuk,A (2719)-Ragger,M (2599) chess.com INT 2024]

[5...Nfd7 6.cxd5 Nb6

A) 7.Qb3 cxd5 8.Nc3 Nc6

A1) 9.e3 Bg7 *(9...e6 10.Nge2 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rd1 Bd7 13.Bd2 Na5 14.Qb4 Nac4*

15.Be1 Re8 16.a4 Bf8 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qa2 Rc8 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.axb5 Nac4 21.b3 Na3 22.Nc3 Qd7 23.Bf1 Rc7 24.Qb2 Rec8 25.Rxa3 Bxa3 26.Qxa3 Rxc3 27.Bxc3 Rxc3 28.Qxa7 Qc7 29.Rb1 h5 30.h4 Kg7 31.Qa5 Rc2 32.Ra1 Rb2 33.Bd3 Rxb3 34.Qd2 Nc4 35.Bxc4 Qxc4 36.Rc1 Qxb5 37.Kg2 Rb2 38.Qd1 Qb4 39.Rc7 Qa3 40.Qf3 Qf8 41.Qf4 b5 42.Qe5+ Kh7 43.Qf6 Kg8 44.Rd7 b4 45.Rd8 Qxd8 46.Qxd8+ Kg7 47.Qb8 b3 48.Qb4 Rb1 49.Qc3 Kh7 50.Kf3 Kg7 51.Kf4 Kh7 52.Ke5 Kg7 53.Kd6 Rf1 54.Qb2 Kf6 55.Kd7 Kf5 56.Ke7 f6 57.Qxb3 Rxf2 58.Qd3+ Kg4 59.Qxg6+ Kh3 60.Kxe6 1-0 (60) Donchenko,A (2615)-Leenhouts, K (2476) chess.com INT 2025*)*
10.Nge2 0-0 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Rd1 Bg4 14.h3 Bf3 15.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 16.Kg2 Ne5 17.Nf4 Rc8 18.Ncxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Re8 20.e4 Nc4 21.Qxb7 Nd6 22.Qxa7 Nxe4 23.Be3 Ra8 24.Qb6 Qc8 25.Qb4 Qe6 26.Rac1 Rab8 27.Qa4 Ra8 28.Qc2 Qf5 29.g4 Qe5 30.Bf4 Qxb2 31.Nc7 Rxa2 32.Qxb2 Rxb2 33.Nxe8 Rxf2+ 34.Kg1 Rxf4 35.Rc8 Bf8 36.Rd4 Ng5 37.Rd3 Ne6 38.Kg2 Ra4 39.Rd7 Ra2+ 40.Kf3 Ra3+ 41.Kf2 Rxh3 42.Nd6 Rd3 43.Ne4 Rxd7 44.Nf6+ Kg7 45.Nxd7 Bd6 46.Rc6 Bf4 47.Ra6 Bc7 48.Ra7 Bf4 49.Kf3 Bd6 50.Rb7 Nc5 51.Nxc5 Bxc5 52.Ke4 Bd6 53.Kd5 Bg3 54.Rb3 Bh4 55.Ke4 Kf6 56.Kf3 Bg5 57.Rb6+ Kg7 58.Rb5 h6 59.Rb6 Bf6 60.Rb5 Bg5 61.Re5 Bf6 62.Rd5 Bg5 63.Rd3 Bf6 64.Kg2 Bg5 65.Kf3 Bf6 66.Ke4 Bg5 67.Kd5 Bf6 68.Rf3 Bg5 69.Kd6 Bf6 70.Kd7 Bg5 71.Ke8 f5 72.gxf5 gxf5 73.Rxf5 Kg6 74.Rf3 h5 75.Rg3 h4 76.Rg2 Kh5 77.Rh2 h3 78.Rh1 Kg4 79.Rxh3 Bf4 80.Rg3+ Bxg3 ½-½ (80) Artemiev,V (2709)-Dubov,D (2710) lichess.org INT 2021;

A2) 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Rd1 Bf5 12.Ne5 e6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.h4 Qe7 15.0-0 e5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qb4 Rfc8 19.Qc5 Nd7 20.Qa5 Nf6 21.Rd2 h6 22.Rc1 Kg7 23.b3 g5 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.Na4 Rh8 26.Qc3 Qe7 27.Qd4 Rac8 28.Rc3 Rh5 29.Re3 Qd6 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Rxe5 Kg6 32.f3 Bh3 33.g4 Rh4 34.Rc2 d4 35.Rcc5 Nh7 36.Nb2 f6 37.Re7 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 Nf8 39.Rc4 c5 40.Nd3 f5 41.gxf5+ Kxf5 42.Rxc5+ Rxc5 43.Nxc5 Rh7 44.Re4 Ng6 45.Ne6 d3 46.exd3 Kf6 47.f4 Nh4+ 48.Kf2 gxf4 49.Nxf4 Nf5 50.Nd5+ Kg5 51.Ra4 Rh3 52.Ke2 Rh2+ 53.Kd1 Rh7 54.Kd2 Nd6 55.Ra5 Rb7 56.Kc3 Kf5 57.a4 Ke6 58.Ne3 Nc8 59.Ra6+ Kd7 60.Nc4 Ne7 61.Ne5+ Kc7 62.Kc4 Nc8 63.Rc6+ Kd8 64.a5 Rh7 65.b4 Rh1 66.Kb5 Rb1 67.Rc5 Nd6+ 68.Ka6 Ke8 69.Nc6 Rb3 70.d4 Kd7 71.Kxa7 Ne4 72.Ne5+ Kd6

73.Nc4+ Kd7 74.Rb5 Nc3 75.Rb6 Kc7 76.Ka6 Nd5 77.Rb7+ Kd8 78.Ne5 Kc8 79.Nc6 Nc7+ 80.Kb6 Nd5+ 81.Ka7 Nc7 82.Rb8+ Kd7 83.Kb7 Ne6 84.a6 Rc3 85.d5 Nc5+ 86.bxc5 Rb3+ 87.Ka7 Rxb8 88.Kxb8 1-0 (88) Duda,J (2756)-Giri,A (2777) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 7.Qd1 cxd5 8.a4 a5 *(8...Bg7 9.Nc3 e6 10.e3 Nc6 11.Nge2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc4 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rc1 Bf8 16.Nf4 Bd7 17.Nd3 Rc8 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Re1 a5 21.Bf1 Nb4 22.Bxb4 axb4 23.Bb5 Nxb5 24.Nxb5 Rxc1 25.Qxc1 Rc8 26.Qb1 h5 27.h4 Be7 28.Rc1 Kg7 29.Rc2 Bf6 30.Qc1 Rxc2 31.Qxc2 Bd8 32.Kg2 Kg8 33.f3 f5 34.Kf2 Kg7 35.Ke2 Kf7 36.Qd2 Be7 37.e4 Qc6 38.exf5 exf5 39.Kd3 Qe6 40.Kc2 Qc8+ 41.Kd1 Qb8 42.f4 Qc8 43.Qe2 Qe6 44.Qe5 Bf6 45.Qc7+ Kf8 46.Qb8+ Kg7 47.Qc7+ Kf8 48.a5 bxa5 49.Qxa5 Be7 50.Qa8+ Kg7 51.Qb8 Bf6 52.Qc7+ Kh6 53.Nd6 Be7 54.Qc8 Qxc8 55.Nxc8 Bf6 56.Ke2 Bxd4 57.Ne7 Kg7 58.Nxd5 Bc5 59.Nc7 Kf7 60.Na6 Bd6 61.Kd3 Ke6 62.Kc4 g5 63.hxg5 h4 64.gxh4 Bxf4 65.Nxb4 Bd6 66.Nc6 f4 67.Nd4+ Ke5 68.Kd3 Bc5 69.Nf3+ Kf5 70.h5 Be7 71.h6 Bf8 72.b4* 1-0 (72) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo NOR 2022*)* 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nf3 Na6 12.h4 Bf5 13.h5 Nb4 14.h6 Bf6 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.0-0 Qd7 17.b3 Bh3 18.Bxh3 Qxh3 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.Nb5 Nc6 21.Qe3 Rfd8 22.Rc3 Nf8 23.Bc7 Re8 24.Rfc1 Ne6 25.Bxa5 g5 26.Ne5 Nexd4 27.Nxd4 Nxe5 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Qc3 Qxc3 31.Bxc3 Ng4 32.Nb5 Bxc3 33.Nxc3 Nxh6 34.a5 Kf8 35.b4 Ke8 36.b5 Kd7 37.Nxd5 Ng8 38.Kg2 e6 39.Nc3 Ne7 40.Ne4 h6 41.Nf6+ Kd6 42.Kf3 Nc8 43.Kg4 Kc5 44.a6 b6 45.Ne4+ Kd5 46.Nd2 Kc5 47.Ne4+ Kd5 48.Nf6+ Kc5 49.Ne8 Na7 50.Kh5 Nxb5 51.Kxh6 Na7 52.Kxg5 b5 53.Kf4 Kd4 54.e3+ Kd3 55.Nd6 b4 56.Nb7 Kc4 57.Ke4 Nc8 58.Na5+ Kb5 59.Nb3 Kxa6 60.Ke5 Kb5 61.g4 Kc4 62.Nc1 Nb6 63.Kf6 Nd7+ 64.Kxf7 Ne5+ 65.Kxe6 Nxg4 66.f4 Nxe3 67.f5 Nxf5 68.Kxf5 b3 69.Nxb3 Kxb3 ½-½ (69) Mamedyarov,S (2734)-Kadric,D (2584) Budva MNE 2023]

[5...Bd7 6.Nf3 b5 7.cxb5 cxb5 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Nc3 Na5 11.Qd1 0-0 12.Ne5 e6 13.b3 Rc8 14.Qd2 Qb6 15.e3 Rfd8 16.Nxd7 Rxd7 17.Bb2 Rdc7 18.Rfc1 Nb7 19.Ne2 Bf8 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.Rc1 b4 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.f3 a5 24.Qc1 Qd7 25.Nf4 Nd6 26.Nd3 Nf5 27.Ne5 Qa7 28.g4 Nh4 29.Qc8 g5 30.Bf1 Kg7 31.Kf2 h5 32.h3 hxg4 33.hxg4 Bd6 34.Bb5 Qc7 35.Qxc7 Bxc7 36.Nc6 Nd7 37.Nxa5 Nb8 38.Nb7 f5 39.Nc5 Kf7 40.Bc1 Ng6 41.Bd2 Ba5 42.Nb7 Bb6 43.Bxb4 f4 44.Bc5 fxe3+ 45.Kxe3 Bc7 46.a4 e5 47.a5 1-0 (47) Donchenko,A (2636)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com INT 2022]

6.Qxc4 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Bf5

[8...Be6 9.Qa4 Na6 *(9...Nbd7*

10.Nc3 a6 11.Qc2 c5 12.Rd1 Bf5 13.e4 Bg4 14.d5 Rc8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 b5 17.Bf4 Ne8 18.Bg4 Nd6 19.Re1 h5 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.e5 Nf5 22.e6 fxe6 23.dxe6 Qc6 24.Qe4 Nd4 25.Qxg6 Nf3+ 26.Kf1 Nh2+ 27.Kg1 Nf3+ 28.Kf1 Rf6 29.Qxh5 Nxe1 30.Nd5 Rxe6 31.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Kxe1 Qe6+ 33.Kf1 Rd8 34.Ne3 Bxb2 35.Qxc5 Bf6 36.a3 Qe4 37.h4 Kf7 38.Qh5+ Qg6 39.Qxg6+ Kxg6 40.Ke2 a5 41.Bc7 Ra8 42.Nd5 e6 43.Nf4+ Kf7 44.Nd3 Be7 45.Ne5+ Ke8 46.Nc6 b4 47.axb4 a4 48.b5 Kd7 49.Be5 Bc5 50.f4 a3 51.Kd3 a2 52.Ba1 Ra3+ 53.Kc4 Bd6 54.Nd4 Rxg3 55.b6 Rg1 56.Nb3 Bxf4 57.h5 Rb1 58.Bg7 Kc6 59.Bd4 e5 60.Na5+ Kd6 61.Bc3 Rxb6 62.h6 e4 63.h7 1-0 (63) Yilmaz,M (2630)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.e4 Rfd8 12.h3 c5 13.d5 Bd7 14.Qd1 e6 15.Ne5 exd5 16.exd5 Be8 17.Re1 Nc7 18.a4 Ne6 19.a5 Qa6 20.Nd3 Rac8 21.Be3 c4 22.Nb4 Qd6 23.dxe6 Qxb4 24.Qe2 b6 25.axb6 axb6 26.Bg5 Qc5 27.h4 Rd3 28.Ra7 Qf5 29.Bxf6 Bxf6 30.exf7+ Bxf7 31.Be4 Re8 32.Bxf5 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 gxf5 34.Rb7 Rd6 35.Re1 Kf8 36.Ra1 h5 37.Ra8+ Bd8 38.Kf1 Ke8 39.Ke2 Re6+ 40.Kf3 Rd6 41.Raa7 Be6 42.Rh7 Bd7 43.Rh8+ Ke7 44.Kf4 Rd2 45.Ke5 1-0 (45) Le,Q (2728)-Amin,B (2694) Biel SUI 2023]

[8...b5 9.Qc2 *(9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qd1 c5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.dxc5 b4 13.Nb5 Bd5 14.Nbd4 Qa5 15.a3 Qxc5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bd2 bxa3 18.Rxa3 Rad8 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Bxc1 Rd7 21.Ne5 Bxg2 22.Nxd7 Bxf1 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Kxf1 Rc8 25.Be3 Bxb2 26.Rxa7 Bf6 27.Rb7 h5 28.Bf4 Ra8 29.Rb8+ Rxb8 30.Bxb8 Kg7 31.h3 Kg8 32.f3 e6 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Be7 35.e4 f5 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.exf5 exf5 38.Ke2 Kf7 39.Bf4 Ke6 40.Bd2 Kd5 41.Bc1 Bd6 42.Bd2* ½-½ (42) Nakamura,H (2736)-Dubov,D (2710) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 9...Bf5 10.Qd1 c5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nh4 Bd7 13.dxc5 b4 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Rc8 16.Nf3 Bh3 17.Re1 Qxd1 18.Rxd1 Rfd8 19.Rd3 Rxd3 20.Bxd3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.a3 b3 23.Bc4 Rxc5 24.Bxb3 Rc7 25.Bh6 Bxb2 26.Rd1 Rc8 27.a4 Bg7 28.Be3 a6 29.f3 h5 30.Kf2 Bf6 31.a5 Kg7 32.Bd5 Rc2 33.Rb1 Bf5 34.Rc1 Rxc1 35.Bxc1 Bc3 36.Bb7 Bxa5 37.Bxa6 Bc3 38.Bc4 Bd7 39.h4 Be5 40.Be3 Bc6 41.Bc5 ½-½ (41) Aronian,L (2781)-Dubov,D (2710) chess24.com INT 2021]

9.Nc3

[9.e3 Nbd7 10.h3 Rc8 11.Qe2 Re8 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Nbd2 h6 14.e4 Be6 15.b3 g5 16.Bb2 Nf8 17.Ne5 N6d7 18.Nec4 Qa6 19.Bf1 c5 20.d5 Bxh3 21.Bxh3 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Bg7 23.e5 Bxe5 24.Re1 Bg7 25.Ne4 Rcd8 26.a4 Qg6 27.Qf3 Bd4 28.Kg2 Nf6 29.Bf5 Qg7 30.d6 e6 31.Nxf6+ Qxf6 32.Be4 Qxf3+ 33.Bxf3 Rb8 34.Red1 b6 35.b4 Red8 36.b5 Nd7 37.Bc6 Kg7 38.Rb3 Nf6 39.a5 bxa5 40.Ra3 Ne8 41.d7 Nf6 42.Rxa5 Nxd7 43.Rxa7 Nb6 44.Nxb6 Rxb6 45.Re1 Kf6 46.Rh1 Rh8 47.Rd7 h5 48.g4 h4 49.Rh3 Be5 50.Rf3+ Bf4 51.Rc3 Rbb8 52.Kh3 Rhd8 53.Rxd8 Rxd8 54.b6 Rd2 55.Kg2 Rb2 56.b7 Bd6 57.Ra3 c4 58.Rc3 Rb4 59.Kf3 Rb3

60.Rxb3 cxb3 61.Kg2 Ke5 62.Ba4 b2 63.Bc2 Kd4 0-1 (63) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

9...Nbd7

[9...a5 10.Qb3 b5 11.Bf4 a4 12.Qd1 a3 13.b3 Ne4 14.Rc1 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Be4 16.Be5 Bh6 17.Ne1 Bxg2 18.Nxg2 Qd7 19.Bxb8 Rfxb8 20.e3 Rd8 21.Qc2 Rac8 22.b4 e5 23.dxe5 Qe7 24.Rxa3 Qxb4 25.Rc3 c5 26.Rb1 Qg4 27.h3 Qxh3 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Qxc5 Qf5 30.Qxb5 Rd2 31.Rf1 Rxa2 32.Qd5 Rc2 33.Nh4 Qh3 34.Qd8+ Bf8 35.Rb1 Rc8 36.Qd5 Be7 37.Nf3 h5 38.Qe4 Kg7 39.Nd4 Qg4 40.Qf4 Bg5 41.Qxg4 hxg4 42.Rb7 Kg8 43.e6 f5 44.Kf1 Re8 45.Ke2 Bf6 46.Rb6 Kf8 47.Nb5 Rc8 48.Nd6 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Ke7 50.Nb5 Be5 51.Nd4 Bxd4 52.exd4 Rd2 53.Rb4 ½-½ (53) Oparin,G (2681)-Puranik,A (2604) Warsaw POL 2021]

10.Re1

[10.a4 a5 *(10...Rc8 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Bf4 Be6 14.Qd3 Bf5 15.Qa6 h6 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qb7 g5 19.Bd2 g4 20.Ne1 e6 21.Bf4 Nf6 22.Ra7 Rc4 23.Bf1 Rb4 24.Qc6 Ne4 25.Nd3* ½-½ (25) Giri,A (2772)-Grandelius,N (2672) Wijk aan Zee NED 2022*)* 11.e3 Qc7 12.Qe2 e5 13.e4 Bg4 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4 Rfe8 16.Rad1 Ne5 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qb6 20.Qe2 Rae8 21.Kh2 ½-½ (21) Wojtaszek,R (2668)-Amin,B (2680) Viernheim GER 2024]

[10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Bf4 Qxb3 12.axb3 h6 13.h4 Rfd8 14.b4 a6 15.Rfc1 Rac8 16.Ra5 Nb6 17.Raa1 Nfd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bd2 Be4 20.e3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 e5 22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Rc2 h5 24.Ra5 Bc7 25.Rac5 Bd6 26.R5c4 Nb6 27.Rd4 Be5 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Kf1 Nc4 30.Bc1 Nd6 31.Ke2 f5 32.Bd2 Kf7 33.Be1 Nb5 34.Bg2 Bf6 35.Bd2 Be5 36.Be1 Bf6 37.Bd2 Be5 38.Be1 ½-½ (38) Carlsen,M (2864)-Giri,A (2761) chess24.com INT 2022]

[10.Qb4 Nb6 11.Qb3 Rc8 12.Rd1 Ne4 13.Ng5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bg4 15.Qc2 Nc4 16.h3 Bf5 17.e4 Bd7 18.a4 c5 19.Qe2 cxd4 20.cxd4 Qa5 21.e5 Bxa4 22.Rd3 Bd1 23.Rxd1 Qxa1 24.Bxb7 Rc7 25.e6 Rxb7 26.exf7+ Kh8 27.Qxc4 Qb1 28.Ne6 Qb3 29.Qxb3 Rxb3 30.Nxf8 Bxf8 31.Be3 Kg7 32.Ra1 Rb7 33.d5 Rd7 34.Ra5 a6 35.Kg2 Kxf7 36.Kf3 Rd6 37.Bf4 Rb6 38.Be3 Rd6 39.Bf4 Rb6 40.Be3 Rd6 ½-½ (40) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

10...Ne4 11.Bf4

[11.Nh4 Be6 12.Qd3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5 14.a4 Nc5 15.Qd1 Qxc3 16.Ba3 Bxd4 17.Rb1 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Qxa3 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Rexc1 Nb3 21.Rc3 Na5 22.Nf3 Rfd8 23.Ne5 Rac8 24.Rc5 b6 25.Rxa5 bxa5 26.Nxc6 Rd7 27.Rb5 Rdc7 28.Nd4 Rc5 29.Rb7 R8c7 30.Rb8+ Kg7 31.Nxe6+ fxe6 32.Bh3 Rc4 33.Bxe6 Rxa4 34.Rb5 Kf6 35.Bh3 Rc6 36.Bg2 Ra6 37.Rb8 Rb4 38.Rf8+ Kg7 39.Re8 a4 40.Bd5 a3 41.Ba2 Rb2 42.Rxe7+ Kf8 0-1 (42) Aronian,L (2781)-Svidler,P (2714) Paris FRA 2021]

[11.e3 Qa5 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Qd3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.Nf3 Rac8 16.Bd2 c5 17.e4 Bc4 18.Qe3 Ba6 19.Qf4 Nc4 20.e5 Nxd2 21.Qxd2

cxd4 22.cxd4 Qxd2 23.Nxd2 b6 24.Re3 Rc2 25.Nb3 Rfc8 26.Be4 R2c3 27.Rae1 e6 28.f4 Bf8 29.Kf2 Bb4 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Re3 Bc4 32.Rxc3 Bxc3 33.Ke3 a5 34.Bd3 Bd5 35.Be4 Bc4 36.Bd3 Bd5 37.Be4 Bc4 ½-½ (37) Duda,J (2753)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020]

[11.Qb3 Nd6 *(11...Qb6 12.Nh4 Qxb3 13.axb3 Ndf6 14.e3 a6 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.g4 Nd6 18.gxf5 Nxf5 19.Bd2 e6 20.Bc3 Rfd8 21.Kf1 Rac8 22.Ke2 c5 23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Rec1 Rb5 25.b4 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Rc8 27.Be4 Kf8 28.Bd3 Re5 29.Ra5 Rxa5 30.bxa5 Rc5 31.Bxf5 Rxf5 32.Rb1 Rxa5 33.Rxb7 Rh5 34.Ra7 a5 35.c4 Kg7 36.h3 Kf6 37.Kd3 Rxh3 38.Rxa5 Rh2 39.Ke2 Rh1 40.Kf3 Rc1 41.Rc5 Rc2 42.Rc8 h5 43.c5 h4 44.c6 Ke7 45.Rh8 Rxc6 46.Rxh4* ½-½ (46) Mishra,A (2548)-Saric,I (2661) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12.e4 Bg4 13.Be3 b5 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.h3 Bd7 16.Rad1 Ndc4 17.Nxc4 Nxc4 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bc1 Qb6 20.Qc2 Rac8 21.b3 Nd6 22.e5 Nf5 23.Ne4 Be6 24.Nc5 Rcd8 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Be3 c5 27.dxc5 Qc7 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.c6 Qxe5 30.Bd2 Qd6 31.Ba5 Rc8 32.Qe4 e5 33.c7 Kf8 34.Qb7 Qd7 35.Qc6 Qd6 36.g4 Qa3 37.Qe6 Nd6 38.Bd5 1-0 (38) Eljanov,P (2656)-Tzidkiya,Y (2479) Israel ISR 2025]

11...Qa5 12.Qb3 Nb6 13.Ne5

[13.Rec1 Be6 *(13...Rfd8 14.e3 Be6 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 c5 17.Ng5 Bd5 18.e4 Bc4 19.Nf3 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rac8 21.Qb2 e6 22.Be5 Qb5 23.Qxb5 Bxb5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Bf1 Bxf1 26.Kxf1 Na4 27.Ke2 b5 28.Kd3 Nb2+ 29.Ke2 a5 30.a3 Nc4 31.Kd3 Nb2+ 32.Ke2 Kf8 33.Rab1* ½-½ (33) Wojtaszek,R (2698)-Shankland,S (2720) Struga MKD 2021 *)* 14.Qd1 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rfd8 16.a4 ½-½ (16) Fressinet,L (2632)-Saric,I (2670) Chartres FRA 2023]

[13.a4 Rac8 14.Red1 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rfd8 17.a5 Nc4 18.Rdc1 h6 19.h4 c5 20.e3 Be4 21.g4 Rc6 22.Ne5 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nxe5 24.dxe5 c4 25.Rab1 Rd7 26.Rb4 Rc5 27.Rcb1 Bxe5 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Rxb7 Rxa5 ½-½ (30) Matlakov,M (2682)-Antipov,M (2619) Riga LAT 2021]

13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Rab1 c5 17.Bxb7 cxd4 18.Nc6 Rxc6 19.Bxc6 dxc3 20.a4 Nc4 21.Rb3 Qc5 22.Bf3 Na3 23.Qa2 Bxb3 24.Qxb3 Nc4 25.Rc1 Rd8 26.h4 h5 27.Kg2 Nd2 28.Bxd2 Rxd2 29.Rc2 Rd8 30.Qb5 Qxb5 31.axb5 e6 32.Be4 Rd4 33.Bd3 Ra4 34.Kf3 Kf8 35.e3 Ke7 36.Kg2 Kd6 37.Rc1 Kc5 38.Kf3 Ra2 39.Kg2 Rd2 40.Be4 f5 41.Bc2 Kxb5 42.Bb3 Kb4 43.Rb1 Rb2 0-1 (43) Mamedyarov,S (2723)-Svidler,P (2689) Samarkand UZB 2023

5.e3 Bg7 6.Ne2 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.b3 Bf5 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Nd2 h5 11.Nf4 e6 12.h3 a5 13.a4 Qb6 14.Rc1 Rad8 15.Kh2

[15.Qe2 Bf8 16.Rfd1 Bb4 17.c5 Qc7 18.Nf3 Be4 19.Ne5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Nd7 22.Nd3 b6 23.Nxb4 axb4 24.cxb6 Qxb6 25.e4 Qb7 26.Qf3 Nb6 27.exd5 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Bd4 Kg7 30.h4 Qc7 31.Rc4 Kg8 32.Qe4 Qb7

33.Bc5 Kg7 34.Bd6 Rc8 35.Kg1 Rh8 36.Qd4 Rc8 37.Rc5 Qa6 38.Qc4 Qa8 39.Kf1 Qb7 40.Ra5 c5 41.Rxc5 Nc3 42.Kg1 Rxc5 43.Bxc5 Qf3 44.a5 Ne4 45.a6 Nxc5 46.Qxc5 Qxb3 47.a7 Qb1+ 48.Kh2 Qa2 49.g4 hxg4 50.h5 gxh5 51.Qe3 Qa5 52.Qg5+ Kf8 53.Qh6+ Kg8 54.Qg5+ Kf8 55.Qh6+ Kg8 56.Qg5+ Kf8 ½-½ (56) Carlsen,M (2862)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020]

15...Bf8 16.Bf3 Bb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Qb4 20.Qc1 Kg7 21.Kg2 Re7 22.Be2 Ne4 23.Nxe4 Bxe4+ 24.f3 Bf5 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Be6 27.Rh1 Ree8 28.Nd3 Qe7 29.Qd2 Rh8 30.Rcc1 Ra8 31.Rcg1 f5 32.gxf5 Bxf5 33.Kf2 Rh4 34.Qe1 Rah8 35.Rxh4 Qxh4+ 36.Rg3 Qh2+ 37.Rg2 Qh4+ 38.Rg3 Rh5 39.Qg1 Nf6 40.Nf4 Rg5 41.Qg2 b6 42.Bd1 c5 43.dxc5 bxc5 44.Be2 d4 45.e4 Bxe4 46.fxe4 Rxg3 0-1 (46) Duda,J (2756)-Giri,A (2774) chess.com INT 2021

[16] **6.b3** 0-0 7.0-0

[7.Bb2

A) 7...a5 8.Nc3 *(8.0-0 b5 9.cxb5 cxb5 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.Ne5 e6 12.Qd2 Nfd7 13.f4 f6 14.Nd3 f5 15.Nxd5 Nc6 16.Ne3 Nxd4 17.Bxa8 Qxa8 18.Nf2 Rd8 19.Bxd4 Nc5 20.Nc2 Ne4 21.Qe3* 1-0 (21) Duda,J (2738)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2751) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 8...Ne4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 a4 *(10...Nd7 11.Rc1 Nb6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Bb2 a4 14.e4 Nf6 15.Qc2 Qb6 16.Nd2 Be6 17.Nc4 Qb5 18.Ba3 Rfe8 19.Rfd1 axb3 20.axb3 Qh5 21.Bb4 Qb5 22.Ba3 Qh5 23.Bb4 Qb5 24.Qd2 Rad8 25.Qe1 b6 26.Ne5 c5 27.d5 Bxd5 28.exd5 Qxb4 29.Qxb4 cxb4 30.Nc6 Rd6 31.Nxb4 e6* ½-½ (31) Inarkiev,E (2665)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2777) Berlin GER 2021*)* 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.bxa4 Nc6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 e6 15.a5 Bd7 16.e4 Bb5 17.Re1 d4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxa5 20.Bf1 Bc6 21.f3 Rfa8 22.Bc4 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Rxe5 24.Rab1 g5 25.Kf2 Kg7 26.Bb3 Kf6 ½-½ (26) Lazavik,D (2566)-Svidler,P (2689) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B) 7...dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 *(10...Ng4 11.e3 Ne5 12.0-0 Nbc6 13.Rb1 Bg4 14.Qa4 Nd3 15.Nxc6 Nxb2 16.Rxb2 bxc6 17.Rc2 Be2 18.Re1 Bd3 19.Rcc1 Bb2 20.Rcd1 Bc3 21.Nf3 Rb8 22.Bf1 Qa5 23.Qxa5 Bxa5 24.Bxd3 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 Rb2 26.Ra1 Rd8 27.Be4 c5 28.g4 f6 29.Bd5+ Kg7 30.Ne1 Rd2 31.Nf3 Rb2 32.a4 Rd6 33.g5 e6 34.gxf6+ Kxf6 35.Be4 Rb4 36.a5 Rxc4 37.Bb7 a6 38.Rb1 Rb4 39.Rxb4 cxb4 40.Nd4 e5 41.Nb3 Rd1+ 42.Kg2 Rb1 43.Nc5 Ra1 44.Nb3 Ra3 45.Bd5 e4 46.Bc4 Ke5 47.Kg3 h6 48.h4 Ra4 49.Bf7 Ra3 50.Bc4 g5 51.hxg5 hxg5 52.Kg4 Kf6 53.Kg3 Ke5 54.Nd4 Kf6 55.Bxa6 Rxa5 56.Bb7 b3 57.Bxe4 b2 58.Ne2 Ra4 59.Bd3 Rc4 60.Nd4 Rc3 61.Bb1 Rc1 62.Bd3 Rd1 63.Bc2 b1Q 64.Bxb1 Rxb1 65.Kg2 Rb2 66.Kg3* ½-½ (66) Lazavik,D (2578)-Vakhidov,J (2571) chess.com INT 2024*; 10...e5 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Rb1 Bh6 15.e3 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3*

e4 18.Nd2 Re8 19.Ba1 Bg7 20.Kg2 Qa5 21.Rxb7 Rad8 22.Qe2 h5 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Nb3 Nf4+ 25.gxf4 Qf5 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.h3 Re6 28.Rd1 Rd3 29.Qb2+ Kg8 30.Rd7 g5 31.Rd5 Qh7 32.f5 Re8 33.R1xd3 exd3 34.Qf6 Ne7 35.Qxg5+ Kh8 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Rxd3 Nxf5 38.Rd5 Qg6+ 39.Qxg6+ fxg6 40.Nd4 Ne7 41.Rd7 a5 42.c5 a4 43.c6 Kf7 44.c7 Kf8 45.Ne6+ 1-0 (45) Eljanov,P (2680)-Tabatabaei,M (2624) Sharjah UAE 2021*)* 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Rc1 a6 13.c5 Nc6 14.Nc4 Rad8 15.Qb3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Be6 17.e3 Bd5 18.Qb6 Qxb6 19.cxb6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Ne4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Na5 Rd2 23.Nxb7 Rxa2 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 Rb2 26.Rc6 a5 27.Ra1 Rd8 28.Rcc1 Rdd2 29.Rf1 Rb5 30.b7 Rxb7 31.Rxa5 ½-½ (31) Lazavik,D (2567)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024]

7...dxc4

[7...Bf5 8.Bb2

A) 8...a5 9.Nc3 Ne4

A1) 10.Rc1 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Be4 12.e3 *(12.Bh3 Bxf3 13.exf3 e6 14.f4 Nd7 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.Bg2 Ne8 17.h4 Nd6 18.Rfd1 Re8 19.a4 h5 20.Qd3 Nf5 21.Bh3 Nd6 22.Bg2 Nf5 23.Bh3 Nd6 24.Rb1 Ne4 25.Be1 Nd6 26.Bd2 Ne4 27.Be1 Nd6 28.Bd2 Ne4 29.Be1* ½-½ (29) Sasikiran,K (2636)-Mamedov,R (2646) Jerusalem ISR 2022*)* 12...a4 13.Nd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 axb3 15.Qxb3 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5+ 17.f3 Nd7 18.Rf2 Ra7 19.e4 Qb5 20.Qxb5 cxb5 21.Ne3 Rc8 22.Rfc2 e6 23.Rb1 Ra6 24.Rxb5 Rac6 25.Rb3 Nb6 26.Re2 Rxc3 27.Rxb6 Bxd4 28.Rb3 Rxb3 29.axb3 Rc3 30.Nc2 Bb6 31.b4 Kf8 32.Rd2 Ke7 33.e5 g5 34.f4 g4 35.h3 h5 36.hxg4 hxg4 37.Nd4 Rc4 38.Nc2 Ba7 39.Kh2 b5 40.Kg2 Bb6 41.Kh2 Rc3 42.Kg2 Rc4 43.Kf1 f6 44.exf6+ Kxf6 45.Re2 Rc3 46.Kg2 Rb3 47.Kh2 Rd3 48.Kg2 Bd4 49.Nxd4 Rxd4 50.Rb2 e5 51.fxe5+ Kxe5 52.Kf2 Re4 53.Rb3 Kd4 54.Rb2 Kc3 55.Rb1 Rxb4 56.Rc1+ Kd3 57.Rd1+ Ke4 58.Re1+ Kd5 59.Rd1+ Ke4 60.Re1+ Kf5 61.Rd1 Ke5 62.Ra1 Rb2+ 63.Ke3 Rb3+ 64.Kf2 Ke4 65.Re1+ Kd4 66.Re8 Rb4 67.Rb8 Kd3 68.Rb7 Rb2+ 69.Kf1 b4 0-1 (69) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Mamedyarov,S (2747) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2) 10.Nh4 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Be6 12.f4 dxc4 13.f5 Bc8 14.Qd2 cxb3 15.axb3 b6 16.e4 e5 17.fxe6 Bxe6 18.d5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 cxd5 20.exd5 Bc8 21.Nf3 Ba6 22.Rf2 Nd7 23.Nd4 Qe7 24.d6 Qxd6 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.Qc6 Qxc6 27.Nxc6 Bb7 28.Nd4 Rd8 29.Rd1 Nc5 30.Rfd2 Ne4 31.Rc2 Rd7 32.Rcc1 Ng5 33.Kf2 Re7 34.Re1 Ne4+ 35.Kg1 Rd7 36.Red1 Nc5 37.Nb5 Re7 38.Re1 1-0 (38) Niemann,H (2687)-Duda,J (2740) Miami USA 2022;

A3) 10.e3 Nd7 11.Qe2 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Qb6 13.Nh4 Be6

14.Rfc1 Qa6 15.Be1 a4 16.Rab1 Rfc8 17.Bf1 axb3 18.axb3 c5 19.e4 dxe4 20.d5 Bf5 21.g4 Qf6 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.gxf5 Qxf5 24.Bg2 Nf6 25.Bc3 Kh8 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.Qxe4 Qxe4 28.Bxe4 Rg8+ 29.Kh1 Rg4 30.f3 Rh4 31.Rc2 Be5 32.Re2 Bd6 33.Rg2 Rg8 34.Rxg8+ Kxg8 35.Rb2 Kg7 36.Rg2+ Kf6 37.Kg1 Ke5 38.Kf1 Kd4 39.Rg7 h5 40.Rg2 Kc3 41.Bc2 Rxh2 42.Rxh2 Bxh2 43.Bd1 Kd2 44.Be2 Bf4 45.Kf2 Be3+ 46.Kf1 h4 47.f4 Bxf4 48.Bf3 Bd6 49.Kg2 Kc2 50.Be2 Kxb3 51.Kh3 b5 0-1 (51) Gukesh,D (2758)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8...Nbd7

B1) 9.Nbd2 a5 *(9...Ne4 10.Nh4 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Be6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bg2 Qd7 15.Nf3 Bh3 16.Ne5 Qc8 17.Rfe1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nd7 19.Ng4 Re8 20.d5 cxd5 21.cxd5 h5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rac1 Qd8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Ne3 Nf6 26.Rcd1 Rc8 27.Re2 Rc5 28.Red2 Qd7 29.d6 exd6 30.Rxd6 Qe7 31.Qf4 Kg7 32.h4 Qe4+ 33.Qxe4 Rxe4 34.R6d2 Re6 35.Rd6 Ree5 36.Kf3 Re7 37.R6d4 Rec7 38.R1d3 a5 39.Rc4 Rxc4 40.Nxc4 a4 41.Nb2 a3 42.Nc4 Rc5 43.Nxa3 Nd5 44.Nc4 Nb4 45.Rd2 b5 46.Ne3 Rc1 47.Rd7 Nc6 48.Rb7 Ra1 49.Ke4 Rxa2 50.f4 b4 51.f5 Ra5 52.fxg6 Re5+ 53.Kf4 Kxg6 54.Rb6 Re6 55.Nf5 Kf6 56.Ne3 Nd4 57.Rxb4 Ne2+ 58.Kf3 Nxg3 59.Nd5+ Ke5 60.Nf4 Rc6 61.Kxg3 Rc3+ 62.Kf2 Kf5 63.Ne2 Rd3 64.Rc4 Ke5 65.b4 Rb3 66.Rc5+ Ke4 67.Rxh5 Rxb4 68.Rg5 f6 69.Rg4+ 1-0 (69) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Narayanan,S (2662) chess.com INT 2022; 9...Re8 10.Nh4 e6 11.Rc1 Bf8 12.e3 a5 13.a3 b5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qe2 Qb6 16.f3 Bh6 17.g4 e5 18.Rfe1 exd4 19.Bxd4 Bxe3+ 20.Bxe3 d4 21.gxf5 Rxe3 22.Qf1 Rae8 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Qf2 Ne5 25.Bf1 Neg4 26.fxg4 Nxg4 27.Qf4 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rxe1 29.Qxg4 Ra1 30.Nhf3 d3+ 31.Kg2 Rxa3 32.Bxd3 a4 33.Qb4 Ra2 34.bxa4 Rxa4 35.Qxb5 Rg4+ 36.Kf1 Qxb5 37.Bxb5 Kg7 38.Kf2 Rb4 39.Bc4 Rb2 40.Kg3 Rc2 41.Bd5 Rc1 42.Ne4 Rd1 43.Bc4 f6 44.Nc5 Rc1 45.Ne6+ Kf7 46.Bd5 Rd1 47.Nf4+ Kg7 48.Be4 g5 49.Ne6+ Kf7 50.Ned4 Ra1 51.Kg4 Ra5 52.Kh5 Kg7 53.Nf5+ Kh7 54.N3d4 Re5 55.Bc2 Re1 56.Nh6+ Kg7 57.Bf5 Kf8 58.Kg6 Rh1 59.Nf3 Rf1 60.Bg4 Rb1 61.Kxf6 Rb6+ 62.Be6 g4 63.Nxg4 Rb4 64.Nfe5 Rf4+ 65.Kg6 Rf1 66.h4 Ke7 67.Bc4 1-0 (67) Lazavik,D (2572)-Gareev,T (2556) Sochi RUS 2024)* 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Qc2 a4 12.e3 Qa5 13.Bc3 Qa6 14.Rab1 b6 15.Rfc1 Rfc8 16.Bf1 Qa7 17.Qd1 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Bg2

axb3 21.axb3 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb7+ 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 24.Nhxf3 Nd5 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Ra1 N5b6 27.Kf1 f6 28.Ke2 Kf7 29.Ne4 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 c4 31.bxc4 Rxc4 32.Ned2 Ra4 33.Rxa4 Nxa4 ½-½ (33) Lazavik,D (2566)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Toronto CAN 2023;

B2) 9.e3 Qa5 *(9...Re8 10.Qe2 a5 11.Nc3 Ne4 12.Rfc1 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 a4 14.bxa4 Rxa4 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qb5 Qa8 17.Qxd5 Nf6 18.Qb5 Rxa2 19.Ne5 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Qc8 21.Be1 Be4 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Rb1 Nd6 24.Qb3 h5 25.Nf3 Qf5 26.Kg2 Qe4 27.h3 g5 28.Qd1 g4 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Rb6 Rc8 31.Bb4 Nf5 32.Rb5 gxf3+ 33.Qxf3 Nxe3+ 34.fxe3 Rc2+* 0-1 (34) Bok,B (2599)-Ragger,M (2601) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10.Qe2 Rfc8 11.Nbd2 b5 12.Rfc1 bxc4 13.bxc4 Rab8 14.Nb3 Qa6 15.Bf1 Ne4 16.Nfd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Qa4 18.Be2 h5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bd1 Qa6 21.Bc3 Nf6 22.f3 Nd7 23.Ba5 Qd6 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Bh6 27.Kf2 Nb6 28.Be2 Nc4 29.Bxc4 dxc4 30.Qxc4 Qa3 31.Qe2 Bb1 32.Bd8 Bxa2 33.Nc5 e5 34.Bf6 Bg7 35.dxe5 Bxf6 36.exf6 Qxc5 37.Qxa2 Qc3 38.f4 Qxf6 39.Qxa7 Qb2+ 40.Kg1 Qc1+ 41.Kg2 Qc2+ ½-½ (41) Le Tuan Minh (2598)-Saric,I (2661) London ENG 2025]

8.bxc4 c5 9.Bb2

[9.Na3 Bf5 10.Bb2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Be4 12.f3 Bc6 13.e4 Qb6 14.Qb3 Nxe4 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Nab5 Rxa2 18.Bc3 Nbd7 19.Rf2 Rxf2 20.Kxf2 Ra8 21.Rd2 Bxb5 22.cxb5 Nf6 23.Ne2 e6 24.Bd4 Nd5 25.f4 Bxd4+ 26.Rxd4 Ra2 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.Rxd5 Rb2 29.Kf3 Rxb5 30.f5 Rb3+ 31.Kg4 Rd3 32.Re5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Rd6 34.Re7 Kf6 35.Rc7 gxf5+ 36.Kh5 Ne6 37.Rxb7 Nxf4+ 38.gxf4 Kg7 39.Kg5 Rg6+ 40.Kxf5 Rh6 41.Kg5 Rxh2 42.Rxb6 Rg2+ 43.Kf5 Rg6 ½-½ (43) Ding,L (2805)-Grischuk,A (2775) Stavanger NOR 2019]

9...cxd4

[9...Qb6 10.Qc1 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Qa6 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Bc3 Be6 14.Qb2 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Qxc4 16.Rfc1 Qa6 17.Rab1 Rab8 18.Ng5 Qb6 19.Qa1 Qc7 20.Ne4 Nh5 21.Nc5 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Nf6 23.Qe3 Rfc8 24.Nd3 Kg7 25.Rc2 Qd6 26.Rbc1 Rc7 27.Ne5 Rbc8 28.Nxc6 bxc6 29.Rc5 Kg8 30.h4 h5 31.Bf3 Nd7 32.Rg5 Nf6 33.Rgc5 Nd7 34.Rg5 Nf6 35.Rgc5 ½-½ (35) So,W (2760)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022]

10.Nxd4 Qb6

[10...Ng4 11.e3 Ne5 12.Qe2 Nbc6 13.Na3 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.f4 Ng4 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qb2+ Nf6 19.Qc3 Qc7 20.e4 Kg8 21.Nc2 e5 22.h3 Rae8 23.fxe5 Nh5 24.Rad1 Re7 25.Rd6 Rfe8 26.g4 Ng7 27.c5 Rxe5 28.Ne3 R5e7 29.Nf5 gxf5 30.gxf5 Re5 31.Qg3 Kh8 32.Rh6 Bxf5 33.exf5 Qe7 34.f6 Qxc5+ 35.Kh2 Ne6 36.Qh4 Ng5 37.Qf2 Qf8 38.Rh5 Ne4 39.Qh4 Rxh5 40.Qxh5 Qd6+ 41.Kg1 Ng3 42.Qd1 Qc5+ 43.Rf2 Rg8 44.Qe1 Qg5 45.Kh2 c5 46.Qc3

Ne4 0-1 (46) Mamedyarov,S (2762)-Radjabov,T (2763) chess24.com INT 2021]
[10...Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.Qc2 Rb8 14.Nb3 e5 15.Rfd1 Bf5 16.Qc3 Rfe8 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Rd2 Red8 20.Rad1 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Be4 22.Bh3 g5 23.Qe3 h6 24.Bg2 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Kg7 26.Qd3 Re8 27.Nc5 e4 28.Qd6 Qc8 29.Rb2 Qf5 30.Qd4 Re5 31.Nb7 c5 32.Qc3 Ng4 33.Qe1 e3 34.f3 Nf2 35.Rb5 g4 36.Qc3 gxf3+ 37.exf3 e2 38.g4 Nxg4 39.Nd6 Ne3+ 40.Kf2 Nd1+ 41.Ke1 Nxc3 0-1 (41) Inarkiev,E (2665)-Grandelius,N (2681) Berlin GER 2021]

11.Qc1 Bd7
[11...Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Nd2 Rd8 14.Bc3 Bg4 15.Qa3 Ne8 16.Rab1 Qc7 17.Ba5 Qd6 18.c5 Qe6 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Nf3 Nc7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.Rb8 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Qb8 Nc3 25.Re1 Nxe2+ 26.Kf1 Qf5 27.Qe5 1-0 (27) Gukesh,D (2758)-So,W (2753) Berlin GER 2023]

12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Nc2
[13.e3 Rac8 14.Rb1 Qa6 15.Re1 b6 16.Bc3 Rfd8 17.Rb3 Be8 18.Qb2 Na5 19.Ra3 e5 20.N4b3 Bf8 21.Bxe5 Nd7 22.Bd4 Rb8 23.Bd5 Rdc8 24.Ne4 h6 25.Rc1 Kh7 26.Nxa5 bxa5 27.Rb3 a4 28.Rb7 1-0 (28) Korobov,A (2651)-Kulaots,K (2520) Chartres FRA 2024]

13...Rac8
[13...Rfd8 14.Bc3 Qa6 15.Qb2 Be6 16.Ne3 Qb6 17.Nb3 Bh6 18.Bxf6 Bxe3 19.Bxc6 exf6 20.Bd5 Bh6 21.Rad1 f5 22.Rd3 Rac8 23.Rfd1 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Rd6 25.e3 Bg7 26.Qd2 Qb5 27.Nd4 Qxd5 28.Nxf5 Qxd3 29.Nxd6 Qxd2 30.Rxd2 Rd8 31.Kf1 Be5 32.Nc4 Rxd2 33.Nxd2 b5 34.Ke2 Kf8 35.Kd3 Ke7 36.f4 Bc7 37.e4 Bb6 38.e5 f6 39.Ke4 Ke6 40.exf6 Kxf6 41.Nf3 h6 42.g4 a6 43.h4 Bc7 44.g5+ hxg5 45.hxg5+ Ke6 46.Nd4+ Kd6 47.f5 gxf5+ 48.Nxf5+ Ke6 49.g6 Bd8 50.g7 Kf7 51.Kd5 Bf6 52.Kc5 Bd8 53.Kc6 b4 54.Kc5 a5 55.Kb5 Kg8 56.Ka4 Bb6 57.Kb5 Bd8 58.Nd4 Bf6 59.Ne6 Bc3 60.Ka4 Kf7 61.Kb5 Kg8 62.Nd8 Kxg7 63.Nc6 Kf6 64.Nxa5 Ke6 65.Nc6 Kd6 66.Nxb4 Bxb4 67.Kxb4 Kc6 68.a4 Kb7 69.a5 Ka8 70.a6 Kb8 71.a7+ Ka8 72.Kb3 Kxa7 ½-½ (72) Firouzja,A (2785)-Paravyan,D (2584) chess.com INT 2023]

[13...Qc7 14.Ne3 Na5 15.Bc3 Bc6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.cxd5 Rac8 18.Bb4 b6 19.Qxc7 Rxc7 20.d6 exd6 21.Bxd6 Ne8 22.Bxc7 Bxa1 23.Bb8 Bd4 24.e3 Bc5 25.Ne4 Ng7 26.Bxa7 Be7 27.Bxb6 Nc4 28.Bd4 Nf5 29.Nf6+ Bxf6 30.Bxf6 Rb8 31.a4 Ncd6 32.a5 Ne8 33.Bc3 Rc8 34.Bb2 Nfd6 35.a6 Rc7 36.Bd4 Nb5 37.Bb6 Rc8 38.a7 Ned6 39.a8Q Rxa8 40.Bxa8 Nc3 41.Bd4 Nde4 42.Bxc3 Nxc3 43.Kg2 Nb5 44.Rc1 1-0 (44) Bok,B (2593)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2024]

14.Rb1 Qa6 15.Ne3 Rfd8 16.Bc3 b6 17.Qb2 Na5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxg7 Nc7 20.Bh6 Ne8 21.Qa3 Nd6 22.Bg5 Re8 23.Bxe7 Ndxc4 24.Nxc4 Qxc4 25.Bf6 Rxe2 26.Rbc1 Qe6 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Ba1 Bb7 29.Bxb7 Nxb7 30.Qxa7 Qc6 31.Qb8+ Re8 32.Qf4 Nc5 33.Qd4 f6 34.Qxf6 Qxf6 35.Bxf6 Re2 36.Rb1 Rxa2 37.Rxb6 Nd7 38.Rd6 Nxf6 39.Rxf6 Kg7 40.Rb6 Ra7

41.Kg2 Rc7 42.g4 Rd7 43.Kg3 Rc7 44.f3 Rd7 45.h4 Rf7 46.Rb5 Rc7 47.g5 Rf7 48.Kg4 h6 49.Rb6 hxg5 50.hxg5 Rf8 51.Rb7+ Kg8 52.Re7 Rf5 53.f4 Rf8 54.Kf3 Rf5 55.Ke4 Rf8 56.Rd7 Rf5 57.Rd4 Kg7 58.Rd7+ Kg8 59.Rd5 Rf8 60.Rd4 Re8+ 61.Kd5 Kg7 62.Rc4 Rd8+ 63.Ke6 Re8+ 64.Kd6 Rf8 65.Rc7+ Kg8 66.Ke5 Rf5+ 67.Ke4 Rf8 68.Re7 Rf5 69.Re5 Rf8 70.Kf3 Kg7 71.Re7+ Kg8 72.Rd7 Rf5 73.Ke4 Rf8 74.Rd4 Re8+ 75.Kf3 Rf8 76.Ke4 ½-½ (76) Bok,B (2591)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025

6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 Bf5 [7...dxc4 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.b3 *(9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Ncd2 c5 11.Ng5 cxd4 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Bg2 Rc8 15.Qd1 Qb6 16.Nb3 Nd5 17.Bd2 Ne5 18.Rc1 Nc4 19.Rc2 Rc7 20.Be4 Rfc8 21.Bd3 Qd6 22.Qb1 Ndb6 23.Rd1 Qd5 24.Be1 Qh5 25.Rdc1 Qd5 26.Rd1 Qh5 27.Rdc1 Qd5 28.Na5 Bh6 29.Nxc4 Bxc1 30.Qxc1 Nxc4 31.f3 Rc5 32.Bb4 R5c6 33.Be4 Qb5 34.Bxc6 Rxc6 35.Be1 Qd5 36.b3 Ne5 37.Rxc6 Nxc6 38.Kf2 e5 39.Qc2 Kf7 40.Bd2 Nd8 41.Ke1 Ne6 42.Kd1 h5 43.Kc1 a6 44.Kd1 Kf6 45.Bb4 Qb7 46.Bd2 Qd5 47.Ke1 Kf7 48.Bb4 Qb7 49.Ba5 Qb5 50.Bd2 Qd5 51.Bb4 Qb7 52.a3 Kf6 53.Qc4 e4 54.fxe4 Qxe4 55.Kd2 Qb1 56.a4 Qa2+ 57.Qc2 Qa1 58.Qe4 Qa2+ 59.Qc2 Qa1 60.Qd3 Qa2+ 61.Kd1 Qa1+ 62.Kc2 Qa2+ 63.Kc1 Qa1+ 64.Kc2 Qa2+ 65.Kc1 Qa1+ 66.Kd2 Qb2+ 67.Ke1 Qa1+ 68.Kf2 Qh1 69.h4 Qh2+ 70.Ke1 Qg2 71.Ba5 Qh1+ 72.Kd2 Qd5 73.Bb6 Kg7 74.Kd1 Qh1+ 75.Kd2 Qd5 76.Qc4 Qd6 77.a5 Kf7 78.Qd3 Qb4+ 79.Kc2 Qe1 80.Kb2 Qb4 81.Ka2 Qe1 82.Qc4 Qd2+ 83.Ka3 Qe3 84.Qd3 Qc1+ 85.Ka4 Qa1+ 86.Kb4 Qe1+ 87.Kc4 Qc1+ 88.Kd5 Qc8 89.Ke5 Qb8+ 90.Ke4 Qa8+ 91.Ke5 Qb8+ 92.Kd5 Qd6+ 93.Kc4 Qc6+ 94.Kb4 Qd6+ 95.Ka4 Qc6+ 96.Ka3 Qc1+ 97.Ka2 Qe1 98.Kb2 Qb4 99.Kb1 Qe1+ 100.Ka2 Qb4 101.Kb2 Qe1 102.Kc2 Qa1 103.Kd2 Kf6 104.Qc4 Qa2+ 105.Ke1 Qb1+ 106.Kf2 Qf5+ 107.Kg1 Qb1+ 108.Kf2 Qf5+ 109.Ke1 Qb1+ 110.Kd2 Qb2+ 111.Qc2 Qa1 112.b4 Qa3 113.Qc4 Qb2+ 114.Ke1 Qb1+ 115.Kf2 Qf5+ 116.Kg2 Qe4+ 117.Kg1 Qb1+ 118.Kg2 Qe4+ 119.Kg1 Qb1+ 120.Kh2 Ke5 121.Qxa6 Qf1 122.Qb5+ Kf6 123.Qd5 Qxe2+ 124.Qg2 Qb5 125.Qd2 Ke5 126.Qb2 Kd5 127.Kg1 d3 128.Kf2 Qc4 129.Be3 Nc7 130.Bf4 Qc2+ 131.Qxc2 dxc2 132.Ke2 Kc4 133.Bg5 Kc3 134.Bd2+ Kd4 135.Bg5 Kc4 136.Kd2 Kb3 ½-½ (136) LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809)-Komodo (3743) tcec-chess.com INT 2020)* 9...Bd5 10.Bb2 a5 *(10...Nbd7 11.Qc2 Be4 12.Qc1 Bd5 13.Rd1 Rc8 14.Qf4 Qc7 15.Qxc7 Rxc7 16.Rac1 Rfc8 17.Ba3 Nf8 18.Ne3 Ne6 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Ne4 23.Bb2 f5 24.e3 Nd8 25.Ne1 e6 26.f3 Nf6 27.h3 g5 28.g4 h5 29.gxf5 exf5 30.Nd3 Ne6 31.Bc3 h4 32.Be1 Kf7 33.Kf1 Bh6 34.Bf2 Ke7 35.Ke2 Kd6 36.Ne5 Bg7 ½-½ (36) Fire Beta (3457)-Komodo (3505) tcec-chess.com INT 2020)* 11.Qc2 Be4 12.Qd1 Bd5 13.Rc1

A) 13...a4 14.bxa4 Nbd7 15.Nfe5

Nb6 16.a5 *(16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 18.Nc4 Qa6 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxa2 23.Ba1 Qe6 24.Qd4 Ra6 25.Kg2 Rfa8 26.Rfd1 Kg7 27.h3 h5 28.e3 Rc8 29.Rc2 c5 30.Rxc5 Ra4 31.Qc3 Rca8 32.Rb1 Nc4 33.e4 h4 34.g4 Nd2 35.Qxd2 Rxa1 36.Rxa1 Rxa1 37.Qd4 Re1 38.Rc7 Rb1 39.Qc3 Rb5 40.Rc5 Rb3 41.Qd4 Ra3* ½-½ (39) Ethereal (3810)-Komodo (3912) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 16...Nxc4 17.Nxc4 Bxc4 18.Rxc4 Qxa5 19.a3 e6 20.Qb3 Rfb8 21.e3 Bf8 22.Rb1 h5 23.Rc3 Qf5 24.Rd1 h4 25.Rc4 b5 26.Rxc6 h3 27.Bh1 b4 28.a4 Rc8 29.Rdc1 Rxc6 30.Bxc6 Rc8 31.Qc2 Qh5 32.f3 Nd5 33.Qe4 Nf6 34.Qc2 Bh6 35.Qf2 Nd5 36.Bxd5 Rxc1+ 37.Bxc1 exd5 38.a5 Bf8 39.g4 Qg5 40.a6 Qf6 41.Qf1 Qc6 42.Bb2 Bd6 43.Qe2 Qe8 44.Kf1 Be7 45.Ke1 Qa4 46.f4 Bh4+ 47.Kd2 Be7 48.g5 b3 49.Ke1 Ba3 50.Bc3 Bc1 51.Kf2 Qa3 52.Kg3 b2 53.Bxb2 Bxb2 54.Kg4 Bc3 55.Qc2 Be1 56.Qe2 Bc3 57.Qb5 Kg7 58.Qd3 Qb2 59.Kxh3 Bb4 60.Qb5 Qd2 61.Qe8 Qe1 62.Qe5+ Kh7 63.Qxd5 Qf1+ 64.Kg4 Qg1+ 65.Kh3 Qxe3+ 66.Kg2 Qe2+ 67.Kh3 Qf1+ 68.Kg3 Qd3+ 69.Kh4 Be1+ 70.Kg4 Qd1+ 71.Kh3 Qd3+ 72.Kg4 Qe2+ 73.Kh3 Qf1+ ½-½ (71) Komodo (3743)-LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

B) 13...Nbd7 14.e3 a4 15.bxa4 Ra6 16.Qc2 *(16.a3 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.Bc3 Bb3 19.a5 Bxd1 20.axb6 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Rfa8 22.Bb4 Bf8 23.Rc3 Rxb6 24.Rb1 e6 25.Rcb3 Ra7 26.Kg2 Nd5 27.Bxd5 cxd5 28.Bxf8 Rxb3 29.Rxb3 Kxf8 30.g4 g5 31.Kg3 Kg7 32.h4 gxh4+ 33.Kxh4 Kg6 34.f3 h6 35.f4 Ra4 36.Kg3 b5 37.Kf3 Ra5 38.Kg3 Ra4 39.Kf3 Ra7 40.e4 dxe4+ 41.Kxe4 Ra4 42.Ke5 Ra6 43.Rd3 Rc6 44.Rb3 Ra6 45.Rd3 h5 46.f5+ Kg5 47.gxh5 f6+ 48.Ke4 exf5+ 49.Kd5 Kxh5 50.Kc5 Ra8 51.d5 f4 52.d6 Kg4 53.Kxb5 f3 54.d7 f2 55.Rd1 Kf3 56.Kc6 Ke2 57.Rh1 f1Q 58.Rxf1 Kxf1* ½-½ (56) Komodo (3912)-Ethereal (3810) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 16...Qa8 17.a5 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxa5 19.a3 e6 20.Qc2 Rc8 21.Nd2 Nd5 22.Nc4 Ra6 23.Rfd1 N5b6 24.h4 Nxc4 25.Qxc4 Nf6 26.Qb3 h5 27.Bf3 Rd8 28.Kg2 Ne8 29.Rc4 Nd6 30.Rc5 Qa7 31.Rb1 Nf5 32.Be2 Ra4 33.Rc4 Ra5 34.a4 Nd6 35.Rb4 Ra8 36.Bd3 b5 37.axb5 cxb5 38.Qd1 Qd7 39.Rb3 Nc4 40.Bc3 Ra3 41.Qf3 Qc8 42.Be4 R8a7 43.Rxb5 Rxc3 44.Rb8 Nd2 45.Rxc8+ Rxc8 46.Qf4 Nxb1 47.Bxb1 Rb7 48.Be4 Rb5 49.g4 hxg4 50.Qxg4 Rcb8 51.Qg3 Rd8 52.Kh3 Bf6 53.Bxg6 fxg6 54.Qxg6+ Bg7 55.h5 Kh8 56.h6 Bxd4 57.exd4 Rg8 58.Qf6+ Kh7 59.Qf7+ Kh8 60.Kh4 Rf5 61.Qxe6 Rxf2 62.Qe5+ Kh7 63.Qe7+ Kh8 64.Qc7 Rf5 65.Qd6 Rf1 66.Qe5+ Kh7 ½-½ (66) Komodo (3505)-Fire Beta (3457) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[7...a5 8.b3 a4 9.Ba3 Re8 10.e3 Bf5 11.Qe2 Ne4 *(11...Nbd7 12.cxd5*

Nxd5 13.e4 Nc3 14.Qd3 Nb5 15.exf5 Nxa3 16.bxa4 Rxa4 17.Qb3 Ra7 18.Ng5 Rf8 19.Be4 Qb6 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Qf3 Qxd4 22.Rad1 Nf6 23.Nb3 Qe5 24.h4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Nb5 26.Nec5 Nc3 27.Rd3 Re8 28.Kg2 Nd5 29.Rd2 b6 30.Ne4 Qf5 31.Qe2 Rea8 32.Ng5 Ra4 33.Rh1 e6 34.Nc1 c5 35.Qb5 Rd4 36.Nb3 Nf4+ 37.Kh2 Qd5 0-1 (37) Caruana,F (2818)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019 *)* 12.Rfc1 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Be4 14.Qb4 axb3 15.axb3 Qc8 16.Bb2 Rxa1 17.Rxa1 c5 18.Qb5 dxc4 19.bxc4 Qc6 20.Ra8 Rf8 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxb5 25.cxb5 Nd7 26.Ra7 Rb8 27.Nf4 Nb6 28.Nd3 Nc8 29.Ra5 b6 30.Ra4 Nd6 31.Rb4 Rc8 32.Ne5 Rc1+ 33.Kg2 f6 34.Nd7 Nc8 35.Ra4 Rc7 36.Nb8 Nd6 37.Ra8 Rc8 38.Kf3 Nxb5 39.Ke3 Nd6 40.d5 Kf7 41.Kd4 b5 0-1 (41) Artemiev,V (2708)-Carlsen,M (2862) chess.com INT 2020]

8.b3 a5

[8...Nbd7 9.Nh4 Be6 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.a3 Rfd8 13.b4 Qa6 14.c5 b6 15.h3 Ne4 16.Nhf3 bxc5 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Nd2 cxd4 19.Nxe4 d3 20.Qd2 dxe2 21.Bxg7 exf1Q+ 22.Bxf1 Qxa3 23.Qh6 Qxc1 24.Qxc1 Kxg7 25.Ba6 Rb8 26.Qxc6 Nf6 27.Nxf6 exf6 28.Qc5 Bxh3 29.b5 Rb6 0-1 (29) Onischuk,A (2649)-Paravyan,D (2625) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]

9.Bb2

[9.Ba3 Na6 *(9...Re8 10.e3 e6 11.Qe2 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bh3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 a4 15.Rfc1 Nd7 16.Qd1 Nf6 17.Rab1 axb3 18.Rxb3 Qd7 19.Qd3 Ra4 20.Qb1 b5 21.cxb5 cxb5 22.Bf1 b4 23.Bxb4 Ne4 24.Qc2 h5 25.Bd3 Rea8 26.a3 Nd6 27.Qc6 Qxc6 28.Rxc6 Ne4 29.Bb5 R4a7 30.a4 Bf8 31.f3 Nf6 32.Be1 Ne8 33.a5 Nd6 34.Bd3 Be7 35.a6 Nc4 36.Bxc4 dxc4 37.Rb7 Ba3 38.Rxa7 Rxa7 39.Bc3 Kf8 40.e4 Ke8 41.Kf2 Kd7 42.d5 exd5 43.exd5 Ra8 44.Ke3* 1-0 (44) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*)* 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Bb2 a4 12.cxd5 Bxd5 13.e4 Be6 14.Nc4 axb3 15.axb3 Nc7 16.Re1 Rxa1 17.Qxa1 Qa8 18.Nd2 Nb5 19.Nhf3 h6 20.Bf1 Nc7 21.Ne5 Rd8 22.Nec4 Nb5 23.Qxa8 Rxa8 24.d5 cxd5 25.Nb6 Ra2 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.exd5 Bf5 28.Ne4 Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Nd4 30.Bg2 Ra1+ 31.Bf1 Nf3+ 32.Kg2 Nd2 33.Re2 Nxf1 34.Nd7 Rd1 35.d6 Nxg3 36.Nxf6+ exf6 37.Re8+ Kg7 38.hxg3 Rxd6 39.Re3 b5 40.Kf3 h5 41.Ke4 Re6+ 42.Kd5 Rxe3 43.fxe3 g5 0-1 (43) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022]

9...a4 10.e3

[10.a3 Ne4 11.b4 Nd7 12.Rc1 Bh6 13.e3 Bg4 14.Qc2 Bf5 15.Qd1 Bg4 16.h3 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 e6 19.b5 Nb6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.c5 Nd7 22.Rb1 Bg7 23.Bg2 Qc7 24.Bc3 e5 25.Qc2 exd4 26.Bxd4 Bxd4 27.exd4 Rfb8 28.Rxb8+ Qxb8 29.Rb1 Qe8 30.Bf3 Nf8 31.Qe2 Qd7 32.h4 Re8 33.Qc2 Ra8 34.Rb4 Qe7 35.Qe2 Qf6 36.Qe3 Ne6 37.Bd1 Re8 38.Bxa4 Ng7 39.Qd2 Nf5 40.Bc2 Kg7 41.Qf4 Re1+ 42.Kg2 h6 43.h5 Re2 44.Bxf5 gxf5 45.Rb8 Qe6 46.Rb3 Qe4+ 47.Rf3 Qxf4 48.Rxf4 Ra2 49.Rxf5 Rxa3

50.Rf3 Ra2 51.Rf4 Re2 52.Kf3 Re1 53.Rg4+ Kf8 54.Kf4 Re2 55.f3 Re1 56.Rh4 Ke7 57.Rh2 Rd1 58.Ke3 Rg1 59.Ra2 Re1+ 60.Kd2 Re6 61.Ra7+ Ke8 62.g4 Rf6 63.Ke3 Re6+ 64.Kf2 Rf6 65.Kg3 Re6 66.Rc7 Kf8 67.Rc8+ Kg7 68.Kf2 Kf6 69.Rc7 Kg7 70.Rd7 Re8 71.Rd6 Rc8 72.Ke3 Rc7 73.Kf4 Rc8 74.Kf5 Rc7 75.f4 Re7 76.Rxc6 Re4 77.g5 hxg5 78.fxg5 Rxd4 79.h6+ 1-0 (79) Daneshvar,B (2577)-Salem,A (2661) Baku AZE 2023]

[10.bxa4 Qa5 11.Qb3 Qxa4 12.Qxb7 Nbd7 13.Qb3 Rfb8 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qxa4 Rxa4 16.Bc3 e6 17.h3 h5 18.Nh4 Rba8 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Rfb1 Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Rxa2 22.Rb2 Rxb2 23.Bxb2 Ne4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.e3 Kh7 26.Bf1 Bf8 27.Bc3 Kg6 28.Ba5 Be7 29.Bc7 Nf6 30.Bb5 Nh7 31.Kg2 ½-½ (31) Ding,L (2805)-Grischuk,A (2775) Stavanger NOR 2019]

10...Qa5 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Qe2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Rfc1 dxc4 15.bxc4 Nd7 16.Bb2 Rad8 17.Bc3 Qc7 18.Qd1 b5 19.Bf1 Rb8 20.Ng5 Nf6 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.cxb5 cxb5 23.Bb4 Qd8 24.Qf3 Nd6 25.Rab1 Qd7 26.Qd5 Bf8 27.Bxd6 b4 28.Rc6 exd6 29.Bb5 b3 30.axb3 a3 31.Ra1 Qe6 32.Bc4 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 Rb5 34.e4 Ra5 35.Rc7 Re7 36.Rc8 Rea7 37.Rb8 a2 38.b4 Ra4 39.b5 Kg7 40.b6 R7a5 41.b7 1-0 (41) Le,T (2564)-Tari,A (2642) Budapest HUN 2024

[17] **7.Ne5** Ng4

[7...dxc4 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.b3 Bd5 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.Nc3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 b5 13.Nd2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nde4 Neg4 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Qc2 Qe7 18.Rfe1 Qc5 19.Rac1 Rfe8 20.Nd1 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Re6 22.Ne3 Rd8 23.Nf1 Nd5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.a3 a5 26.Nd2 b4 27.a4 Re3 28.Rxc6 Rc3 29.Nc4 Rxb3 30.e4 Re8 31.Nd6 Re6 32.Rd1 Nf6 33.e5 Ng4 34.Rc7 Nxe5 35.f4 Rd3 36.Rxd3 Nxd3 37.Rxf7+ Kg8 38.Rd7 b3 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Rd7+ Kf8 41.Nc4 b2 42.Nxb2 Nxb2 43.Ra7 Nxa4 44.Rxa5 Nb6 45.g4 Nd7 46.Kg3 Re3+ 47.Kh4 Nf6 48.Ra8+ Kf7 49.Ra7+ Re7 50.Ra5 Ne4 51.f5 Rd7 52.fxg6+ hxg6 53.Ra4 Re7 54.Ra5 Kf6 55.g5+ Kf7 56.Kg4 Nd6 57.Ra4 Nf5 58.h4 Ng7 59.Kf3 Nh5 60.Rb4 Rd7 61.Kg4 Rd6 62.Re4 Rd1 63.Ra4 Ke6 64.Ra6+ Rd6 65.Ra4 Ke5 66.Ra3 Rd4+ 67.Kh3 Kf5 68.Ra5+ Ke4 69.Kg4 Ke3+ 70.Kh3 Re4 71.Ra1 Kf2 72.Ra2+ Kf3 73.Ra3+ Re3 74.Ra4 Nf4+ 0-1 (74) Firouzja,A (2804)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Bucharest ROU 2022]

8.cxd5 cxd5

[8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 cxd5 10.Bxd5 Bxe5 *(10...Nc6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bf4 Rb8 14.Nc3 Rxb2 15.Rfd1 Re8 16.Rab1 Rxb1 17.Rxb1 h6 18.h4 g5 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 Bxe5 21.Rb3 Be6 22.Ra3 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 Bxa2 24.Rxc6 a5 25.Ra6 Bc4 26.Rxa5 f6 27.Be3 Bxe2 28.Kg2 Kf7 29.f3 Rc8 30.Rc5 Rxc5* ½-½ (30) Sargissian,G (2664)-Nihal,S (2652) Riga LAT 2021*)*

11.Nc3 Qb6 12.Bh6 Bg7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Na4 Qb4 16.a3 Qg4 17.f3 Qd7 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Rfd1 e6 20.Nc5 Qf7 21.Nxe6+ Bxe6 22.Bxe6 Rxd4 23.Bxf7 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Kxf7 25.Rd8 a5 26.h4 h5

27.g4 a4 28.Kf2 Ke7 29.Rg8 Kf7 30.Rh8 b5 31.e4 Kg7 32.Rc8 Kf7 33.g5 fxg5 34.hxg5 Ke7 35.f4 Kd7 36.Rg8 Kc7 37.f5 gxf5 38.exf5 Ra6 39.f6 Nd7 40.f7 Rd6 41.g6 Rf6+ 42.Kg3 Kd6 43.Kh4 Rf5 44.Re8 Rf4+ 45.Kxh5 Rf2 46.Kh6 1-0 (46) So,W (2770)-Duda,J (2743) chess.com INT 2020]

9.Bf4 Nc6

[9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Bxe5 11.dxe5 Nc6 12.Qxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxe5 14.Nc3 *(14.Na3 Bd7 15.f4 Bc6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Bb3 Ng4 18.Nc4 Bb5 19.h3 Nf6 20.a4 Ba6 21.Ne5 e6 22.Bc4 Bxc4 23.Nxc4 Rac8 24.b3 Ne4 25.Kg2 Rd5 26.Rac1 b6 27.Kf3 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Nc5 29.Ne5 a5 30.Rd6 Nxb3 31.Rxb6 Nd4+ 32.Ke3 Nf5+ 33.Kf2 Rc2 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Rb7 Nd4 36.Nxf7 Rxe2+ 37.Kf1 Ra2 38.Ng5+ Kg8 39.Rd7 Ne2 40.Ne4 h5 41.Ke1 Kf8 42.Nf6 Nxg3 43.Nh7+ Ke8 44.Nf6+ Kf8 45.Nh7+ Ke8 46.Nf6+ Kf8* ½-½ (46) Banusz,T (2631)-Mamedov,R (2654) Tornelo INT 2021*)* 14...Rb8 *(14...Bd7 15.Rfd1 Bc6 16.f4 e6 17.Bxc6 Nxc6 18.Rd7 b6 19.Ne4 Rfd8 20.Rad1 h6 21.R1d6 Rxd7 22.Rxd7 Kf8 23.Kf2 Ne7 24.Nd6 a6 25.e4 b5 26.Ke3 b4 27.Kd4 a5 28.Kc5 f5 29.Kd4 Nc6+ 30.Kd3 Rd8 31.Rxd8+ Nxd8 32.Kd4 Ke7 33.Nc4 Nb7 34.exf5 gxf5 35.Ke5 Nc5 36.Nxa5 Nd3+ 37.Kd4 Nxb2 38.Nc6+ Kd6 39.Nxb4 Na4 40.Nd3 Ke7 41.Nc5 Nb6 42.a4 Nd5 43.Ke5 Nf6 44.Nxe6 Ng4+ 45.Kxf5 Nxh2 46.a5 Nf1 47.a6 Nxg3+ 48.Ke5* 1-0 (48) Artemiev,V (2701)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2022*)* 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Bb3 Ba6 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.f4 Ng4 19.h3 Ne3 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Kf2 Nc4 22.Ne4 Nd2 23.Nxd2 Rxd2 24.Rc2 Rxc2 25.Bxc2 Kg7 26.e4 f6 27.e5 Bc8 28.h4 Be6 29.a3 f5 30.Ke3 Kf7 31.Kd4 Ke8 32.b4 h5 33.a4 Kd8 34.a5 Bd7 35.Kd5 Kc7 36.e6 Bc6+ 37.Ke5 Bb5 38.Bd1 Bc6 39.Be2 b5 40.a6 Be8 41.Kd4 Kd6 42.Bf3 Bc6 43.Bxc6 Kxc6 44.Ke5 Kc7 45.Kd5 Kb6 46.Kd4 Kxa6 47.Kc5 Kb7 48.Kxb5 a6+ 49.Kc5 Kc7 50.Kd5 Kb6 51.Kd4 Kc6 52.Ke5 Kb5 53.Kd5 Kb6 54.Kd4 Kc6 55.Ke5 Kb5 56.Kd5 Kb6 ½-½ (56) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Mamedyarov,S (2747) chess24.com INT 2022]

10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.h3 Nf6 12.Nc3 Nd7 13.Rc1 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Na4 Bd7 16.Nc5 Rb8 17.b3 Rc8 18.e4 d4 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.f4 Bg7 21.Qd3 Qe7 22.e5 Rfd8 23.Nb7 Bf5 24.Qa6 Bd3 25.Qxd3 Qxb7 26.Rc4 Qb6 27.Rfc1 c5 28.Ra4 Rc7 29.Kh2 Qe6 30.h4 Bf8 31.Be4 Be7 32.Ra6 Qc8 33.Ra4 Qe6 34.Rc2 Kh8 35.Kg2 Qc8 36.Rac4 Qe6 37.Qe2 Rcd7 38.Bd3 f6 39.exf6 Qxf6 40.Qe5 Qxe5 41.fxe5 Kg7 42.Ra4 Rb8 43.Rf2 Bd8 44.Ra6 Bb6 45.a4 Re7 46.Re2 Bc7 47.Bc4 Bxe5 48.Rc6 Rbe8 49.Rxc5 Bd6 50.Rxe7+ Rxe7 51.Rd5 Be5 52.b4 Kf6 53.Bd3 Rc7 54.Kf3 Rc3 55.Ke4 Bxg3 56.h5 Rb3 57.b5 Rb4 58.a5 Bc7 59.b6 axb6 60.a6 Ra4 61.Rd7 Bg3 62.h6 b5 63.Bxb5 d3+ 64.Bxa4 1-0 (64) Artemiev,V (2679)-Xu,X (2623) chess.com INT 2025

7.a4 a5

[7...Be6

A) 8.Ng5

A1) 8...Bf5 9.Nd2 *(9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 cxd4 11.cxd5 Nxd5*

12.Bxd4 e5 13.Bc5 e4 14.Bxf8 Bxa1 15.Nxe4 Kxf8 16.Nbc3 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Be5 18.Nc5 Nc6 19.Nxb7 Nc3 20.Nxd8 Nxd1 21.Nxc6 1-0 (21) Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Paravyan,D (2629) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 9...a5 10.b3 c5 11.dxc5 h6 12.Nh3 Nc6 13.Nf4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Ne4 15.Be3 Nc3 16.Qe1 Nb4 17.Rc1 Nc2 18.Qd2 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 Na2 20.e4 Nxc1 21.Rxc1 Nd4 22.exf5 g5 23.Nd5 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Nxc1 25.Bxc1 e6 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.fxe6 Rae8 28.Nf5 Rxe6 29.Nxg7 Kxg7 30.Bxb7 1-0 (30) Batsuren,D (2515)-Can,I (2532) Saint Louis USA 2025;

A2) 8...Bc8 9.Na3 dxc4 10.Nxc4 h6 11.Nf3 Be6 12.b3 Bd5 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Rc1 Nb6 15.Nce5 Nbd7 16.Nc4 Nb6 17.Re1 Rc8 18.Bh3 Ra8 19.Nfe5 Ne4 20.f3 Ng5 21.Bg2 Nxc4 22.bxc4 Be6 23.f4 Nh7 24.e4 Qb6 25.Ba3 Rfd8 26.Bc5 Qc7 27.d5 b6 28.Bd4 Bd7 29.Nxd7 Rxd7 30.e5 c5 31.Bc3 Qc8 32.Bh3 e6 33.Qf3 Qb7 34.Bg2 Re8 35.dxe6 Qxf3 36.exd7 1-0 (36) Vidit,S (2727)-Willow,J (2453) London ENG 2024;

B) 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.e4 Na6 10.h3 Nb4 11.Be3

B1) 11...a5 12.Qe2 Qc8 *(12...h6 13.Rad1 Ne8 14.Ne5 Nd6 15.f4 Qe8 16.Kh2 f6 17.Nf3 f5 18.e5 Nc8 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.g4 Ncb6 21.Bd2 Kh7 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Be4 e6 24.Rg1 Ne7 25.Rg2 Rd8 26.Rdg1 Qf7 27.Bxf5 Nxf5 28.Rxg6 Nxh4 29.Rxg7+ Qxg7 30.Rxg7+ Kxg7 31.Qg4+ Ng6 32.Qxe6 Rxd4 33.Be3 Rdxf4 34.Bxb6 R8f5 35.Qd7+ Kg8 36.Be3 Rf3 37.Ne4 Nxe5 38.Qe6+ Nf7 39.Qg6+ Kf8 40.Bc5+* 1-0 (40) Esipenko,A (2705)-Ragger,M (2643) Chartres FRA 2022 *)* 13.Kh2 Rd8 14.Ne5 Nd7 15.f4 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rd3 17.Bc5 Qc7 18.Qf2 f5 19.Rae1 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Rb3 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nc5 Nd3 23.Nxd3 Rxd3 24.Be4 Bxh3 25.Bxd3 cxd3 26.e6 Bxf1 27.Qxf1 d2 28.Re2 c5 29.Rxd2 Qxe6 30.Bxc5 Rc8 31.Bf2 Qc4 32.Qe1 Qxa4 33.Qe6+ Kf8 34.Qxc8+ Kf7 35.Qxb7 1-0 (35) Keymer,V (2667)-Dubov,D (2702) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 11...Ne8 12.Qe2 Qa5 13.Rab1 Nc7 14.Ng5 Rad8 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.d5 cxd5 17.exd5 Nd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxc4 Qc5 20.Qb3 a5 21.Rbd1 Rd7 22.h4 Kh8 23.Rd2 f5 24.Kh2 Bf6 25.Re1 Rc8 26.Rc1 Rcd8 27.Qd1 Qd6 28.f4 Qb8 29.Qf3 e6 30.Rcd1 b6 31.Qe3 e5 32.Nb5 exf4 33.Qxf4 Qxf4 34.gxf4 Bxh4 35.d6 Bf6 36.Re2 g5 37.Re6 Kg7 38.fxg5 Bxg5 39.Kg3 Kf7 40.Re2 Rc8 41.Bd5+ Nxd5 42.Rxd5 Rc5 43.Rxc5 bxc5 44.Re5 Bf6 45.Rxf5 Ke6 46.Rxc5 Bxb2 47.Kf4 Bg7 48.Ke4 Bf6 49.Rf5 Bg7 50.Rd5 Rf7 51.Rc5 Bf8 52.Rc6 Rf1 53.Nd4+ Kd7 54.Kd5 Rd1 55.Ra6 h5 56.Ra7+ Ke8

57.Ra8+ Kf7 58.d7 Bg7 59.d8N+ Kg6 60.N8e6 Bf6 61.Ke4 h4 62.Nf4+ Kf7 63.Ra7+ Kg8 64.Nde6 Bc3 65.Rc7 Ba1 66.Kf5 Rg1 67.Ng5 Kf8 68.Nd5 Rf1+ 69.Kg6 Ke8 70.Ne6 Rg1+ 71.Kh5 1-0 (71) Keymer,V (2693)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022]

[7...Bf5 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.a5 Nbd7 10.Qa4 b5 11.axb6 axb6 12.Qxa8 Qxa8 13.Rxa8 Rxa8 14.Nd2 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Rc8 17.Nxc4 Bxd4 18.Rd1 Bf6 19.Ne3 Bh3 20.Bg2 Be6 21.Nd5 Kg7 22.Nxf6 exf6 23.Bd2 Rc2 24.Bc3 Nc5 25.Re1 Bc4 26.Bf3 b5 27.h4 h5 28.Kf1 Be6 29.Rd1 Bb3 30.Rd2 Rc1+ 31.Kg2 Na4 32.Bd4 b4 33.Be4 Nc5 34.Bxc5 Rxc5 35.Rd4 Rb5 36.Kf3 Be6 37.Bd3 Rb7 38.Bc4 Bxc4 39.Rxc4 f5 40.Ke3 Kf6 41.Kd3 Ke6 42.Rd4 f6 43.e3 g5 44.b3 Ra7 45.Ke2 Rb7 46.Ke1 Rb6 47.Kf1 Rb7 48.Kg1 Rb6 49.Kh1 Rb5 50.Kh2 Rb6 51.Kh3 Kf7 52.Rd7+ Kg6 53.Kg2 f4 54.gxf4 gxf4 55.e4 Rc6 56.Rb7 Rc3 57.Rxb4 Rd3 58.Rb5 Rc3 59.Rb6 Kf7 60.Rb7+ Ke6 61.Rb5 Rd3 62.Rxh5 Rxb3 63.Rf5 Rc3 64.h5 Rb3 65.h6 Kf7 66.e5 Ke6 67.Rh5 Rb8 68.h7 Rh8 69.exf6 Kxf6 70.Kf3 Kg6 71.Kg4 f3 72.Rh3 Kg7 73.Rh2 Kg6 74.Kxf3 Kg7 75.Kg4 Kg6 76.Rh3 Kf6 77.Rh6+ Kf7 78.Kg5 Kg7 79.f4 Kf7 80.Rh1 Kg7 81.f5 1-0 (81) Keymer,V (2664)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess24.com INT 2022]

[7...Na6 8.Na3 Bf5 9.Bf4 Be4 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Qc3 Qb4 12.Rfc1 Rfc8 13.a5 c5 14.Be5 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Nxc4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nd7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rc3 Rc5 21.b3 Ne5 22.Ra4 Rac8 23.f4 Nc6 24.Nxc6 R5xc6 25.Re3 e6 26.Ne5 Rd6 27.Rc4 Rxc4 28.Nxc4 Rd5 29.Rc3 Rb5 30.Kf2 h5 31.Ke3 Nb4 32.Kd2 Nc6 33.Nd6 Rxa5 34.Nxb7 Ra2+ 35.Ke3 Nb4 36.Kf3 Nd5 37.Rc8 Nb6 38.Rc6 Kf6 39.Nd6 Ke7 40.Ne4 Nd5 41.Rc5 Ra1 42.Rb5 Rf1+ 43.Kg2 Rc1 44.Ra5 Rc7 45.Kf3 Nf6 46.Nc5 Nd7 47.Nd3 Nb6 48.Ke4 Nd5 49.Kd4 Nc3 50.e4 Ne2+ 51.Ke3 Nc3 52.Nc5 Kd6 53.b4 Ke7 54.Kd3 Nd1 55.Ra2 Rc8 56.Rxa7+ Ke8 57.e5 Rb8 58.Nb7 Kf8 59.b5 Nf2+ 60.Kd4 Ng4 61.Nd6 Nxh2 62.Rxf7+ Kg8 63.Rf6 Kh7 64.Kc5 Nf1 65.Ne4 Rc8+ 66.Kd6 Rb8 67.Kc6 Rc8+ 68.Kd7 Rb8 69.Kxe6 Rxb5 70.Rf7+ 1-0 (70) Tomashevsky,E (2718)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019]

8.cxd5

[8.Na3 Be6 9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.b3 Ne4 11.Nc4 Na6 12.Bb2 Nd6 13.Rc1 Nb4 14.e3 Na2 15.Rc2 Nb4 16.Rc1 Na2 17.Rc2 Nb4 18.Rc1 ½-½ (18) Mamedyarov,S (2734)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) chess.com INT 2023]

[8.Bf4 Na6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Nb5 Qb6 14.Qb3 Rc6 15.Nf3 Rfc8 16.Ng5 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 18.Bxc1 Qc6 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Bxa5 Qc1+ 22.Be1 Bg4 23.Qe3 Qxb2 24.h3 Bd7 25.Nc3 Bc6 26.a5 Qa1 27.Kh2 e6 28.Qd3 Qxa5 29.Ne5 Nxc3 30.Bxc3 Qa3

31.Qd2 Bb5 32.e4 Bc6 33.exd5 Bxd5 34.Bxd5 exd5 35.Nd3 Qd6 36.Qb2 Qc6 37.Bd2 Nc7 38.Ne5 Bxe5 39.dxe5 h5 40.Qa3 Ne6 41.Qd6 Qxd6 42.exd6 Kf8 43.f3 Ke8 44.g4 Kd7 45.gxh5 gxh5 46.Kg3 Nd4 47.Bc3 Ne2+ 48.Kh4 Nxc3 49.Kxh5 d4 0-1 (49) Martirosyan,H (2682)-Giri,A (2764) Almaty KAZ 2022]

8...Nxd5

[8...cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc6

A) 10.Bf4 e6 *(10...Nh5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Na3 Ne4 13.Rac1 e6 14.Rfd1 Nb4 15.Nc2 Nc6 16.Bf4 g5 17.Be3 h6 18.Ne5 Nd6 19.f4 f6 20.Nd3 Qe7 21.Na3 Nf5 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxc6 Bd7 25.Rc3 Rae8 26.Bf2 gxf4 27.gxf4 Qxe2 28.Bf3 Qe7 29.Rc7 Kh8 30.Qxd5 Rd8 31.Re1 Qb4 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Qxd7* 1-0 (33) Mamedyarov,S (2740)-Ivic, V (2572) Almaty KAZ 2022*)* 11.Na3 Nh5 12.Be3 Qe7 13.Nb5 Bd7 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.Bd2 h6 16.h3 Nf6 17.Ne5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Bf4 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qg5 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nd6 Rc1+ 24.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 25.Kg2 e3 26.fxe3 Qc5 27.Kf2 Qxe5 28.Qb6 Bxa4 29.Qd8+ Kg7 30.Qe7 Qf6+ 31.Qxf6+ Kxf6 32.Nxb7 Bc6 33.Nxa5 Bd5 34.b4 Ke5 35.b5 Kd6 36.b6 g5 37.Ke1 h5 38.h4 g4 39.Kd2 e5 40.e4 Bxe4 41.Nc4+ Ke6 42.Na5 Kd6 43.b7 Kc7 44.Nc4 f6 45.Nd6 Bxb7 46.Ne8+ Kd7 47.Nxf6+ Ke6 48.Nh7 Be4 49.Ng5+ Kd5 50.Kc3 Bg6 51.e3 Be8 52.Kb4 Bd7 53.Kb3 Bb5 54.Kc3 Be8 55.Kd3 Bg6+ 56.Kc3 Be8 ½-½ (56) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Giri,A (2760) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 10.Na3 Ne4 11.Rd1 Bg4 *(11...Nb4 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Ne5 Be6 14.h4 Rc8 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.Nc2 Qa6 17.Nxb4 axb4 18.Bf1 Qb6 19.Ra1 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 f6 21.Bf4 g5 22.a5 Qd8 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.Be3 Qd6 25.Bg2 Rf5 26.Ra4 Nxg3 27.fxg3 Qxg3 28.Rxb4 Rcf8 29.Rb6 R8f6 30.Bf4 Qxf4 31.Rf1 Qxd4+ 32.e3 Rxf1+ 33.Bxf1 Qd2* 0-1 (33) Batsuren,D (2532)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2574) Chesterfield MO USA 2024 *)* 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Bf4 Nd6 14.Bxd6 exd6 15.Rac1 Re8 16.Nb5 Rxe2 17.Re1 Rb8 18.Qa7 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Nc6 21.Qa6 Nxd4 22.Bxd5 Nxb5 23.axb5 Bd4 24.Re4 Bb6 25.Rf4 Qg5 26.Bxf7+ Kh8 27.b4 axb4 28.Rxb4 Qe5 29.Kg2 Kg7 30.Rf4 g5 31.Rf3 Qe4 32.h3 Bc5 33.Qc6 Qe7 34.Bd5 Rf8 35.Rxf8 Kxf8 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Qg4 Qe5 38.Be4 h6 39.h4 Kf6 40.h5 Ke7 41.Qf3 Qd4 42.Bd5 Kd8 43.Qf7 1-0 (43) Mamedyarov,S (2734)-Svidler,P (2689) Amsterdam NED 2023]

9.e4 Nb4 10.h3

[10.Nc3 Bg4 11.Be3 Qd7 12.Qd2 Rd8 13.Rad1 N8a6 14.Qe2 Nc7 15.Rd2 h6 16.Rfd1 Qe6 17.Qf1 Qb3 18.Qe2 Qe6 19.Bf4 Ne8 20.Qf1 g5 21.Be3 Nc7 22.h3 Bh5 23.g4 Bg6 24.d5 cxd5 25.exd5 Qa6 26.Qxa6 Rxa6 27.Bc5 Rd7 28.h4 Bf6 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Bf1 Ra8 31.d6 exd6 32.Rxd6 Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Ne6 34.Bc4 Rc8 35.Rxe6 Rxc5 36.Rxf6 Rxc4 37.Ne5 Rd4 38.Nxg6 Kg7

39.Rb6 Rxg4+ 40.Kf1 fxg6 41.Rxb7+ Kh6 42.Rb5 Rf4 43.Rxa5 Nd3 44.Nd1 Rb4 45.Rd5 Nf4 46.Ra5 Nd3 47.f3 Nxb2 48.Rb5 Rxa4 49.Rxb2 g4 50.Rh2+ Kg7 51.fxg4 Rxg4 52.Rg2 Rxg2 53.Kxg2 g5 54.Ne3 g4 55.Nxg4 ½-½ (55) Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Rapport,R (2754) chess24.com INT 2022]

10...b6 11.Re1 Ba6 12.Ra3 c5 13.d5 c4 14.Bf1 Nd7 15.Nc3 Nc5 16.Be3 Nbd3 17.Re2 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxe4 19.Bh6 Qxd5 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Qc2 Nxg3 22.Re3 Nf5 23.Qe2 Bb7 24.Bg2 Nf4 0-1 (24) Grandelius,N (2640)-Navara,D (2665) chess.com INT 2025

7.Nc3 Ne4

[7...dxc4 8.e4

A) 8...b5 9.Qe2 Na6 *(9...b4 10.Na4 Qa5 11.Nc5 Nfd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.e5 Nb6 14.Ng5 Ba6 15.Re1 c3 16.Qc2 cxb2 17.Bxb2 Bc4 18.Ne4 Bd5 19.Nc5 Nc4 20.Bf1 Nxb2 21.Qxb2 f6 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Nd7 Rf7 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Raf8 26.f4 e6 27.Bh3 c5 28.Qc1 Rc7 29.dxc5 Re8 30.Bg2 Qxc5+ 31.Qxc5 Rxc5 32.Rd1 Rec8 33.Bxd5 Rxd5 34.Rdxd5 exd5 35.Rxd5 Rc1+ 36.Kf2 Rc2+ 37.Ke3 Rxa2 38.Rd8+ Kf7 39.Rd7+ Ke6 40.Rxh7 a5 41.Rb7 Kd5 42.h4 Ra3+ 43.Kf2 Kc4 44.Rc7+ Kb5 45.Rb7+ Kc4 46.Rc7+ Kb5 47.Rb7+ Ka4 48.Rb6 b3 49.g4 Ra2+ 50.Kf3 Rh2 51.Kg3 Rc2 52.g5 Rc3+ 53.Kg4 Rc4 54.h5 gxh5+ 55.Kf3 Rc3+ 56.Ke4 h4 57.g6 h3 0-1 (57) Sasikiran,K (2604)-Burke,J (2592) Saint Louis USA 2023)* 10.Rd1 Nb4 11.a4 Bd7 12.Ne5 a6 13.Bf4 Be8 14.d5 Nh5 15.dxc6 Nxf4 16.gxf4 Qc8 17.Nd7 Nd3 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.axb5 Bxd7 20.cxd7 Qxd7 21.bxa6 Ra7 22.e5 Qe6 23.b3 Nc5 24.Qe3 Nxb3 25.Qxa7 Nxa1 26.Rxa1 1-0 (26) Carlsen,M (2864)-Saric,I (2680) Zagreb CRO 2022;

B) 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5 *(10...Na6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Qe2 Nac7 13.h4 h5 14.a4 Qd7 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.Qxc4 Ne6 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qb3 f5 19.a5 f4 20.Bg2 Kh7 21.Qa4 Qc8 22.Bh3 fxg3 23.fxg3 Rf3 24.Ra3 Rdf8 25.Bg2 Rf2 26.Rc3 Nc7 27.Rd2 Rxd2 28.Bxd2 Qg4 29.Bf4 Ne6 30.Bf3 Qf5 31.Bc1 Qh3 32.Be2 Qf5 33.Bf3 Nxd4 34.Qxd4 Bxe5 35.Qe3 Bxc3 36.bxc3 Qxf3 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Qxg6+ Kh8 39.Qh6+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kh8* ½-½ (40) Matlakov,M (2688)-Antipov,M (2596) Cheboksary RUS 2021 *)* 11.dxe5 Nfd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Bg2 Nc5 15.e5 Bxe5 16.Qg4 Ncd7 17.Qxc4 Nb6 18.Qb3 Na6 19.Rfe1 Bg7 20.Bf4 Nc5 21.Qb4 Rxf4 22.gxf4 a5 23.Qxb6 Ra6 24.Nd5 Qd6 25.Qc7 cxd5 26.Qc8+ Kf7 27.f5 gxf5 28.Bf3 Bd4 29.Kh1 Nd3 30.Qxb7+ Kf6 31.Qxh7 Qf4 32.Bh5 Nxf2+ 33.Kg2 Qg5+ 34.Kf3 Ne4 35.Qh8+ Qg7 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.Rac1 Bxb2 38.Rc7+ Kf6 39.Be8 Ra8 40.Bd7 Rh8 41.Rc6 Ng5+ 42.Kg2 Be5 43.Ra6 f4 44.Rf1 Ke7 45.Bxe6 Nxe6 46.Re1 Kf6 47.a4 Rd8 0-1 (47) Tabatabaei,M (2664)-Sindarov,J (2629) Abu Dhabi UAE 2022;

C) 8...a5 9.Qe2 b5 10.Rd1

C1) 10...e6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 *(12.h4 Nd7 13.h5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.Bg5 Qc7 16.h6 Bh8 17.Nd2 Nd5 18.Ne4 Ba6 19.Qg4 b4 20.Qh4 f5 21.exf6 Qf7 22.Re1 Rad8 23.Bh3 Bc8 24.Rac1 bxc3 25.Re2 Nxf6 26.Nc5 Rde8 27.Rxc3 Nd5 28.Rxc4 e5 29.Bxc8 Rxc8 30.dxe5 Bxe5 31.Rce4 Rce8 32.Bd2 Re7 33.Bxa5 Qf3 34.Qh1 Qa3 35.Nb3 Qd6 36.Qh4 Bf6 37.Qg4 Ref7 38.Re8 Be7 39.Rxf8+ Bxf8 40.Bd2 Qa3 41.Bc1 Qa6 42.Bb2 Qxa2 43.Qd4 Nf6 44.Qc4 Nd5 45.Kg2 Qa8 46.Nc5 Bxh6 47.Ne4 Bf8 48.Ng5 Re7 49.Rxe7 Bxe7 50.Qh4 Bxg5 51.Qxg5 Qe8 52.Qg4 c5 53.Qc4 Qe6 54.Kh2 Qd6 ½-½ (54) Khanin,S (2568)-Woodward,A (2530) Saint Louis USA 2024)* 12...Nd7 13.h4 c5 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.h5 Qxc5 17.Ng5 Ra6 18.h6 Bh8 19.Ne4 Qc7 20.Nd6 Bd7 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Be6 23.Rxb5 f6 24.Rb7 Qc6 25.Bf4 Qc5 26.Qe4 f5 27.Qe2 Bd5 28.Rb5 Qc6 29.Rc1 Ra7 30.Kh2 Re7 31.Qd2 Be6 32.Rxa5 Rd7 33.Qe3 Qc7 34.Ra6 Re7 35.b3 1-0 (35) Mamedyarov,S (2733)-Di Berardino,D (2472) Budapest HUN 2024;

C2) 10...a4 11.a3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nfd7 15.Bg2 Qe7 16.f4 Nc5 17.Be3 Nd3 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.Bf1 N7c5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd6 Qc7 22.Rad1 Rfd8 23.Qd2 Nb7 24.Rd7 Rxd7 25.Qxd7 Qb6+ 26.Kg2 Rd8 27.Qe7 Rxd1 28.Nxd1 Bf8 29.Qd7 Nc5 30.Qd4 Qc7 31.Ne3 Nb3 32.Qd1 Qb6 33.Nc2 Qc7 34.Be2 Bc5 35.Bg4 Kf8 36.e6 h5 37.Bf3 fxe6 38.e5 Ke7 39.Be4 Qd7 40.Qxd7+ Kxd7 41.Bxg6 Nd4 42.Ne1 c3 43.Nd3 Bf8 44.bxc3 Ne2 45.f5 Bxa3 46.fxe6+ Kc7 47.g4 hxg4 48.Kf2 Nxc3 49.h4 Bf8 50.h5 Kd8 51.h6 Bxh6 52.Nb4 Ke7 53.Bf5 Bg5 54.Kg3 Kf8 55.e7+ Bxe7 56.Nxc6 b4 57.Na5 b3 58.Kxg4 b2 59.Nc4 a3 60.Nxa3 Bxa3 0-1 (60) Pechac,J (2580)-Kadric,D (2584) Austria AUT 2023;

C3) 10...Nbd7 11.Bf4 *(11.d5 cxd5 12.e5 b4 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Na4 e6 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Nc5 Rc8 17.Bd4 Qe7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Ne5 Qc7 20.a3 b3 21.a4 Nd7 22.f4 Rfe8 23.Kh1 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Bf8 25.h4 Bc5 26.Rac1 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Qb6 28.Qd2 Qb4 29.Qh6 Qf8 30.Qe3 Rc7 31.h5 Qb4 32.Bh3 Qxa4 33.Qh6 Qb4 34.hxg6 fxg6 35.Rf1 Rg7 36.Rdf4 Qb8 37.Rf6 Qc8 38.Qf4 Rge7 39.Qh6 Rg7 40.Kh2 a4 41.Qf4 Rge7 42.Rf7 a3 43.Qf6 Rxf7 44.Qxf7+ Kh8 45.Rf4 Rf8 46.Qe7 Rxf4 47.gxf4 axb2 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Bxe6+ Qxe6 50.Qxe6+ Kg7 51.Qf6+ Kh6 52.Qh4+ Kg7 53.Qe1 Kf7 54.Qb1 c3 55.f5 c2 56.Qxb2 gxf5 57.Kg3 Kg6 58.Kf4 d4 59.e6 d3 60.e7 Kf7 61.Qxb3+ Kxe7 62.Qa3+ Ke6 63.Ke3*

1-0 (63) Warmerdam,M (2636)-Adhiban,B (2551) Douglas IOM 2023 *)* 11...b4 12.Na4 Ba6 13.Qc2 Bb5 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.Nxb6 Qxb6 16.Nxc4 Qa6 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.a4 bxa3 19.Nxa3 Rac8 20.h4 Be2 21.Rd2 Bg4 22.Qc4 Qb7 23.Qc5 Qb4 24.Qxb4 axb4 25.Nc4 Nd5 26.Bg5 f6 27.Ne3 fxg5 28.Nxg4 Nb6 29.hxg5 Rxd4 30.Rdc2 b3 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6 Nc4 33.Rc8+ Kf7 34.Rb8 Nxb2 35.Rxb3 Nc4 36.Rb4 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Ne5 38.Nxe5+ Bxe5 39.f4 Bg7 40.e5 h6 41.gxh6 Bxh6 42.Rb6 Rd4 43.Kh3 Bg7 44.Rb5 g5 45.f5 Bh8 46.Bd5+ Kg7 47.f6+ exf6 48.e6 g4+ 49.Kg2 Rd2+ 50.Kf1 Rd1+ 51.Ke2 1-0 (51) Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Rapport,R (2754) chess24.com INT 2022]

8.Qb3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Bf5 10.Rd1

[10.e3 Nd7 11.Rd1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Be4 13.Ba3 Nb6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.c4 Nd7 16.Bh3 c5 17.Ng5 Bc6 18.Rab1 cxd4 19.exd4 Qa5 20.d5 Ba4 21.Re1 Nc5 22.Qf3 Bf6 23.Bxc5 Bxg5 24.Bd4 Bc2 25.Ra1 Bf6 26.Bxf6 exf6 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bf1 Kg7 29.d6 Bf5 30.Rd1 Qb6 31.Qd5 Be6 32.c5 Qb4 33.Qd4 Qxd4 34.Rxd4 Bd7 35.h4 Re1 36.f3 Rc1 37.Rc4 Ra1 38.Rb4 Bc6 39.Rb2 Rc1 40.Rd2 Bd7 41.Rd5 Kf8 42.Kf2 Ke8 43.Bd3 Bc6 44.Rd4 Rxc5 45.Be4 Kd7 46.Bd3 Rd5 47.Rxd5 Bxd5 48.Ke3 Bxa2 49.Kd4 0-1 (49) Mamedyarov,S (2740)-So,W (2760) Kolkata IND 2022]

10...Nd7 11.Qb3 Nd6 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.e4 e5 16.d5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qa6 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 cxd5 20.Rxd5 Nf6 21.Be2 Qc6 22.Rc5 Qd7 23.Rd1 Qe6 24.Qa4 a6 25.Kg2 b5 26.Qxa6 Nc4 27.Qxe6 Nxe3+ 28.fxe3 fxe6 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Bxb5 Bh6 31.Rd3 Kf7 32.a4 Bf8 33.a5 Bc5 34.Kf3 Rb8 35.a6 Ke7 36.b4 Ba7 37.Bc6 Rxb4 38.Nb5 Bb6 39.a7 Bxa7 40.Nxa7 h5 41.Nc8+ Kf7 42.Ra3 g5 43.Ra7+ Kg6 44.g4 Rb2 45.Re7 h4 46.Be8+ Nxe8 47.Rxe8 Kf6 48.Rf8+ Kg7 49.Re8 Kf6 50.Rf8+ Kg7 51.Rd8 Rh2 52.Rd7+ Kf6 53.Nd6 Rxh3+ 54.Kf2 Rg3 55.Ne8+ Kg6 56.Rg7+ Kh6 57.Re7 Kg6 58.Rxe6+ Kf7 59.Rxe5 Rxg4 60.Nd6+ Kf6 61.Rf5+ Ke6 62.Ne8 h3 63.Ng7+ Ke7 64.Ra5 Rg2+ 65.Kf1 Kf6 66.Nf5 g4 67.Nh4 Rb2 68.Rh5 g3 69.e5+ Ke6 70.Rh6+ Kd5 71.e6 Rb1+ 72.Ke2 h2 73.Ng2 h1Q 74.Rxh1 Rxh1 75.Kf3 Kxe6 76.Kxg3 Rh8 77.Nf4+ Kf5 78.Kf3 Re8 79.Ne2 Rxe3+ 80.Kxe3 ½-½ (80) Caruana,F (2793)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2721) Saint Louis USA 2024

7.Qa4 Nbd7

[7...Nfd7 8.cxd5 Nb6

A) 9.Qd1 cxd5 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.e3 *(11.b3 Bg4 12.e3 e5 13.Ne2 e4 14.Nd2 h5 15.Ba3 Re8 16.h3 Bf5 17.Nf4 a5 18.Kh1 Nb4 19.Bb2 Bf8 20.a3 Nc6 21.f3 exf3 22.Qxf3 Qd7 23.Rae1 Be6 24.e4 Rad8 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Ne4 Bg7 27.Nc5 Qc8 28.Ncxe6 fxe6 29.Nxg6 Qc7 30.Qxh5 Qxg3 31.Rf3 Qxe1+ 32.Kh2 Nf6 33.Qg5 Rd5 34.Ne5 Nxe5 35.dxe5 Nh7 36.Qg6 Rdd8 37.Rg3 Re7 38.Bc3 Qd1 39.Bxa5 Rc8 40.Bb4 Rf7 41.Qxe6 Qd7 42.Qg6 Nf8 43.Bxf8*

Rfxf8 44.Bd5+ Kh8 45.Qh5+ Bh6 46.Qxh6+ Qh7 47.Qxh7+ Kxh7 48.Bxb7 Rc2+ 49.Rg2 Rc3 50.Bd5 Rd8 51.Bc4 Re3 52.e6 Rd4 53.a4 Rh4 54.Rg3 Re1 55.Kg2 Rd4 56.Rf3 Rd2+ 57.Rf2 Rd4 58.a5 Ra1 59.a6 Rd8 60.e7 Re8 61.Re2 Ra5 62.Bf7 Rg5+ 63.Kh2 1-0 (63) Grischuk,A (2728)-Balakrishnan,P (2500) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11...Bf5 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 Qd7 14.Rc1 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Bh3 16.Rfd1 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qf5 18.Ba3 g5 19.Qc2 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 g4 21.Ne1 e5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nb5 a6 24.Nd4 Rxc2 25.Nexc2 Rc8 26.Ne1 Bf8 27.Bb2 h5 28.Nf5 f6 29.Bd4 Nbd7 30.Bxe5 Nxe5 31.Rxd5 Kf7 32.Rd1 Kg6 33.Nd4 Rc3 34.Kf1 h4 35.gxh4 Kh5 36.Ng2 Bc5 37.Nf5 Kg6 38.Ng3 Nf3 39.Nf4+ Kf7 40.h5 Rc2 41.h6 Bxe3 42.fxe3 Nxh2+ 43.Kg1 Nf3+ 44.Kf1 Nh2+ 45.Kg1 Nf3+ 46.Kf1 ½-½ (46) Gelfand,B (2660)-Vidit,S (2737) Baku AZE 2023;

B) 9.Qc2 cxd5 10.b3 Nc6 11.e3 Bf5 12.Qd2 Nc8 13.Nc3 Nd6 14.Nh4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.f3 Bf5 17.Nxf5 gxf5 18.f4 Qd7 19.Ba3 Rfc8 20.h3 Bf8 21.g4 fxg4 22.hxg4 Qxg4 23.Rf3 e6 24.Qf2 Kh8 25.Rg3 Qh5 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.f5 Ne7 28.fxe6 fxe6 29.Rh3 Rxf2 30.Rxh5 Re2 31.Rf1 Nf5 32.Rf2 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Rg8 34.Bh3 Rgg1 35.Rhxf5 Rh1+ 36.Kg3 exf5 37.Bxf5 Rxe3+ 38.Kf4 Re7 0-1 (38) Eljanov,P (2672)-Duda,J (2733) Almaty KAZ 2024]

[7...e6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.b4 h6 12.Ne5 g5 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Be5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qb6 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.e3 Qxb4 21.Rb1 Qc5 22.Rxb7 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ba6 24.cxd5 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 cxd5 26.Bh3 Bc4 27.Bxe6+ Kg7 28.Bg4 Re8 29.Rb2 Rxe5 30.Rb7+ Kg6 31.Rb6+ Kg7 32.Be6 Be2 33.h3 h5 34.Rd6 d4 35.exd4 Ra5 36.f4 exf3 37.Kf2 Ra4 38.Bf5 Ra2 39.Be4 Bd1+ 40.Kf1 g4 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.Rg6+ Kf7 43.Rxg4 Be2+ 44.Kf2 Bd1+ 45.Ke3 Re2+ 46.Kd3 Bc2+ 47.Kc4 Bxe4 48.Rf4+ Ke6 49.g4 f2 50.g5 Re1 51.g6 f1Q+ 52.Rxf1 Rxf1 0-1 (52) Oparin,G (2670)-Gledura,B (2639) chess.com INT 2023]

[7...Re8 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.cxd5 Nb6 10.Qb3 Nfxd5 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.Be3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bg4 15.Ng5 e6 16.f3 f6 17.fxg4 fxg5 18.Rad1 Qd7 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Nc4 21.Bxg5 Nd6 22.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rc8 24.Bf4 Kh8 25.Re6 Nc4 26.h4 b5 27.h5 gxh5 28.gxh5 Bd4+ 29.Kh2 Rf8 30.Qd3 Bb2 31.h6 Qf7 32.Qe2 Bf6 33.d6 Nb6 34.Rxf6 1-0 (34) Oparin,G (2683)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022]

[7...b5 8.cxb5 cxb5 9.Qb3 Nc6 10.Qxb5 Bd7 11.Qd3 Bf5 12.Qd1 Nb4 13.Ne1 Nc6 14.Nc3 Ne4 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Rc1 Qd7 17.b3 Rbc8 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Nc2 Rfd8 20.Qd2 e5 21.d5 Nd4 22.Nxd4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 exd4 24.Bxd4 Qxd5 25.e3 Bxd4 26.exd4 Qxd4 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Re1 h5 29.h3 Rd2 30.g4 hxg4 31.hxg4 Be6 32.Rxe4 Rxa2 33.b4 Kf8 34.g5 Rb2 35.Rd4 Ke7

36.Be4 f6 37.f4 fxg5 38.fxg5 Bf7 39.Bc6 a6 40.Be4 Be8 41.Bd3 Bc6 42.Bxa6 Rg2+ 43.Kf1 Rxg5 44.Bd3 Ke6 45.Kf2 Ke5 46.Rd8 Rg2+ 47.Ke3 Rb2 48.b5 Bxb5 49.Rb8 Rb3 50.Rxb5+ Rxb5 51.Bxb5 g5 52.Be2 g4 53.Bxg4 ½-½ (53) Lazavik,D (2544)-Dubov,D (2708) chess.com INT 2023]

[7...Bf5 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Qb3 Nb6 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.Rfc1 Qd7 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfc8 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.f3 Bf5 17.g4 Be6 18.Bf4 Nc4 19.Rc3 Rc6 20.Qc2 Rac8 21.Qc1 b5 22.a3 Na5 23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Qd1 Qc8 25.Rc1 Nc4 26.Qb3 a6 27.Qb4 Qb7 28.b3 Nd6 29.Rxc6 Qxc6 30.Qc5 Bd7 31.Kf2 f6 32.Bd2 Kf7 33.Bb4 g5 34.e3 h6 35.Qxc6 Bxc6 36.Bxd6 exd6 37.b4 Bd7 38.Kg3 Be6 39.f4 Ke7 40.Bf1 Kd8 41.Bd3 Kc7 42.h3 Kc6 43.Bg6 Kc7 44.f5 Bd7 45.Bf7 Bc6 46.Be6 Kb6 47.Kf3 Kc7 48.Kg3 Kb6 49.Kf3 Kc7 50.Kg3 ½-½ (50) Lazavik,D (2541)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2023]

8.cxd5 Nb6 9.Qb3 Qxd5

[9...Nfxd5 10.e4 Nc7 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Rd1 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bxd4 14.e5 Ne6 15.Bg4 Nd7 16.Ne2 Nec5 17.Qc2 Bxe5 18.Bh6 Bd6 19.b4 Na6 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Qc3 f6 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Rab1 Nc7 24.Qb3 Qe6 25.Qc2 Qf5 26.Qb3 Qe6 27.Qc2 Qf5 28.Qb3 a5 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.Nd4 Qc8 31.Qxb7 Qxb7 32.Rxb7 c5 33.Nb3 Rxa2 34.Rxd6 exd6 35.Rxc7 h5 36.Kg2 Ke8 37.Nc1 Rd2 38.Kf3 Kd8 39.Rf7 f5 40.Ke3 Rd1 41.Nd3 Ke8 42.Rf6 Kd7 43.Rxg6 c4 44.Nb2 Re1+ 45.Kd2 Rf1 46.Nxc4 Rxf2+ 47.Ke3 Rxh2 48.Rxd6+ Ke7 49.Rh6 Kf7 50.Nd6+ Ke7 51.Nxf5+ Kf7 52.Kf3 Ra2 53.Rxh5 Kf6 54.Ne3 1-0 (54) Lazavik,D (2567)-Carlsen,M (2830) chess.com INT 2024]

10.Qb4

[10.Qd1 c5 11.Nc3 Qh5 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Ne1 Qh5 14.Nd3 Rd8 15.Qe1 Nbd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.e4 Nb6 18.Nf4 Qe5 19.Nd5 Be6 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bxd5 23.Qxe5 Bxe5 24.Re1 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rd5 26.Re2 Kg7 27.Be3 a6 28.Rc1 Rad8 29.g4 f5 30.gxf5 gxf5 31.Rc4 Kg6 32.h3 R8d7 33.Rec2 ½-½ (33) Giri,A (2749)-Wei,Y (2740) Wijk aan Zee NED 2024]

10...Qd6 11.Qe1 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Rad8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 Qe6 15.b3 Ne4 16.Bb2 c5 17.e3 Nd5 18.Qe2 Nec3 19.Qd3 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.exd4 Qe2 22.Qxe2 Nxe2+ 23.Kh2 e6 24.Bf3 Nec3 25.a4 b5 26.axb5 Nxb5 27.Ra5 Rb8 28.Rc1 Rb6 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Rc5 Rfb8 31.Rxd5 Nc7 32.Rd7 Rxb3 33.Ba1 R3b7 34.d5 Nb5 35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bf6 Kf8 37.Ra1 Nc7 38.Rc1 Ke8 39.Re1+ Kd7 40.Re7+ Kc8 41.Rxf7 Nxd5 42.Rf8+ Kd7 43.Bd4 Ke6 44.Ra8 Nb6 45.Rh8 Kd5 46.Be3 Nc4 47.Rd8+ Ke6 48.Bc5 a5 49.Rd4 Rb5 50.Rxc4 Kd5 51.Rh4 Kxc5 52.Rxh7 a4 53.Ra7 Kb4 54.h4 a3 55.g4 Ra5 56.Rb7+ Kc3 57.Rb1 a2 58.Ra1 Kb2 59.Re1 a1Q 60.Rxa1 Rxa1 61.Kg3 Kc3 62.h5 gxh5 63.gxh5 Kd4 64.Kg4 Ke5 0-1 (64) Eljanov,P (2672)-Wei,Y (2762) Almaty KAZ 2024

7.Qb3 a5 8.Rd1

[8.cxd5 a4 9.Qd1 cxd5 *(9...Nxd5 10.a3 Nb6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nc3 Bb3*

13.Qd3 Bc4 14.Qc2 Bb3 15.Qe4 N8d7 16.Qh4 Ra5 17.g4 Nc4 18.Ne4 Nd6 19.Ned2 Bd5 20.e4 Bxe4 21.Ng5 Rxg5 22.Qxg5 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Bxd4 24.Nf3 Bf6 25.Qf4 e5 26.Qxa4 e4 27.Nh2 Nc5 28.Qc2 Nd3 29.Rd1 Re8 30.Rb1 Nb5 31.Be3 Nd4 32.Qa4 Qd5 33.Nf1 h5 34.Ng3 h4 35.Nf1 Bg7 36.Qa7 Qd7 37.Qb6 f5 38.Bxd4 Bxd4 39.Qb3+ Kh7 40.Rxd3 exd3 41.Qxd3 fxg4 42.Rd1 Qd5+ 43.Kh2 Rd8 44.Qe2 Qe5+ 45.Kg1 Qxe2 0-1 (45) Vidit,S (2723)-Sadhwani,R (2619) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.Nc3

A) 10...Qa5 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.e3 Qa6 *(12...Bf5 13.Ne5 Qa6 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.f4 a3 16.bxa3 Qxa3 17.g4 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Bxg4 19.Qc1 Ne4 20.Qxa3 Rxa3 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bb4 Ra4 23.Bxe7 Re8 24.Bc5 f6 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.a3 Bh4 27.Rec1 Bg5 28.Rc3 Rc8 29.Rb1 Bf3 30.Bxf3 exf3 31.Kf2 Ra6 32.Kxf3 b6 33.Bb4 Rxc3 34.Bxc3 Rxa3 35.Bd2 Ra2 36.Ke2 Bd8 37.Kd3 Ra3+ 38.Bc3 Bc7 39.h3 Ra2 40.d5 Kf7 41.Bd4 Rh2 42.Rc1 Bd6 43.Rc6 Ke7 44.Rxb6 Rxh3 45.Rb7+ Ke8 46.Kc4 Rh5 47.e4 Rh4 48.Kd3 Rh3+ 49.Ke2 Rh4 50.Kf3 Rh3+ 51.Kg2 Rh4 52.Kf3 Rh3+ 53.Kf2 Rh4 54.Kf3* ½-½ (54) Kuzubov,Y (2643)-Artemiev,V (2716) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Bf1 Qa7 15.h3 h5 16.Nh4 Bd7 17.Nf3 Bf5 18.a3 Rfd8 19.Bg2 Qa6 20.Bf1 Qa7 21.Rc1 Ne4 22.Nh4 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 Bc8 24.f4 Qa5 25.Qg2 e6 26.Bd3 Ne7 27.g4 hxg4 28.hxg4 Bd7 29.Rf1 Qb6 30.Nf3 Rdc8 31.Rc2 Qd8 32.Qh3 f6 33.Nh4 Be8 34.Rh2 Bf7 35.Nf3 Qd6 36.g5 f5 37.Ne5 Rxc3 38.bxc3 Qxa3 39.Qh7+ Kf8 40.Nd7+ Ke8 1-0 (40) Nakamura,H (2736)-Svidler,P (2714) Saint Louis USA 2021;

B) 10...Ne4 11.Nxa4 *(11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.Rb1 Qa5 14.e3 Be6 15.Rxb7 Rfc8 16.Ba3 Qxc3 17.Bc5 Bf6 18.Nb1 Qa5 19.Qd2 Qd8 20.Bb6 Qe8 21.Nc3 Nb4 22.Ba5 Nc6 23.Bb6 Nb4 24.Ba5 Nc6* ½-½ (24) Alonso Rosell,A (2535)-Saric,I (2652) Eforie Nord ROU 2025*)* 11...Qa5 12.b3 b5 13.Nb2 Nc6 14.Bd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Qxd2 16.Nxd2 Nxd4 17.Bxd5 Ra7 18.Kg2 Rd8 19.Be4 Nxe2 20.Nd3 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 Nc3 0-1 (21) Stefansson,V (2537)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) London ENG 2024]

[8.Nc3 a4 9.Nxa4 dxc4 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qd1 Nbd7 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Nd2 b5 14.Bxc6 Rab8 15.e4 Bh3 16.e5 b4 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Nce4 Bxf1 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Qxf1 c3 21.Nb3 Qb6 22.Bg2 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Qxd4 24.Be3 Qf6 25.bxc3 bxc3 26.a4 c2 27.Rc1 Qf5 28.a5 Qxa5 29.Rxc2 Rfc8 30.Rxc8+ Rxc8 31.h4 Rd8 32.Bf3 Qf5 33.Kg2 Qd3 34.Qa1 Qd6 35.h5 Qf6 36.Qa5 Qf5 37.Qxd8+ 1-0 (37) Lenderman,A (2622)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022]

8...a4

[8...h6 9.Na3 a4 10.Qb4 Re8 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Rac1 e6 13.Ne5 Qa5 14.Qxa5 Rxa5 15.Nd3 Ra8 16.e3 Bf8 17.c5 b6 18.cxb6 Bb7 19.Bc7 Rec8 20.h4 Ne8 21.Bf4 Ra6

22.Bf1 Rxb6 23.Rc2 f6 24.g4 g5 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Bg3 Ba6 27.Rdc1 Bb7 28.Nb1 Kf7 29.a3 Bd6 30.Bxd6 Nxd6 31.Nc5 Ke7 32.Nxa4 Ra6 33.Bxa6 Bxa6 34.Rxc6 Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Bb5 36.Rxd6 Kxd6 37.Nbc3 Bc4 38.b4 e5 39.f3 Nf8 40.dxe5+ fxe5 41.Nc5 Ng6 42.Kf2 d4 43.N3e4+ Kc6 44.Nxg5 Ne7 45.exd4 exd4 46.Nge6 Kd5 47.Nf4+ Kc6 48.Ke1 Ba2 49.Kd2 Kd6 50.Ne4+ Kd7 51.a4 Nc6 52.Nd3 Kc7 53.b5 Na5 54.Nb4 Bb1 55.g5 Nb3+ 56.Kd1 1-0 (56) Daneshvar,B (2597)-Antipov,M (2585) chess.com INT 2024]

9.Qb4 Nbd7

[9...Re8 10.Na3 Qd6 11.Qe1 Qd8 12.Qb4 Qd6 13.Bd2 Qxb4 14.Bxb4 Be6 15.Rac1 Ne4 16.Ne5 Na6 17.Be1 Nd6 18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Nd7 Rac8 21.Rxc8 Nxc8 22.e3 Rd8 23.Rc1 Rxd7 24.Rxc8+ Bf8 25.Nb5 f6 26.a3 Kf7 27.Nc3 Rc7 28.Ra8 e6 29.Kf1 Be7 30.Nxa4 Rc4 31.Nc3 Nc7 32.Rb8 1-0 (32) Abdusattorov,N (2731)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2741) chess.com INT 2023]

[9...b5 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.Qxb5 Bd7 12.Qb4 Nc6 13.Qe1 Qb6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Bxd5 Rac8 17.Nc3 a3 18.Bb3 Be6 19.Na4 Qa7 20.bxa3 Bd7 21.Nb6 Qxb6 22.Rxd7 Nxe5 23.Be3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Nxd7 25.Rc1 Rcd8 26.Rd1 Ne5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Qb4 e6 29.a4 Rc8 30.a5 Bf8 31.Qb7 Rc1+ 32.Kg2 Ng4 33.Qe4 h5 34.h3 Nf6 35.Qd4 Kg7 36.a6 1-0 (36) Abdusattorov,N (2731)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2741) chess.com INT 2023]

[9...Qa5 10.Qxa5 Rxa5 11.Na3 Ra8 12.h3 *(12.Bd2 Na6 13.Rac1 Bf5 14.Ne5 Rfc8 15.Be1 Be6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.e3 e6 18.b4 axb3 19.axb3 Bf8 20.Nb1 b5 21.Nc3 Be8 22.c5 Nc7 23.Ra1 Bg7 24.Ne5 Kf8 25.b4 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Ra8 27.Ra5 Ng8 28.g4 f6 29.Nd3 e5 30.f3 Nh6 31.Bg3 Nf7 32.Kf1 Rd8 33.f4 exd4 34.exd4 Ne6 35.Ne2 Nh6 36.h3 f5 37.Bh4 Rd7 38.g5 Nf7 39.Bf2 Ke7 40.Ke1 Rb7 41.Kd2 Kd7 42.Be3 Kc8 43.Ra8+ Rb8 44.Ra1 Kb7 45.Ne1 Ra8 46.Rb1 Bd7 47.Nc2 Rh8 48.Nc3 Nc7 49.Ne1 Nd8 50.Nf3 Nde6 51.h4 Ra8 52.Rb2 Kc8 53.Ne2 Ra4 54.Nc1 Nd8 55.Bf1 Nf7 56.Bd3 Ne6 57.Bc2 Ra8 58.h5 Kc7 59.Ne2 Ra3 60.Rb1 Kd8 61.Nh4 Nf8 62.Rh1 Ke8 63.Re1 Kd8 64.Rb1 Ke8 65.Bb3 Nd8 66.Kc3 Kf7 67.Ng3 Bc8 68.Rh1 Ra7 69.Re1 Kg8 70.Re2 Kf7 71.h6 Bh8 72.Ra2 Rxa2 73.Bxa2 Bd7 74.Bb1 Be6 75.Ngxf5 gxf5 76.Nxf5 Bxf5 77.Bxf5 Nde6 78.Bg4 Bxd4+ 79.Bxd4 Nxf4 80.Bf6 N8e6 81.Bf5 Ng6 82.Kd2 Ngf8 83.Ke3 Ng6 84.Kf2 Ngf8 85.Kg3 Ng6 86.Kg4 Ngf8 87.Be5 Ng6 88.Bd6 Nd4 89.Bd7 Nf8 90.Bxf8 Kxf8 91.Be8 Kg8 92.Kf4 Ne6+ 93.Ke5 Nd8 94.Kf6* 1-0 (94) Dardha,D (2580)-Kadric,D (2579) Bremen GER 2023*)*

12...Na6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bd2 Bf5 15.Bf1 Rfc8 16.e3 Ne4 17.Be1 Bd7 18.Rac1 e6 19.Nb5 Bf8 20.a3 f6 21.Nd2 Nd6 22.Nxd6 Bxd6 23.Nb1 b5 24.Nc3 Rcb8 25.e4 b4 26.axb4 Nxb4 27.Bg2 Ra7 28.exd5 Nxd5 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Nxd5 Kf7 31.Ne3 Bxh3 32.Bc3 Rc7 33.Ba5 Rd7 34.Rc6 Rb5 35.Bc3 a3 36.bxa3 Bxa3 37.d5 Be7 38.Ra1 Bf5

39.Nxf5 gxf5 40.Raa6 ½-½ (40) Salem,A (2677)-Kadric,D (2601) Sharjah UAE 2023]
[9...dxc4 10.Qxc4 Bf5 11.e3 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Qa5 13.Nc3 Ne4 14.Bd2 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Nf6 16.Nc4 Qa6 17.h3 Be6 18.Ne5 Qxe2 19.Nxe2 Bd5 20.Nc3 Rfd8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nd3 Nd7 23.f4 f5 24.d5 cxd5 25.Nxd5 Nf8 26.Nc5 Bxb2 27.Rb1 a3 28.Nxe6 Nxe6 29.Nxe7+ Kf7 30.Nd5 Rac8 31.Nb4 Nc5 32.Kf1 Kg7 33.Bf3 Re8 34.Kf2 Na4 35.Rd7+ Kh8 36.Bxb7 Rb8 37.Na6 Nc3 38.Nxb8 Nxb1 39.Nc6 Nc3 40.Ne5 Kg8 41.Nf7 Kf8 42.Ng5 Re7 43.Nxh7+ Kf7 44.Ng5+ Ke8 45.Rxe7+ Kxe7 46.g4 Kd6 47.Ba6 Kc5 48.Ne6+ Kb4 49.Nd4 Nxa2 50.Nc2+ Kc5 51.gxf5 gxf5 52.Bc8 Nc3 53.Nxa3 Bxa3 54.Bxf5 Bc1 55.Kf3 Nd5 56.Ke4 ½-½ (56) Socko,B (2642)-Sadhwani,R (2616) Abu Dhabi UAE 2021]
10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Qe1 Qa5 12.e4 Qxe1+ 13.Nxe1 Nc7 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.Nc2 Bg4 16.f3 Bd7 17.Bf1 Rfd8 18.Bf4 Ne8 19.Rac1 Be6 20.Kf2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.g4 Nd6 23.Ne3 Be6 24.d5 a3 25.b3 Bd7 26.e5 Ne8 27.Nc4 cxd5 28.Nb6 e6 29.Nxa8 Rxa8 30.h4 Bf8 31.Ne2 h6 32.Nd4 Kg7 33.h5 g5 34.Be3 Be7 35.f4 gxf4 36.Bxf4 Bd8 37.Rg1 Kh7 38.g5 hxg5 39.Bxg5 f6 40.exf6 Nxf6 41.Ke2 Be8 42.Nxe6 Bxh5+ 43.Kd3 Bg6+ 44.Ke2 Bh5+ 45.Kf1 Bb6 46.Rh1 Kg6 47.Bxf6 Bf3 48.Rh8 Kxf6 49.Rxa8 Kxe6 50.Rxa3 d4 51.b4 Bd5 52.Ke2 Ke5 53.Ra8 Bf7 54.Rb8 Ke4 55.Kd2 Bd5 56.Re1+ Kf4 57.Rf8+ 1-0 (57) Abdusattorov,N (2731)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2741) chess.com INT 2023

[18] **11.Nc3** Bb7 12.d5 b4 13.Na4 Nbd7 14.e5 Nxd5 15.e6 N7b6 16.exf7+ Rxf7 17.Ng5 Rf5 18.g4 Rf6 19.Nc5 Bc6 20.Nce6 Qd7 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Ne4 Nf4 23.Qxd7 Nxd7 24.Nxf6 Nxg2 25.Re6 Nxf6 26.Rxc6 Ne1 27.Rxc4 Nd3 28.g5 Nd7 29.Rc7 N7e5 30.Rxe7+ Kg8 31.Be3 a4 32.Kg2 a3 33.bxa3 b3 34.Bd4 Nf4+ 35.Kf1 Nf3 36.Bf6 Nxh2+ 37.Kg1 Nf3+ 38.Kh1 Nd3 39.Re3 Nfe1 40.Raxe1 Nxe1 41.Rxe1 Rxa3 42.Re8+ Kf7 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Rxh7 Ra2 45.Kg2 1-0 (45) Carlsen,M (2831)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Oslo NOR 2024

[19] **5...a5** 6.cxd5 a4 7.Qd1 cxd5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Nxa4 Bf5 10.a3 b5 11.Nc5 Nb4 12.Kf1 Nc2 13.g4 Nxa1 14.gxf5 b4 15.Bg5 bxa3 16.Qxa1 axb2 17.Qxb2 Rb8 18.Qc2 Bg7 19.e3 0-0 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne2 gxf5 22.Qxf5 e6 23.Qc2 Qa5 24.Bf3 Qc7 25.Rg1+ Kh8 26.Rg3 Rg8 27.Nf4 Bxd4 28.Qxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rh3+ Kg7 30.Ncxe6+ fxe6 31.Nxe6+ Kf6 32.Nxc7 Rb1+ 33.Ke2 Rb2+ 34.Kd3 Be5 35.Nxd5+ Kg7 36.Rh5 Rxf2 37.Rg5+ Kh8 38.Rh5+ Kg7 39.Rg5+ ½-½ (39) Salem,A (2679)-Hakobyan,A (2612) Abu Dhabi UAE 2022

[20] **7...dxc4** 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qd3 b4 10.Na4 Bf5 11.Qd1 Nbd7 12.0-0 Be4 13.Bd2 a5 14.a3 Qb8 15.axb4 axb4 16.Qb3 Ra7 17.Qxb4 Qa8 18.b3 Rb8 19.Qa3 Bd5 20.Qc1 Ne4 21.Rb1 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Rxb3 23.Rxb3 Bxb3 24.Nc3 Ra1 25.Qb2 Rxf1+ 26.Bxf1 Qb8 27.e3 Bd5 28.Qxb8+ Nxb8 29.Nxd5 cxd5 30.Bb5 e6 31.Kg2 Kf8 32.h4 Ke7

33.Kh3 h6 34.h5 g5 35.Ne5 Bxe5 36.dxe5 Nd7 37.Bxd7 Kxd7 38.f4 gxf4 39.exf4 Ke7 40.g4 f6 41.Kg3 fxe5 42.fxe5 Kf7 43.Kf3 Kg7 44.Kg3 Kf7 45.Kf3 Kg7 46.Kg3 Kf7 ½-½ (46) Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Paris FRA 2021

21 **9.Bd2** Be6

[9...Bf5 10.Na4 Qxb3 11.axb3 Nbd7 12.Rfc1 Be4 13.e3 dxc4 14.bxc4 e5 15.Ba5 b6 16.Nxe5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Ng4 19.Bc3 Nxe5 20.b3 h5 21.Rc2 Nd3 22.Rca2 Rab8 23.b4 b5 24.cxb5 Rxb5 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Nc3 Rxb4 27.Rxa7 Rb2 28.Ne4 Re8 29.R1a4 Re5 30.Rd4 Rd5 31.Kf1 Rc2 32.Rc7 Rxd4 33.exd4 Kf8 34.Kg1 f5 35.Ng5 Ke8 36.h4 Nxf2 37.d5 Ne4 38.Nxe4 fxe4 39.dxc6 e3 40.Kf1 e2+ 41.Kf2 Kf8 ½-½ (41) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Mamedov,R (2646) Almaty KAZ 2022]

[9...dxc4 10.Qxc4 Be6 11.Qa4 Bf5 12.Rfd1 *(12.Rfe1 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Ba5 Qa6 15.Qa3 Re8 16.Bf1 c5 17.Nd2 Nc6 18.Nxe4 Qxa5 19.Qxa5 Nxa5 20.dxc5 Bxb2 21.Rab1 Be5 22.f4 Bc7 23.e3 Red8 24.g4 Kg7 25.Kf2 h6 26.h4 Rd5 27.Red1 Rad8 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Rc1 f5 30.gxf5 gxf5 31.Ng3 e6 32.Ke2 Bd8 33.Bg2 Rd7 34.h5 Be7 35.e4 Bh4 36.Rc3 Nc6 37.exf5 Nd4+ 38.Kf1 Nxf5* ½-½ (38) Tomashevsky,E (2718)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*; 12.Qa3 Re8 13.Na4 Qa6 14.Rfe1 Nbd7 15.Bb4 Nd5 16.e4 Nxb4 17.Qxb4 Bg4 18.Nd2 Qb5 19.Qxb5 cxb5 20.Nc3 Bxd4 21.Nxb5 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Be5 23.Nc4 Rec8 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.f4 Nd3 26.Re3 Nc5 27.f5 gxf5 28.h3 f4 29.gxf4 Bd7 30.Nd4 Rab8 31.e5 e6 32.Kh2 b5 33.Rd1 b4 34.Bf3 a5 35.Bh5 a4 36.Rg1+ Kh8 37.f5 b3 38.axb3 axb3 39.Bxf7 b2 40.Rb1 exf5 41.e6 Nxe6 42.Bxe6 Rc1 43.Ba2 Rb4 44.Ne2 Rc2 45.Kg1 f4 46.Re7 f3 47.Rxd7 fxe2 48.Re7 Ra4 49.Kf2 e1Q+ 50.Kxe1 Rxa2 51.Kd1 Rh2 52.Re2 Rh1+ 53.Kc2 Rc1+ 54.Kb3 Ra8 55.Rbxb2 Rc7 56.Re4 Kg7 57.Rb4 Rf8 58.Rb6 Rf3+ 59.Ka4 Rxh3 60.Rg2+ Kf7 61.Rf2+ Ke7 62.Re2+ Kd7 63.Rd2+ Kc8 64.Rg2 Re7 65.Rc2+ Rc7 66.Rg2 Rd3 67.Rg8+ Rd8 68.Rxd8+ Kxd8 69.Rh6 Rb7 70.Rh1 Ke8 71.Re1+ Kf7 72.Rf1+ Kg6 73.Rg1+ Kf5 74.Rf1+ Ke5 75.Rh1 Kf6 76.Rf1+ Kg7 77.Rg1+ Kf8 78.Rh1 Kg8 79.Rg1+ Rg7 80.Rh1 Rb7 81.Rg1+ Kf8 82.Rf1+ Ke7 83.Rh1 Kf6 84.Rf1+ Ke5 85.Re1+ Kf4 86.Rf1+ Kg4 87.Rg1+ Kf3 88.Rh1 Kg2 89.Rh6 Kg3 90.Ka3 Kg4 91.Ka4 Kg5 92.Rh1* 0-1 (92) Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Paris FRA 2019 *)* 12...a5 13.Nh4 Bd7 14.Qc2 Qxd4 15.Nf3 Qb6 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qc8 18.Na7 Qc7 19.Nb5 Qc8 20.Na7 Qc7 21.Nb5 ½-½ (21) Karjakin,S (2750)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Saint Louis USA 2019]

10.Na4 Qxb3 11.axb3 Nbd7 12.Rfc1 Ne4 13.Bb4 a5

[13...Kf8 14.e3 h6 15.Nd2 a5 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Be1 f5 18.Bf1 Bf7 19.b4 axb4 20.Bxb4 Ra6 21.c5 Ra7 22.Nb6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxb6 24.cxb6 Ke8 25.Ra7 Bd5 26.Bc5 Rd7 27.Ba6 bxa6 28.b7 Rxb7 29.Rxb7

Bf6 30.Rb6 Kd7 31.Rxa6 Bc4 32.Ra7+ Ke6 33.Rc7 Bb5 34.b3 g5 35.d5+ Kxd5 36.Bxe7 Be5 37.Rb7 Be2 38.h4 f4 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Bxg5 fxg3 41.Bf4 gxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Bd3 43.Bxe5 Kxe5 44.Ke1 c5 45.Kd2 Kd6 46.Kc3 Be2 47.Rg7 Kd5 48.Rg2 Bf1 49.Rf2 Bb5 50.Kb2 Kc6 51.Rf6+ Kd5 52.Rf5+ Kc6 53.Rf8 Be2 54.Ka3 Kb5 55.Rf6 Bd3 56.Re6 Bc2 57.Kb2 Bd3 58.Kc3 Ka5 59.Rd6 Be2 60.Rd5 Kb6 61.b4 cxb4+ 62.Kxb4 Kc6 63.Rd4 Bd3 64.Kc3 Kc5 65.Kd2 1-0 (65) Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Duda,J (2758) Moscow RUS 2019]

14.Bxe7 Re8 15.Bg5 b5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.Nc3 Nxg5 18.Nxg5 Bxd4 19.e3 Bf6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Rc2 Rec8 22.Rac1 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Ra7 25.Bh3 Kf7 26.Rc6 Nf8 27.Kf1 Ke7 28.Ke1 b4 29.Bf1 Nd7 30.Bh3 Nf8 31.Bf1 Nd7 32.Bh3 ½-½ (32) Wojtaszek,R (2673)-Lagarde,M (2595) Walbrzych POL 2024

9.Na4 Qxb3 10.axb3 Na6 11.Bf4 [11.Nc3 Nc7 12.Bf4 Nfe8 13.Rfc1 Ne6 14.cxd5 Nxf4 15.gxf4 cxd5 16.Ne5 e6 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.Nxa7 Nd6 19.e3 Be8 20.Bf1 h6 21.b4 g5 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.b5 f6 24.Nd3 e5 25.Nc5 Bf7 26.b6 exd4 27.exd4 f5 28.Ra4 Nc4 29.Bxc4 dxc4 30.Nxb7 Rdb8 31.Nd6 Rxb6 32.Nxf7 Kxf7 33.Rcxc4 Rxb2 34.Rc7+ Kg8 35.Rc8+ Rxc8 36.Nxc8 Kf7 37.Ra7+ Kf8 38.Nd6 f4 39.Kg2 Rxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Bxd4+ ½-½ (40) Wojtaszek,R (2724)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Moscow RUS 2019]

11...Bg4 12.Be5 Ne4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rfd1 Nb4 15.Nc3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ng5 17.Bg2 Ne6 18.e3 Nc7 19.Ra4 a5 20.Raa1 e6 21.Kf1 b5 22.cxb5 cxb5 23.Bf3 Rdb8 24.Be2 Kf8 25.Rdc1 Ke7 26.Ne4 Ne8 27.Nc5 Nd6 28.Nd3 Nxd3 29.Bxd3 Kd7 30.Rc5 a4 31.bxa4 bxa4 32.Ra2 Rb4 33.Rc3 Rab8 34.Rca3 Rxb2 35.Rxa4 Rxa2 36.Rxa2 Rb7 37.h4 Ke7 38.Ke2 h5 39.Rc2 Kd7 40.Ra2 Ke7 41.Rc2 Kd7 42.Ra2 Ke7 43.Rc2 ½-½ (43) Wojtaszek,R (2708)-Xiong,J (2691) chess24.com INT 2022

9.Rd1 Bf5 10.Ne1 Be6 11.c5 Qa6 12.Nd3 b6 13.Bf4 Nbd7 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Ne4 16.Nb4 Rdc8 17.Na6 g5 18.Be3 h6 19.Rac1 Nb8 20.Nb4 b5 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.bxc3 a5 23.Nd3 a4 24.a3 f6 25.f3 Na6 26.Bf2 Rd8 27.Re1 Ra7 28.h4 Rad7 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.e4 dxe4 31.fxe4 Bc4 32.Nb2 Bb3 33.Bh3 Rb7 34.Nd3 Bc4 35.Nb2 Bb3 36.Kg2 e5 37.Bf5 exd4 38.cxd4 b4 39.Ra1 bxa3 40.Rxa3 Nb4 41.Nxa4 Nc2 42.Rxb3 Nxe1+ 43.Bxe1 Rxb3 44.Be6+ Kf8 45.Bxb3 Rxd4 46.Nc3 f5 47.exf5 Rd3 48.f6 Bxf6 49.Ne4 Rxb3 50.Nxf6 Kf7 51.Ne4 Kg6 52.Bf2 Kf5 53.Nd6+ Ke6 54.Nc4 Rc3 55.Nd2 Kf5 56.Nf3 Rc4 57.Nd4+ Ke4 58.Nxc6 Kd5 59.Ne7+ Ke6 60.Nc8 g4 61.Nd6 Rc2 62.Nb5 Kd5 63.Nc7+ Ke5 64.Na6 Rc4 65.Nb8 Kd5 66.Nd7 Ke6 67.Nb6 Rc2 68.Kf1 Ke5 69.Ke1 Ke4 70.Nd7 Ra2 71.c6 Ra1+ 72.Ke2 Ra2+ 73.Kd1 Rxf2 74.c7 Rf1+ 75.Kc2 1-0 (75) Martirosyan,H (2637)-Cheparinov,I (2667) Tornelo INT 2021

9.Bf4 Be6 10.c5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Nbd7 12.b4 a6 13.Rfd1 h6 14.h3 g5 15.Be3 Bf5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nd2 Ne8 18.Rac1 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Bd4 Nd3 21.exd3 Bxd4 22.Nb3 Bf6 23.d4 Nc7 24.Bf1 Ne6 25.Bd3 Bxd3 26.Rxd3 Re8

27.Kf1 h5 28.Re1 hxg4 29.hxg4 Kg7 30.Ne2 Kg6 31.Ng3 Rh8 32.Nh5 Nf4 33.Nxf4+ gxf4 34.Kg2 Rh4 35.Na5 Rb8 36.Rg1 Rxg4+ 37.Kf1 Rxg1+ 38.Kxg1 Kf5 39.f3 Bh4 40.Kf1 Bd8 41.Nb3 Bc7 42.Rd2 Rh8 43.Re2 Kf6 44.Rg2 Rh1+ 45.Rg1 Rh3 46.Kf2 Kf5 47.Rg7 Ke6 48.Rg2 Bd8 49.Ke2 Rh1 50.Rg8 Ke7 51.Rg2 Rb1 52.Kd3 Kd7 53.Nd2 Re1 54.Re2 Rg1 55.Nb3 Rg3 56.Rf2 Rg1 57.Rh2 Bf6 58.Rh7 Ke6 59.Rh2 Rf1 60.Ke2 Rb1 61.Kd3 Kf5 62.Rh5+ Kg6 63.Rh2 Re1 64.Re2 Rf1 65.Nd2 Rd1 66.Kc2 Rg1 67.Nb3 Rf1 68.Nd2 Rh1 69.Nb3 Rg1 70.Na5 Rf1 71.Nxb7 Rxf3 72.Na5 Rg3 73.Nxc6 f3 74.Re3 Bg5 75.Ne5+ Kg7 76.Rxf3 Rg2+ 77.Kb3 f6 78.Nd3 Rh2 79.b5 axb5 80.Kb4 Rh4 81.Kxb5 Rxd4 82.c6 Rc4 83.Nc5 Rc2 84.c7 Rxb2+ 85.Rb3 1-0 (85) Lazavik,D (2537)-Van Foreest,J (2690) Almaty KAZ 2022

[22] **9...h6** 10.Bf4 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qd3 Na6 13.Qd2 c5 14.Bxh6 cxd4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Na4 Qb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Nc5 Bd5 19.a3 Nc6 20.Rac1 b6 21.Nd3 Rac8 22.Rc2 Ne5 23.Rfc1 Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Nxd3 25.exd3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 g5 27.Rc7 Rd7 28.Rc6 Ne8 29.Kg2 Rc7 30.Rxc7 Nxc7 31.Bc6 Ne6 32.b4 Nd8 33.Bd5 e6 34.Ba8 f5 35.h4 Kg6 36.hxg5 Kxg5 37.f4+ Kf6 38.Kf3 Nf7 39.g4 fxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Nd6 41.Bc6 Kg6 42.Bd7 Kf6 ½-½ (42) Vidit,S (2723)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022

[23] **11.axb3** Ne4 12.Bf4 Nd7 13.g4 h6 14.Ra4 g5 15.Bc7 Rdc8 16.Bh2 f5 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Rfa1 a6 19.Rb4 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Ra7 21.Ra5 Be4 22.h4 g4 23.Ne1 Bf5 24.Ra2 h5 25.Rba4 e5 26.e3 Re8 27.Bf1 Nf8 28.Ng2 Ng6 29.b4 Bd7 30.Bd3 Kf7 31.Bxg6+ Kxg6 32.Bxe5 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Rxe5 34.Rd2 Be8 35.Ra1 Bf7 36.Nf4+ Kf6 37.Rd4 Ra8 38.Ne2 Ke7 39.Kf1 Bg6 40.Ng3 Rf8 41.Rf4 Rf6 42.Rd1 Kf7 43.Rdd4 Re8 44.Ne2 Be4 45.c4 Rxf4 46.Nxf4 Re5 47.Ke1 Kf6 48.Kd2 Rf5 49.Kc3 Ke5 50.cxd5 cxd5 51.Rd2 Bh1 52.Rd4 Be4 53.Rd1 Bf3 54.Rd4 ½-½ (54) Keymer,V (2733)-Giri,A (2731) Wijk aan Zee NED 2025

[24] **4.b4** 0-0 5.e3
[5.Bb2 d5 6.e3 b6 *(6...Bf5 7.Nc3 c6 8.a4 Ne4 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nd7 12.a5 a6 13.0-0 Re8 14.Rfc1 Nf6 15.Nd2 e6 16.Qe2 h5 17.h3 Rc8 18.Rab1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Ne4 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.bxc5 Re7 22.Rb6 e5 23.dxe5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Qb2 Re7 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.c6 Rxc6 28.Rcxc6 bxc6 29.Rxa6 c5 30.Ra8+ Re8 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.a6 c4 33.a7* 1-0 (33) Andreikin,D (2695)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2024*)* 7.Nbd2 a5 8.b5 c5 9.bxc6 Nxc6 10.Rc1 Ba6 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Nd5 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Qb3 b5 15.Nce5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Nb4 17.Rxc8 Bxc8 18.Bxb5 Be6 19.Bc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 Qd5 21.Bc3 Rb8 22.Nxa5 Qxb3 23.axb3 Nd5 24.Bd2 e6 25.Rc1 Bf8 26.g3 Ba3 27.Rc2 Rb5 28.e4 Nf6 29.Bh6 Nd7 30.Rc8+ Nf8 31.Nc4 Be7 32.Re8 Bb4 33.e5 f5 34.Nd6 1-0 (34) Andreikin,D (2695)-Tomczak,J (2570) chess.com INT 2024]
5...d6 6.Bb2 b6
[6...c5 7.a3 cxd4 8.exd4 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nxe5 Ng4 12.Nd3 Re8+ 13.Be2 Bf5 14.Kd2

Bxd3 15.Bxg4 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Rd8 17.Rxb2 Bf5+ 18.Kc3 Bxg4 19.Nd2 Bf5 0-1 (19) Carlsen,M (2847)-Dubov, D (2710) chess24.com INT 2021]
7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.a4 a5 10.b5 e5 11.Nc3 Re8 12.Re1 exd4 13.exd4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nd2 Bb7 16.Bf3 Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 d5 19.Rc1 dxc4 20.Qe4 Nc5 21.dxc5 Bxb2 22.Rxc4 Qd1+ 23.Ne1 Rd8 24.cxb6 cxb6 25.g3 Kf8 26.Kg2 Re8 27.Qc2 Rxe1 28.Rc8+ Ke7 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.Rc8+ Kg7 31.Qxb2+ Kh6 32.h4 Rg1+ 33.Kh2 Rh1+ 34.Kg2 Qd5+ 35.f3 Qd1 36.Qf2 Re1 37.Rc2 Rg1+ 38.Qxg1 Qxc2+ 39.Qf2 Qc7 40.Qd4 f5 41.Kf2 Qc2+ 42.Ke3 Qxa4 43.Qxa4 1-0 (43) Andreikin,D (2695)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2594) chess.com INT 2024

25 **4...c6** 5.Bg2 Qa5+ 6.Nbd2
[6.Bd2 Qa6 7.b3 b5 8.cxb5 cxb5 9.a4 Bb7 10.Nc3 bxa4 11.Nxa4 Qb5 12.Nc3 Qb6 13.Na4 Qd8 14.0-0 0-0 15.Nc5 Bc6 16.Ba5 Qc8 17.Qb1 d6 18.Nd3 Qb7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Nb4 Be4 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.Qc1 Nbd7 23.Nd2 Bxg2 24.Qxc8+ Rxc8 25.Kxg2 d5 26.e3 e6 27.Nd3 Bf8 28.Ra2 Ne4 29.Nxe4 dxe4 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.dxe5 Rb8 32.b4 Rb7 33.Rc2 Rb5 34.Rc8 Rxe5 35.Bc7 Rd5 36.Ra8 Rd7 37.Be5 f5 38.Bd4 Kf7 39.b5 Bd6 40.Rxa7 Rxa7 41.Bxa7 Ke8 42.f3 exf3+ 43.Kxf3 g5 44.h3 h5 45.Bd4 g4+ 46.hxg4 fxg4+ 47.Kf2 Kd7 48.e4 Kc7 49.e5 Ba3 50.Ke3 Bc1+ 51.Ke4 Kb7 52.Bf2 Bg5 53.Bd4 Bd2 54.Bf2 Kc7 55.Bc5 Be1 56.Kf4 Bd2+ 57.Be3 Be1 58.Bd4 Kb7 59.Be3 ½-½ (59) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Carlsen,M (2864) Stavanger NOR 2022]
6...0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.b3 Bf5 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Nxe4
[10.Qc1 Nd7 11.Rd1 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Qxd2 13.Nxd2 Nf6 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.f3 g5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Kf2 e6 20.Bb2 Bg7 21.e3 c5 22.Bf1 Nd7 23.Ba1 cxd4 24.Bxd4 Bxd4 25.exd4 Nb8 26.Ke3 Nc6 27.Nb1 Nb4 28.Rd2 Rc7 29.Nc3 Rcd7 30.c5 a6 31.Na2 Nc6 32.b4 e5 33.dxe5 d4+ 34.Kf2 Nxe5 35.b5 a5 36.c6 bxc6 37.bxc6 Rc7 38.Bb5 f6 39.Nc3 Kf7 40.Ne2 d3 41.Rc3 Ke7 42.Nc1 Rd4 43.Nxd3 Bxd3 44.Bxd3 Rxc6 45.Rxc6 Nxc6 46.Re2+ Ne5 47.Bxh7 Rxa4 48.Kg3 Ra1 49.Be4 a4 50.h4 a3 51.h5 a2 52.Rg2 Nc4 53.Bd5 Rd1 54.Re2+ Kf8 55.Rxa2 Rxd5 56.Ra8+ Kg7 57.Ra7+ Kg8 58.Ra8+ Kg7 59.Ra7+ Kh6 60.Rf7 Rd6 61.f4 Nd2 62.fxg5+ fxg5 63.Re7 Rf6 64.Re2 Nc4 65.Re4 Nd6 66.Re5 Nf7 67.Re4 Kg7 68.Re7 Ra6 69.Re3 Rd6 70.Kh3 Rd4 71.Re6 Rd3+ 72.Kg2 Rd6 73.Re4 Kf6 74.Kg3 Ne5 75.Ra4 Rc6 76.Kg2 Rc4 77.Ra6+ Kf7 78.Ra7+ Ke6 79.Ra6+ Rc6 80.Ra4 Kd5 81.Ra8 Ke4 82.Ra4+ Rc4 83.Ra5 Rc2+ 84.Kg3 Rc3+ 85.Kg2 Kf4 86.h6 Rc2+ 87.Kh3 Rc6 88.Ra4+ Ke3 89.Ra3+ Nd3 90.Kg3 Rxh6 91.Ra5 Rg6 92.Rb5 Ke4 93.Ra5 Nf4 94.Ra4+ Ke5 0-1 (94) Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Gupta, A (2601) Aktobe KAZ 2024]
10...Bxe4 11.e3 e6
[11...Nd7 12.Bh3 Bf5 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.a4 e6 15.Ba3 Rfc8 16.Bd6 dxc4 17.bxc4 c5 18.Rb1 Qa6 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.Qd7 b6 22.Rfd1 Bf6 23.Rbc1 Rd8 24.Qxd8+

Bxd8 25.Rxd8+ Kg7 26.Rd7 Qxa4 27.Rcd1 Rc7 28.Rxc7 Qxd1+ 29.Kg2 a5 30.Ra7 Qd8 31.Nd4 Qc8 32.h4 Qxc4 33.Rb7 Qd5+ 0-1 (33) Jumabayev,R (2631)-Amin,B (2680) Abu Dhabi UAE 2021]

12.Qe2 Nd7 13.Rfc1 Nf6 14.a4 Rfe8 15.Ba3 Rad8 16.Bc5 Nd7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bd6 c5 19.Qd1 b6 20.Bf1 Re6 21.Bc7 Rc8 22.Bf4 h6 23.h4 Rd8 24.Bb5 a6 25.Bc7 axb5 26.axb5 Qxb5 27.Bxd8 Qc6 28.Ra7 Re8 29.Bc7 Qe6 30.Nd2 Bf5 31.Bf4 cxd4 32.exd4 Bg4 33.Nf3 Qf5 34.Rc3 Nf6 35.Qd3 Ne4 36.Rcc7 Ng5 37.Qxf5 Nxf3+ 38.Kg2 gxf5 39.Rxf7 Bxd4 40.Bxh6 Ne1+ 41.Kh2 Nf3+ 42.Kg2 Ne1+ 43.Kh2 Nf3+ 44.Kg2 ½-½ (44) Caruana,F (2793)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2721) Saint Louis USA 2024

4...0-0 5.Bg2 d5

[5...Nc6 6.0-0

A) 6...Re8 7.Nc3 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Rxe5 10.Bf4 Re8 11.c5 Nh5 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Rc1 b6 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Nb5 Ba6 16.Nxc7 Bxe2 17.Qb3 Bxf1 18.Nxe8 Bxg2 19.Nxg7 Ba8 20.Nxh5 gxh5 21.Qe3 Qf6 22.Qf4 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 Re8 24.Be3 b5 25.Rc5 Bc6 26.Rg5+ 1-0 (26) Dreev,A (2606)-Donchenko,A (2684) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 6...d6 7.d5 Nb4 *(7...Na5 8.Na3 c5 9.Re1 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.e4 a6 13.Rb1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nxb5 Qb6 16.a4 c4 17.Be3 Nc5 18.Qc2 Rfc8 19.Bg4 Rcb8 20.Be2 Rc8 21.Bxc4 Qb7 22.Be2 Nab3 23.Bg4 f5 24.exf5 Rxa4 25.Nc3 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.f6 Bxf6 28.Bxc8 Qxc8 29.Kg2 Nd3 30.Re3 Ne5 31.Rd1 Rb4 32.Qe2 Qb7 33.Ne4 Bg7 34.b3 Rxb3 35.Rxb3 Qxb3 36.Ng5 Bf6 37.Nf3 Nd7 38.Qd3 Qa4 39.Rc1 Nc5 40.Qc4 Qd7 41.Re1 h5 42.Nd4 Kh7 43.Ne6 Nxe6 44.Rxe6 Qb7 45.Re2 Qb1 46.Qe4 Qd1 47.g4 hxg4 48.hxg4 Kg7 49.f4 g5 50.fxg5 Bxg5 51.Rf2 Bh4 52.Qf3 Qxf3+ 53.Rxf3 Bf6 54.Rf5 Kg6 55.Kf3 Bg5 56.Ke4 Bh4 57.Rh5 Bg5 58.Rh8 Bf6 59.Rh5 Bg5 60.Kd4 Kf6 61.Kc4 Kg6 62.Kb5 Bf6 63.Kc6* 1-0 (63) Wojtaszek,R (2694)-Piorun,K (2640) Bydgoszcz POL 2022 *)* 8.Nc3 a5 9.e4 e6 *(9...Na6 10.Nd4 Nc5 11.h3 e5 12.dxe6 Nxe6 13.Ndb5 Bd7 14.Be3 Bc6 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Nd5 a4 17.Rad1 Ra5 18.Ndc3 h5 19.f4 Re8 20.b4 axb3 21.axb3 Ra8 22.Nd5 Nf6 23.f5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Nf8 25.Qxc7 Nxe4 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Qxd8 Raxd8 28.Bb6 Nxg3 29.Bxd8 Nxf1 30.Bb6 Ng3 31.Nxd6 Re2 32.Bf2 h4 33.Nxb7 Rb2 34.d6 Ne2+ 35.Kf1 Nd7 36.Bxh4 Nf4 37.Bf2 Be5 38.Na5 Nxg2 39.Kxg2 Bf4 40.Rd3 Nc5 41.Rf3 g5 42.Nc4 Rc2 43.h4 Ne6 44.d7 gxh4 45.d8Q+ Nxd8 46.Rxf4 h3+ 47.Kh1 Rc3 48.b4 Rb3 49.Nd6 Nc6 50.Rg4+ Kh7 51.b5 Ne5 52.Rg3 Rb1+ 53.Bg1 Nd7 54.Rxh3+ Kg6 55.Rf3 Kg5 56.Rf7 Nb6 57.Kg2 Na4 58.Ra7 Nc3 59.b6* 1-0 (59) Kazhgaleyev,M (2500)-Zemlyanskii,I (2585) Aktobe KAZ 2025 *)* 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Bf4 e5 13.Be3 Na6 14.b3 Qe7 15.a3 Qf8 16.Rb1 Bh6 17.b4 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Qh6 19.Qf1

b6 20.Nb5 Rec8 21.Nd2 Nb8 22.c5 Bxb5 23.Qxb5 axb4 24.cxb6 cxb6 25.Qxb4 Ne8 26.Bf1 Nd7 27.Nc4 Rc5 28.Qe1 Rac8 29.Nd2 Nef6 30.Kg2 Rc2 31.Bb5 R8c5 32.a4 Kg7 33.Bd3 R2c3 34.Qe2 Qh5 35.Qxh5 Nxh5 36.Rb4 Nf4+ 37.gxf4 exf4 38.Rf3 Ne5 39.Bb5 Rc2 40.Rd4 Nxf3 41.Kxf3 R5c3+ 42.Kxf4 Rxh3 43.f3 Rc3 44.Kg4 Rh1 45.Kg3 h5 46.Bf1 Rg1+ 47.Kf2 Rg5 48.Bh3 Re5 49.Nc4 Re7 50.Nxd6 h4 51.Nb5 Rc2+ 52.Ke3 Rh2 53.d6 Re8 54.Bd7 Rd8 55.Bc6 h3 56.Rd1 Rc2 57.Bd5 h2 58.Rh1 g5 59.e5 Rh8 60.Nd4 Rc5 61.Be4 Rxe5 62.d7 f5 63.Nxf5+ Kf6 64.Nd4 Re7 65.d8Q Rxd8 66.Nc6 Rxe4+ 67.Kxe4 Rc8 68.Rxh2 Kg7 69.Nd4 Rc4 1-0 (69) Le,T (2567)-Dubov,D (2708) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 6...d5 7.Na3 Be6 8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 a5 10.e3 a4 11.Nd2 f5 12.Qe2 Nb4 13.cxd5 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Nxd5 15.Rac1 axb3 16.axb3 c6 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Ra1 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Nf6 20.Qb4 Nd5 21.Qe1 Nb6 22.Ba3 Bf6 23.Nxb6 Qxb6 24.Bb4 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Rb8 26.Ra3 Qd8 27.Qa1 h5 28.h4 Bd5 29.Bxd5+ Qxd5 30.Ra8 Rxa8 31.Qxa8+ Kf7 32.Qxb7 Qxb3 33.Qb6 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Qe4+ 35.Kf1 f4 36.exf4 Bxd4 37.Qa5 Qh1+ 38.Ke2 Qb1 39.Bd2 Qc2 40.Qb4 c5 41.Qb7 Qc4+ 42.Ke1 Qd3 43.Qd5+ Kg7 44.Qe6 Bxf2+ 45.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 46.Kf3 Qd6 47.Qc4 Kf6 48.Qc3+ Ke6 49.Qe1+ Kf7 50.Qe4 Qe6 51.Qd3 Qc6+ 52.Kf2 c4 53.Qc3 Qe4 54.Qd2 Ke6 55.Qd8 Qd3 56.Qc8+ Kf7 57.Qa6 Qd4+ 58.Kf3 Qd5+ 59.Kf2 c3 0-1 (59) Wojtaszek,R (2708)-Kuybokarov,T (2583) Chennai IND 2022;

D) 6...Rb8 7.Nc3 a6

D1) 8.d5 Na5 9.Qd3 *(9.c5 d6 10.b4 Nc4 11.Nd4 dxc5 12.bxc5 Nd7 13.c6 Nc5 14.cxb7 Bxb7 15.Rb1 Ba8 16.Rxb8 Qxb8 17.e3 Qb4 18.Qc2 Rb8 19.h4 h5 20.Rd1 Na3 21.Bxa3 Qxa3 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Qd6 24.Nc6 Rb2 25.Qa4 Bb7 26.Kg2 Bc8 27.Bf3 Bf6 28.a3 Qc5 29.Qf4 Kg7 30.Rf1 Qxa3 31.Qxc7 Bf5 32.Qf4 a5 33.e4 Bxe4 34.Qxe4 a4 35.Re1 Qb3 36.Re3 Qb6 37.Re2 a3 38.Rxb2 Qxb2 39.d6 exd6 40.Qd5 a2 41.Nd8 Bxd8* 0-1 (41) Bok,B (2618)-Korobov,A (2659) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 9...b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.b4 Nb7 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Be3 Nd6 14.Bc5 Ra8 15.Bd4 Ra3 16.e4 c6 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Rfd1 Qa8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Qb2 Nc4 23.Qc1 Nf6 24.Ndxb5 Bxb5 25.Nxb5 Rxa2 26.Rxa2 Qxa2 27.Qb1 Qxb1 28.Rxb1 Nd2 29.Rd1 Rc2 30.Nd4 Rb2 31.Nf3 Ndxe4 32.Rd4 d6 33.h4 e5 34.Rd1 Rxb4 35.Ng5 d5 36.Nxe4 dxe4 37.Re1 h5 38.Kh2 e3 39.fxe3 Ng4+ 40.Kg1 Rb3 41.Bf3 Nxe3 42.Kf2 Nc4 43.Bd5 Rb2+ 44.Kg1 Nd6 45.Bc6 Nf5 46.Rxe5 Nxg3 47.Bd5 Ne2+ 48.Kh1 Nf4 49.Bc4 Rb4 50.Ba2 Nd3 51.Re7 Rxh4+ 52.Kg2 Rf4

0-1 (52) Samunenkov,I (2533)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024;

D2) 8.Bf4 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.Rc1 e6 11.Qd2 Ne7 12.e4 b4 13.Na4 d6 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.Rfe1 h6 16.h4 Bb7 17.b3 f5 18.e5 Bd5 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.Nb2 Qd7 21.Nc4 Be4 22.Nh2 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nd5 24.Nf3 Nc3 25.exd6 cxd6 26.Qe3 Rf6 27.a4 Qc6 28.Qd3 Rd8 29.Bd2 Nc7 30.Bxc3 bxc3 31.Ne3 Qb7 32.Qxc3 Rf7 33.Qc6 Qxb3 34.Rb1 Qd3 35.Rb7 Rdd7 36.Rd1 Qe4 37.Qxe4 fxe4 38.Nd2 d5 39.Nb3 Na6 40.Rb5 Rc7 41.Ng4 Rc2 42.Rb6 h5 43.Rxa6 hxg4 44.Rf1 Rf3 45.Nc5 Bxd4 46.Nxe6 Bxf2 47.Ng5+ Kh6 48.Nxf3 exf3+ 49.Kh2 Be1+ 50.Kh1 Bxg3 51.Rf6 Be5 52.Re6 Rh2+ 53.Kg1 Re2 54.Rxe5 Rxe5 55.a5 d4 56.Ra1 d3 57.Kf2 d2 58.Rd1 Rxa5 59.Rxd2 g5 60.hxg5+ Kxg5 61.Kg3 Ra1 62.Rd5+ Kg6 63.Kxg4 f2 64.Rg5+ Kh6 65.Rh5+ Kg6 66.Rg5+ Kh6 67.Rh5+ Kg6 68.Rg5+ ½-½ (68) Oparin,G (2676)-Aronian,L (2730) chess.com INT 2024]

6.cxd5

[6.0-0 dxc4 7.Na3

A) 7...c5 8.dxc5 c3 9.Nb5 Na6 10.Nxc3 Nxc5 11.Be3 Nfe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bd4 *(13.Nd4 Nd6 14.Qb3 Bg4 15.Rfd1 Qa5 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Bxd5 Bxh3 20.b4 Bd7 21.Nb3 b6 22.Nd4 Ba4 23.Nc6 Rxc6 24.Bxc6 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rc8 26.b5 Bc3 27.Bf4 Bb4 28.Kg2 h5 29.Rd3 Bc5 30.a4 a5 31.e4 Kg7 32.e5 Nc4 33.Rd7 g5* 0-1 (33) Bok,B (2618)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022*)* 13...Bf5 14.e3 Re8 15.Nh4 Bxd4 16.Nxf5 Bxb2 17.Nh6+ Kg7 18.Nxf7 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Nc5 20.Ng5 Rac8 21.Rd2 Bf6 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Rc7 24.Rfd1 b6 25.h4 Rec8 26.Rd7 Be5 27.Kg2 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 Rc7 29.Rxc7 Bxc7 30.Bc6 Bd6 31.Bb5 Bc7 32.Bc6 Bd6 33.Bb5 Bc7 ½-½ (33) Fedoseev,V (2704)-Chigaev,M (2639) Ufa RUS 2021;

B) 7...c3 8.bxc3 c5

B1) 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nc4 Be6 12.Qd3 *(12.Ne5 Nd5 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Qc1 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxc6 Rac8 19.Qa6 Rc7 20.Rac1 Rfc8 21.Rxc7 Rxc7 22.Bf3 g5 23.Qa4 Kg7 24.e3 h5 25.Rd1 h4 26.Bg2 h3 27.Bf3 a5 28.Qa3 g4 29.Be2 Rc2 30.Bd3 Rxa2 31.Qxe7 Qd5 32.e4 Qxd3 33.Qg5+ Kf8 34.Qh6+ Ke7 35.Qc1 Rc2* 0-1 (35) Ghosh,D (2553)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12...Nd5 13.Ba3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rb8 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Rac1 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Bc5 Nb4 19.Qa3 Nxa2 20.Rc2 Rb3 21.Qxa7 Nc3 22.Qxe7 Ra8 23.e3 Qf5 24.Bxc6 Qxc2 25.Bxa8 Rb8 26.Bf3 Qf5 27.Bg2 Bc4 28.e4 Qc8 29.Ra1 Rb7 30.Qd6 Rd7 31.Qe5 Ne2+ 32.Kh1 Bd3 33.Be3 Rc7 34.Bh6 f5 35.exf5 1-0 (35)

Wojtaszek,R (2719)-Salem,A (2682) ICC INT 2020;

B2) 9.Bb2 Nc6

B2a) 10.Re1 Bf5 *(10...Nd5 11.e4 Nb6 12.h3 Na5 13.Bc1 Bd7 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nbc4 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Bf1 cxd4 18.cxd4 b5 19.a4 Nb2 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Qb3 Nxa4 22.Bxb5 Nb6 23.Rc1 Qe8 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Rc7 Qxh3 26.Ng5 Qh5 27.Rxe7 Qe2 28.Rxf7 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Nxc4 30.Rxg7+ Kxg7 31.Ne6+ Kf7 32.Nxf8 Kxf8 33.Kf1 a5 34.Ke2 a4 35.Bd2 h5 36.f4 Kf7 37.Kd3 Nb2+ 38.Kc2 Nc4 39.Kc3 Nd6 40.Kd3 a3 41.d5 g5 42.fxg5 Kg6 43.e5 Nf5 44.d6 Ng7 45.d7 Ne6 46.Kc2 Kf5 47.Ba5* 1-0 (47) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Salem,A (2682) ICC INT 2020*; 10...Qb6 11.Nc4 Qa6 12.Ncd2 e5 13.Nb3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rd8 15.Qc1 exd4 16.Nfxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bf5 18.Qb2 Rac8 19.e4 Bd7 20.Nc5 Qb5 21.Nxb7 Qxb2 22.Bxb2 Rf8 23.Ba3 Ng4 24.Rad1 Ba4 25.Bxf8 Bxf8 26.Rd4 Bb5 27.e5 Nxe5 28.Nd6 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Rc5 30.Rd5* 1-0 (30) Grandelius,N (2656)-Hansen,E (2606) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11.d5 Nxd5 *(11...Na5 12.c4 Be4 13.Rc1 a6 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Bc3 b6 16.Red1 Qc7 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Rad8 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Rb1 Rb8 21.Nc2 Nd7 22.Be4 Nb6 23.Bd3 Na4 24.a3 Nb2 25.Rdc1 Rb3 26.a4 Reb8 27.Qd2 Nxc4 28.Qe1 Bc3 29.Qd1 Nb2 30.Qf1 c4 31.Be4 Nxa4 32.Ne3 Nc5 33.Bc2 R3b4 34.Rxb4 axb4 35.Nxc4 b3 36.Bxg6 hxg6 37.Rxc3 Ne4 38.Rc1 Rc8 39.f3 Nd2 40.Qd1 Nxc4 41.Qxb3 Qb6+ 42.Qxb6 Nxb6 43.Ra1 Ra8 44.Ra5 Nc4 45.Ra4 Nd6 46.e4 a5 47.Kf2 f6 48.Ke3 Kf7 49.f4 f5 50.e5 Ne4 51.Kd4 Ra7 52.Kc4 Rc7+ 53.Kd4 Ra7 54.Kc4 Nd2+ 55.Kd3 Nf3 56.h4 Nh2 57.Kd4 Nf1 58.Ra3 a4 59.Kc4 Nd2+ 60.Kb5 Ne4 61.Kb6 Ra8 62.Kb5 Ke8 63.Kb6 Kd7 64.Kb5 Rb8+ 65.Kc4 Nd2+ 66.Kc5 Ra8 67.Kd4 Ne4 68.g4 Nd2 69.gxf5 gxf5 70.h5 Nb3+ 71.Kc4 Rc8+ 72.Kd3 Nc5+ 73.Kd4 Nb3+ 74.Kd3 Rh8 75.Kc3 Ra8 76.h6 Kc7 77.h7 Nc5 78.Kb4 Kb6 79.Rh3 Rh8 80.Rh6+ e6 81.dxe6 Nd3+ 82.Kxa4 Kc7 83.e7 Kd7 84.Rd6+ Kxe7 85.Rxd3 Rxh7 86.Kb5 Rh1 87.Kc6 Rf1 88.Rd4 Ke6 89.Kc7 Ke7 90.Rc4 Rf2 91.Kc6 Ke6 92.Kc5 Rf1 93.Rd4 Rc1+ 94.Kb4 Kf7 95.Rc4 Rf1 96.Kc3 Ke6 97.Kd3 Re1 98.Rc6+ Kd5 99.Rd6+ Kc5 100.Rf6 Rd1+ 101.Ke2 Ra1 102.Rxf5 Kd5 103.Kf3 Rf1+ 104.Kg4 Rg1+ 105.Kh5 Ke6 106.Rf6+ Ke7 107.Rg6 Rf1 108.Kg5 Kf7 109.Rf6+ Ke7 110.Kf5 Rh1 111.Ra6 Rh5+ 112.Ke4 Rh1 113.Ra7+ Ke8*

114.f5 1-0 (114) Stefansson,V (2537)-Zhang Pengxiang (2567) London ENG 2024*)* 12.e4 Bxe4 13.Rxe4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Bxc3 15.Rb1 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Rad8 17.Rb1 b6 18.Nb5 Bf6 19.Ra4 Rd7 20.h4 Na5 21.Ng5 e6 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Nec3 Rfd8 24.Bf1 Kg7 25.Be2 h6 26.Kf1 g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Kg2 Rh8 29.Na3 Bf6 30.Ne4 Rhd8 31.Nb5 Be7 32.g4 Nc6 33.Bf3 Na5 34.Rc1 Rh8 35.Rc2 Rhd8 36.Be2 1-0 (36) So,W (2770)-Duda,J (2743) chess.com INT 2020;

B2b) 10.e3 Be6 11.Qe2 Rc8 12.e4 Bg4 13.Rfd1 Nd7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qa5 17.e5 Nb6 18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.Kg2 e6 20.Qb5 Qa4 21.Qxa4 Nxa4 22.Ba1 Bf8 23.Nc4 Nb4 24.Bxb7 Nxa2 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.Rc2 Nb4 27.Rcc1 Na2 28.Rc2 Nb4 29.Rcc1 Na2 ½-½ (29) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Shankland,S (2720) chess24.com INT 2022]

6...Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Re1 Nb6 9.e3 e5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nc3 c6 14.e4 Be6 15.f4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Na4 17.Bd2 Rfd8 18.Be1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Bxa2 20.Ra1 Bb3 21.Rb1 Bc2 22.Rxb7 Nc5 23.Rb2 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25.c4 a5 26.Ra2 a4 27.Kg2 c5 28.Kf3 f5 29.Ra3 Kf7 30.g4 Nd6 31.Ra2 fxg4+ 32.Kxg4 Nxc4 33.Bf2 Ra5 34.Be1 Ra6 35.Bf2 h5+ 36.Kf3 Ke6 37.Bxc5 Kd5 38.Bb4 Kd4 39.f5 Ne5+ 40.Kg3 gxf5 41.Ba3 Nd3 42.Kh4 f4 43.Bf8 f3 44.Bg7+ Ke3 0-1 (44) Caruana,F (2796)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2770) Zagreb CRO 2024

4...d5 5.Bg2

[5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 *(7.Bf4 Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.0-0 e5 11.dxe5 Qe7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 g5 14.Kh1 Rad8 15.Qh5 h6 16.Rg1 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Qe2 Qe6 19.Rgd1 c6 20.Rac1 Qe7 21.Ne4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.b3 Rxd1+ 24.Qxd1 Nd5 25.Qg4 Qd8 26.Nc5 b6 27.Qd7 Qxd7 28.Nxd7 Nb4 29.a3 Nd3 30.Kg1 Nc1 31.Nb8 Nxb3 32.Nxc6 a5 33.Bd5 a4 34.Nd8 Bb2 35.Bc6 Nc5 36.Nb7 Nd3 37.Bxa4 Bxa3 38.Bb3 Kf8 39.Nd8 Ne5 40.f4 gxf4 41.gxf4 Be7 42.fxe5 Bxd8 43.Kf2 Bc7 44.e6 fxe6 45.Bxe6 Ke7 46.Bb3 Kf6 47.Ke2 Bd6 48.Kf3 Ke5 49.Ke2 Bc5 50.Kf3 Bd6 51.Ke2 Bc5 52.Kf3 b5 53.Ke2 Ke4 54.Bc2+ Ke5 55.Kf3 Bb6 56.Bd3 b4 57.Bc4 Bc5 58.Bb3 Bb6* ½-½ (58) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Artemiev,V (2716) lichess.org INT 2020 *)* 7...Nc6 8.Nc3 *(8.e3 e5 9.Nc3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.exd4 c6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 0-0 14.Be3 Be6 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Bxb7 Rxa2 17.Rxa2 Bxa2 18.Qa4 Bd5 19.Rd1 Bxb7 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.f4 Bxb2 22.Qa7 Rd7 23.Qxb6 Ba1 24.Qb5 Rd1+ 25.Kf2 Bh1 26.Qe8+ Kg7 27.Bc5 h5 28.Bf8+ Kf6 29.Qe7+ Kf5 30.Qxf7+ Bf6 31.Be7 Rd2+ 32.Ke3 Rxh2 33.Qxf6+ Kg4 34.Qxg6+ Kh3 35.f5 Bd5 36.f6 Kg2 37.Qc2+* 1-0 (37) Wang,H (2726)-Howell,D (2694) Douglas ENG 2019*)* 8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Qxd4 Bxd4 11.Nb5 Be5 12.Bf4 Bxf4

13.gxf4 Kd8 14.Rfd1+ Nd7 15.Nd4 a5 16.Bd5 e6 17.Bg2 Ra6 18.Rac1 c6 19.a3 Ke7 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Rb6 22.b5 c5 23.Nc2 Rxb5 24.Na3 Rb4 25.Nc4 b5 26.Na5 Rxf4 27.Nc6+ Kf6 28.Na7 Nb6 29.Rxc5 b4 30.Rd6 Rc4 31.Rxc4 Nxc4 32.Rc6 Nd2 33.Rc2 Rd8 34.Nxc8 b3 35.Rb2 Rxc8 36.Rxd2 Rc2 37.Rd1 b2 38.Be4 Rc1 39.Rf1 Ke5 40.Bd3 Kd4 41.Kg2 e5 42.Bb1 f5 43.h4 Kc3 44.f3 Rxb1 45.Rxb1 Kc2 46.Rh1 b1Q 47.Rxb1 Kxb1 48.Kf2 Kc2 0-1 (48) Andreikin,D (2729)-Xu,X (2623) chess.com INT 2024]

5...dxc4 6.0-0 c6 7.a4 0-0

[7...Ne4 8.Na3 *(8.Nc3 Nd6 9.e4 0-0 10.Qe2 Na6 11.Rd1 Nc7 12.h3 b6 13.Be3 Qe8 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Rac1 Rd8 16.f4 Kh8 17.Bf2 f6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.d5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qd7 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxa4 23.Qxc4 Qxc4 24.Rxc4 Rd7 25.Ra1 Nb5 26.Rb4 Nd6 27.Rba4 Nc8 28.Bd4 Rfd8 29.Rc1 Nd6 30.Rca1 Nb5 31.Be3 f5 32.Rb4 Nd6 33.Rc1 Ne8 34.Ra1 Rc7 35.Rba4 Rdd7 36.R1a2 Nd6 37.Bf1 h5 38.Kg2 Ne4 39.Kf3 Nf6 40.Bc4 Kh7 41.Bb3 a5 42.Rd4 Rd6 43.Rd2 Ne4 44.Re2 Bf6 45.g4 Nc5 46.Bc4 Ne4 47.Bb3 Bg7 48.Ra4 Nf6 49.gxf5 gxf5 50.Bc2 Nxd5 51.Bxf5+ Kg8 52.Bf2 Kf7 53.Rd2 e6 54.Be4 Rcd7* ½-½ (54) Wang,H (2726)-Rodshtein,M (2684) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)*

8...Nd6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.e3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na6 12.Naxc4 Nxc4 13.Nxc4 Bd5 14.Rd1 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Re8 16.b3 c5 17.Qf3 cxd4 18.exd4 Nb4 19.Qxb7 Rb8 20.Qe4 Qd5 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.Rd3 Rb7 23.Bd2 Rc8 24.Re1 Rcb8 25.Na5 Rc7 26.Rc1 Rxc1 27.Bxc1 Rc8 28.Ba3 Rc2 29.Bc5 e5 30.Nc4 e4 31.Rd2 Rc3 32.Bxa7 Rxb3 33.a5 Rc3 34.Ne3 Nxe3+ 35.fxe3 Rxe3 36.Bc5 Rd3 37.Rxd3 exd3 38.Kf3 1-0 (38) Jumabayev,R (2617)-Xiong,J (2691) chess.com INT 2022]

8.Na3 Be6

[8...Na6 9.Nxc4 Be6 10.b3 Nb4 *(10...Bd5 11.Ba3 Rc8 12.Rc1 Re8 13.e3 c5 14.Qe2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qd5+ 17.f3 Nc7 18.Rfd1 Qh5 19.e4 Rcd8 20.Ne3 e5 21.Rxc7 exd4 22.Qc4 Rd7 23.Rxd4 Rxc7 24.Qxc7 Qg5 25.Rd3 b6 26.h4 Qa5 27.Rd8 h5 28.Bb2 Rf8 29.Bc3 Qa6 30.Nc4 b5 31.Nd6 Rxd8 32.Qxd8+ Kh7 33.Nxb5 Qe6 34.Bxf6 Bxf6 35.Qd5 Qe7 36.Qd6* 1-0 (36) Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Paris FRA 2019 *)* 11.Bb2 a5 12.e3 Bd5 13.Qe2 Be4 14.Nfe5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nfd5 16.e4 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.Nd7 Qc7 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.Rfd1 Qb6 21.Bc3 h5 22.h4 Rd8 23.Qb2 e6 24.Rd2 Bh6 25.Re2 Bg7 26.Rd1 Qa6 27.Red2 Bh6 28.Bxb4 axb4 29.Rd3 Bg7 30.Qd2 Qb6 31.Qg5 Rd7 32.Qc5 Qa6 33.Qxb4 f5 34.exf5 gxf5 35.Qc4 Kf7 36.Qxa6 bxa6 37.Rc1 Rd6 38.Rdc3 Rxd4 39.Rxc6 a5 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.Re7 Re4 42.Rc6 Kf6 43.Ra7 f4 44.Rc4 1-0 (44) Matlakov,M (2674)-Puranik,A (2608) chess.com INT 2022]

9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 h6 11.exd5 hxg5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.d5 Nb4 14.Bxg5 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nfxd5 16.Nxc4 Rc5 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.Na3 e6 19.h4 a6 20.Rfd1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qd7 22.Rd1 Qxa4 23.Nc4 Nc6 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Rxd5 Qb3 26.Qe4 b5 27.Nd6 Qxb2 28.h5

Nd4 29.Kg2 Ne6 30.Be7 gxh5 31.Bxf8 Nxf8 32.Rf5 Qd4 33.Qc6 f6 34.Ne4 Qd7 35.Nxf6+ Bxf6 36.Qxf6 Nh7 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qxh5 Kg7 39.Kh2 Qe6 40.Qg4+ Kh8 41.Qf4 Kg7 42.Kg2 Qc6+ 43.Kg1 Qe6 44.Qg4+ Kh8 45.Qd4+ Kg8 46.Qd8+ Kg7 47.Qd4+ Kg6 48.Rd5 Nf6 49.Qd3+ Kg7 50.Rd6 Qe1+ 51.Kg2 Qe4+ 52.Qxe4 Nxe4 53.Rxa6 Nc3 54.Rb6 Kf7 55.f4 Ke7 56.Kf3 Kd7 57.g4 Kc7 58.Rh6 b4 59.g5 b3 60.Rh2 Kd7 61.Rb2 Nb5 62.Ke4 Nd6+ 63.Kd5 Nf5 64.Rxb3 Ne7+ 65.Ke4 Nc6 66.Rd3+ Ke6 67.f5+ Ke7 68.g6 Kf6 69.Rd6+ 1-0 (69) Jumabayev,R (2549)-Le,Q (2729) chess.com INT 2025

4...b6 5.Bg2

[5.Nc3 Bb7 6.d5 e6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.e4 a5 10.Re1 e5 11.a3 Nbd7 12.Rb1 h6 13.b4 Ne8 14.Nh4 Kh7 15.Be3 Bf6 16.Nf3 axb4 17.axb4 Ba6 18.Bf1 Bg7 19.Qc2 Kg8 20.Nh4 Nef6 21.Be2 h5 22.h3 Nh7 23.Qd2 Bf6 24.Nf3 Bg7 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Ndf6 27.Nh2 Nd7 28.g5 f6 29.gxf6 Ndxf6 30.Kh1 Rf7 31.Rg1 Nf8 32.Nf3 N6h7 33.Rg3 Bc8 34.Rbg1 Bd7 35.c5 bxc5 36.bxc5 Rb8 37.c6 Bc8 38.Ra1 Bf6 39.Rb1 Rxb1+ 40.Nxb1 Bh4 41.Rg2 Nf6 42.Nc3 Ng4 43.Bg5 Bxg5 44.Nxg5 Nxf2+ 45.Kg1 Rf4 46.Ne6 Nh3+ 47.Kh2 Qh4 48.Nxf4 Nxf4+ 49.Kg1 Nxg2 50.Kxg2 Bh3+ 51.Kf3 Bg4+ 52.Kg2 Qh3+ 53.Kf2 Qh4+ 54.Kg2 Qh3+ 55.Kf2 Qh2+ 56.Ke1 Qg1+ 57.Bf1 Qg3+ 58.Qf2 Qxc3+ 59.Qd2 Qg3+ 60.Qf2 Qxf2+ 61.Kxf2 Kf7 62.Kg3 Bc8 63.Kh4 Nh7 0-1 (63) Alonso Rosell,A (2550)-Madaminov,M (2520) chess.com INT 2025]

5...Bb7 6.0-0 0-0

[6...e6 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 d5 9.Nc3 dxc4 *(9...Nbd7 10.Rc1 Rc8 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Qd2 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qb2+ Qf6 17.Qxf6+ Kxf6 18.Nd2 Rfd8 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Rfd1 Ne4 21.Nxe4+ dxe4 22.Rxc8 Rxd1+ 23.Kg2 Rd2 24.e3 Rxa2 25.Rc4 Ke5 26.Rc7 Ke6 27.Rc4 f5 28.Rc7 h5 29.Rc6+ Kf7 30.h4 b5 31.b4 Ra4 32.Kf1 Rxb4 33.Rc7+ Ke6 34.Rxa7 Ra4 35.Rb7 b4 36.Rb6+ Kd5 37.Rxg6 b3 38.Rb6 Kc4 39.Rc6+ Kd3 40.Rb6 Kc3 41.f3 b2 42.fxe4 Rxe4 43.Rxb2 Kxb2 44.Ke2 Kc3 45.Kf2 Kd3 46.Kf3 Kd2 47.Kf2 Rxe3 48.Kg2 Ke2 49.Kh2 Kf2 50.Kh3 Rxg3+ 51.Kh2 f4* 0-1 (51) So,W (2770)-Duda,J (2743) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 10.bxc4 Nc6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bxg2 13.exf6 Bxf1 14.fxg7 Kxg7 15.Kxf1 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Rfd8 17.Ne4+ Kf8 18.Ke1 Rxd1+ 19.Kxd1 Rd8+ 20.Kc2 h6 21.Bf6 Rd7 22.g4 c5 23.h4 Rc7 24.h5 gxh5 25.gxh5 Rd7 26.f3 Rb7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nf2 Kg8 29.Ng4 Kh7 30.Be5 Rb7 31.Nf6+ Kg7 32.Kd3 a6 33.Ne4+ Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kf8 35.Bd6+ Kg7 36.Ne8+ Kg8 37.Nc7 f5 38.e4 Kf7 39.Ke3 fxe4 40.fxe4 Rb8 41.Nxe6 Rg8 42.Nc7 Rg5 43.e5 Rg1 44.e6+ Kf6 45.e7 Re1+ 46.Kf2 Rxe7 47.Nd5+ Ke6 48.Bxe7 b5 49.Bxc5 bxc4 50.Nc3 1-0 (50) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2022]

7.Qc2

[7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Be3 d6 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.Bh6 Nf6 12.Rfd1 c5 13.Rac1 Qc7 14.b3 Rfd8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.d5 b5 17.Bh3 bxc4

18.bxc4 Bxf3 19.exf3 Rab8 20.Re1 Rb7 21.g4 Kg8 22.g5 Nh5 23.Bg4 Ng7 24.f4 Rdb8 25.Kg2 Rb2 26.Rc2 Rxc2 27.Qxc2 Qb7 28.f5 Qd7 29.h4 Nxf5 30.Bxf5 Qxf5 31.Qxf5 gxf5 32.Rxe7 Rb4 33.Rxa7 Rxc4 34.Ra6 Rxh4 35.Rxd6 Rd4 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.d6 c4 38.a4 Rd5 39.d7 c3 40.a5 c2 41.Rc8 Rxd7 42.Rxc2 Ra7 43.Rc5 Kg6 44.f4 Rd7 45.Rc3 Rd2+ 46.Kf3 Ra2 47.Rc6+ Kg7 48.a6 Ra3+ 49.Ke2 Ra4 50.Ke3 Re4+ 51.Kf3 Ra4 52.Rd6 Ra3+ 53.Ke2 Ra4 54.Ke3 Re4+ 55.Kd3 Rxf4 56.Rd4 Rf3+ 57.Kc4 Ra3 58.Kb5 Kg6 59.Ra4 Rb3+ 60.Kc6 Rc3+ 61.Kb6 Rb3+ 62.Ka5 Rb8 63.a7 Ra8 64.Kb6 Kxg5 65.Kb7 Re8 66.Rc4 f4 67.Rc8 Re7+ 68.Rc7 Re8 69.Rc8 Re7+ 70.Rc7 Re8 ½-½ (70) Aronian,L (2742)-Carlsen,M (2853) Dubai UAE 2023]

[7.d5 Na6 8.Nc3 Nc5 9.Nd4 *(9.Re1 e6 10.e4 d6 11.h3 a5 12.Be3 Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Qc2 Nc5 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Rad1 Rae8 19.Kh2 Qf7 20.Nb5 Nd8 21.b3 e5 22.Qe4 Ne6 23.Qd5 h5 24.h4 Kh7 25.a3 Bh6 26.b4 axb4 27.axb4 g5 28.hxg5 Bxg5 29.Qe4+ Kg7 30.Rd2 Bxe3 31.Rxe3 Ng5 32.Qh4 Kg6 33.Kg2 Re6 34.Rde2 Rf6 35.g4 hxg4 36.Nc3 Rf3 37.Ne4 Qf5 38.Ng3 Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Qb1+ 40.Re1 Nf3+* 0-1 (40) Rustemov,A (2525)-Dubov,D (2701) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 9...e5 10.Nc2 a5 11.b3 d6 12.e4 Bc8 13.Rb1 Ne8 14.a3 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.b4 Nd7 17.Bb2 f4 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Ne1 Bh6 20.gxf4 Bxf4 21.Nd3 Qh4 22.Nxf4 Rxf4 23.f3 Nf8 24.Bc1 Rf5 25.f4 Rh5 26.Qf3 Qxh2+ 27.Kf2 Qh4+ 28.Qg3+ Ng6 29.fxe5 Bf5 30.Re1 Qxg3+ 31.Nxg3 Bxb1 32.Nxh5 Nxe5 33.Bf1 axb4 34.axb4 Ra2+ 35.Kg3 Bg6 36.Nf4 Nf6 37.Nxg6 hxg6 38.Be2 Rc2 39.Bg5 Ne4+ 40.Kf4 Nxg5 41.Kxg5 Kg7 42.Kf4 Nxc4 43.Bxc4 Rxc4+ 44.Kg5 Kf7 45.Rh1 Ke7 0-1 (45) Samunenkov,I (2533)-Van Foreest,J (2697) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2024]

7...e6

[7...c5 8.Rd1 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 Qc7 11.b3 d5 12.Bb2 dxc4 13.bxc4 Nbd7 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Rac1 a6 16.Kg1 Nc5 17.N2b3 Nfe4 18.Nf3 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Rfd8 20.Qc2 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rd4 Rxd4 23.Nbxd4 Nd6 24.Nd2 Nd7 25.Qa4 Nc5 26.Qa3 a5 27.h4 Nce4 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.Qe3 Nd6 30.Nb5 Qxc4 31.Nxd6 exd6 32.Qxb6 Qxa2 33.Qxd6 Qa1+ 34.Kg2 h5 35.e4 a4 36.e5 a3 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qe7 Qa2 39.e6 Qd5+ 40.Kh2 Qf5 41.exf7 Qxf2+ 42.Kh3 Qf1+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh3 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf2+ ½-½ (45) Le,T (2567)-Donchenko,A (2664) chess.com INT 2023]

8.Nc3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bf4 Na6 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Nb5 Rfd8 13.a3 c6 14.Nc3 c5 15.Be5 Nc7 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.b4 d4 18.Na4 Bxf3 19.Bxc7 Bxe2 20.Bxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxc5 d3 22.Nxd3 Ng4 23.Nf4 Bxd1 24.Rxd1 Bd4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qc8+ Rd8 27.Qxg4 Qe1+ 28.Bf1 Qc3 29.Qg5 Rd1 30.Qb5 Qxa3 31.Qe8+ Kg7 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Nd5 Qc1 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Kg8 36.Nf6+ Kg7 37.Ng4+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.Ne3 Rd2 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.Qe5+ Kg8

43.Qb8+ Kg7 44.Qxa7 Qe1 45.Ng2 Qb1 46.b5 Rb2 47.Qd4+ Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kg7 49.Qd4+ Kg8 50.Ne3 Rxb5 51.Ng4 Rb4 52.Qd8+ Kg7 53.Qf6+ Kf8 54.Ne5 Rb7 55.Qh8+ Ke7 56.Qxh7 Qf5 57.Qh4+ Kf8 58.Qh8+ Ke7 59.Nc6+ Kd6 60.Nd4 Qd5 61.Qf6+ Kc5 62.Ne2 Qd6 63.Qc3+ Kb6 64.Nf4 Rd7 65.h4 Qc5 66.Qb3+ Kc7 67.Bg2 Kd8 68.Nd5 Ra7 69.Qb8+ Kd7 70.Nf6+ Ke6 71.Ne4 Ra1+ 72.Kh2 Qc1 73.Qe8+ Kd5 74.Qxf7+ Kd4 75.Qd7+ Kc4 76.Qc6+ Kd4 77.Qd6+ Kc4 78.Qxg6 Qg1+ 79.Kh3 Re1 80.Qc6+ Kb3 81.Qb5+ Ka3 82.Qa5+ Kb3 83.Nd2+ Kc2 84.Nf3 1-0 (84) Artemiev,V (2697)-Duda, J (2726) chess.com INT 2023

[26] **6...Ne4** 7.Qc2

[7.Ne1 f5 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Nd3 e5 11.c5 e4 12.Nf4 dxc5 13.Ba3 b6 14.Qb3+ Rf7 15.dxc5 Na5 16.Rad1 Qe8 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.Rd4 Bb5 19.Rb1 Nc4 20.Bc1 bxc5 21.Rd5 Qc6 22.a4 Ba6 23.Qa2 g5 24.Rb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 Qxb5 26.Ne6 Nb6 27.Nxc7 Qc6 28.Rxf5 Qxc7 29.Bxe4 Re8 30.Bf3 c4 31.Rxg5 h6 32.Rg6 Rxf3 33.exf3 Qf7 34.Qc2 Qxf3 35.Be3 Nd5 0-1 (35) Kezin,R (2478)-Firouzja,A (2763) chess.com INT 2025]

[7.b3 e5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nxe5 Nxf2 11.Rxf2 dxe5 12.c5 Nf5 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.e4 Nd4 15.Ba3 c6 16.Nc3 ½-½ (16) Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Firouzja,A (2723) Moscow RUS 2019]

7...f5 8.Nc3

[8.Rd1 Nc6 9.a3 Qe8 10.d5 Nd8 11.Nbd2 Nc5 12.Rb1 f4 13.e4 fxe3 14.fxe3 a5 15.b3 e6 16.e4 exd5 17.cxd5 Bg4 18.Re1 Nf7 19.Bb2 Bxb2 20.Rxb2 Ne5 21.Qc3 Ned3 22.Re3 Nxb2 23.Qxb2 Qf7 24.h3 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 Rae8 26.e5 dxe5 27.Nxe5 Qf6 28.Qe2 Nd7 29.Nxd7 Qd4 30.Nxf8 Rxe3 31.Qf2 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Re2 33.Qf3 Rxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Qxf3+ 35.Kxf3 Kxf8 36.Kf4 Ke7 37.Ke5 Kd7 38.g4 g5 39.Kf5 Kd6 40.Kxg5 Kxd5 41.Kh6 c5 42.a4 b5 43.axb5 c4 44.bxc4+ Kc5 45.b6 Kxb6 46.Kxh7 a4 47.g5 a3 48.g6 a2 49.g7 a1Q 50.g8Q Qe5 51.Qd5 Qe7+ 52.Kg6 Qe8+ 53.Kf6 Qh8+ 54.Ke7 Qxh3 55.Qd6+ Ka5 56.Qc5+ Ka4 57.Qb5+ Ka3 58.Kd6 Qg3+ 59.Kc6 Qg6+ 60.Kb7 Qg7+ 61.Ka6 Qf6+ 62.Qb6 Qf1 63.Qc5+ Kb3 64.Qb5+ Kc3 65.c5 Qf6+ 66.c6 Qd6 67.Kb7 Qe7+ 68.c7 1-0 (68) Le, T (2567)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess.com INT 2024]

[8.Nbd2 Nxd2 9.Bxd2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Bb4 Re8 12.Rad1 Qf6 13.Bc3 Nc6 14.Ne1 Qe7 15.Bd5+ Kh8 16.Nf3 Nb4 17.Qb3 Na6 18.Ne1 e4 19.Bxg7+ Qxg7 20.c5 c6 21.Bc4 Nxc5 22.Qa3 Nd7 23.Ng2 Ne5 24.Bb3 b6 25.Nf4 g5 26.Nh5 Qg6 27.Qd6 Ba6 28.Rfe1 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Rad8 30.Rf6 Bc8 31.Rd1 Rxd1+ 32.Bxd1 Rd8 33.Bb3 c5 34.Bd5 c4 35.a4 Bd7 36.f4 gxf4 37.gxf4 Ng4 38.Rd6 Ne3 39.Be6 Re8 40.Rxd7 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2835)-Firouzja,A (2728) chess24.com INT 2020]

8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.e4 e5 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.d5 Na5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Qe2 h6 15.Be3 g5 16.Nd2 Qg6 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Bf1 Rf7 19.Nb3 Nb7 20.Qd2 Raf8 21.Rad1 Be4 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 e4 24.Qc2 Nc5 25.Nxc5 bxc5 26.Rb1

h5 27.Rb7 h4 28.Reb1 Qf5 29.Rb8 hxg3 30.hxg3 Be5 31.Qe2 Rh7 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Qf1 Bxc3 34.Qg2 Bd4 35.Re1 Rf7 36.Bxd4 cxd4 37.Rxe4 d3 38.Rd4 Re7 39.g4 Re1+ 40.Kh2 Qe5+ 0-1 (40) Melkumyan,H (2640)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024

6...c5 7.dxc5

[7.d5 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.bxa6 Bf5 10.Nc3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nd2 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qxa6 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.a4 Rfb8 17.Ra3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Rxb6 19.b3 Rc8 20.Bd2 c4 21.a5 Rbb8 22.bxc4 Rxc4 23.Qd3 Qb5 24.Rc1 Rxc1 25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.Bxc1 Bd4 27.a6 Rb8 28.Be3 Bxe3 29.Rxe3 Ra8 30.Ra3 Kf8 31.Kf3 Ke8 32.Kg4 f6 33.h4 Kd7 34.h5 Ra7 35.f4 Kc7 36.hxg6 hxg6 37.f5 g5 38.Kh5 Kb6 39.Kg6 Kc5 40.e4 Kd4 41.Ra4+ Ke3 42.Kf7 Kf3 43.Ra3+ Kxe4 44.Ke6 g4 45.Ra4+ Kf3 46.Ra3+ Ke4 47.Ra4+ Kf3 48.Ra3+ Ke4 ½-½ (48) Ding,L (2801)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) London ENG 2019]

7...dxc5 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Nd3 Be6 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.Nxc5 Nd4 12.Nxe6 Nxe2+ 13.Kh1 fxe6 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ng4 16.f3 Ne5 17.c5 Qxc5 18.Ba3 Qb6 19.Bxe7 Rf7 20.Bg5 Nd3 21.Qc2 Rd7 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Rab1 Qd6 24.Bh3 Rc6 25.c4 Qe5 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.c5 Nd3 28.Be3 Re7 29.Rfd1 Nxc5 30.Rbc1 b6 31.f4 Kf7 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.Bf1 Rec7 34.Bc4 Rb6 35.Rc2 Bd4 36.Re1 Kf6 37.Kg2 Re7 38.Ree2 e5 39.fxe5+ Rxe5 40.Rxe5 Kxe5 41.Re2+ Kf6 42.Kf3 Rb4 43.Rc2 a5 44.a3 Ra4 45.Ke4 Rxa3 46.Kd5 a4 47.Re2 Re3 48.Rxe3 Bxe3 49.Ke4 Bg1 50.h3 a3 51.Ba2 Bf2 52.g4 Kg5 53.Kf3 Bd4 54.Bb3 Kh4 55.Kg2 g5 56.Bf7 h6 57.Be6 h5 58.gxh5 Kxh5 59.Kf3 Kh4 60.Kg2 Be5 61.Kf3 c4 62.Bxc4 Kxh3 63.Be6+ Kh4 64.Kg2 g4 0-1 (64) Le,T (2568)-Carlsen,M (2832) chess.com INT 2024

6...Re8 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.b3

[8.e4 e5 9.Re1 a5 10.h3 Qc8 11.Kh2 Na6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Bc6 14.d5 Bd7 15.Qc2 Nc5 16.b3 c6 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Nd2 Nd7 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.h4 Nf8 23.Bh3 Ne6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Nc3 Qf6 26.Nf1 Rad8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Kg1 h5 29.Nb5 Bh6 30.Qe2 b6 31.f3 Bxb5 32.cxb5 Rd4 33.Rd1 Qd8 34.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 35.Kg2 a4 36.Qc4 Kf7 37.Qxa4 Qxa4 38.bxa4 c4 39.a5 bxa5 40.b6 Bf8 41.b7 Bd6 42.Ne3 c3 43.Kf2 Ke7 44.Ke2 a4 45.Kd3 Kd7 46.Nc4 Bc7 47.Nb6+ Kc6 48.Nxa4 Kxb7 49.Nc5+ Kc6 50.Nxe6 Bd6 51.Kxc3 Kb5 52.Kb3 Ka5 53.a4 Bb4 54.f4 exf4 55.Nxf4 Be1 56.Nxg6 Bxg3 57.e5 Kb6 58.e6 Kc7 59.e7 Kd7 60.a5 Ke8 61.a6 Bf2 62.Kc4 Kf7 63.Kd5 1-0 (63) Oparin,G (2683)-Maghsoodloo,P (2721) chess.com INT 2022]

8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.h3 e4 12.Ne1 e3 13.f4 Qe7 14.Nd3 Rad8 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxg7 Nxf4 17.Nxf4 Kxg7 18.Nd5 Qe5 19.Qe1 Nd4 20.Rd1 Be6 21.Rd3 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 f6 23.Rf4 Nf5 24.Kh2 c6 25.Be4 Rxd3 26.Bxd3 Nd6 27.b4 g5 28.Rf3 h5 29.c5 Nf7 30.Rf5 Qc7 31.Qc3 Re5 32.Rf3 h4 33.Kg2 hxg3 34.Qd4 Qe7 35.a3 Nd8 36.Qg4 Qf7 37.h4 Ne6 38.Rxg3 Kf8 39.Rf3 Nf4+ 40.Rxf4 gxf4 41.Qxf4 Qg7+ 42.Kh3 Ke7 43.a4 Qg1 44.Qf3 Qf2 45.Qg4

Qf1+ 46.Kh2 Qf2+ 47.Kh3 Kf8 48.b5 cxb5 49.axb5 Rxc5 50.Qg6 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh3 b6 53.Qh6+ Ke7 54.Qg7+ Ke6 55.Qg8+ Ke5 56.Qe8+ Kd4 57.Qe4+ Kc3 58.Qe6 Qf1+ 59.Kh2 Qf2+ 60.Kh3 Re5 61.Qc6+ Rc5 62.Qd6 Qf1+ 63.Kh2 Qf2+ 64.Kh3 Kb3 65.Qe6+ Kb4 66.Qe4+ Ka5 67.Qd4 Qf1+ 68.Kh2 Qe1 69.Kh3 Qb4 70.Qa1+ Qa4 71.Qxf6 Qa3 72.Qd4 Qc3 73.Qxe3 Kb4 74.Qf4+ Ka3 75.Qf8 Kb2 76.Qf3 Kc1 77.Qf1+ Kb2 78.Qf3 Qe5 79.Kg2 Kc1 80.Kh3 Kd2 81.Qg4 Qe3+ 82.Kh2 Ke1 83.Kg2 Qf2+ 84.Kh3 Re5 85.Qb4+ Kd1 86.Qb1+ Kd2 87.Qb2+ 1-0 (87) Nguyen,N (2633)-Dubov,D (2708) chess.com INT 2024

6...Nbd7 7.Qc2 e5 8.Rd1 Qe7 9.Nc3 c6 10.e4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.Bf4 Rd8 13.h3 Nfd7 14.b4 Bxd4 15.Rxd4 Ne6 16.Rd3 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Nb6 18.c5 dxc5 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.bxc5 Nd7 21.Ne2 Qe7 22.Rc1 Nf6 23.f5 Bd7 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Ng3 Rd8 26.Qa4 a6 27.Qb3 Be6 28.Qb2 Rd3 29.Bf1 Rd7 30.a4 Nh7 31.Rc3 Qh4 32.Rd3 Rxd3 33.Bxd3 Ng5 34.Bf1 Bxh3 35.Qf6 Bg4 36.Qd8+ Kh7 0-1 (36) Le,T (2567)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023

[27] **7.b3** Nbd7 8.Bb2 Qc7 9.Nc3 e5 10.e3 Re8 11.b4 exd4 12.exd4 Nb6 13.c5 Nc4 14.Bc1 dxc5 15.bxc5 Qa5 16.Qd3 b5 17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.Ne5 Ba6 19.Qf3 Bxf1 20.Bxf1 Nbd5 21.Bd2 Qb6 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.Be3 Rac8 24.h4 h5 25.Rd1 Rc7 26.Bf4 Ne4 27.Bd3 Nc3 28.Rd2 Ne4 29.Rd1 Qe6 30.Nxg6 Rc3 31.Ne5 f6 32.Ng6 Qg4 33.Qxg4 hxg4 34.Bb5 Rd8 35.Ne7+ Kf7 36.Nf5 Bf8 37.Ne3 Ra3 38.Bc6 Nc3 39.Rd2 Bd6 40.Nxd5 Bxf4 41.Nxf4 Ra6 42.Bb7 Rb6 43.Bg2 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 Rb4 45.d5 Nb5 46.Ne6 Rd6 47.Rc2 Ke7 48.h5 Nd4 49.Rc7+ Rd7 50.Rc3 Nxe6 51.Re3 Rd6 52.h6 Rb8 53.dxe6 Rxe6 54.Ra3 a6 55.Bd5 Rd6 56.Be4 f5 57.Bxf5 Rxh6+ 58.Kg2 Rb4 59.Re3+ Kd6 60.Bc2 Rb2 61.Bb3 Rf6 62.Re1 Rfxf2+ 63.Kg1 Rg2+ 64.Kh1 Rh2+ 65.Kg1 Rbg2+ 66.Kf1 Rxg3 67.Re6+ Kc5 68.Rxa6 Rc3 69.Kg1 Rd2 70.Rf6 Rc1+ 71.Rf1 Rc3 72.Rf4 Rc1+ 73.Rf1 Rxf1+ 74.Kxf1 Kd4 75.Be6 g3 76.a4 Ke4 77.Bc8 Rb2 78.Bd7 g2+ 79.Kg1 Kf3 80.Bh3 Rb1+ 0-1 (80) Le,T (2598)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

7.Re1 Ne4 8.Qc2 d5 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.Qxc3 Bf5 11.Bf4 Be4 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nd7 15.Rec1 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rc8 17.Qa3 d4 18.Rxc8 Qd5+ 19.Qf3 Qxf3+ 20.Kxf3 Rxc8 21.Rd1 f6 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Rc1 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 e5 25.Ke4 Kf7 26.Kd5 Ke7 27.b3 Kd7 28.f3 Bg7 29.Ba3 Bf6 30.Bd6 1-0 (30) Kuzubov,Y (2605)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2591) chess.com INT 2024

[28] **7...Qb6** 8.c5 dxc5 9.Na4 Qb5 10.Nxc5 Rd8 11.a4 Qb6 12.a5 Qb5 13.Re1 Na6 14.Nxa6 Qxa6 15.e4 Bg4 16.Bf1 b5 17.e5 Nd5 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 e6 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.Rec1 Rc8 22.h4 Bf8 23.h5 Ne7 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Bd3 Rxd4 26.Kg2 c5 27.Be4 Nf5 28.g4 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 Nd4 30.b4 Nb3 31.bxc5 Nxa1 32.Rxa1 Rxc5 33.Rd1 Rd5 34.Rxd5 exd5 35.Qxd5 b4 36.Bf6 Qe6 37.Qb7 Qxg4+ 38.Kf1 Qc4+ 39.Kg2 b3 40.Qa8 Qb4 41.Kg3 Qc3+ 42.Kg2 Qc7 43.Kg3 b2 0-1 (43) Alonso Rosell,A (2532)-Firouzja,A (2763)

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7...Qa5 8.h3 Qa6 9.b3 b5 10.Nd2 Bb7 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.e3 bxc4 13.Nxc4 c5 14.dxc5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nxc5 16.Qe2 Rab8 17.Rfd1 Rfc8 18.Rac1 Nxb3 19.axb3 Rxb3 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Bxg7 Nb6 22.Bh6 Nxc4 23.Rd4 Qb7+ 24.Kh2 Rb2 25.Rdxc4 Rxc4 26.Qxc4 Rxf2+ 27.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1 (27) Rustemov,A (2525)-Fedoseev,V (2676) chess.com INT 2023

[29] **8.Nh4** Be6 9.b3 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Bf5 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Nf3 Qd7 16.e3 Bf5

[16...Rfd8 17.Re1 Bg4 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Nh4 Qd7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bf1 g5 22.Ng2 h6 23.Na4 b6 24.Nc3 Qb7 25.Bd3 Bh3 26.Nd1 Qd7 27.Nf2 Bf5 28.g4 Bxd3 29.Nxd3 Rc7 30.Rc2 Rdc8 31.Rec1 Qd6 32.Nge1 Nd7 33.Qf2 a5 34.Qg3 e5 35.dxe5 Ncxe5 36.Nxe5 Nxe5 37.Rxc7 Rxc7 38.Rxc7 Qxc7 39.Bxe5 Bxe5 40.Qf2 Qc3 41.Qe2 b5 42.Nd3 Bc7 43.Kg2 a4 44.bxa4 bxa4 45.Ne1 a3 46.Nd3 Bd6 47.Qd1 Bc7 48.h3 Bb6 49.Kf2 d4 50.e4 Ba7 51.Ke2 Qc7 52.Nf2 Qc4+ 53.Nd3 Qxa2+ 54.Kf1 Qh2 55.Qb3 a2 56.Qa4 a1Q+ 57.Qxa1 Qh1+ 58.Ke2 Qxa1 0-1 (56) Kuzubov,Y (2605)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2591) chess.com INT 2024]

17.Qe2 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Nd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd6 21.Nf3 Rc7 22.Rc2 Rfc8 23.Rfc1 e6 24.h4 h6 25.Ne1 Nb4 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Rxc7 Qxc7 28.Ba3 Bf8 29.Bxb4 Bxb4 30.Nd3 Bd6 31.Qd2 ½-½ (31) Mamedyarov,S (2733)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

8.Ne1 e5

[8...Be6 9.b3 d5 10.Nd3 dxc4 11.Nc5 Bc8 12.bxc4 Nfd7 13.Nb3 c5 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Rc1 Nb6 16.Nd5 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Ne5 18.Qb3 Ng4 19.Rfd1 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bd7 22.Nc6 Qb6 23.Nxe7+ Kh8 24.Qxb6 axb6 25.Rc7 Rfd8 26.d6 Rxa2 27.Rxb7 Rxe2 28.Bf3 Rb2 29.Nc6 Bxc6 30.Bxc6 Bf8 31.Rxf7 Bxd6 32.Rf6 b5 33.Rfxd6 Rf8 34.R6d2 Rxd2 35.Rxd2 b4 36.Rb2 Rb8 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.Kf3 Kf6 39.Ke4 Kg5 40.h4+ Kg4 41.Bd7+ Kh5 42.Be6 Rb5 43.f4 Rb6 44.Ke5 Kh6 45.g4 Rb8 46.Rh2 Kg7 47.g5 Rb5+ 48.Bd5 Rb8 49.Rc2 h5 50.Rc7+ Kh8 51.Bb3 Rb5+ 52.Kf6 Rb6+ 53.Be6 Rb8 54.Rc8+ Rxc8 55.Bxc8 b3 56.Be6 b2 57.Ba2 Kh7 58.f5 Kh8 59.Kxg6 b1Q 60.Bxb1 Kg8 61.Kxh5 Kh8 62.Kg4 1-0 (62) Rustemov,A (2525)-Firouzja,A (2737) chess.com INT 2024]

[8...d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.e3 Na5 12.Qd1 Rc8 13.Nd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 e6 15.b3 Re8 16.Bd2 Nc6 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.Qb1 h5 19.h3 Red8 20.Ne2 Ne8 21.Nf4 Nd6 22.Rc2 Ne4 23.Rfc1 Nxd2 24.Rxd2 Qa3 25.Rdc2 Ne7 26.Nd3 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 Nc6 28.Qc1 Qxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Bf8 30.Bf1 Ba3 31.Rc2 Kf8 32.h4 Ke7 33.Ne5 ½-½ (33) Rustemov,A (2525)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024]

9.d5 cxd5

[9...e4 10.Nc2 Re8 11.Bf4 c5 12.Qd2 Nh5 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ne3 Bc8 16.f3 exf3 17.exf3 Na6 18.Rfe1 Nc7 19.f4 Rb8 20.a4 b6 21.Nb5 Rb7 22.Nc3 a6 23.Re2 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rae1 bxc4 26.Nxc4 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Nb5

28.Nxb5 Rxb5 29.Qc3 Bb7 30.Qd3 Rb4 31.b3 Ba6 32.Qc3 h5 33.h3 Bb7 34.Qd3 Ba6 35.Qc3 Bc8 36.Na5 Kg7 37.Nc6 Qb6 38.Nxb4 cxb4+ 39.Qe3 Qa5 40.Qd4 Qa3 41.Re8 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 Bf5 43.Rb8 Qc2 44.Kg1 Qc1+ 45.Kh2 Qc2 46.Kg1 Qc1+ 47.Kh2 ½-½ (47) Xiong, J (2693)-Sadhwani,R (2624) chess.com INT 2023]

10.cxd5 Na6

[10...a5 11.e4 Bd7

A) 12.Nd3 Na6 13.a4 b6 14.f3 *(14.Rb1 Nc5 15.b4 axb4 16.Nxb4 Nxa4 17.Nxa4 Bxa4 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Be3 Bb5 20.Qc2 Rfc8 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 Qxc6 23.Qd3 Rab8 24.Rfc1 Qd7 25.Rd1 Bf8 26.Rxb6 Rxb6 27.Bxb6 Qc6 28.Be3 Qc2 29.h3 Qxd3 30.Rxd3 h6 31.Kf1 Be7 32.Ke2 Kg7 33.h4 Rb8 34.Rd2 Rb4 35.f3 Nh5 36.Bf2 Ra4 37.Rc2 Ra8 38.Bh3 Nf6 39.Rc7 Kf8 40.Be3 Ng8 41.h5 gxh5 42.Bf5 h4 43.gxh4 Bxh4 44.Bh7 Bg5 45.Bf2 Nf6 46.Bf5 Ra2+ 47.Kf1 Nh5 48.Rc8+ Kg7 49.Rc7 Nf4 50.Bb6 Bh4 51.Kg1 Ne2+ 52.Kg2 Nf4+ 53.Kg1 Rb2 54.Be3 Bg3 55.Bxf4 Bxf4 56.Be6 Kg6 57.Bxf7+ Kg5 58.Be6 Kh4 59.Rg7 Bg5 60.Kf1 Kg3 61.Bg4 Rd2 62.Ke1 Rd3 63.Ke2 Rd2+ 64.Ke1 Rd4 65.Ke2 d5 66.exd5 Rd2+ 67.Ke1 Rxd5 68.Ke2 Rd2+ 69.Ke1 Rd4 70.f4 exf4 71.Be2 Re4 72.Kd2 Re3 73.Bd3 Rf3 74.Kc3 Rf2 75.Kd4 Rf3 76.Ke4 Re3+ 77.Kd4 Rf3 78.Kc3 Rf2 79.Kd4 Rf3* ½-½ (79) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023*)* 14...Nc5 15.Be3 Rc8 *(15...Ne8 16.b3 f5 17.Nb2 f4 18.Bf2 fxg3 19.hxg3 h5 20.Nc4 Rc8 21.Rb1 Bh6 22.b4 axb4 23.Rxb4 Na6 24.Qb3 Nxb4 25.Qxb4 h4 26.Nxb6 hxg3 27.Bxg3 Be3+ 28.Bf2 Bxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Rxc3 30.Qxc3 Qxb6 31.Qd2 Nf6 32.Qh6 Kf7 33.Qg5 Kg7 34.Bf1 Qxf2+* 0-1 (34) Lazavik, D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023*)* 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.b4 axb4 18.Nxb4 f5 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.axb5 f4 21.Nc6 Rxc6 22.dxc6 fxe3 23.Qe2 Bh6 24.Rfd1 Qc7 25.Rc3 Nf6 26.Rxe3 Bxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Rd8 28.Bh3 Kg7 29.Kg2 Qe7 30.Ra1 Ne8 31.Qa3 Nc7 32.Qa7 Ra8 33.Qxa8 Nxa8 34.Rxa8 d5 35.Bd7 Qd6 36.Ra7 dxe4 37.Bg4+ Kh6 38.c7 exf3+ 39.Bxf3 Qd7 40.h3 Qd2+ 41.Kf1 Nd3 0-1 (41) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 12.Be3 Na6 13.a4 b6 14.f3 Nc5 15.Nc2 Nh5 16.b4 axb4 17.Nxb4 f5 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.Nb5 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6 Rxa4 23.Rxa4 Nxa4 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Bh3 f4 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf2 h6 28.Nf7+ Kh7 29.g4 Nf6 30.Nd6 Nc5 31.Bf5+ Kg8 32.Rb1 e4 33.fxe4 Nd3 34.Bxb6 Ne5 35.Kg2 f3+ 36.Kg3 Nfd7 37.Bd4 Ra8 38.Be6+ Kh7 39.Nf5 Ra3 40.Bxd7 f2+ 41.Kxf2 Nxg4+ 42.Kg2 Bxd4 43.Nxd4 Ne5 44.Bf5+ Kg7 45.Ne6+ Kf6 46.Nf4 Kg5 47.Ne2 Ra2 48.Kf2 Nd3+ 49.Ke3 Ne5 50.Rg1+ Kf6 51.Nd4 Ra3+ 52.Ke2 Ra2+ 53.Ke3 Ra3+

54.Kd2 Rd3+ 55.Ke2 Rxd4 56.Ra1 Rd6 57.Ra8 Nc6 58.Rf8+ Ke5 59.Ke3 Ne7 60.Re8 Kf6 61.e5+ Kxe5 62.Rxe7+ Kxf5 63.Ra7 Rf6 64.Kf3 Kg6+ 0-1 (64) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023]

11.e4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd3 Qb6+ [13...b5 14.Be3 b4 15.Ne2 Bb5 16.a4 bxa3 17.Rxa3 Nd7 18.Nc3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nac5 20.Qe2 Qb6 21.Bh3 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Qc2 f4 24.Bf2 fxg3 25.hxg3 Qb4 26.Na2 Qb7 27.b4 Qxd5 28.bxc5 Nxc5 29.Bxc5 dxc5 30.Nc3 Qc4 31.Ra4 Qf7 32.Ne4 Qg6 33.Qxc5 Kh8 34.Rxa7 Rac8 35.Bxc8 1-0 (35) Matlakov,M (2674)-Swiercz,D (2664) chess.com INT 2022]

14.Rf2 Rfc8 15.Qe1 Nb4 16.Bf1 Nxd3 17.Bxd3 h5 18.Be3 Qd8 19.h4 Kh7 20.Rc2 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Kxh6 22.Qe3+ Kg7 23.Rac1 a5 24.a3 Rc5 25.Kg2 Rac8 26.Nd1 b6 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 Rxc2+ 29.Rxc2 Ra8 30.Nb2 b5 31.Be2 Ra2 32.Qb3 Ra1 33.Nd1 Qb6 34.Ra2 Rxa2 35.Qxa2 Ne8 36.Qa5 Qb7 37.Qd8 Nf6 38.Qa5 Qc8 39.Qa2 Ne8 40.Qd2 Qa6 41.Nc3 Qb6 42.Bd3 Nc7 43.Qf2 Qb8 44.Qa2 Qb6 45.Qf2 Qa6 46.Qa2 Qb7 47.Qa5 Kf6 48.f4 Ke7 49.Kf2 f6 50.Ke3 Be8 51.Kd2 Bd7 52.fxe5 dxe5 53.Nd1 Ne8 54.Ne3 Nd6 55.Qa1 Qb6 56.Qc3 Qa7 57.Qc5 Qa1 58.Nc2 Qh1 59.Qe3 Qh3 60.Ne1 Qg4 61.Qf3 f5 62.Qxg4 hxg4 63.Ng2 Kf6 64.Ke2 Bc8 65.Kf2 Bd7 66.Ke2 Be8 67.Kf2 Bf7 68.Ne3 Bg8 69.Bc2 Bf7 70.Bd3 Be8 71.Bc2 Bd7 72.Ng2 Ne8 73.Bd3 Nc7 74.Ne3 f4 75.Nd1 Ne8 76.Nc3 Nd6 77.Be2 g5 78.hxg5+ Kxg5 79.Bd3 f3 80.Ke3 Kf6 81.Kf2 Ke7 82.Ke3 Kd8 83.Kf2 Kc7 84.Ke3 Kb6 85.Kf2 Ne8 86.Ke3 Nc7 87.Kf2 Na6 88.Na2 Be8 89.Ke3 Bd7 90.Bf1 Nc7 91.Bd3 Ne8 92.Nc3 Nf6 93.Kf2 Nh7 94.Bf1 Ng5 95.Ke3 Be8 96.Bd3 Nf7 97.Kf2 Nd6 98.Ke3 Bg6 ½-½ (98) Zeng,C (2577)-Caruana,F (2794) Samarkand UZB 2023

8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Re1 [9.Bf4 Re8 10.c5 Be6 11.Qc2 Na6 12.e4 Qd7 13.cxd6 exd6 14.Rfe1 Nc7 15.Rad1 h6 16.Qc1 g5 17.Be3 Bh3 18.Bh1 Ng4 19.Bd2 Rad8 20.a3 a6 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.Bc1 Nb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Nd2 Bg4 25.f3 Bh5 26.Qd3 Bg6 27.Qf1 Qe6 28.Qf2 h5 29.Bg2 c5 30.d5 Qe7 31.Kh1 Rc8 32.Qf1 c4 33.a4 Nd7 34.axb5 Ne5 35.Re3 Nd3 36.Nxc4 Nxc1 37.Rxc1 h4 38.e5 dxe5 39.d6 Qd7 40.Rd1 Rcd8 41.Nb6 Qe6 42.Nc4 Bf5 43.g4 Bc2 44.Rd2 Bg6 45.h3 e4 46.fxe4 Rd7 47.e5 Rf8 48.Bd5 Qe8 49.Qf3 Kh8 50.Rf2 Qd8 51.Re1 Kh7 52.Qe3 Kh8 53.Be4 Bxe4+ 54.Qxe4 Re8 55.Qd5 Re6 56.Rf5 Qe8 57.Ref1 f6 58.exf6 Bxf6 59.Rxf6 Rxf6 60.Rxf6 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qg3+ 62.Kf1 Qxh3+ 63.Qg2 Qd3+ 64.Qe2 Qh3+ 65.Ke1 Qg3+ 66.Kd2 Rd8 67.Qe7 Qg2+ 68.Kc3 Qg3+ 69.Kb4 Ra8 70.Rh6+ 1-0 (70) Drygalov,A (2475)-Caruana,F (2786) chess.com INT 2023]

9...e5 10.e4 Bd7 11.h3 Na6 12.Be3 Rfe8 13.Rad1 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Qc2 a5 16.b3 h6 17.a3 Rad8 18.Bf4 g5 19.Be3 Re7 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Na6 22.b5 Nc5 23.Nb3 Nxb3 24.Qxb3 Be6 25.Qb4 Nd7 26.f4 c5 27.Qb3 Nb6 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.cxd5 gxf4 30.gxf4 c4 31.Qc2 c3 32.Kh1 Nc4 33.Bd4 Na3 34.Qb3 Bxd4

35.Rxd4 Qc5 36.Ra4 Nxb5 37.Ra5 c2 38.Rc1 Rc8 39.Rxb5 Qf2 40.Rxb7 Qd2 41.Rxc2 Rxc2 42.Rb8+ Kh7 43.Qg3 Qc1+ 44.Kh2 Rc8 45.Rxc8 Qxc8 46.e5 dxe5 47.fxe5 Qf5 48.d6 Re8 49.Qe3 Qg5 50.Qd3+ Kg8 51.Qd4 Kf8 52.d7 Rd8 53.h4 Qf5 54.Bh3 Qc2+ 55.Kg3 Qg6+ 56.Kh2 Kg8 57.Qc5 Qd3 58.Qe7 Qd2+ 59.Kg3 Qe3+ 60.Kg2 Qe4+ 61.Kg3 Qd3+ 62.Kh2 Qd2+ 63.Kg3 Qc3+ 64.Kg2 Qc6+ 65.Kh2 Qc7 66.Bf5 Rb8 67.Bh7+ Kg7 68.Qf6+ Kf8 69.Qh8+ Ke7 70.Qf6+ Kxd7 71.Bf5+ Ke8 72.Qh8+ ½-½ (74) Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Caruana,F (2792) Baku AZE 2021

8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Be4 11.Rc1

[11.e3 Nd7 12.Qe2 c5 13.Rac1 Qc7 14.Rfd1 a5 15.Bh3 b6 16.Ng5 Bb7 17.d5 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 a4 19.e4 axb3 20.axb3 Nf6 21.f4 h6 22.Nf3 e5 23.dxe6 Nxe4 24.exf7+ Qxf7 25.Re3 Rfe8 26.Re1 Qg7 27.Qd3 Ra1 28.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29.Re1 Qg7 30.Nd2 Nf6 31.Re6 Rxe6 32.Bxe6+ Kh7 33.Qxd6 Ne4 34.Nxe4 Bxe4 35.Qd2 Qf6 36.Qd7+ Qg7 37.Bg4 Bc2 38.Kf2 Bxb3 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Be2 Kf6 41.Ke3 Ba4 42.h4 h5 43.g4 hxg4 44.Bxg4 Be8 45.Ke4 Bc6+ 46.Ke3 b5 47.cxb5 Bxb5 48.h5 gxh5 49.Bxh5 c4 50.Kd4 Kf5 51.Be2 Kxf4 52.Bxc4 ½-½ (52) Vidit,S (2726)-Caruana,F (2835) chess.com INT 2020]

11...Nd7 12.e3 e6 13.Qe2 h5 14.Rfd1 d5 15.Bf1 a5 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.h3 Nf6 18.Bg2 Qe7 19.a4 Rfd8 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Be1 g5 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 g4 24.Kh2 Ng5 25.f3 Kg7 26.fxg4 hxg4 27.h4 Rh8 28.Kg1 Nf3+ 29.Bxf3 gxf3 30.Qxf3 Rh6 31.cxd5 cxd5 32.Rd4 Rg6 33.Rf4 Rh8 34.Kf2 Be4 35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.Qxe4 Qa3 37.Qc4 Rh5 38.e4 Rh8 39.Bxa5 Rg4 40.Bd2 Qe7 41.Qe2 Rhxh4 42.Rg1 Rh2+ 43.Rg2 Rxg2+ 44.Kxg2 Rg6 45.Qd3 Qc5 46.Bf4 Qa3 47.Kf3 Qa1 48.Kg2 Qb2+ 49.Kf3 Kh7 50.Qb5 Qc3+ 51.Kf2 Qc2+ 52.Kf3 Qd1+ 53.Ke3 Qe1+ 54.Kf3 Qd1+ 55.Ke3 Rg7 56.Qxb7 f5 57.Qc6 Qxb3+ 58.Kf2 Qb2+ 59.Kf3 Rb7 60.exf5 exf5 61.Be3 Qb4 62.Qd5 Qb3 63.e6 Qxd5+ 64.Kf4 Qxe6 0-1 (64) Rustemov,A (2525)-Duda,J (2733) chess.com INT 2024

8.Ng5 e5 9.d5 a5

[9...Qc7 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Nb5 cxb5 12.Bxa8 h6 13.Nf3 bxc4 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Bg2 Nbd7 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 Bg4 18.h3 Bh5 19.Qc2 Re8 20.e4 Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Qd8 22.Bd2 Nxe4 23.Be1 d5 24.Rb1 Ndc5 25.Nf3 Nd3 26.Kh2 Nxf4 27.Bh1 Qb8 0-1 (27) Fridman,D (2626)-Sadhwani,R (2616) Warsaw POL 2021]

10.e4 Bc8 11.h3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Na6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.a4 Rc8 15.Nf3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe4 17.Qc2 Nec5 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Ra3 f5 20.f4 Re8 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bf2 b5 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Rfa1 Nd3 25.Qb1 Nab4 26.Rxa5 Qxc3 27.Be3 Bd4 28.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Kh2 f4 30.g4 Re2 31.Ra8+ Be8 32.Qg1 Qb2 33.Nf3 Kf8 34.R1a7 h6 35.Rb7 Ne5 36.Kh1 Nxf3 37.Bxf3 Re5 38.Rc8 Qd2 39.Rc1 Re3 40.Rf1 Nd3 41.Qg2 Qc3 42.Qh2 g5 43.Bg2 Ne5 44.Rbb1 Bf7 45.Rbc1 Qd4 46.Rcd1 Nd3 47.Rd2 Kg7 48.h4 Qc4 49.Rfd1 Ne5 50.hxg5 hxg5 51.Rd4 Qc3 52.Qg1 Nxg4 53.R1d2 Qc8 54.Qa1 Qh8+ 55.Kg1 Qh2+ 56.Kf1 Rf3+ 57.Bxf3 Ne3+

58.Ke1 Qg1+ 59.Ke2 Qxa1 0-1 (59) Lenderman,A (2607)-Caruana,F (2800) Saint Louis USA 2021

8.Bg5 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Qd2 Re8 11.Nh4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 d5 13.cxd5 Qxd5+ 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Rfe1 Nf6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Qb4 Rab8 18.Rac1 f5 19.Qc4 Qe4 20.Rc3 f4 21.Qd3 Qe6 22.Qc4 Qf5 23.Qd3 Qd7 24.Qd2 Re4 25.Rd3 Rbe8 26.d5 c5 27.d6 fxg3 28.hxg3 h6 29.Rd5 b6 30.b3 g5 31.Qd3 f5 32.Nd2 Rd4 33.Rxd4 Bxd4 34.e3 Qxd6 35.Qxf5 Bc3 36.Re2 Rf8 37.Qc2 Qc6+ 38.e4 Bd4 39.Nf3 Bg7 40.Qc4+ Kh8 41.a4 g4 42.Nh4 Bd4 43.Qd5 Qxd5 44.exd5 Rd8 45.Re7 Bf6 46.Re6 Bg5 47.d6 Kg7 48.f4 gxf3+ 49.Nxf3 Kf7 50.Nxg5+ hxg5 51.Rh6 Kg7 52.Re6 Kf7 53.Rh6 Kg7 54.Re6 Kf7 ½-½ (54) Giri,A (2763)-Nyzhnyk,I (2665) chess.com INT 2020

8.Be3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Na6 10.Nh4 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 Bd7 12.b3 Qa5 13.Qd2 Rfe8 14.Rd1 Rad8 15.Rcc1 Qxd2 16.Rxd2 Bc8 17.Rcd1 f5 18.Nf3 Bf6 19.h4 Kg7 20.Bf4 Nc7 21.Rd3 Be6 22.Ng5 Bg8 23.e4 h6 24.e5 hxg5 25.exf6+ exf6 26.hxg5 Ne6 27.gxf6+ Kxf6 28.Bc1 Nc7 29.d5 cxd5 30.Bb2+ Ke7 31.cxd5 Kd7 32.Bf3 Rc8 33.Kg2 Na6 34.R3d2 Nc5 35.Bd4 a5 36.Be3 b5 37.Bf4 b4 38.Rh1 Ne4 39.Bxe4 Rxe4 40.Rh8 Ree8 41.Kg1 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 Ra1 43.Rh6 Bf7 44.Rh7 Ke7 45.Re2+ Kf6 46.Rxe8 Bxe8 47.Bxd6 Rxa2 48.Kg1 Rd2 49.f4 Rxd5 50.Be5+ Ke6 51.Ra7 Bf7 52.Ra6+ Kd7 53.Ra7+ Ke8 54.Ra8+ Ke7 55.Ra7+ Kf8 56.Ra8+ Be8 57.Bc7 Rd3 58.Bxa5 Rxg3+ 59.Kh2 Rxb3 60.Rb8 Kf7 61.Bxb4 Bd7 62.Bd6 Rd3 63.Be5 Ke6 64.Rb6+ Kf7 65.Rd6 Rxd6 66.Bxd6 Ke6 67.Ba3 Kd5 68.Kg3 Ke4 69.Bb4 Be6 70.Ba3 Bf7 71.Bb4 Be6 72.Ba3 Bf7 73.Bb4 Be6 ½-½ (73) Samunenkov,I (2533)-Svane,F (2625) chess.com INT 2024

[30] **9.Ng5** Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bc8 11.h4 Nd7 12.h5 h6 13.Nf3 g5 14.e4 Nb6 15.Nd2 c5 16.e5 cxd4 17.cxd4 dxe5 18.d5 e4 19.Rb1 f5 20.g4 e6 21.Ba3 Re8 22.d6 Nd7 23.c5 Ne5 24.gxf5 exf5 25.Rxb7 Bxb7 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Qxb7 Qa5 28.Bb4 Qxa2 29.Nxe4 fxe4 30.Qxe4 Qa4 31.c6 Qxc6 32.Qxc6 Nxc6 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Bxc6 Rd8 35.d7 Bf6 36.Kg2 Kg7 37.Kf3 Rb8 38.Ba5 Kf7 39.Bd5+ Ke7 40.d8Q+ Rxd8 41.Bxd8+ Kxd8 42.Ke4 Ke7 43.Kf5 Bd4 44.f3 Be3 45.Kg6 a5 46.Bb3 g4 47.fxg4 Kd6 48.Kf5 Kc5 49.Ke4 Bg5 50.Kd3 Kb4 51.Bf7 a4 52.Kc2 a3 53.Kb1 Ka4 54.Ka2 Kb4 55.Bg6 Bf4 56.Bf5 Bg5 57.Bg6 Bf4 58.Bf5 Bg5 59.Bg6 ½-½ (59) Rasulov,V (2500)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2597) chess.com INT 2025

[31] **10...Bc8** 11.e4

[11.h4 Nd7 12.h5 gxh5 13.e4 Nf6 14.Bf4 Ng4 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 a5 17.a4 Ra7 18.Ra2 Bf5 19.Rae2 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 e6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.c5 h4 23.gxh4 Qxh4 24.Qb6 Rfa8 25.Re3 Qd8 26.Rg3+ Bg6 27.Qb2 Rb8 28.c4 Kg8 29.Re5 Qc7 30.Rb3 Rd8 31.Rb6 Rd7 32.d5 Qd8 33.d6 Qh4 34.Qc3 Ra8 35.Re2 Qg5 36.Reb2 Qxc5 37.Rxb7 Rxb7 38.Rxb7 Qxd6 39.c5 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Qxa4 41.Qg3 Rf8 42.Rc7 Qb4 43.Rxc6 a4 44.Ra6 Qxc5 45.Rxa4 Qe7 46.Rd4 Rd8 47.Rxd8+ Qxd8 48.f4 Qf6 49.Qe3 Kg7 50.Kg3 Bf5

51.Bf3 Qg6+ 52.Kf2 Qf6 53.Kg3 Bg6 54.Bg2 h5 55.Bf3 h4+ 56.Kh2 Bf5 57.Qg1+ Qg6 58.Qd4+ Qf6 59.Qf2 Bg6 60.Qe3 Qf5 61.Bg2 Kh7 62.Bh3 Qh5 63.Bg2 Bf5 64.Bf3 Qh6 65.Bg2 Qg6 66.Qf2 Qh5 67.Bf3 Qh6 68.Bg2 h3 69.Bf1 Kg7 70.Qg3+ Qg6 71.Qc3+ f6 72.Qe3 Qh5 73.Qa7+ Qf7 74.Qf2 Qg6 75.Be2 Kh6 76.Bf3 Kh7 77.Qh4+ Qh6 78.Qf2 Qxf4+ 79.Qg3 Qxg3+ 0-1 (79) Vidit,S (2727)-Sadhwani,R (2616) chess.com INT 2022]

11...Qc7

[11...Nd7 12.Ba3 c5 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Ng5 Ne5 17.f4 Rf5 18.Rad1 h6 19.fxe5 hxg5 20.Qb5 Kf7 21.Be4 Bxe5 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Bxc5 Bc7 25.Bd4 Bd7 26.Be3 Bc6 27.Bxg5 Rg8 28.Be3 f4 29.Rf1 e5 30.Bxa7 Ke6 31.Rfe1 fxg3 32.hxg3 Rxg3+ 33.Kf2 Rxc3 34.Rc1 Rf3+ 35.Ke2 Ra3 36.Bc5 Ra5 37.Bb4 Rxa2+ 38.Kd3 Rh2 39.Bc3 Rh4 40.Rg1 Bb6 41.Rge1 e4+ 42.Kc2 e3 43.Kb3 Rh3 44.Kb4 Kf5 45.Rcd1 Bc7 46.Bd4 Bf4 47.Bc5 e5 48.Rd8 Ke4 49.Rf8 Rh2 50.Kc3 Rd2 51.Rf7 Rd3+ 52.Kb4 Kf3 53.Rh7 Bd7 54.Rf1+ Ke4 55.Re1 Bg4 56.Rg7 Bf3 57.Ka4 e2 58.Bb4 Bd2 59.Bxd2 Rxd2 60.Rxb7 Rd1 61.Rb1 Rxe1 62.Rxe1 Ke3 63.Ra1 Kf2 0-1 (63) Yilmazyerli,M (2522)-Murzin,V (2634) Sharjah UAE 2024]

[11...c5 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.e5 Nd7 14.exd6 exd6 15.Rad1 Nb6 16.Ng5 Bg4 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Rc1 Bd7 19.Ne4 Ba4 20.Qb1 Nd7 21.Re2 Rae8 22.Rce1 b6 23.Bc1 Ne5 24.Bf4 Bc6 25.h4 Re7 26.h5 gxh5 27.Ng5 f5 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Bxc6 Qxc6 30.Rxe5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Qf6 32.Nf3 f4 33.Rxh5 Rf7 34.g4 1-0 (34) Le,T (2567)-Ivic,V (2567) chess.com INT 2024]

12.e5 Bg4 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.exd6 exd6 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Na6 18.Rae1 Bf6 19.h4 Nc7 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Rab8 22.d5 c5 23.Re7 Qd8 24.Qa4 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Nxe8 26.Qxa7 Kf8 27.Rb1 b6 28.Bh3 Ra8 29.Qxb6 Qxg5 30.Qc6 Rxa2 31.Re1 Qd8 32.Bd7 Nf6 33.Qxd6+ Kg7 34.Re7 Ra7 35.Qe6 Qf8 36.Qe5 h5 37.Kg2 Rb7 38.Kh2 Qd8 39.Qe6 Ng4+ 40.Kg2 Qf8 41.Qe2 Nf6 42.Qe5 Ra7 43.Kh2 Qd8 44.Qe6 Ng4+ 45.Kg2 Qf8 46.Qe2 Nf6 47.Qe5 Rb7 48.Kh2 Qh8 49.d6 Rb2 50.Rxf7+ Kxf7 51.Qe7+ 1-0 (51) Mamedyarov,S (2734)-Caruana,F (2786) chess.com INT 2023

11.e4 Bg4 12.Ng5 h6 13.h3 hxg5 14.hxg4 c5 15.Bxg5 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Rad1 Nc5 18.Qc2 Ne6 19.Bh6 Re8 20.e5 Kh7 21.Bf4 Nxf4 22.Rxd4 Qa5 23.Rde4 Ne6 24.exd6 exd6 25.Qb2 Qc7 26.g5 Kg8 27.Rh4 Ng7 28.Rd1 Re5 29.Qxb7 Qxb7 30.Bxb7 Rb8 31.Bf3 Rxg5 32.Rhd4 Rf5 33.Kg2 Ne8 34.R1d2 Kf8 35.Bd5 Nc7 36.Bc6 Rc5 37.Rxd6 Rb6 38.Bf3 Rxd6 39.Rxd6 Rxc4 40.Rd3 Rc5 41.Ra3 a5 42.Be2 Nd5 43.Rd3 Nc3 44.Bf3 Nxa2 45.Rd8+ Kg7 46.Ra8 Nb4 47.Ra7 Nd3 48.Be2 Ne5 49.Bd1 Nc6 50.Rc7 Rc4 51.Bb3 Rc3 52.Bxf7 Kf6 53.Bd5 Rc5 54.Rxc6+ Rxc6 55.Bxc6 Kg5 56.Ba4 Kg4 57.f4 Kf5 58.Bc2+ Kf6 59.Kf3 g5 60.f5 Kg7 61.Kg4 a4 62.Bxa4 Kh6 63.Bb3 Kg7 64.Kxg5 Kh7 65.f6 Kh8 66.Kf5 Kh7 67.g4 Kh6 68.Bc2 Kh7 69.g5 Kg8 70.g6 Kh8 71.Kg5 Kg8 72.Bb3+ Kf8

73.g7+ 1-0 (73) Le,Q (2729)-Naroditsky, D (2619) chess.com INT 2025

[32] **4...c5** 5.dxc5 Na6 6.a3 Nxc5 7.b4 Ne6 8.Bb2 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Qb3 0-0 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Nd5 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 Nc7 15.Nf4 f6 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 e5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Qc7 20.0-0 Qc3 21.e4 Qxb2 22.Rxb2 Kf7 23.a4 a6 24.a5 b5 25.Rbb1 Rc3 26.Bg4 Ke7 27.d6+ Kd8 28.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Bxe4 30.Rc5 f5 31.Bf3 Bxf3 32.gxf3 Rf6 33.Rd5 Re6 34.Kf1 Ke8 35.Ke2 Kf7 36.Ke3 g5 37.h3 h5 38.Kd3 Re8 39.Rc5 Ke6 40.Rc7 h4 41.Ra7 g4 0-1 (41) Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Paris FRA 2019

[33] **5...c5** 6.dxc5
[6.d5 e6 7.Nc3 d6 *(7...exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.Nd2 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.e4 Rb8 12.a4 Re8 13.f3 a6 14.a5 Bd7 15.Nc4 Nb5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Bf4 Rbd8 18.g4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bb5 20.Ne3 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Bxc3 22.Rc1 Qxa5 23.Bxb5 axb5 24.Qf3 Bd4 25.Kh1 Qa4 26.Bxd6 f5 27.Bxc5 Bxc5 28.Rxc5 Qd4 29.Rxb5 Qxe4 30.Rb3 f4 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Nd1 Rd7 33.Rd3 g5 34.Nc3 Re5 35.Rb1 Kg7 36.Kg2 h5 37.h3 hxg4 38.hxg4 Rde7 39.d6 Rd7 40.Rb5 Kf6 41.Rxe5 Kxe5 42.Rd5+ Ke6 43.Rxg5 Rxd6 44.Rg6+ Ke5 45.Rxd6 Kxd6 46.Kf3 Ke5 47.Nb5 b6 48.Na7* 1-0 (48) Ding,L (2791)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 8.0-0 *(8.e4 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.Be3 b6 11.h3 Nh5 12.dxe6 Nxe6 13.Qc1 Bb7 14.Rd1 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Bxe4 16.g3 Re8 17.Rd2 Nhg7 18.g4 Qe7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Nh2 f5 21.Bh6 Nd4 22.Rxd4 cxd4 23.Rxd4 Ne6 24.Rd1 Qh4 25.Bc1 Ng5 26.Bf1 fxg4 27.hxg4 Rf8 28.f4 Ba8 29.c5 bxc5 30.Qb3+ Rf7 31.Bd2 Ne4 32.Ba5 Qf2+* 0-1 (32) Topalov,V (2728)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Zagreb CRO 2022 *)*

A) 8...Re8 9.Nd2 *(9.h3 exd5 10.cxd5 Na6 11.Bd3 Rb8 12.Re1 Bd7 13.e4 b5 14.Bf4 c4 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 b3 17.axb3 cxb3 18.Bd3 Nb4 19.Nc3 Qc7 20.Bh2 a5 21.e5 Nfxd5 22.exd6 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Qc5 24.Ne4 Qc6 25.Qd2 Nxd3 26.Qxd3 Bxb2 27.Ne5 Bxe5 28.Bxe5 b2 29.Rb1 Bf5 30.Rxb2 Rxb2 31.Bxb2 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Kf8 33.Qe5 f6 34.Qe6 Qb6 35.Bxf6 Nxf6 36.Qxf6+ Kg8 37.Qe6+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.d7 Qb1+ 40.Kh2* 1-0 (40) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Giri, A (2773) Oslo NOR 2022*)* 9...Na6 10.e4

A1) 10...Nc7 11.a4 exd5 *(11...Na6 12.Bd3 Nb4 13.Bb1 b6 14.Ra3 exd5 15.exd5 Bg4 16.f3 Bd7 17.Nde4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Bf5 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bh4 Bxb2 22.Rb3 Be5 23.f4 Bd4 24.Ng3 Bxb1 25.Rxb1 a5 26.Qg4 Nd3 27.Ne2 Qc8 28.f5 Ne5 29.Qg3 g5 30.Bxg5 fxg5 31.Qxg5+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Nf4 Qd8 35.f6 Ng6 36.Qh6 Qxf6 37.Qxh7+* 1-0 (37) Ding,L (2805)-Saric,I (2646) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 12.cxd5 b6 13.f3 Rb8 14.Nc4 Ba6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 a6 18.Qd3 Qc8 19.Bg3 Rd8 20.Rae1 Nh5 21.Bh4 g5 22.Bf2 b5 23.Ba2 Nf4 24.Qd2 bxa4

25.Be3 Rb4 26.e5 Bxe5 27.Bxc5 Rxb2 28.Qxb2 Nb5 29.Bb4 Nd3 30.Qd2 Nxb4 31.Nxa4 Nxa2 32.Qxa2 Qc7 33.Rc1 Qa7+ 34.Kh1 Qe3 35.g3 Kg7 36.Rce1 Qd3 37.f4 gxf4 38.gxf4 Bf6 39.Nb6 Nc3 40.Qg2+ Kh7 41.Rf3 Qd4 42.Qh3 Bg7 43.Qf5+ Kh8 44.Rfe3 Rg8 45.Qxf7 Nd1 46.Rg3 Nf2+ 47.Kg2 Ne4 48.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 49.Kh3 Qb1 50.Nd7 Qf1+ 51.Kg4 Qe2+ 52.Kh3 Qf1+ 53.Kh4 Qe2 54.h3 Qf2 55.Nf6 Qxf4+ 56.Kh5 Qf5+ 57.Kh4 Bxf6+ 0-1 (57) So,W (2760)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2) 10...b6 11.Re1 *(11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Nb3 Qe7 13.Bf4 Rad8 14.Qd2 Nb4 15.Rad1 Qb7 16.f3 Qa6 17.a3 Nc6 18.Nb5 Qa4 19.Qc2 Na5 20.N3d4 Qxc2 21.Nxc2 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Nxc4 23.b3 a6 24.bxc4 axb5 25.cxb5 d5 26.Ne3 dxe4 27.Bc7 Rd3 28.Rfe1 Rxa3 29.Nc4 Rb3 30.Nd6 Ra8 31.Bxb6 Nd7 32.Bc7 Bd4+ 33.Kh1 e3 34.Nc4 Ra4 35.Nd6 Ra2 36.Nc4 Rc2 37.Rc1 Rxc1 38.Rxc1 Rxb5 39.Bf4 e2 40.g4 Nb6 41.Nd2 Rb2 42.Re1 Nd5 43.Bh6 Nc3 44.Kg2 f5 45.Nc4 Rb4 46.Nd6 fxg4 47.fxg4 Be5 48.Bd2 Bxd6 49.Bxc3 Rxg4+ 50.Kf3 Rh4* 0-1 (50) Ding,L (2791)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 11...Nc7 12.a4 *(12.h3 Rb8 13.a4 exd5 14.cxd5 a6 15.Bd3 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nf3 c4 18.Bb1 b4 19.Ne2 Nb5 20.Ra4 Nxe4 21.Rxb4 Bf5 22.Be3 Qa5 23.Ra4 Qc7 24.Qc1 Nc5 25.Bxc5 Bxb1 26.Bd4 Nxd4 27.Nexd4 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Bf5 29.Nc6 Bxb2 30.Nxb8 Qxb8 31.Rb4* 1-0 (31) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Giri,A (2773) Oslo NOR 2022 *)* 12...Rb8 *(12...Na6 13.h3 Nb4 14.Ra3 exd5 15.cxd5 a6 16.Bf1 Nd7 17.Na2 Ra7 18.Nc4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxb4 cxb4 21.Rf3 Bd7 22.b3 b5 23.Be3 Ra8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Bd4 Ra2 26.Re2 Rxe2 27.Bxe2 Qe7 28.Re3 Bf4 29.Bf3 Bxe3 30.Bxe3 Rc8 31.Qd4 Qe5 32.Qa7 Be8 33.g3 Rc3 34.Bd4 Qg5 35.Be2 Qd2 36.Bf1 Rxb3 37.Kg2 Ra3 38.Qb6 Ra6 39.Qxa6 Qxd4 40.Qc8 Qxe4+ 41.f3 Qe3 42.Bxb5 b3 43.Bxe8 Qe2+ 44.Kg1 Qd1+* 0-1 (44) Topalov,V (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2777) Hamburg GER 2019*)* 13.Nf1 exd5 14.exd5 Na6 15.Nb5 Rb7 16.Bf4 Rd7 17.Ng3 Nb4 18.Qd2 a6 19.Nc3 Rde7 20.Bf1 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Ng4 23.h3 Ne5 24.Qd2 f5 25.b3 Bd7 26.Be2 Qf6 27.Nd1 Nf7 28.Qc1 Qa1 29.Qxa1 Bxa1 30.Bd2 Bf6 31.f4 Kf8 32.Nh1 h5 33.Nhf2 Nc2 34.Ne3 Nxe3 35.Bxe3 a5 36.g4 hxg4 37.hxg4 Bh4 38.Kg2 Bxf2 39.Bxf2 fxg4 40.Bh4 Ke8 41.Bg5 Nxg5 ½-½ (41) Caruana,F (2766)-Giri,A (2764) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B) 8...exd5 9.cxd5

B1) 9...Re8 10.Nd2 Na6 11.e4 Rb8 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bf1 *(13.a4*

Nb4 14.h3 b6 15.Bf1 a6 16.Nc4 Bf8 17.Bf4 Bc8 18.e5 dxe5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Nxe5 Bb7 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 1-0 (22) Nakamura,H (2745)-So, W (2767) chess.com INT 2020*)* 13...Nc7 14.a4 a6 15.Nc4 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxd6 Bg4 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.f3 b4 20.d6 bxc3 21.Ra7 Kf8 22.dxc7 Qxd1 23.Rxd1 Rbc8 24.fxg4 Nxe4 25.bxc3 Nxc3 26.Rd3 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Re1 28.Rf3+ Ke7 29.Bd2 Rd1 30.Bxc3 Bxc3 31.g3 Be5 32.Kg2 Rxc7 33.Rxc7+ Bxc7 34.Bc4 Rd7 35.g5 Be5 36.h4 Rd2+ 37.Kh3 Rc2 38.Bg8 Rc3 39.Rf7+ Kd6 40.Kg2 Rxg3+ 41.Kf1 c4 42.Bxh7 Rg4 43.Bxg6 Rxh4 44.Bf5 c3 45.g6 Rh1+ 46.Ke2 Rh2+ 47.Kd1 Rd2+ 48.Kc1 Rf2 49.Bc2 Rxf7 50.gxf7 Ke7 51.Bb3 Kf8 52.Kc2 Bf6 53.Ba2 Bg7 54.Bb3 Ke7 55.Ba2 Bf6 56.Bb3 Kf8 57.Ba2 Ke7 58.Bb3 Kf8 ½-½ (58) Nakamura,H (2768)-So,W (2773) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 9...Na6 10.e4 Rb8 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bf1 Nc7 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Nb5 15.Nd2 Bd7 16.h3 Qc7 17.Bd3 Nh5 18.Ne2 Nf6 19.Qc2 Re7 20.Nc4 Rbe8 21.f3 h6 22.Bf4 g5 23.Bh2 Nh7 24.e5 Nf8 25.exd6 1-0 (25) Nakamura,H (2736)-Deac,B (2643) chess.com INT 2021;

B3) 9...Bg4

B3a) 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qe7 *(11...a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Bd2 c4 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.a5 Rc5 18.Ra4 Qd8 19.Rda1 Qc8 20.e4 Rc7 21.Be3 h5 22.Rb4 Kh7 23.Bd4 Nc5 24.Rxc4 Nfd7 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qd1 Nf6 27.Bf3 Ncd7 28.Rb4 Rc4 29.Qb3 Rxb4 30.Qxb4 Qc5 31.Qxb7 Rb8 32.Qxa6 Rxb2 33.Nd1 Rd2 34.Qc6 Qd4 35.Qa4 Qe5 36.a6 Nxe4 37.Bxe4 Nb6 38.Qb4 Nc4 39.Qxc4 Qxa1 40.Qc3+* 1-0 (40) Eljanov,P (2704)-Boruchovsky,A (2528) Israel ISR 2024 *)* 12.a4 Na6 13.Re1 c4 14.e4 Nc5 15.Be3 Nfd7 16.Be2 Nxe4 17.Bxc4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bxc3 19.Bd2 Qf6 20.Bxc3 Qxc3 21.Bb5 Nc5 22.Re7 a6 23.Bf1 Rae8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Rb1 Re4 26.Rc1 Qd4 27.Qf3 Rf4 28.Qg3 Qxa4 29.Re1 Kg7 30.Re7 Qd4 31.h4 h5 32.Be2 Qa1+ 0-1 (32) Caruana,F (2791)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2766) chess.com INT 2021;

B3b) 10.e4 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Qe7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 a6 14.a4 c4 15.Re1 Rfc8 16.Bg3 Rab8 17.a5 h5 18.Be2 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Qc2 Ne5 21.Na4 Rb4 22.f4 Ned7 23.Bf3 Ne8 24.Bf2 Nc7 25.Rad1 Nb5 26.Nc3 Qf6 27.e5 dxe5 28.d6 Nxc3 29.bxc3 Rb5 30.Qa4 Nb8 31.fxe5 Rxe5 32.d7 Rd8 33.Bd4 Nxd7 34.Bxe5 Nxe5 35.Rxd8+ Qxd8 36.Rf1 Qd3 37.Qxa6 Qxc3 38.Qa8+ Kh7 39.Qd5

Qe3+ 40.Kh1 c3 41.Be4 Qe2 42.Rc1 f5 43.Bc2 Qe3 44.Ra1 Qf2 45.Bb3 Kh6 46.Rc1 Qe3 47.Rd1 h4 48.Qd4 Ng4 49.Qxe3+ Nxe3 50.Rd6 Kg5 51.Rc6 Bd4 52.Bf7 Bf6 53.Kg1 Nc2 54.Kf1 Nb4 55.Rc8 Nd3 56.Ke2 Nf4+ 57.Kf1 Bd4 58.Rc6 Be5 59.Be8 Bd4 60.Bf7 Kh6 61.Rc4 Be5 62.Rc5 Bf6 63.Rc6 Kg7 64.Bb3 Be5 65.Rc5 Kf6 66.Rc6+ Ke7 67.Bc2 Nd5 68.Bb3 Nf4 69.Bc2 Kd7 70.Rxg6 Nxg6 71.Bxf5+ Kd6 72.Bxg6 ½-½ (72) Le,Q (2709)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) chess.com INT 2020;

B3c) 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Na6 12.e4 *(12.Rd1 Re8 13.Nc4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.a4 Nc7 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.Qd3 f5 18.Bc3 Rd8 19.f3 Ree8 20.Be1 Qe7 21.Bg3 Bf6 22.Rac1 b6 23.Be1 Bg5 24.Bd2 Bf6 25.b4 Qd7 26.b5 Qf7 27.Be1 Qe7 28.Rb1 f4 29.e4 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Rb8 31.Bc3 Bxc3 32.Qxc3 Qf8 33.a5 bxa5 34.Qxa5 Rb7 35.e5 dxe5 36.d6 Na8 37.Nxe5 Nb6 38.d7 Rd8 39.Rd2 Qf5 40.Re1 Kg7 41.Qc3 Qxd7 42.Nxd7+* 1-0 (42) Nakamura,H (2736)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 12...Re8 13.Nc4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxe4 15.Qf3 Qd7 16.a4 Nb4 17.Bf4 Nc2 18.Rad1 Nd4 19.Rxd4 cxd4 20.Ncxd6 Nxd6 21.Nxd6 Red8 22.b3 g5 23.Bg3 f5 24.Qxf5 Qxf5 25.Nxf5 Bf6 26.Nd6 h5 27.h3 h4 28.Bh2 Be7 29.Nb5 Bc5 30.d6 Rac8 31.Be5 d3 32.Bf6 Rd7 33.Bxg5 a6 34.Nc3 Bxd6 35.Ne4 Be7 36.Rd1 Bxg5 37.Nxg5 d2 38.Kf1 Re7 0-1 (38) Donchenko,A (2643)-Wei,Y (2740) Wijk aan Zee NED 2024]

[6.0-0 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Bf3 Be6 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.Bd5 Nc5 13.Qe2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Bd2 Rac8 16.e4 Rfe8 17.Qf3 Qa4 18.Rfe1 f6 19.h4 h5 20.Qe3 Kf7 21.Qf3 Qc2 22.Bf4 Bxd5 23.exd5 Nd3 24.Re3 Rxc4 25.Rxd3 Rxf4 26.Qxf4 Qxd3 27.Qh6 Rg8 28.Re1 Qxd5 29.Qh7+ Rg7 30.Qh8 Rg8 31.Qh7+ Rg7 32.Qh8 e5 33.Qc8 Qc6 34.Qb8 g5 35.Qh8 gxh4 36.Qxh5+ Ke7 37.f3 Qc5+ 38.Kh1 Qf2 39.Rg1 Qg3 40.Qf5 h3 41.Qxh3 Qxh3+ 42.gxh3 Rxg1+ 43.Kxg1 Kf7 0-1 (43) Nakamura,H (2745)-So,W (2767) chess.com INT 2020]

6...Na6

[6...Ne4 7.Nd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxc5 9.Nc3 d6 10.b3 Ne6 11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.Bb2 Qa5 *(12...d5 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Qc1 Be6 15.Na4 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qa5 17.Rfc1 Rad8 18.Rc5 Rd2 19.Rxa5 Rxb2 20.Nxb2 Nxa5 21.Kf1 Rc8 22.Ke1 Kg7 23.Rd1 Rc2 24.Rd2 Rc1+ 25.Rd1 Rc2 26.Rd2 Rc1+ 27.Rd1 Rc2* ½-½ (27) Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Zagreb CRO 2019*)* 13.Qc1 Rfd8 14.Rd1 d5 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Rxd5 Qxd5 18.Bf3 Qa5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qxc6 Rd8 22.g3 Rd2 23.a3

Qe5 24.Rc1 Ra2 25.Qc3 Qxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxa3 27.Rc7 e6 28.b4 a5 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.Kg2 h5 31.h4 ½-½ (31) Donchenko,A (2648)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) Riga LAT 2021]

7.0-0 Nxc5 8.Nc3

[8.b4 Nce4 *(8...Nfe4 9.Nd4 Ne6 10.Bb2 Qb6 11.a3 d5 12.Bf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.exd4 Rd8 16.a4 Bf5 17.Re1 e5 18.cxd5 Ng5 19.Rxe5 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Rac8 21.Nd2 Rc2 22.Ne4 Rc4 23.b5 Kf8 24.Rd1 b6 25.h4 h5 26.Kg2 Rxa4 27.Kg3 Rb4 28.Kf4 Rxb5 29.Nf6 Kg7 30.Kg5 Rb3 31.Re3 Rb5 32.Re5 Rb3 33.Re3 Rb5 34.Re5* ½-½ (34) Anton Guijarro, D (2658)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 9.Bb2

A) 9...a5 10.a3 axb4 11.axb4 Rxa1 12.Bxa1 Qb6 *(12...d5 13.c5 Bg4 14.Nbd2 e6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qa8 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxe4 Be5 20.Qc2 Rd8 21.f4 Bg7 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Qa3 24.Qd8+ Bf8 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Qd4 Kh8 27.Kh2 h6 28.Qd8 Kg7 29.Qd4 Kh8 30.h4 Qc1 31.Nd7+ Bg7 32.Ne5 Kh7 33.Qe4 Qe1 34.Nf3 Qf2 35.b5 f5 36.Qxe6* 1-0 (36) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 13.Qb3 d6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ra1 Rc8 18.h3 Kg8 19.Qb2 Be6 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Qa3 e5 22.Nb3 Be6 23.Rc1 Kg7 24.Bd3 Nf6 25.c5 Qd8 26.Na5 Bd5 27.Nc4 Bxc4 28.Rxc4 Ra8 29.Qb2 dxc5 30.Be2 cxb4 31.Rxb4 Qd6 32.Rxb7 Re8 ½-½ (32) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Hansen,E (2606) Oslo NOR 2022;

B) 9...b6 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qd4+ Nf6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ng4 a5 17.Nxf6 exf6 18.Qd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 axb4 20.Rxb6 Bc6 21.Rxb4 Ra5 22.Bd1 Rda8 23.a4 Kf8 24.f3 Ke7 25.Bb3 h5 26.Kf2 Rc5 27.e4 f5 28.exf5 Rxf5 29.Rd1 Rfa5 30.Rb5 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Rxa4 32.Bxa4 Rxa4 33.Rb1 Kd8 34.b6 Kc8 35.Rc1+ Kb7 36.Rc7+ Kxb6 37.Rxd7 Rf4 38.Kg3 Rf5 39.Rd4 Kc5 40.Rf4 Rxf4 41.Kxf4 f6 42.g4 hxg4 43.fxg4 Kd5 44.h4 Ke6 45.h5 gxh5 46.gxh5 Kf7 47.Kf5 Kg7 48.h6+ Kxh6 49.Kxf6 ½-½ (49) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Carlsen,M (2864) Oslo NOR 2022]

8...b6

[8...d6 9.Nd4 Bd7 10.b3 Rc8 11.Bb2 a6 12.h3 Qc7 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.b4 Ne6 15.Nb3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Qd3 Nc7 18.a3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 d5 20.Nc5 Bc6 21.Nb3 e5 22.Bf1 Nfe8 23.Na5 Ba8 24.Nb1 Nd6 25.Nd2 Nc4 26.Qb1 Ne6 27.Naxc4 bxc4 28.e4 dxe4 29.Nxc4 Nd4 30.Ne3 f5 31.Rxc8 Qxc8 32.Nc4 Qe6 33.Na5 Bd5 34.b5 Ra8 35.Bc3 f4 36.Re1 Rc8 37.b6 Rxc3 38.b7 Bxb7 39.Qxb7 e3 40.fxe3 fxe3 41.Rxe3 Rc1 42.Qb2 Qc8 43.Nb3 Rc2 44.Qb1 Nf5 45.Rd3 e4 46.Rd5 Bh6 47.Rxf5 gxf5 48.Qd1 Kh8 49.Kh1 Rc3 50.a4 Qb8 51.Bb5 Bg7 52.Nc1 h6 53.Ne2 Ra3 54.Qd7 Ra1+ 55.Ng1 Qe5 56.Qc8+ Kh7 57.Bc4 h5 58.h4 Qf6 59.g3 Qe5 60.Kg2 f4 61.gxf4 Qxf4 62.Qg8+ Kh6 63.Be2 Ra3 64.Qe6+ Bf6 0-1 (64)

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9.Nd4 Bb7 10.b3
[10.b4 Nce4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bb2 d5 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.f3 Nd6 15.c5 bxc5 16.Rxc5 Qb6 17.Ba3 e5 18.Nb3 Nf5 19.Qc1 Bh6 20.f4 d4 21.exd4 Bxf4 22.Rxf4 exf4 23.Qxf4 Rfe8 24.Bc4 Qf6 25.g4 Qh4 26.Bf1 Ne3 27.h3 Nxf1 0-1 (27) Fedoseev,V (2677)-Grischuk,A (2777) Moscow RUS 2019]
10...d5 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 a6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Be2 Rc7 15.b4 Nce4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qd3 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nd6 19.Bf1 Qd7 20.Qa3 Ra8 21.h3 a5 22.b5 Rc8 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.Qb3 Bf6 25.a4 Ne4 26.Ne6 fxe6 27.Qxe6+ Kf8 28.Rd7 Nc5 29.Rxc7 Nxe6 30.Rxb7 Bxb2 31.Rxb6 Nc5 32.h4 Ke8 33.g3 Kd8 34.Bh3 Ra8 35.Rc6 Nxa4 36.b6 Rb8 37.b7 e6 38.Ra6 Bc3 39.Bg2 Nc5 40.Rd6+ Ke7 41.Rc6 Bb4 42.Rc8 Na6 43.Bf1 Rxb7 44.Bxa6 Ra7 45.Bc4 Bd6 46.Rh8 Kf6 47.Re8 Be7 48.Rb8 Bd6 49.Rb6 Ke7 50.Ba2 a4 51.Kg2 e5 52.Kf3 a3 53.Ke4 Rc7 54.Bb3 Ra7 55.Ba2 Rc7 56.Kd3 Rd7 57.Ra6 Rc7 58.g4 h6 59.Bd5 Rc5 60.Ke4 Rc2 61.f3 Rc3 62.Ra8 Bc5 63.Kxe5 Rxe3+ 64.Be4 g5 65.h5 Rc3 66.Kf5 Kd7 67.Kg6 Kc7 68.Kxh6 Be7 69.Kg6 Rb3 70.h6 Rb6+ 71.Kf7 Bf6 72.h7 Bb2 73.Rxa3 Rf6+ 74.Ke7 Rh6 75.Ra7+ Kb6 76.Rb7+ Ka5 77.Rxb2 Ka6 78.Kf7 Ka5 79.Kg7 1-0 (79) Abdusattorov,N (2716)-Rapport,R (2752) Berlin GER 2023

5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.b4
[7.Qc2 e6 *(7...a5 8.Nc3 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.e4 Nb4 11.Qd1 Nd7 12.a3 Nc6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 e6 15.Rc1 Ne7 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Rfd1 f5 18.Qc2 Nf6 19.Bd3 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nfd5 21.Qe2 Nf5 22.Bd2 Qe7 23.Ng3 Rae8 24.Re1 Nh4 25.Nxh4 Qxh4 26.Be3 e5 27.Qc2 Re6 28.dxe5 Bxe5 29.Qc4 Qxc4 30.Bxc4 Ref6 31.Bxd5 Bxd5 32.Rc2 Bd6 33.Bd4 R6f7 34.Rd2 Bb7 35.Ne4 Bf4 36.Rdd1 Bxe4 37.Rxe4 Rd8 38.Rde1 g5 39.g3 Bd6 40.h4 Rdd7 41.Kg2 Be7 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.Rg4 Kg6 44.a4 Bf6 45.Be3 Rd5 46.Rc1 Kf5 47.Kf3 Bxb2 48.Rc6 Bf6 49.Re4 Rdd7 50.g4+ Kg6 51.Ree6 Kg7 52.Ke4 Rfe7 53.Rxe7+ Bxe7 54.f4 Bd6 55.f5 Kf6 56.Bd4+ Kf7 57.Be3 Kf6 58.Bxb6 cxb6 59.Kd5 b5 60.axb5 a4 61.b6 a3 62.b7 Ke7 63.f6+ Kf7 64.Rxd6 Rxb7 65.Ra6 Rb3 66.Ke5 Kg6 67.f7+ Kxf7 68.Ra7+ Kg6 ½-½ (68) Rodshtein,M (2636)-Fernandez,D (2503) Petrovac MNE 2024)* 8.b4 a5 *(8...d6 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Nc3 c5 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.b5 Ne4 13.a4 Qc7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.h3 Ne5 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxb2 19.Rab1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Qb7 Bc3 23.Qxa7 Be1 24.Bc6 Kg7 25.Qd7 Qh4 26.Qd3 Qxf2+ 27.Kh2 Bd2 28.a5 Bxe3 29.Qd1 bxa5 30.b6 Bf4+ 31.Kh1 Qg3 32.Kg1 h5 33.b7 h4 34.Qb1 Be5 35.Qd1 Qe3+ 36.Kh1 Qf4 37.Kg1 Qxc4 38.Qe1 Qd4+ 39.Kh1 Bg3 40.Qf1 c4 41.Be8 f5 42.Qb1 Qd6 43.Ba4 Qb4 44.Qd1 c3 45.Qd7+ Kh6 46.Qd8 Be5 47.b8Q Qxb8 48.Qxh4+ Kg7 49.Qe7+ Kh8 50.Qxe6 Qb1+ 0-1 (50) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Ivanchuk,V (2678) Tornelo INT 2021)* 9.b5 d6 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Rfe1 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nd5 Bxd5

16.cxd5 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Qd8 18.h4 Nd7 19.h5 Nc5 20.g3 Qf6 21.Kg2 Qc3 22.Qxc3 Bxc3 23.Rh1 Kg7 24.Rc1 Be5 25.h6+ Kf8 26.Rc4 Re7 27.Bc1 Rae8 28.e4 Bf6 29.Be3 Kg8 30.Rd1 Kf8 31.Kh3 Kg8 32.Bg2 Kf8 33.Bf3 Kg8 34.Kg2 Kf8 35.Kf1 Kg8 36.Bg2 Kf8 37.f3 Kg8 38.Bh3 Kf8 39.Kg2 Kg8 40.Kf2 Kf8 41.Bf1 Kg8 42.Bd3 Bh8 43.Bc2 f5 44.Bg5 Re5 45.Bf4 R5e7 46.Bg5 Re5 47.Bf4 R5e7 48.Bg5 ½-½ (48) Ding,L (2806)-Carlsen,M (2864) chess24.com INT 2022]

[7.b3 c5 8.Bb2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 d6 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Bf3 Qc8 12.Rc1 Ne5 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Qe2 a6 15.e4 Rac8 16.Nd5 e6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.f4 Nd7 20.Re1 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Nf3 Rxc1 23.Bxc1 Nc5 24.e5 dxe5 25.fxe5 Bg7 26.Bg5 Rd5 27.Rd1 Nd7 28.Bf4 h6 29.h4 b4 30.Rxd5 Qxd5 31.Qc4 Qxc4 32.bxc4 Bf8 33.Kf2 Nb6 34.Nd2 Na4 35.Be3 Be7 36.Ne4 Bxh4+ 37.Ke2 Kf8 38.Bxh6+ Ke8 39.Bd2 Be7 40.Nd6+ Kd7 41.Nxf7 Nb2 42.Nh8 Nxc4 43.Nxg6 Bc5 44.Kd3 Nxd2 45.Kxd2 Kc6 46.Nf4 Bd4 47.Nxe6 Bxe5 48.Kd3 Kd5 49.Ng5 Bf6 50.Ne4 Be7 51.Nd2 Ke5 52.g3 Kf5 53.Kc4 Kg4 54.Ne4 Kf3 55.Nc5 Kxg3 56.Kxb4 Kf4 57.Kb5 Ke5 58.Nb7 Bh4 59.a4 Be1 60.Kc6 Kd4 61.Nd6 Bd2 62.Kb5 Kd5 63.Nb7 Be1 64.Nc5 Bd2 65.Nb3 Be1 ½-½ (65) Zemlyanskii,I (2543)-Svidler,P (2698) Almaty KAZ 2024]

7...c5 8.a3 d5 9.Bb2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Be2 Qc7 14.h3 a6 15.a4 Qb8 16.b5 axb5 17.axb5 e5 18.N4f3 e4 19.Nd4 Nc5 20.Nc4 Bd5 21.Qb1 Nd3 22.Bxd3 exd3 23.Nd2 Qb7 24.f3 Nd7 25.e4 Bc4 26.Nc6 Rxc6 27.bxc6 Qxc6 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Qb4 b5 30.Rfc1 Rc8 31.Kh1 Kg8 32.Ra3 Nf6 33.Rxd3 Nh5 34.Re3 Ng3+ 35.Kh2 Qc7 36.e5 Nf5 37.Re4 Qd7 38.Nxc4 bxc4 39.Rexc4 Rxc4 40.Qxc4 Qd2 41.e6 fxe6 42.Qxe6+ Kg7 43.Qe5+ Kh6 44.Rc4 Ne3 45.Rh4# 1-0 (45) Caruana,F (2766)-Gupta,A (2620) chess.com INT 2023

5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.e4 Nb6 8.a4

[8.0-0 Bg4 9.Nbd2 e5 10.Nxe5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Qxd4 12.Ndf3 Qb4 13.Bf4 *(13.b3 N8d7 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Rac1 c6 17.Rfd1 Nf6 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Rc4 Nd7 20.Bg5 Qa3 21.h4 Nf8 22.Ra4 Qc5 23.e5 Ne6 24.Be3 Qb5 25.Qxb5 cxb5 26.Rxa7 Rxa7 27.Bxa7 Ra8 28.Be3 Rxa2 29.Rd1 Rb2 30.Rd3 h6 31.g3 Bf8 32.Nd2 Bc5 33.Bxh6 Bd4 34.Ne4 Bxe5 35.Be3 b4 36.Kg2 Bc3 37.Rd7 Rxb3 38.Rxb7 Bd4 39.Bd2 Nc5 40.Rb8+ Kg7 41.Ng5 Rb2 42.Nf3 Ne4 43.Rxb4 Rxb4 44.Bxb4 Bxf2 45.Be1 Bxe1 46.Nxe1 f5* ½-½ (46) Mamedyarov,S (2762)-Erdos,V (2622) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 13...Re8 14.Rfe1 Na6 15.a3 Qe7 16.a4 Nc5 17.a5 Nbd7 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.e5 Qf5 21.Rad1 Nd7 22.Bf4 Rad8 23.g3 Nf8 24.Nd4 Qc8 25.Qc4 h6 26.h4 a6 27.b4 Qg4 28.Qe2 Qxe2 29.Nxe2 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Ne6 31.Be3 Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Nxd8 33.Nc1 Nc6 34.Nd3 Nxe5 35.Nxe5 Bxe5 36.Bxh6 Bc3 37.Bf4 b5 38.Bxc7 Bxb4 39.Kf1 f5 40.Ke2 Kf7 41.Kd3 Ke6 42.Ke2 Kd5 43.f3 Be7 44.Kd3

b4 45.Bf4 Bf6 46.Bd2 b3 47.g4 fxg4 48.fxg4 Bxh4 49.Kc3 Bd8 50.Kxb3 Kc5 51.Ka4 Kc4 52.Be3 Be7 53.Bb6 Bd6 54.Bd8 Bf8 55.Bf6 Bc5 56.Bd8 Bf2 57.Bf6 Be1 58.Bd8 Kd3 59.Kb3 Ke4 60.Kc4 Kf4 61.g5 Bxa5 62.Bxa5 Kxg5 63.Kc5 Kf5 64.Kb6 g5 65.Kxa6 g4 66.Bc7 Ke4 67.Bb8 Kf3 68.Bc7 g3 69.Bxg3 ½-½ (69) Ding,L (2791)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020]

8...a5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Nbd2 e6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Qe7 14.Qc1 Qb4 15.Bb5 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.Qxc7 Rfc8 19.Qxb7 Rab8 20.Qa7 Ra8 21.Qb7 Rab8 22.Qa7 Ra8 23.Qb7 Rab8 ½-½ (23) Anton Guijarro,D (2658)-Dubov,D (2714) Riga LAT 2021

5...c6 6.0-0 d5 7.h3 e6 8.Nc3 b6 9.a4 a5 10.b3 Re8 11.Ba3 Na6 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nd2 Nb4 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Nf3 Bf8 17.Ne5 Qd8 18.Bf3 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Bg7 22.Qd2 Rad8 23.Bxb4 axb4 24.Qxb4 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Bxd4 26.b4 c5 27.bxc5 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Bxe4 Bxc5 30.a5 Rd4 31.Bf3 Ra4 32.axb6 Bxb6 33.Rb1 Ba7 34.Rb2 Ra5 ½-½ (34) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Artemiev,V (2716) lichess.org INT 2020

[34] **6.0-0** Bg4

[6...e5 7.Nc3 Qe7 *(7...e4 8.Nd2 Re8 9.b4 h5 10.b5 Bf5 11.a4 Nbd7 12.a5 a6 13.Bb2 Nf8 14.Qb3 Ne6 15.Rfc1 Bh6 16.Nd5 Bg7 17.h3 Ng5 18.Nf4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Qc2 Bf5 21.c5 Nd5 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qb3 Nc7 24.b6 Ne6 25.Qd5 Qh4 26.Bf1 Ng5 27.Rc7 Rad8 28.Rac1 Be5 29.dxe5 dxe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.Bxe5 Nxh3+ 32.gxh3 Rxd2 33.Bg3 Qf6 34.Rxb7 h4 35.Rb8+ Kg7 36.Bf4 g5 37.b7 Rb2 38.Bh2 Bxh3 39.Be2 Rxe2 40.Rg8+ Kxg8 41.b8Q+ Kh7* 0-1 (41) So,W (2772)-Xiong,J (2687) chess.com INT 2021*)* 8.b4 Rd8 9.Bb2 Bf5 10.Re1 c6 11.a4 e4 12.Nd2 d5 13.Ba3 Bf8 14.b5 Qe8 15.Bxf8 Qxf8 16.Nb3 a5 17.c5 Nbd7 18.Qd2 Rdb8 19.b6 Qd8 20.Na2 h5 21.Reb1 h4 22.Nxa5 h3 23.Nb4 Rxa5 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Qxa5 hxg2 26.Qe1 Ng4 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.f4 exf3 29.Rb2 Nf6 30.Qg3 Bh5 31.Qd6 Qe8 32.Qe5 Qd8 33.a5 Ne4 34.a6 Ng5 35.Qg3 Qe7 36.Re1 Kh7 37.a7 Ra8 38.b7 Rxa7 39.b8Q Ra4 40.h4 Nh3+ 41.Qxh3 Rxd4 42.Qbg3 Re4 43.Qf2 d4 44.Rb3 f5 45.Qhg3 Qf7 46.Reb1 Re7 47.exd4 f4 48.Qg5 1-0 (48) Nakamura,H (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) chess24.com INT 2021]

[6...Nbd7 7.b4 e5 8.Bb2 e4 9.Nfd2 Re8 10.Nc3 Nf8 11.d5 *(11.b5 h5 12.a4 h4 13.a5 h3 14.g3 a6 15.Qc2 Bf5 16.Rfc1 N8h7 17.bxa6 bxa6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Ra7 20.Rab1 Nf6 21.Qb3 Qd7 22.Rc6 Bg4 23.Rxa6 Bxe2 24.Rxa7 Qf5 25.Qc2 Ng4 26.f4 exf3 27.Qxf5 gxf5 28.Rxc7 f2+ 29.Kh1 Rxe3 30.Rcc1 Rd3* 0-1 (30) Andreikin,D (2695)-Ilamparthi,A (2495) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 11...h5 12.Qc2 Bf5 13.Rfe1 N8h7 14.Nb3 Ng4 15.Nb5 a6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.N5d4 Qh4 18.Nxf5+ gxf5 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.Nd4 Kf6 21.Qb2 Re5 22.Kf1 Qxh2 23.Ke2 f4 24.Rh1 f3+ 25.gxf3 gxf3+ 26.Nxf3 exf3+ 27.Kd3 Qg2 28.Rag1 Ng5 29.Rxg2 fxg2 30.Rg1 Nf3

31.Rxg2 Ne1+ 32.Kd2 Nxg2 33.f4 Rae8 34.fxe5+ Rxe5 35.e4 Kg6 36.Qa3 Nh4 37.Qg3+ Kh5 38.Kd3 b5 39.Qg8 bxc4+ 40.Kc3 f5 41.exf5 Nxf5 42.Qh7+ Kg4 43.Qxc7 Ne3 44.Qa7 Kf4 45.a4 Rxd5 46.Qf7+ Ke4 47.Qe8+ Kf3 48.b5 axb5 49.axb5 Rd3+ 50.Kb4 Rb3+ 51.Ka4 d5 52.Qc6 Ke2 53.Qh6 d4 54.Qh2+ Kd3 55.Qg1 Rb2 56.Qg6+ Kd2 57.Qg7 Kc3 58.Ka5 Ra2+ 59.Kb6 Rf2 60.Kc6 Kd3 61.Qh7+ Rf5 62.b6 c3 63.b7 c2 64.b8Q c1Q+ 65.Kd7 Qa3 66.Qb5+ Kd2 67.Qb6 Qa4+ 68.Ke6 Qe8+ 69.Qe7 Qxe7+ 0-1 (69) Nakamura,H (2736)-Duda,J (2756) chess24.com INT 2021]

7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.Nc3 e5 10.d5 c5 11.e4 Nbd7 12.h4 Ne8 13.h5 f5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.g3 Qe7 16.Kg2 Nef6 17.Qe2 f4 18.Rh1 g5 19.Bg4 Nxg4 20.Qxg4 Nf6 21.Qxg5 Nxd5 22.Qxe7 Nxe7 23.Bd2 a6 24.Rh4 fxg3 25.fxg3 Rab8 26.Rd1 b5 27.Bg5 Ng6 28.Rg4 bxc4 29.Bc1 Rf6 30.Nd5 Re6 31.Rxg6 Rxg6 32.Ne7+ Kf7 33.Nxg6 Kxg6 34.Rxd6+ Kf7 35.Rxa6 Rd8 36.Ra4 Rd4 37.Be3 Rd3 38.Kf2 c3 39.b3 c2 40.Rc4 Rxe3 41.Kxe3 Bh6+ 42.Kd3 c1Q 43.Rxc1 Bxc1 44.Kc4 Ba3 45.Kd5 Kf6 46.g4 Kg5 47.Kxe5 Kxg4 48.Kd5 Kg5 49.Ke5 Kg6 50.Ke6 Kg7 51.Ke5 Kf7 52.Kf5 Ke7 53.Ke5 Kd7 54.Kd5 Ke7 55.Ke5 Kd7 56.Kd5 Kc7 57.Ke6 Bc1 58.Kd5 Ba3 59.Ke6 Kd8 60.e5 Ke8 61.Kf6 Kf8 62.Ke6 Ke8 63.Kf6 Kf8 64.Ke6 Ke8 ½-½ (64) Deac,B (2701)-Donchenko,A (2676) chess.com INT 2023

6.b3 a5 7.Bb2 a4 8.b4 c6 9.a3 Ne4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bg4 12.0-0 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 e6 16.Rac1 Nd7 17.Be2 Nf6 18.Bd3 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Rc5 Qd7 21.Qc2 b6 22.Rc3 Qd5 23.Rc6 f5 24.Rd1 f4 25.exf4 Rxf4 26.Bc1 Rff8 27.Be3 Qb3 28.Qc1 b5 29.Rc3 Qd5 30.Rc5 Qb7 31.Rc7 Qd5 32.Rc5 Qb7 33.d5 exd5 34.Rc7 Qa6 35.Rxd5 Rac8 36.Rdd7 Rxc7 37.Qxc7 Qf6 38.Bd4 Qxd4 39.Rxd4 Bxd4 40.Qc6 Bxf2+ 41.Kf1 Bg3+ 42.Ke2 Rf5 43.Qd7 h5 44.Qc8+ Kh7 45.Qd7+ Kh6 46.Qd2+ Kh7 47.Qd7+ Kh6 48.Qd8 h4 49.Qh8+ Kg5 50.Ke3 Re5 51.Qd8+ Kh6 52.Qf6 Kh7 53.Qf7+ Kh6 54.Qg8 Kg5 55.Qh8 Bf4+ 56.Ke2 Bg3 57.Qd8+ Kh6 58.Ke3 Kg7 59.Qd7+ Kh6 60.Qf7 Kg5 61.Qf8 Kh5 ½-½ (61) Nakamura,H (2736)-Giri,A (2777) chess24.com INT 2021

6.b4 e5 7.Bb2 exd4 8.Nxd4 c5 9.Nb5 cxb4 10.Nxd6 Qc7 11.Nb5 Qe7 12.Qd6 Qxd6 13.Nxd6 Nc6 14.Nd2 Rd8 15.c5 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rc1 Nxc5 18.Nxc8 Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.Ke2 Rd7 21.Nxa7 Nxa7 22.Rc2 Nb5 23.Nb1 Rd6 24.Rd1 Rc6 25.Rdd2 b3 26.axb3 Ra1 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Rb2 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Nc3+ 30.Kd3 Nxb1 31.Kd4 Nd2 32.b4 Nb3+ 33.Kc3 Nc1 34.Kc2 Na2 35.Kb3 Nc1+ 36.Kc2 Na2 37.Kb3 Nc1+ 38.Kc2 ½-½ (38) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022

[35] **6...e5** 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 [8.Nxe5 Qe7 9.Nf3 Rd8 10.Qb3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Nxa4 Ne4 13.Nd4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bf3 Bf5 16.c5 h5 17.Qb4 Qe6 18.Bd1 Be5 19.f3 Qe7 20.Qe1 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.a4 Rab8 23.Qf2 Qa5 24.Ra3 Qc5 25.Ra1 Qa5 26.Ra3 Qc5 ½-½ (26) Duda,J (2743)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Wijk aan Zee NED 2021]

8...Rxd8 9.Nxe5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.Bd2 Nb4 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Nxa2+ 15.Kc2 Bf5+ 16.Kb3 Nxc3 17.Kxc3 Be4 18.f3 Bc6 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.b4 a6 21.Ra1 Rc8 22.e4 Kf8 23.h4 Ke7 24.Ra5 Bd7 25.f4 Rd8 26.g4 Bc8 27.Rc5 c6 28.g5 f6 29.gxf6+ Kxf6 30.h5 Re8 31.Bd3 Be6 32.Rg5 Bf7 33.hxg6 hxg6 34.e5+ Kg7 35.c5 Kh6 36.Rg1 Re7 37.Be4 Re8 38.Kb2 Rd8 39.e6 Be8 40.Kc3 Kg7 41.f5 Kf6 42.fxg6 Kxe6 43.g7 Bf7 44.Bh7 Bg8 45.Bxg8+ Rxg8 46.Kb3 a5 47.bxa5 Kd7 48.Kc4 Ke6 49.Kb4 Kd7 50.Rg6 Kd8 51.Kc4 Ke8 52.Rg1 Kd7 53.Kd4 Ke6 54.Ke4 Kf6 55.Kf4 Ke6 56.Rg6+ Kd5 57.Kf5 Kxc5 58.Kf6 Kb4 59.Kf7 Rc8 60.g8Q Rxg8 61.Rxg8 Kxa5 62.Ke6 Kb4 63.Rg4+ Kc5 64.Ke5 b5 65.Ke4 Kc4 66.Ke3+ Kc3 67.Rg5 b4 68.Rc5+ Kb2 69.Kd3 b3 70.Kc4 Ka2 71.Ra5+ Kb2 72.Rh5 Ka2 73.Rh2+ 1-0 (73) Wojtaszek,R (2655)-Tomczak,J (2568) Krakow POL 2025

6...Bf5 7.0-0 e5

[7...Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Nd2 *(9.Ng5 Bf5 10.e4 Bd7 11.d5 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.c5 h6 14.Nh3 dxc5 15.Be3 b6 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Qc2 Qf6 18.Rab1 Nd7 19.f4 e5 20.f5 Qh4 21.Rbd1 gxf5 22.exf5 Nf6 23.Bf4 Rae8 24.Bg3 Qe4 25.Bd3 Qd4+ 26.Nf2 Kh8 27.Rfe1 Nd5 28.Be4 Ne3 29.Rxe3 Qxe3 30.Bxc6 Rd8 31.Be4 Rd4 32.Qb1 h5 33.Re1 Qd2 34.h4 Bf6 35.Nh3 Rfd8 36.Ng5 Bxg5 37.hxg5 Kg8 38.Bxe5* 1-0 (38) Alekseenko,K (2693)-Antipov,M (2607) Struga MKD 2021*)* 9...Bf5 10.b4 e5 11.Nb3 exd4 12.exd4 c5 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.Ba3 Na6 15.Bf3 Qc7 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc5 Rfd8 18.Bd5 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qe2 e5 21.Ba3 exd4 22.Qd3 Rac8 23.Rac1 Qf7 24.g3 Rd7 25.Rc2 Rdc7 26.Rfc1 Bh6 27.f4 Bg7 28.Bd6 Rd7 29.c5 Qd5 30.Re1 b6 31.Qa6 Rdd8 32.Qc4 Rxd6 0-1 (32) Anton Guijarro,D (2673)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021]

[7...a5 8.Nd2 e5 9.d5 Na6 10.e4 Bd7 11.a3 Nc5 12.b3 c6 13.Rb1 cxd5 14.cxd5 Qc7 15.Re1 Rfc8 16.f3 Bh6 17.Kh1 a4 18.b4 Bxd2 19.Bxd2 Nb3 20.Bg5 Nh5 21.Na2 Qc2 22.Qxc2 Rxc2 23.Nc1 f6 24.Nxb3 fxg5 25.Na5 Nf4 26.Bf1 Rac8 27.Nxb7 R8c3 28.Nxd6 Rxa3 29.b5 Rb3 30.b6 Rcb2 31.Rxb2 Rxb2 32.b7 Rb6 33.g3 Nh3 34.Rc1 Kf8 35.Rc8+ Ke7 36.b8Q Rxb8 37.Rxb8 Kxd6 38.Rd8 Kc7 39.Rxd7+ Kxd7 40.Bxh3+ g4 41.Bf1 a3 42.Bc4 gxf3 43.Kg1 g5 44.g4 Kd6 45.Kf2 1-0 (45) So,W (2754)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Stavanger NOR 2019]

8.b4 e4 9.Nd2 h5 10.Bb2 Re8 11.a4 Nbd7 12.b5 c6 13.a5 a6 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Qc2 Ng4 16.h3 Nh6 17.Qa4 Rc8 18.c5 dxc5 19.Bxa6 Rb8 20.Nd1 cxd4 21.Bxd4 Nc5 22.Bxc5 Bxa1 23.Qxa1 Qxd2 24.Bc4 Ra8 25.Qf6 Qd8 26.Qxd8 Rexd8 27.a6 Be6 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Nc3 Rxa6 30.Nxe4 Nf5 31.Rc1 e5 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Ra4 34.f3 Ng7 35.Kg2 Ne6 36.Be7 Rc8 37.Bd6 g5 38.Bxe5 Ra5 39.Bc3 Ra2+ 40.Kg3 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2782)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023

6...a5 7.0-0 Na6 8.a3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Rb8 10.Nh4 Bd7 11.Nf3 Bf5 12.Nh4 Bd7 13.Nf3 ½-½ (13) Mamedyarov,S

(2776)-Dubov,D (2711) Berlin GER 2022

6...Re8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.e4 c5 12.Nc2 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Rb1 Rad8 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Rfd1 Nb8 19.b4 cxb4 20.axb4 Qc6 21.b5 Qc8 22.Ne3 Nbd7 23.Bxd6 Nc5 24.Qc2 Nfd7 25.f3 Ne5 26.f4 Ned3 27.e5 Nxf4 28.Bf3 Nfd3 29.Ne4 Nxe4 30.Bxe4 Nxe5 31.c5 f5 32.Bd5 Bxd5 33.Rxd5 Nf7 34.Nc4 Re4 35.Qd3 Rxc4 36.Qxc4 Nxd6 37.Qd3 Ne4 38.Rc1 Rxd5 39.Qxd5 Nc3 40.Qc4 Qe8 41.Kf1 Nxb5 42.Qd5 Qc6 0-1 (42) Anton Guijarro,D (2673)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) chess24.com INT 2021

6...Nc6 7.d5 Nb4 8.0-0 e6 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Nd4 Nc6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Rb1 Nd7 13.Qd2 Qf6 14.Nd1 Nc5 15.Nc3 a5 16.Qd1 Rad8 17.Bd2 Qf7 18.a3 d5 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Nb5 d4 21.exd4 Bxd4 22.Qc2 Qf5 23.Bc4+ Kg7 24.Qxf5 Rxf5 25.Nxd4 Nxd4 26.Rfd1 Na4 27.b3 Nb6 28.Bc3 c5 29.Bxa5 Rd6 30.Bf1 Nd5 31.Be1 Nf4 32.Bc3 Kf8 33.Bxd4 cxd4 34.g3 Nh5 35.Rd2 Rc5 36.a4 Rc3 37.Bc4 Ng7 38.Rbd1 Nf5 39.Kg2 b6 40.Rd3 Rc2 41.Rf3 Rf6 42.Rxd4 g5 43.Bd3 Rd2 44.Rd5 Ne3+ 45.Rxe3 Rfxf2+ 46.Kg1 Rg2+ 47.Kf1 Rxh2 48.Ke1 Ra2 49.Rf5+ Kg8 50.Re8+ Kg7 51.Re7+ Kg6 52.Rf4+ 1-0 (52) Anton Guijarro,D (2673)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess24.com INT 2021

[36] **7.b4** e5 8.Bb2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.0-0 c6

[10...a5 11.a3 Ne5 12.Qb3 Bg4 13.Rad1 axb4 14.axb4 Bxe2 15.Ndxe2 c6 16.h3 Qe7 17.Nd4 Ned7 18.Ra1 Nb6 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Qxa4 ½-½ (22) Wojtaszek,R (2724)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Moscow RUS 2019]

11.Qb3 a5 12.a3 Nb6 13.h3 d5 14.cxd5 Nfxd5 15.Rad1 axb4 16.axb4 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Qe7 ½-½ (17) Van Wely,L (2607)-Vitiugov,N (2688) Chartres FRA 2024

7.h3 e5 8.b4

[8.0-0 Re8 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.b4 e4 11.Nd2 Nf8 12.Bb2 h5 13.Rfc1 Bf5 14.Nf1 N8h7 15.Qd1 Ng5 16.Nh2 Bh6 17.Bf1 Rad8 18.d5 a6 19.Ne2 Bg7 20.a4 h4 21.a5 Nd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nd4 Ne5 24.c5 dxc5 25.Rxc5 c6 26.dxc6 Nxc6 27.Nxf5+ gxf5 28.Qb3 Ne5 29.Rd1 Kg6 30.Be2 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 ½-½ (31) Lupulescu,C (2660)-Erdos,V (2622) Douglas ENG 2021]

8...exd4 9.exd4 d5 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nbd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.b5 a6 15.bxa6 Rxa6 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.Qd2 Be6 18.Rfe1 c6 19.Rab1 Raa8 20.Bh6 Rfe8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Re5 h6 23.Rbe1 f6 24.R5e4 Bf7 25.Nh2 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 h5 27.Nf1 Rd8 28.Qe1 Rd7 29.Ne3 Nb6 30.Qc3 Nd5 31.Qe1 Nc7 32.Bxf7 Rxf7 33.Nc2 Rd7 34.h4 Kf7 35.Qe3 Ne6 36.a3 Ng7 37.Qb3+ Qd5 38.Qd3 Ne6 39.Nb4 Qd6 40.Qb3 Re7 41.Nc2 Kf8 42.Qe3 Ng7 43.Rxe7 Qxe7 44.Qg3 Qe4 45.Qd6+ Kf7 46.Ne3 Qe7 47.Qb8 Qd7 48.a4 Ne6 49.Nc4 Ke7 50.Na5 Nd8 51.Qf4 Qd6 52.Qe4+ Kf7 53.Qb1 Qc7 54.Qb4 Qe7 55.Qb3+ Kg7 56.Qb6 Qe1+ 57.Kh2 Nf7 58.Nxb7 Qxf2 59.a5 Qxh4+ 60.Kg1 Qe1+ 61.Kh2 g5 62.Qc7 Qh4+ 63.Kg1 Qxd4+ 64.Kf1 Qd1+ 65.Kf2 Qd2+ 66.Kf1 g4 67.a6

Qd3+ 68.Kf2 Kg6 69.Qxc6 Ne5 70.Qc1 g3+ 71.Ke1 Qe4+ 72.Kf1 Qf5+ 73.Kg1 Qf2+ 74.Kh1 Qd4 75.Qc5 Qh4+ 76.Kg1 Nf3+ 77.Kf1 Qh1+ 78.Ke2 Qxg2+ 79.Ke3 Qf2+ 80.Ke4 Ne5 81.Qd5 Qf3+ 82.Kd4 Nc6+ 0-1 (82) Keymer,V (2690)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2793) Dusseldorf GER 2023

7.e4 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3 b6 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Qd1 e4 16.Ng5 e3 17.Bxg4 Qxg5 18.Bxf5 exd2 19.Be6+ Kh8 20.Qe2 Rae8 21.Rad1 Bh6 22.Nb5 Re7 23.Nd4 Qf4 24.Nf3 Ne4 25.Qd3 g5 0-1 (25) Paravyan,D (2621)-Mikaelyan,A (2495) chess.com INT 2025

[37] **8.Qc2** Re8 9.Rd1 e4 10.Nd2 Qe7 11.b4 Nf8 12.Bb2

[12.a4 h5 13.Ba3 Bf5 14.b5 Ne6 15.c5 Nxd4 16.exd4 e3 17.Bd3 exf2+ 18.Kh1 Qe1+ 19.Nf1 Ng4 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Qd3 Re3 22.Qxe3 Nxe3 23.Rxe1 fxe1Q 24.Rxe1 Nc2 25.Re7 Nxa3 26.cxd6 cxd6 27.Nd5 Rc8 28.g3 Bxd4 29.Rxb7 Rc1 30.Kg2 Rc2+ 31.Kh3 Rf2 32.Nfe3 Kg7 33.a5 Kg6 34.b6 axb6 35.axb6 Rb2 36.Rd7 Bc5 37.b7 Nb1 38.Nc4 Rb3 39.Ncb6 1-0 (39) Caruana,F (2835)-Savchenko,B (2564) chess.com INT 2020]

12...h5

[12...Bf5 13.h3 *(13.d5 h5 14.Nb5 N8h7 15.c5 a6 16.Nd4 Bg4 17.h3 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 dxc5 19.bxc5 Nxd5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qb2+ Nhf6 22.Qxb7 Qxc5 23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.Qxa8 Nxe3 25.Rab1 Nxd1 26.Rxd1 Rxe2 27.Qf3 Rxa2 28.Re1 Qd4 29.Rd1 Ra1 30.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 31.Kh2 Qe5+ 32.Kg1 c5 33.Qd1 Qd4 34.Qc2 Ne4 35.Kh2 Nxf2 36.Qa2 h4 37.Kg1 Nxh3+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kh1 Nf2+ 40.Kg1 Ng4 41.Qa1+ Qd4+ 42.Qxd4+ cxd4 43.g3 d3 44.Kg2 d2 45.Kh3 d1Q 46.Kxh4 f5 47.Kg5 Qd8+ 48.Kf4 Qd2+ 49.Kf3 Qf2#* 0-1 (49) Holt,C (2540)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024*; 13.Rac1 h5 14.h3 N8h7 15.d5 Nd7 16.Nb3 Qg5 17.Kh1 Qh4 18.Bf1 Ndf6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Ncb5 Rec8 21.c5 a6 22.Nc3 Re8 23.c6 bxc6 24.dxc6 Bc8 25.b5 Qg5 26.a4 h4 27.bxa6 Bxa6 28.Ndb5 Re7 29.Bc4 Bc8 30.Nd5 Nxd5 31.Rxd5 Qh6 32.Bxg7 Qxg7 33.Rd4 Qe5 34.Nc3 Nf6 35.Rb1 Qc5 36.Rb5 Qxc6 37.Nxe4 Kg7 38.Nxf6 Kxf6 39.Qb2 Re5 40.Bd5 Qa6 41.Rf4+ Kg5 42.Bxa8 Qxa8 43.Rxe5+ dxe5 44.Qxe5+ Bf5 45.e4 f6 46.Rxf5+* 1-0 (46) Salem,A (2682)-Kamsky,G (2665) Europe-Echecs INT 2020 *)* 13...h5 14.Nb3 g5 15.d5 Bg6 16.c5 N8d7 17.Nb5 Rec8 18.Na5 a6 19.c6 bxc6 20.Nxc6 Qe8 21.Nba7 g4 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Bxa6 Ra8 25.Bb7 g3 26.fxg3 Ng4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qc3+ Ndf6 29.Kf1 Qh8 30.Ke2 Qh2 31.Rd2 Bh5 32.Kd1 Ra3 33.Qxa3 Nxe3+ 34.Kc1 Qg1+ 35.Kb2 Nc4+ 36.Kc3 Qe3+ 37.Kxc4 Qxa3 38.Nd4 Bg6 39.Nb3 Nd7 40.Kb5 e3 41.Rd4 Ne5 42.Re1 Bf5 43.Rxe3 Bd7+ 44.Bc6 Bc8 45.Na5 0-1 (45) Caruana,F (2820)-Radjabov,T (2765) Paris FRA 2021]

13.d5 N8h7 14.Rac1 Ng5 15.Bf1 Bf5 16.c5 Ng4 17.h3 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 exf3 19.Nce4 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qh4+ 21.Kxf3 Bxb2 22.Qxb2 Bxe4+ 23.Nxe4 Qxe4+

24.Kf2 Qxe3+ 25.Kg2 Re5 26.Kh1 Rg5 27.Bg2 Rg3 28.Rf1 Re8 29.Qf2 Qxf2 30.Rxf2 Re7 31.cxd6 cxd6 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.Rd8 Rd3 34.Rxd6 h4 35.Rdf6 Rd4 36.R6f4 Re1+ 37.Kh2 Red1 38.Rxf7+ Kh6 39.Rxb7 1-0 (39) Caruana,F (2783)-Demchenko,A (2653) chess.com INT 2022

8.b4 Re8 9.h3 exd4 10.exd4 d5 11.Bg5 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nb6 13.Bb3 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Be6 16.Re1 Nbd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.b5 a6 19.bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rc1 c6 21.Ne5 Nf6 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Qb3 Qb6 24.Qxb6 Rxb6 25.Rb1 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 Re7 27.Nc4 Nd5 28.Na5 Bxd4 29.Rxb7 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Re2 31.Nxc6 Bxf2 32.Bxf2 Rxf2 33.Ne7+ Nxe7 34.Rxe7 Rxa2 35.Rb7 Kg7 36.Kg1 Kg6 37.g4 Rc2 38.Rb6+ f6 39.Ra6 Rb2 40.Rc6 Ra2 41.Rb6 Rc2 42.Ra6 Rc4 43.Kg2 Rf4 44.Kg3 h5 45.Rb6 Rf1 46.Kg2 Rf4 47.Kg3 hxg4 48.hxg4 Ra4 49.Rc6 Rb4 50.Ra6 Rd4 51.Rb6 Kf7 52.Ra6 Ke7 53.Kf3 Rf4+ 54.Kg3 Rd4 55.Kf3 Rd6 56.Ra7+ Ke6 57.Ra5 Rb6 58.Kg3 Rb3+ 59.Kg2 Rd3 60.Kf2 Rd5 61.Ra6+ Ke5 62.Kf3 Rd3+ 63.Kf2 Rd6 64.Ra5+ Ke4 65.Kg3 Rd3+ 66.Kg2 Rd2+ 67.Kg3 Rd3+ 68.Kg2 Rd5 69.Ra6 Ke5 70.Kf3 Rb5 71.Rc6 Rb3+ 72.Kg2 Rb4 73.Kg3 Rb3+ 74.Kg2 Rd3 75.Ra6 Rd6 76.Ra5+ Ke4 77.Kg3 Rd3+ ½-½ (77) Deac,B (2707)-Naroditsky,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022

8.b3 Re8 9.h3 e4 10.Nd2 h5 11.b4 Nf8 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Bb2 Qd7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Qe7 16.Rc1 Nh7 17.Qc2 Qg5 18.Qxc7 Bxh3 19.Bf1 Bf8 20.Qxb7 Nf6 21.Qa6 Bc8 22.Qa4 Bd7 23.Qd1 Bg4 24.f3 exf3 25.Nxf3 Qh6 26.Qb3 h4 27.Ne5 h3 28.Nxg4 Nxg4 29.gxh3 Nxe3 30.Rc3 Nf5 31.Rd1 Qh5 32.Rf3 Bh6 0-1 (32) Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Zagreb CRO 2019

[38] **8...exd4** 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 c6 11.Kh1 Nc5 12.Be3 a5 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rad1 Be6 15.b3 Rad8 16.Bd3 Bc8 17.Bc2 Qe7 18.Bg5 Qc7 19.Qf4 Qe7 20.Qh4 Ncd7 21.Rde1 Qf8 22.Rd1 h6 23.Bc1 Nc5 24.h3 Ne6 25.Nde2 Nd7 26.f4 Nec5 27.f5 g5 28.Qf2 Be5 29.Rde1 Nf6 30.Qf3 Qg7 31.Nd1 b5 32.Ne3 Ba6 33.Rd1 bxc4 34.Nxc4 Bxc4 35.bxc4 h5 36.Nd4 g4 37.Qe3 gxh3 38.Qxh3 Nfxe4 39.Nxc6 Ng3+ 40.Kg1 Ne2+ 41.Kh1 Ng3+ 42.Kg1 Nxf1 43.Nxd8 Ng3 44.Nc6 Ne2+ 45.Kh1 Ng3+ 46.Kg1 Ne2+ 47.Kh1 Nxc1 48.Rxc1 Qg5 49.Rd1 Kg7 50.Nxe5 Rxe5 51.Rxd6 Re3 52.f6+ Kh6 53.Rd8 Rxh3+ 54.gxh3 Qc1+ 0-1 (54) Ding,L (2811)-Nihal,S (2670) chess.com INT 2022

[39] **11.d5** a5 12.h3 Nc5 13.b3 Bd7 14.Rb1 Rfc8 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Ba3 Ne8 17.Rb2 Ne6 18.Rd2 c5 19.Bc1 Qd8 20.a4 Nd4 21.Nb5 Qe7 22.Nfxd4 cxd4 23.Ba3 Rc6 24.f4 Qh4 25.Rf2 exf4 26.Nxd4 Be5 27.Nxc6 Bxc6 28.Bb2 Nf6 29.Bd3 Re8 30.Ref1 Bxe4 31.Bxe4 Nxe4 32.Rc2 Qf6 33.Bxe5 dxe5 34.Qf3 Nc5 35.Qc3 Qb6 36.Kh2 Ne4 37.Qd3 Ng3 38.Rd1 e4 39.Qd6 Qxb3 40.Rcc1 e3 41.Qxf4 Ne2 42.Qf3 Nxc1 43.Rxc1 Qxa4 44.c5 e2 45.Re1 Qb4 46.Rxe2 Rxe2 47.Qxe2 Qxc5 48.Qa6 Kg7 49.h4 h5 50.g3 Qc2+ 51.Kh3 a4 52.Qa7 Qb3 53.Qd4+ Kh7 54.Kh2 a3 55.Kh3 a2 0-1 (55) Ding,L

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[40] **5...c5** 6.d5 e6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8
[9...Na6 10.a4 Nb4 11.Bb1 Nd7 12.0-0 f5 13.Qb3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Ne2 a5 16.Bd2 b6 17.Bc3 Ba6 18.Re1 Qh4 19.Qd1 Rae8 20.Qd2 g5 21.Ra3 Bc4 22.Rc1 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 f4 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Rc4 Nxd5 26.Qd3 Qh6 27.Re4 Nb4 28.Qb3+ Kg7 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Be4 Rd8 31.Ra1 Qf6 32.Qc3 h5 33.Re1 g4 34.hxg4 hxg4 35.exf4 exf4 36.Bf5 Qxc3 37.bxc3 Na2 38.c4 g3 39.Bg4 Rd4 40.Rb1 Rxc4 41.Be6 Rc1+ 42.Rxc1 Nxc1 43.Bc4 Kf6 0-1 (43) Donchenko,A (2645)-Deac,B (2651) Terme Catez SLO 2021]
10.0-0 Na6 11.Re1 Nc7 12.e4 b5 13.a3 Rb8 14.Bf4 a5 15.Rc1 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Na4 Bd7 18.Re2 Nh5 19.Bg5 f6 20.Be3 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Bc4 Qd7 23.Qb3 Kh8 24.Rce1 Nf6 25.Bf4 Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Re8 27.Nb6 Qd8 28.Ng5 Kg8 29.Rxe8+ Ncxe8 30.Na4 Ne4 31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.Qe3 Bf5 33.b3 Bd4 34.Qe2 Nf6 35.Be3 Qe8 36.Bxd4 Qxe2 37.Bxe2 cxd4 38.Nb2 Bc2 39.Bc4 Kf8 40.Kf1 Ne4 41.Bd3 Bxd3+ 42.Nxd3 Nd2+ 43.Ke2 Nxb3 44.Nxb4 Nc5 45.Nc6 d3+ 46.Ke3 Kf7 47.Nb4 Kf6 48.f4 g5 49.fxg5+ Kxg5 50.g3 d2 51.Kxd2 Ne4+ 52.Ke3 Nxg3 53.Nd3 Nh5 54.Nf2 Nf6 55.Kd4 Kf4 56.Nd1 h5 57.Ne3 h4 58.Nc4 Ne8 59.Kd3 Kf3 60.Kd4 Kg3 61.Ke3 Kxh3 62.Kf3 Kh2 63.Kf2 Kh3 64.Kf3 ½-½ (64) Salem,A (2677)-Puranik,A (2616) Almaty KAZ 2022

[41] **8.b4** d5 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Bb2 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.b5 a6 13.a4 axb5 14.axb5 Ne8 15.Qc2 Nd6 16.Rxa8 Bxa8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Ra1 Bb7 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Nb3 Qb6 21.Na5 Ra8 22.Qb2+ f6 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.Ng5 Rxa1+ 25.Qxa1 Nf8 26.Qa6 Qxa6 27.bxa6 Nc8 28.Nf3 Kf7 29.Nd2 Ne6 30.e4 Nd4 31.Kf1 c4 32.Nb1 dxe4 33.Bxc4+ Ke7 34.Nc3 f5 35.Nb5 Nxb5 36.Bxb5 Kd6 37.Ke2 f4 38.Kd2 Kc7 39.Bc4 Kb6 40.Kc3 Nd6 41.Bg8 Nf5 42.Bxh7 e3 43.fxe3 Nh4 44.e4 Kxa6 45.Kd4 f3 46.gxf3 Nxf3+ 47.Ke3 Ng5 48.Bxg6 Nxh3 49.e5 Ng5 50.Bf5 Nf7 51.e6 Nd6 52.Kf4 Nc8 53.Ke5 Kb6 54.Bd3 Kc7 55.Bb5 Ne7 56.Be8 Kd8 57.Ba4 Ng6+ 58.Kf6 Ne7 59.Kf7 Nd5 60.Bc6 Ne7 61.Bb7 Nf5 62.Kf8 Ne7 63.Kf7 Nf5 64.Be4 Ne7 65.Kf8 ½-½ (65) Yu Yangyi (2720)-Kuybokarov,T (2584) Douglas IOM 2023

8.b3 d5 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Rc1 a6 12.Qc2 dxc4 13.bxc4 c5 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.exd4 Rc8 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Na4 Bc6 18.Nb2 Qb7 19.Bd6 b5 20.c5 Bd5 21.Qa3 Ne4 22.Bf4 Nb8 23.Ne5 Nc6 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.f3 b4 26.Qxa6 Nc3 27.Qxb7 Bxb7 28.Bc4 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Red8 30.Bd6 Bf8 31.Be5 Bxc5 32.Bf6 Ba7 33.Bxd8 Rxd8 34.Kf1 Rxd4 35.Rxd4 Bxd4 36.Nd3 Bc3 37.Ke2 Kf8 38.Kd1 Bc6 39.Kc2 Ba4+ 40.Bb3 Bb5 41.a4 Ba6 42.a5 Ke7 43.Nc5 Bb5 44.Ba4 Bd4 45.Bxb5 Bxc5 46.Kb3 Kd6 47.Kc4 g5 48.Be8 f6 49.Bf7 e5 50.Kd3 f5 51.Bg8 h6 52.Bh7 e4+ 53.fxe4 fxe4+ 54.Kxe4 Kc6 55.Kf5 Kb5 56.Kg6 Kxa5 57.Kxh6 Be3 ½-½ (57) Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Stavanger NOR 2019

[42] **11.Nxd5** Bxd5 12.Bc3 c5 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Qa4 a5 15.Rfd1 Rc7 16.Qa3 Qa8 17.dxc5 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 Nxc5 19.b4 axb4 20.Qxb4 Rfc8 21.Ra3 Ra7 22.Rxa7 Qxa7 23.a3 Ne4 24.Bf1 Nc3 25.Rd3 Qa5 26.Nd4 Qxb4 27.axb4 Na2 28.Rd2 Nxb4 29.Rb2 Nc6 30.Rxb6 Nxd4 31.exd4 Rc1 32.Rb4 Be4 33.Rb3 Rd1 34.f3 Bc2 35.Rc3 Ba4 36.Kf2 Rxd4 37.g3 g5 38.Rc4 Rd2+ 39.Ke3 Ra2 40.h4 gxh4 41.Rxh4 Ra3+ 42.Kf2 Bc2 43.Rc4 Bg6 44.Be2 Kg7 45.g4 h5 46.gxh5 Bxh5 47.Rh4 Bg6 48.Rb4 e5 49.Rb6 Kh6 50.Bc4 Kg5 51.Bd5 Ra5 52.Rd6 f5 53.Be6 Kf4 54.Rb6 Bh5 55.Rb4+ Kg5 0-1 (55) Topalov,V (2717)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2722) Warsaw POL 2025

[43] **3...d6** 4.e4 Nbd7 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 a5 7.f3 h5 8.Bd3 Nc5 9.Bc2 Bh6 10.Bf2 Bd7 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.0-0 h4 13.a3 a4 14.Bxh4 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Be3+ 16.Rf2 Nxf2 17.Qb1 Nfxe4+ 18.Kh1 Nf2+ 19.Kg1 Ng4+ 20.Kf1 Nxh2+ 21.Ke1 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Rh1+ 23.Ng1 Rxg1+ 24.Ke2 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Kxe7 26.Kxe3 Rh8 27.Rg1 Rh2 28.Ne2 b5 29.Rc1 f5 30.Bd1 f4+ 31.Kd2 g5 32.Kc3 bxc4 33.Kxc4 Bf5 34.Nc3 0-1 (34) Sadhwani,R (2644)-Radjabov,T (2700) Moscow RUS 2024

[44] **4.e3** Bg7
[4...e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 a5 9.Bd2 Re8 10.Rc1 c6 11.f3 b5 12.Qe1 Nbd7 13.Qf2 Nb6 14.a3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Na4 Rb8 17.Rfe1 h5 18.Bc3 Bh6 19.Ng3 h4 20.Nf1 h3 21.g3 Nh7 22.Nd2 Ng5 23.e4 dxe4 24.fxe4 f5 25.d5 fxe4 26.Qd4 Kh7 27.d6 Rb5 28.Nc5 Bf5 29.g4 e3 30.d7 exd2 31.dxe8Q Qxe8 32.Rxe8 dxc1Q+ 33.Kf2 Qg1+ 34.Kxg1 Nf3+ 35.Kf2 Nxd4 36.Bxd4 Bg7 37.Re7 Bxg4 38.Bxg7 g5 39.Bd4+ Kg6 40.Kg3 Bf5 41.Rg7+ Kh5 42.Rf7 Bg6 43.Rf8 Bb1 44.Kxh3 1-0 (44) Holt,C (2540)-Mamedyarov,S (2723) Samarkand UZB 2023]
5.Qa4+
[5.Qb3 e6 6.Qa3 Nc6 *(6...a5 7.Nf3 c6 8.b3 Na6 9.Be2 Ne4 10.Qb2 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Rd1 Bb7 13.Bd2 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Qe7 15.Rac1 Rad8 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.Ne5 f6 18.Bxa6 fxe5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nb5 Qd7 21.a4 Rc8 22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1 Rc6 25.g3 Bf6 26.h4 Kf7 27.Rc2 h5 28.Qc1 Rxc2 29.Qxc2 Bg7 30.Kf1 Bf6 31.Ke2 Bg7 32.Ke1 Bf6 33.Kf1 Bg7 34.Kg1 Bf6 35.Qc1 Bg7 36.Kh2 Bf6 37.Kg2 Be5 38.Qc2 Bf6 39.Kf3 Be5 40.Ke2 Bf6 41.e4 Be7 42.Qc1 dxe4 43.Qf4+ Kg7 44.Qxe4 Bc5 45.Qe5+ Kf7 46.Nc3 Bd4 47.Qf4+ Kg7 48.Ne4 b5 49.Ng5 Bf6 50.Qc7 Qxc7 51.Nxe6+ Kf7 52.Nxc7 bxa4 53.bxa4 Be5 54.Nd5 Ke6 55.Ne3 Bc3 56.Ng2 Kd5 57.Nf4+ Kc4 58.Nxg6 Kb3 59.Kd3 Be1 60.f4 Kxa4 61.Kc4 Bxg3 62.f5 Bd6 63.f6 Ka3 64.f7 a4 65.Kc3 Ka2 66.Kc2 a3 67.Nf4 Ka1 68.Nxh5 Be7 69.Nf4 Bf8 70.h5 Bg7 71.Ne6 Bh6 72.Kb3* 1-0 (72) Berkes,F (2613)-Kantans,T (2528) Chotowa POL 2025*; 6...Bf8 7.Qa4+ Nbd7 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Qa3 c6 10.b3 Bf8 11.Qb2 Bg7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Ne4 14.Qc2 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qc7 16.Bb2 dxc4 17.Bxc4 c5 18.Qd2 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Ne5 20.Nxe5*

Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Rfd1 b6 23.Qd6 Qxd6 24.Rxd6 Bb7 25.Rad1 Rfc8 26.f3 Rc7 27.e4 Rac8 28.Kf2 Kf8 29.Ke3 Ke7 30.h4 h6 31.R6d2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Rh1 Bc6 34.Ba6 Bb7 35.Bc4 Bc6 36.Ba6 Bb7 37.Bxb7 Rxb7 38.Rhd1 Kf6 39.g3 Rc3+ 40.Rd3 Rbc7 41.a4 Rc2 42.R1d2 Rc1 43.Rd1 R1c2 44.R1d2 Ke5 ½-½ (44) Postny,E (2525)-Velten,P (2542) Belfort FRA 2025 *)* 7.Bd2 *(7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2 Nf5 13.c5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Bb5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qg5 18.Kh1 c6 19.Bf1 h5 20.Qb4 a5 21.Qc3 b5 22.Qc2 a4 23.Bc3 h4 24.h3 Kg7 25.Rab1 axb3 26.axb3 Ra7 27.Ra1 Rea8 28.Rxa7 Rxa7 29.Qb2 Qe7 30.Bb4 Qe8 31.Be2 Qa8 32.Rd2 Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Kh7 34.Bd1 g5 35.Bg4 Nh6 36.Bh5 Rf1 37.Rd1 Rxd1 38.Bxd1 Kg6 39.Bc2 Nf5 40.Qb1 Kg7 41.Bc3 Qd8 42.b4 Qd7 43.Qa1 Qd8 44.Qd1 Qc7 45.Qg4 Qe7 46.Bxe4 Bxe4 47.Qxe4 Qd7 48.Bd4 Qd5 49.Qg4 Kh6 50.f4 gxf4 51.Qxf4+ Kg6 52.Qg4+ Kh6 53.Bc3 Nxe3 54.Qf4+ Kg7 55.Qxe3 Qc4 56.Bd2 Kf8 57.Qh6+ Ke8 58.Qf4 Qd3 59.Qe3 Qg6 60.Qf2 Qd3 61.Bg5 Qe4 62.Qxh4 Qxe5+ 63.Qf4 Qc3 64.Qb8+ Kd7 65.Qd8#* 1-0 (65) Holt,C (2540)-Navara,D (2683) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 7...a5 8.Rc1 Bf8 9.Qb3 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Ne4 12.0-0 Nxd2 13.Nxd2 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Nb4 15.Bf3 c6 16.a3 Nd5 17.Ne4 Ra7 18.Rfd1 Nf6 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nd3 Qc7 21.Qc3 Rd8 22.g3 Bf8 23.h4 Bg7 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Nb6 26.Nce5 Nd5 27.Qb3 Qb6 28.h5 Bd7 29.Nc4 Qc7 30.Kg2 Be8 31.Rh1 Ne7 32.Nce5 Qb6 33.Nc4 Qc7 34.Nc5 Nf5 35.g4 Nd6 36.Ne5 Nb5 37.hxg6 hxg6 38.Rh3 Qe7 39.Rch1 Ra3 40.Qc2 Rda8 41.Ne4 Ra2 42.Qc5 Qxc5 43.bxc5 Rb2 44.g5 Raa2 45.Kg3 Kf8 46.Rh7 Rc2 47.Nf6 Nc7 48.Neg4 Ra8 49.Be4 Rb2 50.Ne5 Rba2 51.Nc4 Ra1 52.Nd6 Rxh1 53.Rxh1 Rb8 54.Ndxe8 1-0 (54) Esipenko,A (2695)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025]

5...c6 6.cxd5

[6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.cxd5 Nb6 9.Qa3 cxd5 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bf5 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.a4 Rac8 15.a5 Nc4 16.Nxc4 dxc4 17.Qb5 e5 18.Ba3 Rfd8 19.Bc5 Bd3 20.Rfe1 a6 21.Qb2 Qd7 22.Ra2 e4 23.Rea1 Rxc5 24.dxc5 Qd5 25.Bf1 Rd7 26.Ra4 Qxc5 27.Rb4 Qd5 28.Rb6 Be5 29.g3 Bd6 30.Qc1 Bc5 31.Rb2 h5 32.Qd1 Kg7 33.Ra4 Qe6 34.Bg2 Qc6 35.Qa1 Qf6 36.Rd2 Rc7 37.Bf1 Bd6 38.Rd1 h4 39.Qb2 Be5 40.Rc1 Bxf1 41.Kxf1 Qf3 42.gxh4 Bxh2 43.Ke1 Be5 44.Qe2 Qh1+ 45.Qf1 Qxh4 46.Rxc4 Rxc4 47.Qxc4 Qh1+ 48.Kd2 Qf3 49.Qe2 Qf5 50.Ke1 Bf6 51.Qb2 Qxa5 52.Qxb7 Bxc3+ 53.Kf1 Qa3 54.Rd1 Qa4 55.Rd7 Qc4+ 56.Kg2 Qe6 57.Re7 Qg4+ 58.Kf1 Qd1+ 59.Kg2 Qf3+ 60.Kg1 Qd1+ 61.Kg2 Qg4+ 62.Kf1 Qh3+ 63.Kg1 Qg4+ ½-½ (63) Mendonca,L (2603)-Sjugirov,S (2712) Sharjah UAE 2023]

6...Nxd5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Qb3 Nb6 12.Bd2 Bg4 13.Rfc1 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qd7 15.Be2 Rfc8 16.Ba5 Qe6 17.Qb5 Qd7

18.Qb3 Qe6 19.h3 h5 20.Qb5 Qd7 21.Qb4 Nc4 22.b3 Nxa5 ½-½ (22) Sarana,A (2713)-Rapport,R (2715) Baden Baden GER 2025

4.Qb3 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Be6 [5...Bg7 6.e4 *(6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.Nf3 b5 9.Qb3 Qa5 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5 Na6 13.Bxb5 Nb4 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Nc2+ 16.Ke2 Nxa1 17.Rxa1 Nd5 18.Bg3 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Ba6 Bd7 21.Bb7 Bxa4 22.Bxd5 Rac8 23.Ne4 Bc6 24.Bxc6 Rxc6 25.Rb7 f5 26.Ng5 Bf6 27.h4 h6 28.Nh3 Rxc5 29.Rxa7 Rd8 30.Bf4 Kg7 31.g3 Rcd5 32.Bc7 R8d7 33.Nf4 Rd2+ 34.Kf3 Kf7 35.Bb6 Rxa7 36.Bxa7 Rxa2 37.Bb8 e5 38.Nd5 e4+ 39.Kg2 g5 40.Nxf6 Kxf6 41.h5 Rc2 42.Bd6 Kf7 43.Be5 Rc5 44.Bd6 Rd5 45.Bc7 Ke6 46.Bb8 Rd2 47.Bc7 Rd7 48.Ba5 f4 49.exf4 gxf4 50.gxf4 Kf5 51.Kg3 Rg7+ 52.Kh3 Rd7 53.Bb6 Kxf4 54.Be3+ Kf3 55.Bxh6 Rh7* 0-1 (55) Vachier Lagrave,M (2739)-Mekhitarian,K (2540) chess.com INT 2023*)* 6...0-0 7.Be2 *(7.Bf4 b5 8.Qxb5 Ba6 9.Qa4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 c5 11.d5 Nbd7 12.Nge2 Nh5 13.Bd2 Ne5 14.Ng3 Nxg3+ 15.hxg3 Rb8 16.Qc2 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qa5 18.Nd1 Qb5 19.Kg1 Na3 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Qe1 Na3 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Qe1 Na3 24.Qd2* ½-½ (24) Heberla,B (2525)-Tomczak,J (2568) Krakow POL 2025*)* 7...a6 8.e5 b5 9.Qd3 Nfd7 10.Qe4 Ra7 11.Nf3 c5 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Qh4 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc7 15.Nd5 cxd4 16.Nxc7 dxe3 17.Nd5 Nxe5 18.Rd1 Qa5+ 19.b4 Qxa2 20.Nxe3 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Nc6 22.0-0 Qe6 23.Nd5 h5 24.Rfe1 Qf5 25.Qxe7 Qxf3 26.Qe4 Qxe4 27.Rxe4 Rd8 28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Rxd8+ Nxd8 30.Kg2 Bh6 31.f4 g5 32.f5 g4 33.Nd5 Nc6 34.f6 Bg5 35.Kg3 Kg8 36.Ne7+ Nxe7 37.fxe7 Kg7 38.e8Q f5 39.Qxh5 1-0 (39) Duda,J (2739)-Iniyan,P (2578) chess.com INT 2025] 6.Qb5+ Bd7 7.Qb3 c5 8.d5 b5 9.e4 b4 10.e5 bxc3 11.exf6 Qb6 12.Ne2 Qxf6 13.Nxc3 Bg7 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 Bc8 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Qa3 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Rac1 Qh4 20.Bb5 Be5 21.h3 Bd6 22.Bc6 Bxc6 23.dxc6 Ne5 24.Bxc5 Nc4 25.Qa6 Bxc5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.c7 Rf8 28.Ne4 Qxe4 29.c8Q Bxf2+ 30.Kh1 Ne3 31.Qcc6 Qd4 32.Qaa4 Qxb2 33.Qb3 Qd2 34.Qbc3 Qxa2 35.Qf3 Nf5 36.Qc2 Ng3+ 37.Kh2 Nf1+ 38.Kh1 ½-½ (38) Erigaisi,A (2799)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Chennai IND 2024

4.Qa4+ Bd7 [4...c6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nb6 7.Qd1 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f4 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Na4 13.Bd4 Nd7 14.h4 e5 15.fxe5 Ndxc5 16.h5 Be6 17.Bb5 a6 18.Bxa4 Nxa4 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Nf3 Rac8 21.Ng5 Nxc3 22.Nh7 Kg7 23.Nxf8 Nxd1 24.Nxe6+ fxe6 25.Rh3 Rd8 26.Bb6 Rd7 27.Rb3 Kh6 28.Ke2 Kg5 29.Ba5 Kg4 30.Be1 b5 31.Rb1 Rd4 32.Rxd1 Rxe4+ 33.Kf2 Ra4 34.Rd2 a5 35.Rc2 b4 36.Bd2 Kf5 37.Bc1 Kxe5 38.Ke3 Kd5 39.Kd3 e5 40.Rd2 e4+ 41.Ke3+ Kc4 42.Rc2+ Kd5 43.g4 Ke5 44.Rd2 Kf6 45.Kf4 e3 46.Kxe3 Kg5 47.Kf3 Kf6 48.Re2 b3 49.axb3 Rb4 50.Re3 a4 51.bxa4 Rxa4 52.Bd2 Rc4 53.Re4 Rc2 54.Be3 Ra2 55.Rf4+ Ke7 56.Rb4 Kf6 57.Rb6+ Kf7 58.Kf4 Ra4+ 59.Kg5 Ra5+ 60.Kh6 Ra4 61.Rxg6 Ra3

62.Bf4 1-0 (62) Andreikin,D (2729)-Boruchovsky,A (2537) chess.com INT 2024]

5.Qd1

[5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 Bg7 7.Bf4 0-0 8.e3 c6 9.Nf3 a5 10.Be2 a4 11.0-0 Qa5 12.a3 Be6 13.Qd3 Nbd7 14.h3 Rfd8 15.e4 b5 16.Qe3 b4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Rfd1 Bb3 19.Rdc1 Ne8 20.Bh6 Bh8 21.Qf4 c5 22.d5 Nd6 23.Nd2 Ne5 24.Qh4 Rd7 25.Nxb3 Qxb3 26.Bd1 Qxb2 27.Rab1 Qa3 28.Rc2 Nd3 29.Bd2 Nb4 30.Rcc1 Nd3 31.Rc2 Nb4 32.Bc1 Nxc2 33.Bxa3 Nxa3 34.Ra1 Ndc4 35.Rc1 Nb2 36.Bxa4 Nxa4 37.Nxa4 Rxa4 38.Rxc5 h6 39.Qxh6 Ra8 40.Qc1 Be5 41.Rc8+ Rd8 42.Rxd8+ 1-0 (42) Fedoseev,V (2701)-Gledura, B (2644) chess.com INT 2022]

5...Bc6

[5...c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Rc8 9.e3 Nh5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nd2 gxh4 13.Qxh5 e6 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Bb5 Nd8 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.0-0 h3 18.Qxh3 Qxb2 19.Nxd5 Bg7 20.Nf4 Qc2 21.Rad1 Qf5 22.Qxf5 exf5 23.Nh4 Ne6 24.Nh5 Bf8 25.Nxf5 Rc2 26.Nf6+ Kd8 27.a4 b6 28.Rc1 Ra2 29.Rc4 Be7 30.Nd5 Ba3 31.h4 h5 32.Rb1 Bf8 33.Rbc1 1-0 (33) Nyback,T (2567)-Shirov,A (2666) Tallinn EST 2023]

6.Nf3 Bg7

[6...Nbd7 7.e3 Bg7 8.Bd3 e6 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.Qe2 Ne4 12.Rd1 a6 13.a4 Nd6 14.e4 b5 15.Bd3 Nb6 16.a5 Nd7 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4 Qe8 19.Rac1 Bb7 20.Bg3 Rc8 21.h4 Nf7 22.b4 Qe7 23.Na2 e5 24.h5 exd4 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Bxc7 Nde5 28.Bb6 Nxf3+ 29.Qxf3 f5 30.Bc5 Qe5 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Re1 Ng5 33.Qe2 fxe4 34.f4 Qxf4 35.Rf1 Nf3+ 36.gxf3 exd3 37.Qxd3 Qg3+ 38.Kh1 Be5 39.Qe2 d3 40.Qf2 Qh3+ 41.Kg1 Kg7 0-1 (41) Galperin,P (2554)-Maghsoodloo,P (2725) Ankara TUR 2024]

7.e3 0-0 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.h4 Nd7 10.h5 e5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.e4 Bxe4 13.Ng5 Bd5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qg4 Re8 16.Qh4 exd4+ 17.Kd1 Nf6 18.f3 d3 19.Bd2 Qd6 20.Bc3 d2 21.Bc4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Re1+ 23.Rxe1 dxe1Q+ 0-1 (25) Sadhwani,R (2673)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) New York USA 2024

4.Bf4 Nh5

[4...Bg7 5.e3

A) 5...0-0

A1) 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.Bxc7 Na6 9.Bxa6 Qxg2 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 bxa6 12.Rc1 *(12.b3 f6 13.Rc1 e5 14.Rg1 Bb7 15.Ke2 Rac8 16.Ba5 exd4 17.Nxd4 Rfe8 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rd1 f5 20.Ne6 Rc2+ 21.Rd2 Rxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Be5 23.f4 Bd6 24.Kc3 Bd5 25.Nc7 Bb7 26.Ne6 Bd5 27.Nc7 Bb7 28.Ne6 Bd5 29.Nc7* ½-½ (29) Fedoseev,V (2704)-Alekseenko,K (2710) Ufa RUS 2021*; 12.0-0 f6 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Rfc1 Rac8 15.Ba5 e5 16.Bb4 Rfd8 17.Be7 Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Rd7 19.Bc5 f5 20.Nb3 Bd5 21.dxe5 Bxb3 22.axb3 Bxe5 23.Ra1 Rb7* ½-½ (23) Aronian,L (2773)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) lichess.org INT 2020*) 12...Bb7 *(12...f6 13.Rg1 Rf7 14.b3 Bb7 15.Ke2*

Re8 16.Ba5 e5 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.Ng5 Rd7 19.f3 e4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.fxe4 Rxe4 22.Rc8+ Kf7 23.Rf1+ Ke7 24.a3 Be5 25.Rff8 Ke6 26.Bb4 Rh4 27.Rfe8+ Kf5 28.Rc5 Rxh2+ 29.Kf3 Rh3+ 30.Kf2 Rh2+ 31.Kf3 Rh3+ 32.Kf2 Rh2+ 33.Kf3 ½-½ (33) Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019*; 12...a5 13.Bxa5 Bb7 14.Ke2 Ba6+ 15.Kd2 Bb7 16.Ke2 Ba6+ 17.Kd2 Bb7 18.Ke2* ½-½ (18) Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019 *)* 13.Ke2 f6 *(13...a5 14.Rhd1 a4 15.Rc5 Rfc8 16.Rdc1 e6 17.Bd6 Rd8 18.Bg3 Bd5 19.a3 Bf8 20.Rc7 Rdb8 21.Ne5 Rxb2+ 22.Kf1 Rb7 23.Nxf7 Rab8 24.Ng5 Bxa3 25.Rc8+ Rxc8 26.Rxc8+ Kg7 27.Be5+ Kh6 28.Bf4 Kh5 29.e4 h6 30.f3 Bc4+ 31.Kg2 Rb2+ 32.Kg3 Bf1 33.Be3 Rg2+ 34.Kf4 Rxg5 35.e5 Bg2 36.Rh8 Rf5+ 37.Ke4 Bxf3+ 38.Kd3 g5 39.h4 gxh4 40.Rxh6+ Kg4 41.Rg6+ Kh3 42.Rxe6 Bd5 43.Ra6 Rf3 44.Kd2 Bb4+ 45.Kd3 Kg2 46.Rg6+ Rg3 47.Rh6 h3 48.e6 h2* 0-1 (48) Bok,B (2618)-Xiong,J (2690) chess.com INT 2022*)* 14.Rc5 e6 15.Rhc1 Rf7 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.Rc7 Re8 18.Nd2 g5 19.a3 h5 20.h4 Rxc7 21.Rxc7 Re7 22.Rc1 Rg7 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.Be5 Rf7 25.f3 Kh7 26.e4 a5 27.Kf2 g4 28.Rc7 Rxc7 29.Bxc7 Bg7 30.Be5 Bxe5 31.dxe5 gxf3 32.Kxf3 a4 33.Kf4 Kg6 34.Nf3 Bc6 35.Nh4+ Kh6 36.Nf3 Kg6 37.Nd4 Bd7 38.Kg3 Kg5 39.Nf3+ Kg6 40.Kh4 Bc6 41.Ng5 Bb7 42.Nxe6 Bxe4 43.Nc5 Bc6 44.e6 Bd5 45.Nxa4 Bxe6 46.b4 Bg4 47.Nc3 Kf6 48.Nb5 a6 49.Nc7 Be2 50.a4 Ke5 51.Nxa6 Bxa6 52.Kxh5 Kd5 53.b5 Bxb5 54.axb5 Kc5 55.Kg5 Kxb5 ½-½ (55) Mamedyarov,S (2741)-Duda,J (2731) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2) 6.Qb3 c5 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.exd4 a5 *(8...Nbd7 9.Be2 Nb6 10.Bf3 Bg4 11.Bxg4 Nxg4 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.d6 exd6 14.0-0 Qd7 15.Nb5 Nc8 16.Rac1 a6 17.Nc7 Ra7 18.Rfe1 b5 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 h6 21.h4 Rd8 22.Qe4 Ne7 23.b3 Re8 24.Rc2 Raa8 25.Rce2 Rac8 26.d5 Bc3 27.Bd2 Bxd2 28.Nxd2 Nf5 29.Qxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kg7 31.Nf3 Qb7 32.R8e2 Qxd5 33.Rd2 Qc5 34.Red1 h5 35.Rd5 Qc2 36.R5d2 Qe4 37.Re1 Qf4 38.Red1 Qe4 39.Rd3 Nxh4 40.Nxh4 Qxh4 41.Rxd6 Qg4 42.R6d4 Qe6 43.g3 Qe2 44.R1d2 Qe1+ 45.Kg2 Qe5 46.Kg1 Qe1+ 47.Kg2 Qe5 48.f3 Qe3 49.R4d3 Qe1 50.Rf2 Qe6 51.Rd4 Qe3 52.Re4 Qd3 53.Rfe2 Qd1 54.Re1 Qd2+ 55.R1e2 Qd1 56.Re1 Qd2+ 57.R1e2 Qd1* ½-½ (57) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 9.Nf3 a4 10.Qc4 Na6 11.Be2 Bd7 12.a3 b5 13.Nxb5 Rc8 14.Qd3 Nxd5 15.Bg3 Bf5 16.Qd1 Qa5+

17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Nxd2 Rc2 19.Nc3 Nac7 20.Nxa4 Ne6 21.Nc3 Ndf4 22.Bxf4 Nxf4 23.g3 Nd3+ 24.Bxd3 Bxd3 25.Nd5 Rxb2 26.Nb4 Bb5 27.Rb1 Rc8 28.Kd1 Bxd4 29.Re1 e6 30.Rxb2 Bxb2 31.Nb1 Bd4 32.f4 Kg7 33.Kd2 Rd8 34.Kc1 Ba4 35.Re2 h5 36.Nd2 Rc8+ 37.Kb1 Rc3 38.Re4 Bf6 39.Nc4 Rf3 40.Re2 Rf1+ 41.Ka2 Ra1# 0-1 (41) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

A3) 6.Rc1

A3a) 6...c6 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Ng5 Bg4 9.Qb3 Nh5 10.Bxb8 Rxb8 11.cxd5 e5 12.h3 Bd7 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.d6 b5 15.d5 c5 16.Be2 Qh4 17.Nd1 c4 18.Rxc4 Qf6 19.0-0 Qxd6 20.Rc2 b4 21.Bxh5 gxh5 22.e4 Kh8 23.Ne3 Qg6 24.Rc7 Qxe4 25.Rxa7 Bh6 26.Qc4 Qg6 27.Qc7 Re8 28.Qc2 Bf5 29.Qa4 Rxa7 30.Qxa7 Bxh3 0-1 (30) Abdusattorov,N (2732)-Mamedyarov,S (2740) Dubai UAE 2023;

A3b) 6...c5 7.dxc5 Be6 *(7...Na6 8.cxd5 Nxc5 9.Be5 Qa5 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.Be2 b5 12.a3 b4 13.axb4 Qxb4 14.0-0 Rfc8 15.Nd4 Nfe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Bf3 Ng5 18.Bg4 f5 19.h4 Nf7 20.Be2 Qxb2 21.Bb5 Bxb5 22.Ncxb5 Ne4 23.Nc7 Nc3 24.Qc2 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Ne4 26.Nxa8 Rxa8 27.Ra1 Kf6 28.Ra6+ Ned6 29.Nc6 h6 30.Rxa7 Rxa7 31.Nxa7 Ne5 32.Nc6 Nd7 33.f3 g5 34.hxg5+ hxg5 35.Kf2 Nb6 36.Nb4 Nbc4 37.Ke2 f4 38.e4 e6 39.dxe6 Kxe6 40.Ra2 g4 41.Nd3* 1-0 (41) Akobian,V (2576)-Gledura,B (2633) Saint Louis USA 2023 *)* 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Be2 Ne4 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.exd4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.Qa4 Bd5 14.0-0 Qe8 15.Qb4 e5 16.Be3 Qc6 17.f3 a5 18.Qb6 Qxb6 19.cxb6 Rfe8 20.Kf2 a4 21.Rfd1 Ra5 22.Rb1 a3 23.g4 Bf6 24.Rb4 Bh4+ 25.Kf1 exd4 26.Bxd4 Be7 27.Rbb1 Bg5 28.Bf2 h5 29.gxh5 Be6 30.Kg2 gxh5 31.Bf1 Bf6 32.Bd4 Bh4 33.Bf2 Rg5+ 34.Bg3 Rg6 35.Kf2 Bf6 36.Rbc1 Be7 37.Be5 Bh4+ 38.Bg3 Bg5 39.Rc2 Be7 40.Bd6 Bf5 41.Rcd2 Bg5 42.Rd5 Be3+ 43.Ke1 Rxd6 44.Bxc4 0-1 (44) Makarian,R (2547)-Salem,A (2622) New York USA 2024;

A3c) 6...Be6

A3c1) 7.c5 c6

A3c11) 8.Bd3 Bg4 *(8...b6 9.Na4 Nfd7 10.h3 bxc5 11.Nxc5 Nxc5 12.Rxc5 Qb6 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Rc3 c5 16.0-0 c4 17.b3 Nc5 18.bxc4 Nxd3 19.c5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Qa5 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.c6 Be8 23.Rc5 Qa6 24.Rxd5 Bxc6 25.Nxc6 Rxc6 26.Qd2 Bc3 27.Rd8+ Rxd8*

28.Qxd8+ Kg7 29.Qxe7 Bf6 30.Be5 Qxa2 31.Ra1 Qe6 32.Bxf6+ Qxf6 33.Qxa7 Rc2 34.Rf1 h5 35.Qb7 Rb2 36.Qd5 Re2 37.Qf3 Qxf3 38.gxf3 Ra2 39.Rd1 Ra5 40.Kg2 Rg5+ 41.Kh2 Rf5 42.f4 Ra5 43.Kg3 Ra2 44.Rd5 f5 45.Kf3 Kf6 46.Rd6+ Kg7 47.Rd1 Kf6 48.Re1 Rb2 49.Re2 Rb1 50.Kg3 Rg1+ 51.Kh2 Ra1 52.Rb2 Rc1 53.Ra2 Rb1 54.Kg2 Re1 55.Rb2 Kg7 56.Kf3 Kf6 57.Re2 Rg1 58.Rd2 Re1 59.Kg2 Kg7 60.Ra2 Kf6 61.Ra3 Kf7 62.f3 Re2+ 63.Kg3 Kf6 64.Kh4 Re1 65.Ra6+ Kf7 66.Kg5 Rg1+ 67.Kh6 Rg3 68.Ra7+ Kf6 69.e4 Rxf3 70.e5+ Ke6 71.Ra6+ Ke7 72.Ra4 Rg3 73.Ra7+ Ke6 74.Ra6+ Kf7 75.Rf6+ Ke7 76.Rxg6 Rxh3 77.Kg5 1-0 (77) Giri,A (2779)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Saint Louis USA 2019*)*
9.Nge2 b6 10.Na4 Nfd7 11.f3 e5 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bc8 14.f4 f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.0-0 Qe7 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rf3 Bg4 19.Rg3 Bxe2 20.Bxe2 Nd7 21.b4 Nf6 22.Nc3 bxc5 23.bxc5 Rad8 24.f5 gxf5 25.Rf1 Ne4 26.Nxe4 fxe4 27.Bg4 Rf8 28.Bf5 Rf6 29.Qe2 Qf7 30.Qg4 Rf8 31.Rf2 Kh8 32.Be6 Qe7 33.Bf5 Bh6 34.Rh3 Qe5 35.Rf1 Rxf5 36.Rxf5 Rxf5 0-1 (36) So,W (2770)-Giri,A (2776) chess24.com INT 2021;
A3c12) 8.h3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3 axb4 11.axb4 bxc5 12.bxc5 Ra3 13.Bd3 Na6 14.Nge2 Nb4 15.Bb1 Qa5 16.0-0 Ra8 17.Be5 Bc8 18.Qd2 Ba6 19.Rfd1 Bc4 20.Ng3 Bf8 21.e4 dxe4 22.Ngxe4 Nd7 23.Bf4 Nd5 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.Be5 Bg7 27.Qe1 Bb3 28.Rd3 Bh6 29.f4 Nh5 30.Ne2 Qxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Bc4 32.Rxa3 Rxa3 33.g4 Ng3 34.Nxg3 Rxg3+ 35.Kh2 Rb3 36.Be4 f6 37.Bc7 Rb7 38.Bb6 Bxf4+ 39.Kg2 Rd7 40.Bxc6 Rxd4 41.Rxe7 Rd2+ 42.Kf3 Be5 43.Bc7 Rd3+ 44.Kg2 Rg3+ 45.Kf2 Bxc7 46.Rxc7 Rxh3 47.Bf3 Rh2+ 48.Ke3 Rc2 49.c6 Be6 50.Re7 Bxg4 51.Bxg4 Rxc6 52.Bf3 Rd6 53.Be2 Kh8 54.Bc4 Rc6 55.Bd5 Rd6 56.Kd4 Ra6 57.Be6 Ra4+ 58.Kd5 h5 59.Rf7 Rf4 60.Kd6 h4 61.Ke7 g5 62.Kf8 g4 63.Rg7 Ra4 64.Bf7 Ra8+ 65.Be8 Rxe8+ 66.Kf7 Re7+ 67.Kg6 Rxg7+ 68.Kh5

g3 0-1 (68) Sarana,A (2685)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2023;

A3c2) 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(8...Qxd5 9.b3 Nd7 10.Nf3 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 c5 13.Ng5 Bd5 14.e4 f6 15.Nxh7 Kxh7 16.exd5 cxd4 17.Rc7 Nb6 18.Bc4 g5 19.Bg3 Nxc4+ 20.bxc4 Rfc8 21.Re1 Rxc7 22.Bxc7 Bf8 23.c5 Kg6 24.Kd3 e5 25.d6 Kf5 26.Rb1 b6 27.c6 Ke6 28.d7 Be7 29.g3 Kd5 30.Rc1 e4+ 31.Ke2 f5 32.Bxb6 d3+ 33.Kf1 d2 34.Rd1 Kxc6 35.Be3 Kxd7 36.Rxd2+ Ke6 37.Rc2 a5 38.Rb2 a4 39.Rb6+ Kf7* 0-1 (39) Akobian,V (2614)-Duda,J (2753) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9.a3 c6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Bg3 Qb6 12.Qd2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Qa5+ 17.b4 Qxa3 18.0-0 Qxb4 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.f4 Nd7 21.Rb1 Nb6 22.f5 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 Nd5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Bf3 a5 26.Qc4 a4 27.Bxd5 cxd5 28.Qxd5 a3 29.Rxb7 Qe6 0-1 (29) Akobian,V (2564)-Horvath,D (2542) New York USA 2024;

A3c3) 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Ng5 Bd5 *(8...Bg4 9.f3 Bc8 10.Bxc4 Nc6 11.Bg3 e6 12.f4 Na5 13.Be2 c5 14.dxc5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.0-0 Bd7 19.Ne4 a5 20.Bh4 Qc7 21.Bf6 Bc6 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qd4+ f6 24.b5 Bxb5 25.Nd6 Ba6 26.Rb1 Rfd8 27.f5 g5 28.h4 h6 29.Rb6 Qe7 30.Rf3 Rd7 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rg3 Kh7 33.Qg4 Kg7 34.Ne4 Rad8 35.Nxg5 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 fxg5 37.f6+ Qxf6 38.Rxf6 Rh8+ 39.Rh3 Rxh3+ 40.Qxh3* 1-0 (40) Dreev,A (2635)-Harikrishna,P (2719) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 9.e4 h6 10.exd5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Nxd5 *(11...b5 12.Qf3 c6 13.dxc6 Qxd4 14.Be2 Qb6 15.Be3 Qa6 16.c7 Nc6 17.0-0 Rac8 18.a4 bxa4 19.Ra1 Rxc7 20.Rxa4 Qb7 21.Rxc4 Ne5 22.Qxb7 Rxb7 23.Rc5 Nfd7 24.Rb5 Rfb8 25.Ra1 Nb6 26.Bf4 Nbd7 27.h4 Bf6 28.g3 Kg7 29.Raa5 Nc6 30.Bxb8 Nxa5 31.Rxb7 Nxb7 32.Bxa7 Nbc5 33.Bb5 Bd4 34.b4 Bxc3 35.bxc5 Nf6 36.c6 Be5 37.Bc4 Bc7 38.Kg2 e5 39.Bc5 Ne4 40.Be7 f6 41.Bd5 Nc3 42.Bc4 Ne4 43.Bb4 Nd6 44.Bd5 Nf5 45.Be4 Nd4 46.Bc3 Nb5 47.Bb4 Nd4 48.Kf1 f5 49.Bd5 Kf6 50.Bc5 Ne6 51.Be3 Nd8 52.Bg5+ Kg7 53.Ke2 Nf7 54.Bd2 Nd6 55.Kd3 Bb6 56.Be3 Bc7 57.Bg5 Kf8 58.Bf6 Ne8 59.Bg5 Nd6 60.Bd2 Bb6 61.Be3 Bc7 62.Bc5 Ke7 63.Kc3 Ba5+*

64.Kb3 Bc7 65.Ka4 Kd8 66.Kb4 Ke7 67.Ba7 Nc8 68.Be3 Kd6 69.Bf7 Kxc6 70.Bxg6 f4 71.Bd2 Ne7 72.Be4+ Kd7 73.g4 Ke6 74.f3 Nd5+ 75.Kc4 Nf6 76.Bf5+ Kf7 77.g5 Nh5 78.Kd5 Ng3 79.Be4 Nf1 80.Bc3 Ne3+ 81.Kc6 Bb8 82.h5 1-0 (82) Makarian,R (2547)-Horvath,D (2542) New York USA 2024*)*
12.Bxc4 Nb6 13.Bb3
A3c31) 13...Qxd4 14.Qxd4 Bxd4 15.Nb5 Bxb2 16.Rc2 Be5 17.f4 Bd6 18.Nxc7 Bxc7 19.Rxc7 Nc6 20.0-0 Rfc8 *(20...e6 21.Bf6 Rfc8 22.Rf3* 1-0 (22) Makarian,R (2547)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) New York USA 2024 *)* 21.Rxb7 Rab8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.f5 gxf5 24.Rxf5 e6 25.Rf4 Nd7 26.Rc4 Nce5 27.Rc7 a5 28.Ra7 Rb5 29.h4 Kg7 30.Bd2 Nc5 31.Rxa5 Rxa5 32.Bxa5 Nxb3 33.Bc3 Nc1 34.Bxe5+ f6 35.Bxf6+ Kxf6 36.a4 Nb3 37.g4 Ke5 38.Kf2 Kf4 39.h5 Kg5 40.Ke3 e5 41.Kf3 Nd2+ 42.Ke2 Nc4 43.Kf3 Nd2+ 44.Kf2 Nc4 45.Ke2 e4 46.Kf2 Kh6 47.Kg2 Kg5 48.Kg3 Na5 49.Kf2 Nc4 50.Ke2 Kh6 51.Ke1 Kg5 52.Kf2 Kh6 53.Kg2 Kg5 54.Kg3 Na5 55.Kg2 Nc4 ½-½ (55) Makarian,R (2547)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2733) chess.com INT 2025;
A3c32) 13...Nc6 14.d5 Nd4 15.0-0 Qd7 *(15...Re8 16.h4 Qd7 17.Re1 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Nxd5 20.Rg3 c6 21.h5 e5 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Rh3 e4 24.Bf6 Qf5 25.Bd4 b6 26.Qg3 Rad8 27.Qh4 Kf7 28.Rf3* 1-0 (28) Dreev,A (2623)-Deac,B (2679) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 16.h4 *(16.a4 a5 17.Ba2 Rfe8 18.Re1 Rad8 19.h4 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qd3 Nd5 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.h5 Qg4 24.Bxe7 Rd7 25.Bc5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Ne6 27.Qb5 Nxc5 28.Qxc5 Bd4 29.Qc8+ Kg7 30.hxg6 Qf4 31.Rf1 Re7 32.Qc2 Re5 33.gxf7 Rh5 34.f8Q+ Kxf8 35.Qc8+ Kg7 36.Qd7+ Kf8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.Qe6+ Kg7 40.Qe7+ Kh6 41.Qe6+ Kg7 42.Qe7+* ½-½ (42) Makarian,R (2547)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 16...a5 17.a4 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Nxd5 20.Rg3 Ra6 21.h5 Rd8 22.Rd1 Rb6 23.Qf3 Qe6 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Bxe7 Qxe7 26.Rxd5 Rf8

27.Qd3 Qf6 28.Rdg5 Qxf2+ 29.Kh2 Rf4 30.Rxg6+ Rxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qg5 Rf6 33.Qg7+ Ke8 34.Qxc7 Rh6+ 35.Rh3 Rxh3+ 36.Kxh3 Qxb2 37.Qxa5 Qh8+ 38.Kg3 Qg7+ 39.Kh3 Qh7+ 40.Kg3 Qg7+ 41.Kf3 Qf6+ 42.Ke2 Qe6+ 43.Kf1 Qc4+ 44.Ke1 Qe4+ 0-1 (44) Makarian,R (2543)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Rc1 Nbd7 8.Nf3 c5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Nb5 *(10.exd4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nbd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Be5 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 e6 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rc5 Qb6 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qe5+ f6 21.Qc7+ Qxc7 22.Rxc7+ Rf7 23.Rfc1 Rdd7 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rc4 Kf7 26.Kf1 Ke6 27.Ke2 Kd5 28.Kd3 Re7 29.Rc8 Re1 30.Rc7 Rd1+ 31.Ke2 Ra1 32.a3 b6 33.Rxa7 Ra2 34.Rd7+ Ke6 35.Rxh7 Rxb2+ 36.Ke3 Rb3+ 37.Ke4 Rxa3 38.Rb7 Rb3 39.h4 Rb4 40.g4 f5+ 41.gxf5+ gxf5+ 42.Ke3 Kf6 43.h5 Kg5 44.d5 Kxh5 45.d6 Re4+ 46.Kd3 Re1 47.Rxb6 Kg6 48.d7+* 1-0 (48) Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019*)* 10...Nh5 11.Bc7 Qe8 12.exd4 Bh6 13.Re1 Bxc1 14.Nd6 exd6 15.Rxe8 Rxe8 16.Qxc1 Nb6 17.Bxb6 axb6 18.Ng5 Re7 19.h3 Be6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qg5 Kf7 22.g4 d5 23.Bd3 Nf6 24.Qf4 Kg7 25.Qe5 Kf7 26.a3 Rc8 27.Kg2 Rd8 28.a4 Ne4 29.f3 Nd6 30.h4 Ke8 31.Qe1 Kd7 32.Qb4 Kc7 33.a5 bxa5 34.Qxa5+ Kc8 35.Kg3 Rf7 36.Be2 h5 37.Bd3 Rdf8 38.Qc3+ Kd7 39.Bxg6 Rxf3+ 40.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 41.Kxf3 hxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Nb5 43.h5 Ke7 44.Kg5 Nxd4 45.h6 Nf3+ 46.Kf4 Nh4 47.Bd3 Kf6 48.h7 Kg7 49.Ke5 Nf3+ 50.Kxe6 Ne1 51.Bf5 d4 52.Kd6 d3 53.Bxd3 Nxd3 54.Kc7 b5 55.b4 Nxb4 56.Kb6 Kxh7 57.Kxb5 ½-½ (57) Nakamura,H (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

C) 5...c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 *(6...0-0 7.cxd5 Qa5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.a3 Qxc5 10.Nf3 a5 11.Rc1 Nb6 12.Na4 Nxa4 13.Rxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc4 Nfe4 15.Qe2 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nd6 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Bb5 Nb3 20.Ba4 Nc5 21.Bc2 b5 22.b3 a4 23.bxa4 bxa4 24.e4 Nb3 25.Bxb3 axb3 26.Rb1 Rc3 27.Bd2 Rc2 28.Qd3 Nc4 29.Rxb3 Rxd2 30.Qxc4 Be5 31.a4 Kg7 32.a5 Ra8 33.a6 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Ra1 35.f4* 1-0 (35) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2628) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

C1) 7.Rc1

C1a) 7...0-0 8.Nf3 *(8.cxd5 Ne4 9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.Nf3 Nxc5 12.e4 e6 13.Bd2 exd5 14.c4 Qd8 15.exd5 Bf5 16.Qd1 Re8+ 17.Be3 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qa3 19.Be2 Ne4 20.Qd1 Qxa2 21.Nd4 Qa5+ 22.Kf1 Bd7 23.h4 h5 24.Kg1 Ng3 25.fxg3 Rxe3 26.Bf3 Qc5 27.Kh2 Qxd4* 0-1 (27) Makarian,R (2532)-

Zemlyanskii,I (2563) Al Ain UAE 2025) 8...Na6 (*8...Ne4 9.Be5 Bxe5 10.Nxe5 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 Qxa2 14.b4 cxd5 15.Qc1 d4 16.exd4 Qd5 17.Be2 Rb8 18.0-0 Rxb4 19.Bf3 Qxd4 20.Rd1 Qe5 21.Re3 Qc7 22.c6 Be6 23.h3 a5 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Qe3 Rf6 26.g3 Qb6 27.Qxb6 Rxb6 28.c7 Rf8 29.Ra1 Rc8 30.Rxa5 Rxc7 31.Ra2 Kg7 32.Kg2 Rb4 33.Re2 Kf6 34.Be4 Ra7 35.Re3 Rb2 36.Rf3+ Kg7 37.h4 Rd7 38.Bc6 Rd8 39.Be4 e5 40.h5 gxh5 41.Rf5 Rf8* 0-1 (41) Radjabov, T (2765)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020) 9.Qa4 Qxa4 10.Nxa4 Bd7 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 ½-½ (12) Sarana,A (2668)-Shevchenko,K (2668) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2023;

C1b) 7...Nbd7 8.cxd5 0-0 9.f3 (*9.Nf3; 9.Bc4 Nxc5 10.Nge2 Bd7 11.a3 Ba4 12.b4 Bxd1 13.bxa5 Bb3 14.Bxb3 Nxb3 15.Rb1 Nxa5 16.0-0 b6 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.e4 Rac8 19.f3 Nh5 20.Bd2 Nc4 21.Bc1 Nd6 22.Nb5 Nxb5 23.Rxb5 f5 24.exf5 gxf5 25.d6 e6 26.g4 Nf6 27.gxf5 exf5 28.Rxf5 Kf7 29.Nf4 Rc6 30.d7 Rc7 31.Bb2 Rcxd7 32.Rxd7+ Rxd7 33.Bxf6 Bxf6 34.Nd5 Rd6 35.Nxf6 Rxf6 36.Rh5 Kg6 37.Rh3 Rf5 38.Kg2 h5 39.Rh4 b5 40.a4 a6 41.axb5 Rxb5 42.Rc4 a5 43.Kg3 Kf5 44.Rf4+ Kg5 45.h4+ Kg6 46.Ra4 Kf6 47.Rc4 Kg6 48.Ra4 Kf6 49.Rc4 Kg6 50.Ra4* ½-½ (50) Timofeev,A (2574)-Deac,B (2679) chess.com INT 2022) 9...Nxc5 10.e4 Nfd7 (*10...Qb4 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Nb5 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Rac8 14.Nc3 e6 15.d6 e5 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.b4 Ne6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Rxc1 20.Kxc1 Nd4 21.Bd3 Bf5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Bxa7 Nxd6 24.Ne2 Nc4 25.Bf2 Rxd5 26.Rd1 Bh6+ 27.f4 Rb5 28.Rd8+ Kg7 29.Kc2 exf4 30.Bd4+ f6 31.Kb3 Ne3 32.Bc5 Bg5 33.a4 Rxc5 34.bxc5 Nxg2 35.Rd7+ Kh6 36.Ng1 Ne1 37.Rxb7 f3 38.Nxf3 Nxf3 39.c6 Nd4+ 40.Kc4 Nxc6 41.Kb5 Nd4+ 42.Kc4 Nf3 43.Rb3 Nd2+ 44.Kb4 Nxb3 45.Kxb3 Be3 46.Kc4 Ba7* 0-1 (46) Sarana,A (2670)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022) 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.Qc2 f5 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.b4 Na6 15.a3 Ne5 16.Bd3 Rf8 17.Nge2 ½-½ (17) Bok,B (2607)-Gledura,B (2644) Webster Groves USA 2023;

C1c) 7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 0-0

C1c1) 9.Nf3 Qxc5 10.Bb3 (*10.Qe2 Bg4 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bb3 Qh5 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3 15.gxf3 Na5 16.Bd1 Rfc8 17.Be2 Nh5 18.Bh2 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Rxc3 20.bxc3 Rc8 21.Rd1 Nf6 22.Be5 Kf8 23.Bxf6*

exf6 24.Rd5 Nc6 25.Rd7 Na5 26.Rd5 Nc6 27.Rd7 Na5 28.Rd5 ½-½ (28) Akobian,V (2582)-Ivanchuk, V (2653) Douglas IOM 2023; *10.Qb3 Nc6 11.0-0 Na5 12.Qb5 Qxc4 13.Qxa5 b6 14.Qa3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qa6 16.Qb4 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.h3 Rc5 19.a4 e6 20.Nd3 Rc4 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Nxb5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.Rc7 Ba6 25.Nb4 Bxb5 26.axb5 Nh5 27.Nc6 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Nxf4 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.exf4 Kg7 31.Ra8 Bd6 32.g3 Rd2 33.Rxa7 Rxf2+ 34.Kg1 Bc5 35.b4 Be3 36.Ra3 Rf3+ 37.Kg2 Rf2+ 38.Kg1 Rf3+ 39.Kg2 Rf2+ 40.Kg1* ½-½ (40) Radjabov, T (2765)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2020 *)*

C1c11) 10...Qa5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.h3 Bf5 *(12...Qa6 13.e4 Rd8 14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Qb3 Nd3 17.Bc4 Nxc1 18.Rxc1 Qb6 19.Qa3 Rf8 20.Qxe7 Ng8 21.Qh4 Qf6 22.Bg5 Qb6 23.Be3 Qxb2 24.Ng5 h6 25.Nf7+ Kh7 26.Ng5+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kh7 28.Nd1 Qf6 29.Ng5+ Kh8 30.e5 Qxe5 31.Nf7+ Rxf7 32.Bxf7 Bf5 33.Bxg8 Kxg8 34.Bxh6 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Be5+ 36.Bf4 Qe4 37.g3 Bxf4 38.Qxf4 Qxf4 39.gxf4 Rc8 40.Rxc8+ Bxc8 41.Kg3 b5 42.a3 a5 43.h4 b4 44.axb4 axb4 45.Nb2 Kf7 46.Kf3 b3 47.Ke4 Kf6 48.Nc4 Ba6 49.Nb2 Bf1 50.Na4 Bb5 51.Nb2 Bf1 52.Na4 Bb5 53.Nb2 Bf1* ½-½ (53) Riazantsev, A (2638)-Svidler,P (2723) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Nf3 Bf5 15.Qe2 Ne4 16.Nd5 e5 17.Bg5 Nxg5 18.Nxg5 Qd8 19.h4 h6 20.g4 Bc8 21.Ne4 Be6 22.Rcd1 Qxh4 23.f3 Rad8 24.g5 hxg5 25.Rf2 Nd4 26.Ne7+ Kh7 27.exd4 1-0 (27) Dubov, D (2690)-Svidler,P (2723) Moscow RUS 2019;

C1c12) 10...Bg4 11.h3 Qh5 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Nc6 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.a3 e6 17.Ba4 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Rxd5 exd5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rxc6 Bxb2 22.a4 Rd8 23.Kf1 d4 24.Ke2 a5 25.Bd6 Bc3 26.Be7 Rd7 27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Bf8+ Kf6 29.Rc6+ Kg5 30.Rc5+ Kh4 31.exd4 Bxd4 32.Rxa5 Kxh3 33.Rb5 h5 34.a5 h4 35.Bb4 f6 36.Kf1 Be5 37.Be1 Rd1 38.Ke2 Ra1 39.f4 Bxf4 40.Rb6 g5 41.Rxf6 Kg2 0-1 (41) Sarana,A (2685)-Paravyan,D (2612) chess.com INT 2023;

C1c2) 9.Nge2 Qxc5 *(9...Nc6 10.0-0 Qxc5 11.Nb5 Be6 12.Bd3 Qb4 13.Nc7 Bxa2 14.Nxa8 Rxa8 15.Qc2 Rd8 16.Nd4 Nd5 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Bxb2 20.Qxb4 Nxb4 21.Rc4 a5 22.Bc7 Rd5 23.g4 h5 24.Rb1 Be5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.h3 f6 27.Rd1 hxg4 28.hxg4 Rd5 29.Rxd5 cxd5 30.Rc5 Nd3 31.Rxa5 Ne5 32.Ra4 d4 33.exd4 Nxg4 34.Kg2 Kf7 35.Kf3 f5 36.Ra5 Ke6 37.Kg3 Nf6 38.f3 Ne8 39.Ra8 Nc7 40.Rg8 Kf7 41.Rc8 Nd5 42.Rd8 e6 43.Kh4 Kf6 44.Rf8+ Kg7 45.Re8 Kf6* ½-½ (45) Wojtaszek,R (2705)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) Wijk aan Zee NED 2021 *)* 10.Qb3 *(10.Bb3 Qa5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Nf3 Rac8 14.h3 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Be8 16.e4 Nh5 17.Be3 e6 18.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rd8 20.Rc1 Qc7 21.Nb5 Qb8 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.g4 h6 24.gxh5 hxg5 25.hxg6 Qf4 26.Rc5 a6 27.Nc3 Nd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4 29.Rc8 Qg3+ 30.Kf1 Qxh3+ 31.Ke1 Qh1+ 32.Qf1 Bxc3+ 33.bxc3 Qxe4+ 34.Qe2 Qh1+ 35.Qf1 Qe4+ 36.Qe2 Qh1+ 37.Qf1 Qe4+* ½-½ (37) Fedoseev,V (2678)-Cheparinov,I (2686) chess.com INT 2020*)* 10...Qa5 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 *(12.Nb5 Ne4 13.Bc7 b6 14.Bxf7+ Rxf7 15.Qd5 Nec5 16.Qxa8 Qxb5 17.Nd4 Qa6 18.b4 Nd3 19.Rcd1 Nb2 20.Rb1 Bxd4 21.exd4 Nc4 22.Rbc1 b5 23.a4 Qb7 24.Qxb7 Bxb7 25.axb5 Na3 26.f4 Nxb5 27.Be5 Rf8 28.g3 Kf7 29.f5 g5 30.g4 a6 31.Kf2 Nf6 32.Rg1 Rh8 33.Ke2 h6 34.h3 Rd8 35.Rc4 Rg8 36.Re1 Nd5 37.Kf2 Rd8 38.Kg3 Ndc3 39.Kh2 Ne4 40.Re2 Nec3 41.Re3 Nd5 42.Re2 Rd7 43.Kg3 Nf6 44.h4 Rd8 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.Bxf6 exf6 47.Rh2 Kg7 48.Rd2 Rd7 49.Rc1 Bd5 50.Kf2 Kf7 51.Rc5 Ke7 52.Re2+ Kd6 53.Re8 Nxd4 54.Ra5 Bb7 55.Ra3 Kd5 56.Rc3 Bc6 57.Ke3 Nb3 58.Re6 Bb5 59.Rxb3 Kc4 60.Rb1 Kc3 61.Rxf6 Rd3+ 62.Ke4 Rd4+ 63.Ke5 Rxg4 64.Rb6 Bd3 65.Rc6+ Kd2 66.Rb2+ Ke3 67.f6* 1-0 (67) Wojtaszek,R (2724)-Mamedyarov,S (2781) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 12...Nc5 13.Qb5 Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Be6 15.Bxe6 Nxe6 16.Be5 a6 ½-½ (16) Sarana,A (2706)-Erigaisi,A (2762) Sharjah UAE 2024;

C2) 7.Qa4+ Qxa4 8.Nxa4 Be6 *(8...Bd7 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Nxd5 Na6 11.f3 Nexc5 12.0-0-0 e6 13.Nc7+ Nxc7 14.Bxc7 Rc8 15.Bd6 b5 16.b3 Nb7 17.Kb1*

Nxd6 18.Rxd6 Ke7 19.Rd1 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.bxc4 Rb8+ 22.Kc1 Ba4 23.Rd2 Rb4 24.Ne2 Rxc4+ 25.Kb1 Rb4+ 26.Kc1 Rc4+ 27.Kb1 Rb4+ 28.Kc1 Rc4+ 29.Kb1 Rb4+ 30.Kc1 Rc4+ 31.Kb1 ½-½ (31) Nabaty,T (2649)-Erdos,V (2615) Terme Catez SLO 2021 *)* 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Rc8 13.Nb3 a5 14.Bxb8 Raxb8 15.a4 Bc6 16.f3 Nd7 17.Ke2 b6 18.Rhb1 Bb7 19.Ra3 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 Rxc5 21.Bd3 Rd8 22.Rb3 Rg5 23.Rg1 Bxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rxd3 25.Rd1 Rxd1 26.Nxd1 Rd5 27.Nf2 Rd6 28.Rb5 f5 29.g4 e6 30.h4 Kf7 31.h5 gxh5 32.gxf5 exf5 33.Rxf5+ Rf6 34.Rxf6+ Bxf6 35.Nd3 Be7 36.e4 Kf6 37.Kf4 Bc5 38.b3 Ba3 39.Kf3 Kg5 40.Ne5 Be7 41.Nc4 Bd8 42.Ne3 Be7 43.Nc4 Bc5 44.Kg3 Bd4 45.e5 Bc5 46.Kh3 Kg6 47.Kg3 Kg5 48.Kh3 h4 49.Kg2 Kg4 ½-½ (49) Sarana,A (2717)-Shankland,S (2669) Polanica Zdroj POL 2024]

5.Be5 f6 6.Bg3 Nxg3 7.hxg3 dxc4 [7...c6 8.e3 Kf7 9.Bd3 Kg7 10.a3 Na6 11.Nf3 Nc7 12.Ne2 Be6 13.Rc1 Bf7 14.Qc2 e6 15.g4 Be7 16.Kf1 Qe8 17.Kg1 h6 18.c5 Bd8 19.Re1 b6 20.b4 Rb8 21.Ng3 Be7 22.Rh3 Rb7 23.Nh4 bxc5 24.bxc5 e5 25.f3 Rb8 26.f4 e4 27.Be2 Qd7 28.Kf2 Ne8 29.Reh1 a5 30.Qc3 Qc7 31.Qa1 Bf8 32.Bd1 Kg8 33.Qc1 Rb7 34.Rf1 Kh7 35.Kg1 Be7 36.Ba4 Ng7 37.f5 g5 38.Ng6 Rhb8 39.Nxe7 Qxe7 40.Bxc6 Rb2 41.a4 R8b3 42.Bb5 h5 43.Nxh5 Nxh5 44.Qe1 Qc7 45.gxh5 Rb1 46.Qe2 R1b2 47.Qe1 Rb1 48.Qg3 Rxf1+ 49.Kxf1 Rb1+ 50.Ke2 Qc8 51.h6 Qxf5 52.Kd2 Rb2+ 53.Kc3 Rxb5 54.Qc7 Rxc5+ 55.dxc5 d4+ 56.exd4 Qd5 57.c6 Kg6 58.h7 Qb3+ ½-½ (58) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634)-Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024] 8.e3 Be6 9.d5 Bf7 10.Bxc4 Bg7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.Qe4 Re8 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.g4 a6 16.a4 Rb8 17.Qf4 Nb6 18.Ba2 c6 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Rc1 e5 22.Qe4 Kg8 23.a5 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5+ Qe6 26.Qe4 Qa2 27.0-0 Qxa5 28.Qc4+ Kh8 29.Rfd1 Qb4 30.Qxb4 Rxb4 31.Rd7 Kg8 32.Rcc7 Bf8 33.Rxh7 g5 34.Rhd7 Rxb2 35.Rc6 Re7 36.Rd8 Kg7 37.Rxa6 Rc7 38.Nd2 Be7 39.Rd3 Kg6 40.g3 Rcc2 41.Ne4 Ra2 42.Rb6 Rab2 43.Rxb2 Rxb2 44.Kg2 Kf7 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.Rc3 Kd7 47.Rc1 Ke6 48.Rc6+ Kf7 49.Rc7 Ke6 50.Rc6+ Kf7 51.Ra6 Rc2 52.Ra4 Rb2 53.Ra7 Rc2 54.Kg2 Ke6 55.Ra4 Rc6 56.Ra2 Bf8 57.Kf3 Be7 58.Ke2 Rb6 59.Nc3 Rc6 60.Kd3 Bb4 61.Ne4 Be7 62.Ra8 Rb6 63.Ra4 Bf8 64.Kc4 Bd6 65.Nc3 Rc6+ 66.Kd3 Rb6 67.Kc4 Rc6+ 68.Kd3 Rb6 69.Ne4 Be7 70.Kc4 Rc6+ 71.Kd3 Rb6 72.Kc3 Rc6+ 73.Kd2 Rb6 74.Kd3 Bb4 75.Ra1 Be7 76.Nc3 Bb4 77.Na4 Rc6 78.Rb1 Bf8 79.Nc3 Rd6+ 80.Kc2 Be7 81.Nb5 Rc6+ 82.Kd3 Rc5 83.Nc3 Rc6 84.Rb7 Bd8 85.Ra7 Rd6+ 86.Kc2 Rc6 87.Ra4 Be7 88.f3 Bf8 89.Kd3 Bd6 90.e4 Rb6 91.Kc2 Rc6 92.Kd3 Rb6 93.Ra7 Bb8 94.Ra3 Bd6 95.Nd5 Bxa3 96.Nxb6 Bc5 97.Nd5 Be7 98.Kc4 Kd6 99.Kb5

Bd8 100.Nc3 Bc7 101.Kc4 Kc6 102.Nd5 Bd8 103.Kb4 Kd6 104.Kb5 Ke6 105.Kc6 Ba5 106.Kb5 Bd8 107.Kc6 Ba5 108.Kb7 Bd8 109.Ne3 Kd7 110.Nd5 Ke6 111.Kc8 Ba5 112.Ne3 Ke7 ½-½ (112) Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

4.h4 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Na4

[6.h5 Bg7 7.e3 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Bc4 e6 11.h6 Bf6 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Qe2+ Qe7 14.Qxe7+ Nxe7 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Bf4 g5 17.Be3 Ng6 18.Nf3 g4 19.Ng5 Kd7 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Ke2 Ne7 22.Kd3 Nf5 23.Rh5 Ne7 24.Rf1 Rhg8 25.f3 Raf8 26.fxg4 Rxg4 27.Rf2 Ng6 28.Ne2 Be7 29.g3 Rxf2 30.Bxf2 Bf6 31.Ng1 e5 32.dxe5 Nxe5+ 33.Ke2 Re4+ 34.Kf1 d4 35.Ne2 d3 36.Nc3 d2 37.Rf5 Ng4 38.Rd5+ Ke6 39.Rxd2 Bxc3 40.bxc3 Ra4 41.Bc5 b6 42.Bf8 Ne3+ 43.Kf2 Nf5 44.Kf3 Rc4 45.g4 Rxc3+ 46.Kf4 Nh4 47.Rd6+ Kf7 48.Bg7 Ng6+ 49.Ke4 Rc4+ 50.Bd4 Ke7 51.Rxg6 1-0 (51) Ponkratov,P (2634)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022]

6...Nc6

[6...cxd4 7.Qxd4 Nf6 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.g3 Nb4 11.Nd4 e5 12.Bg5 Be7 13.a3 exd4 14.axb4 Bxb4+ 15.Kd1 Ke7 16.Rc1 Bd6 17.Nc5 h6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Ne4+ Ke7 20.Nxd6 Kxd6 21.Rc4 Be6 22.Rxd4+ Kc5 23.e3 a5 24.Bg2 Rad8 25.Kc1 b5 26.Rhd1 Rxd4 27.exd4+ Kd6 28.Kd2 Rc8 29.Bf1 Bd7 30.Re1 a4 31.Re5 f6 32.Re1 b4 33.Ba6 Rc7 34.Bd3 g5 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.Rh1 Be6 37.Rh8 a3 38.bxa3 bxa3 39.Ra8 a2 40.Be4 Bc4 41.f4 f5 42.Bxf5 Rc6 43.Kc3 Bd5+ 44.Kd2 Bc4 45.Kc3 Be6+ 46.Kd2 Bxf5 47.Rxa2 g4 48.Ra5 Be4 49.f5 Bf3 50.Ke3 Ke7 51.d5 Rc4 52.Ra7+ Kf6 53.d6 Re4+ 54.Kd3 Re1 55.Kc4 Rd1 56.Kc5 Rd5+ 57.Kc6 Ra5+ 0-1 (57) Van Foreest,J (2702)-Ragger,M (2643) Chartres FRA 2022]

7.e4

[7.Nxc5 e5 8.Nf3 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.e4 Nf4 13.g3 Be6 14.gxf4 Rd8 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Qb5 Bxd2+ 17.Nxd2 Qd4 18.Rd1 exf4 19.Bh3 a6 20.Qg5 Bc4 21.Qxf4 Rfe8 22.Qe3 Qxb2 23.Bf1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Qb1+ 25.Rd1 Qb4+ 26.Rd2 Qb1+ 27.Rd1 Qb4+ 28.Rd2 Qb1+ ½-½ (28) Yoo,C (2603)-Woodward,A (2545) chess.com INT 2024]

7...Nb6 8.d5 Ne5 9.h5 Nxa4 10.Qxa4+ Bd7 11.Qa3 Qb6 12.Qc3 Qb4 13.Qxb4 cxb4 14.f4 Ng4 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Be2 Bg7 18.Bf3 0-0 19.Ne2 h5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Bd2 Rac8 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Rc8 24.Ke2 Rc4 25.Kd3 Rc5 26.Be3 Bh6 27.g3 Nxe3 28.Kxe3 a5 29.Be4 Kg7 30.Nb3 Rc8 31.Nxa5 Ra8 32.Nxb7 Rxa2 33.Nc5 Bg4 34.Nd3 g5 35.f5 h4 36.gxh4 gxh4+ 37.Kd4 1-0 (37) Carlsen,M (2847)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2751) chess24.com INT 2021

4.e4 dxe4 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.Qd2 0-0 7.Nge2 c5 8.d5 e6 9.Ng3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Be2 a6 12.a4 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Rad1 Nbd7 15.Rfe1 h5 16.Bf1 e3 17.Rxe3 Rxe3 18.Bxe3 h4 19.Nge4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf6 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.d6 Qxb2 23.Qxb2 Bxb2 24.Rb1 Bd4 25.Rxb6 Bc8 26.Bc4 Kg7 27.a5 Ra7 28.Kf1 Rd7 29.Bxd4+ cxd4

30.Bxa6 Bxa6+ 31.Rxa6 Kf6 32.Ke2 Ke5 33.Kd3 Kd5 34.Rb6 Kc5 35.h3 Ra7 36.d7 Rxd7 37.Rb1 Ra7 38.Ra1 Ra6 39.Ra2 Kd5 40.Ra1 Kc5 41.Ke4 Kc4 42.Rc1+ Kb5 43.Kxd4 Rd6+ 44.Ke5 Re6+ 45.Kf4 Rf6+ 46.Ke3 Re6+ 47.Kd4 Re2 48.Ra1 Ka6 49.Rf1 Kxa5 50.Kd3 Rb2 51.Ke3 Kb5 52.Rc1 Rb3+ 53.Kf4 Rb2 54.Kf3 Rb3+ 55.Kg4 Rb2 56.Rf1 Kc5 57.Kg5 Rb4 58.f4 Kd5 59.f5 Rb2 60.f6 Rxg2+ 61.Kh6 Ra2 62.Kg7 Ra7 63.Rf4 Kd6 64.Rxh4 Ke6 65.Re4+ Kd6 66.h4 Rb7 67.Re8 Ra7 68.Kf8 Rb7 69.Re7 Rb4 70.Kxf7 Rxh4 71.Re1 g5 72.Kg7 Rf4 73.f7 1-0 (73) Dubov,D (2710)-Firouzja,A (2759) lichess.org INT 2021

4.Bd2 dxc4 5.e3 c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rc1 a6 11.a4 Nc5 12.Qc2 e5 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Qd1 Nd3 15.Bxd3 Bxd3 16.Re1 e4 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Qb3 Rc5 19.Nxd3 Qxd3 20.Red1 b5 21.Qa3 Rfc8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Be1 Qc4 24.b4 R5c6 25.h3 Qe6 26.Nxb5 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Bf8 28.Nd4 Qd7 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qb2 Qb7 31.b5 Nd5 32.Qb3 Bc5 33.Ba5 Bxd4 34.exd4 Nf4 35.Qe3 Nxg2 36.Kxg2 Qxb5 37.Bc7 f5 38.Bg3 Qd7 39.Be5 Qe6 40.Qg5 Qd7 41.Qf6 1-0 (41) Fedoseev,V (2704)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2022

45 **4...Bg7** 5.Bxf6

[5.e3 c5 6.Nf3 *(6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.Nf3 Qxc5 11.Bb3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Nd5 Qd6 14.Qe2 Be6 15.Rfd1 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Qb4 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.b3 a5 19.g3 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 a4 21.bxa4 Rxa4 22.Rc2 Qa5 23.Qb1 c5 24.Nd2 Rb4 25.Qc1 h5 26.h4 Qa4 27.Nc4 Kg7 28.Kh2 Rb8 29.Qd1 Qc6 30.Qh1 Qa4 31.Qe4 Rb4 32.Qd3 Qc6 33.Rc1 Qf3 34.Rf1 Qg4 35.Rc1 Qf3 36.Kg1 Rb8 37.a3 Ra8 38.Qd1 Qe4 39.Qc2 Qf3 40.Rd1 Rb8 41.Rb1 Rd8 42.a4 g5 43.hxg5 Bxg5 44.Nd2 Qe2 45.Qf5 Bf6 46.Ne4 Qd3 47.Rb6 Rd5 48.Qf3 h4 49.Nxf6 Qd1+ 50.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 51.Kg2 h3+ 52.Kxh3 exf6 53.a5 Ra1 54.a6 c4 55.Rc6 c3 56.Kg4 c2 57.Rxc2 Rxa6 58.f4 Ra3 59.e4 Re3 60.Rc4 Kg6 61.Ra4 Kg7 62.Kh4 Re1 63.Kg4 Re3 64.Rb4 Kg6 65.Rd4 Kg7 66.Kh3 Re2 67.Rc4 Kg6 68.Kg4 Re3 69.Ra4 Kg7 70.Kh3 Re2 71.Kh4 Kg6 72.f5+ Kg7 73.g4 Re1 74.Rb4 Kh6* 0-1 (74) Indjic,A (2612)-Shevchenko,K (2647) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne4 8.Nxe4 *(8.Bh4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Be2 Nc6 13.Rb1 a6 14.Qb3 Ne5 15.a4 Re8 16.Bg3 Qc5 17.Rfc1 Bd7 18.Qxb7 Bxa4 19.Qb4 Qxb4 20.cxb4 Nd7 21.Ra1 Bxd4 22.Rxa4 Be5 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Rxa6 Rxa6 25.Bxa6 Rb8 26.b5 Kf8 27.f4 Nd7 28.Rc8+ Rxc8 29.Bxc8 Ke8 30.Bb7 Kd8 31.Bd5 e6 32.Bc6 Nb8 33.Bf3 Kc7 34.Kf2 Kb6 35.Be2 Nd7 36.Kf3 Nc5 37.h4 Na4 38.Kg4 Nc3 39.Bd3 Nd1 40.Kg5 Nxe3 41.g3 Nd1 42.Kf6 Nf2 43.Bc2 Nh1 44.g4 Nf2 45.g5 Nh3 46.Kxf7 Nxf4 47.Kf6 Kxb5 48.Bb3 Ng2 49.Bxe6 Nxh4 50.Bg8 Nf3 51.Bxh7 Nxg5 52.Kxg5 Kb4 53.Bxg6* ½-½ (53) Radjabov,T (2765)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 8...dxe4 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Rd1 h6 11.Bh4 Nxd4 12.exd4 0-0 13.Be2 f5 14.Bg3 g5 15.f4 exf3 16.Bxf3 f4

17.Bf2 e5 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.0-0 Bg4 20.Rde1 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 22.Qxd4+ Qf6 23.Qxf6+ Rxf6 24.Re7 Rb8 25.h3 Bh5 26.Rfe1 f3 27.Rf1 Rbf8 28.Rf2 fxg2 29.Rxf6 Rxf6 30.Rxb7 Rf1+ 31.Kxg2 Rd1 32.Kf2 a5 33.Be4 Rd4 34.Ke3 Rxc4 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.Rxh6 Bf7 37.Rb6 Rb4 38.Rxb4 axb4 39.b3 Kg7 40.Kd4 Kf6 41.Kc5 Ke5 42.Bg2 Kf4 43.Kxb4 Kg3 44.Bb7 Kxh3 45.a4 g4 46.a5 g3 47.a6 g2 48.Bxg2+ Kxg2 49.Kc5 Kf2 50.a7 1-0 (50) Fedoseev,V (2687)-Ragger,M (2603) chess.com INT 2024]

5...Bxf6 6.cxd5 c5

[6...c6 7.e4 *(7.e3 cxd5 8.Qb3 e6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Rfc1 Rb8 13.Na4 Na5 14.Qd1 b6 15.Nc3 b5 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qb6 18.Qg4 Rb7 19.e4 b4 20.Ne2 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Rc7 22.h4 Rfc8 23.Qg5 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 25.Nxc1 Bc6 26.Bd3 Qd4 27.b3 Be8 28.h5 Nc6 29.Bb5 Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Qxh5+ 31.Qxh5 gxh5 32.Kg3 Kf8 33.f4 Nd4 34.Bd3 h6 35.Be4 Bb5 36.Kh4 Ne2 37.Bd3 Nxc1 38.Bxb5 Nxa2 39.Kxh5 Kg7 40.g4 Nc3 41.Bc4 a5 42.f5 a4 43.bxa4 Nxa4 44.fxe6 fxe6 45.Bxe6 Nc5 46.Bc4 Ne4 47.Ba2 Ng5 48.Bd5 Nh7 49.Bb3 Ng5 50.Bd5 Nh7 51.Kh4 Ng5 52.Kg3 Kf8 53.Kf4 Ke7 54.Kf5 Nh3 55.Bb3 Nf2 56.Bc2 Nh3 57.Bb3 Nf2 58.Bc4 Nh3 59.Kg6 Nf2 60.Kf5 Nh3 61.e6 Nf2 62.Bb3 Nd3 63.Kg6 Nc5 64.Bc4 b3 65.Kxh6 b2 66.Ba2 Nxe6 67.g5 Nxg5 68.Kxg5 Kd6 69.Bb1 Kc5 70.Kf4 Kd4 71.Kf3 Kc3 72.Ke2 Kb3 73.Kd2 Ka3 74.Kc2 Ka4 75.Kxb2* ½-½ (75) Bindrich,F (2584)-Mekhitarian,K (2554) chess.com INT 2024*; 7.dxc6 Bxd4 8.cxb7 Bxb7 9.Nf3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Qa4+ Nd7 12.Qa3 0-0 13.Rc1 Rad8 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.e3 Qd6 16.Qa5 e5 17.Be2 Bxg2 18.Rg1 Be4 19.Rg5 h6 20.Rg3 exd4 21.exd4 Ne6* 0-1 (21) Korobov,A (2670)-Artemiev,V (2731) Bucharest ROU 2019*)* 7...cxd5 *(7...Bg7 8.Qd2 cxd5 9.exd5 0-0 10.Bc4 a6 11.a4 e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nge2 Nc6 15.Rd1 Qb6 16.0-0 Rad8 17.Qc2 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Rd2 Qc6 20.Ne4 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Bb6 22.Rc4 Rd4 23.Rxd4 Bxd4 24.b3 Rc8 25.Rd1 e5 26.Kf1 Rc2 27.Rd2 Rc1+ 28.Ke2 Rb1 29.Rc2 Rxb3 30.Rc7 h5 31.Rd7 Kf8 32.f3 b5 33.Nf6 bxa4 34.Nh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ Kf8 36.Nh7+ Ke8 37.Nf6+ Kf8* ½-½ (37) Anand,V (2753)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020 *)*

A) 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Nxd5 Bg7 11.Nf3 *(11.Qf3 Nc6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.0-0 Qd8 14.Rfd1 e6 15.Ne3 Bxd4 16.Nc2 e5 17.Qb3 Qf6 18.Ncxd4 exd4 19.Rac1 Rab8 20.f3 Rfd8 21.Rd3 Rd7 22.Rcd1 Rbd8 23.R3d2 d3 24.Nc3 Nd4 25.Qc4 b5 26.Qc5 Ne2+ 27.Kf1 Nxc3 28.Qxc3 Qd6 29.h3 h5 30.b4 a6 31.a3 Kh7 32.Kf2 Qb6+ 33.Kg3 Qd6+ 34.e5 Qd5 35.f4 Qe4 36.Rf1 Rd4 37.Kh2 Rc4 38.Qb3 Rd7 39.Rf3 Rcd4 40.Qc3 Kg7 41.e6 fxe6 42.Rdxd3 e5 43.Rde3 Qf5 44.Rxe5 Qf6 45.Qe3 Rd3 46.Qe4 Rxf3 47.Qxf3 Rf7 48.Re4 Qd6 49.Qe3 Qf6 50.Qg3 Qf5 51.Qc3+ Kh7 52.Qe3 h4 53.Qe1 Qf6 54.Qd2 Kg7 55.Qe3 Qf5 56.Rd4*

Qf6 57.Qf2 Re7 58.Qd2 Rf7 59.Qc3 Kh7 60.Qe3 Re7 61.Re4 Rf7 62.Qe2 Qf5 63.Qe1 Qf6 64.Qe3 Qf5 65.Qf3 Qf6 66.Qg4 Kg7 67.Qe2 Qf5 68.Qd3 Kh7 69.Qd4 Rd7 70.Qe3 Rf7 ½-½ (70) Sarana,A (2688)-Zakhartsov,V (2509) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...Nc6 12.Qa4 0-0 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.Rad1 e6 15.Nc3 Nxd4 16.Qxd7 Rxd7 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Ne2 Rad8 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Rxd4 21.f3 Kf8 22.h4 h5 23.Rf2 Ke7 24.Rc2 Kd7 25.Kf2 e5 26.Ke3 Rd1 27.Rc5 f6 28.Ra5 a6 29.Ra3 Kd6 30.Rb3 Kc6 31.Rc3+ Kd7 32.a4 Rh1 33.Rb3 Kc7 34.a5 Rc1 35.Kd3 Rc5 36.Rb6 Rc6 37.Rxc6+ Kxc6 38.Kc4 g5 39.g3 Kd6 40.b4 gxh4 41.gxh4 Kc6 42.b5+ axb5+ 43.Kb4 Kd6 44.Kxb5 Kc7 45.Kc5 Kd7 46.Kb6 Kc8 47.Kb5 Kc7 48.Kc5 Kd7 49.Kb6 Kc8 50.a6 bxa6 51.Kxa6 Kc7 52.Kb5 Kb7 53.Kc5 Kc7 54.Kd5 Kd7 55.Kc5 Kc7 56.Kb5 Kb7 57.Ka5 Ka7 58.Kb4 Kb6 59.Kc4 Kc6 60.Kb4 Kb6 61.Kc4 Kc6 62.Kb4 Kb6 ½-½ (62) Le,Q (2709)-Mekhitarian,K (2569) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 8.e5 Bg7 9.h4 Nc6 10.h5 0-0 11.hxg6 *(11.h6 Bh8 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Be2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 e6 15.0-0 Qg5 16.g3 Qxh6 17.Kg2 Rac8 18.Rh1 Qg5 19.Qd3 Bg7 20.Rh4 Qe7 21.Rah1 h6 22.Qe3 g5 23.Rxh6 Bxh6 24.Rxh6 Kg7 25.Rf6 Rg8 26.Qxg5+ Kf8 27.Qf4 a6 28.Qh6+ Ke8 29.Bh5 Nd8 30.Ne2 Qf8 31.Qd2 Rc7 32.Nf4 Qe7 33.Bxf7+ Qxf7 34.Rxf7 Rxf7 35.Nh5 Rh8 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Qc1 Nc6 38.Qf4 Ke7 39.a3 Rc8 40.g4 Kd8 41.g5 Kc7 42.Qg4 Re7 43.g6* 1-0 (43) Sarana,A (2693)-Mekhitarian,K (2543) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...hxg6 12.Bb5 Bf5 13.Nge2 Rc8 14.Bxc6 Rxc6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Qf4 Re8 17.g4 Bd3 18.Rh3 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Qb6 20.Qd2 Rc4 21.Rd3 Qc6 22.b3 Rb4 23.Nxd5 Rb5 24.Ne3 Qe4 25.g5 Rb6 26.Rg1 Rc8 27.Rg4 Qc6 28.d5 Qb5 29.Rc4 Rd8 30.f4 Qd7 31.Rcd4 Qh3 32.Kf2 Rc8 33.Rc4 Rxc4 34.Nxc4 Qh2+ 35.Kf3 Qh3+ 36.Ke4 1-0 (36) Sarana,A (2669)-Mekhitarian,K (2559) chess.com INT 2023]

[6...e6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.e3 c5 9.Bb5+ Kf8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Nd7 14.0-0 Kg7 15.Nd5 cxd4 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd4 Ne5 18.Nc3 Rhd8 19.Qe4 Nd3 20.Nd5 Qf5 21.Qd4+ Qe5 22.Qxe5+ Nxe5 23.Nc7 Rac8 24.Nxa6 Rd2 25.Rab1 Rcc2 26.h3 Nd3 27.Rbd1 Rxf2 28.Rxf2 Nxf2 29.Rd4 f5 30.Nb4 Rxb2 31.Nd5 Ne4 32.b4 h5 33.h4 Rb1+ 34.Kh2 Rf1 35.Nc7 Nf2 36.Nxb5 Ng4+ 37.Kg3 Nxe3 38.Nc7 f4+ 39.Rxf4 Nf5+ 40.Kh2 Rxf4 41.Ne6+ Kf6 42.Nxf4 Nxh4 43.b5 Nf5 44.b6 Nd6 45.Kg3 Kf5 46.Nd5 g5 47.Ne7+ Ke6 48.Nc6 Kd7 49.Nd4 Ne4+ 50.Kf3 Nc5 51.Ke3 Kd6 52.Nf3 g4 53.Nd2 h4 54.Nf1 h3 55.g3 Ke5 56.Nh2 Nb7 57.Nxg4+ Kf5 58.Nh2 Nc5 59.Kd4 Nb7 60.Kd5 Kg5 61.Kc6 Na5+ 62.Kb5 Nb7 63.Kc6 Na5+ 64.Kc7 Kf5 65.b7 Nxb7 66.Kxb7 Ke4 67.Kc6 Ke3 68.Kd5 Kf2 69.g4 Kg3 70.g5 Kxh2 71.g6 Kg1 72.g7 h2 73.g8Q+ Kf1 74.Qf7+ Kg1 75.Qg6+

Kh1 76.Qf5 Kg2 77.Qg4+ Kf1 78.Qh3+ Kg1 79.Qg3+ Kh1 80.Qf3+ Kg1 81.Qg4+ Kf2 82.Qe4 Kg1 83.Qb1+ Kg2 84.Qc2+ Kg1 85.Qd1+ Kg2 86.Qe2+ Kg1 87.Qe1+ Kg2 88.Ke4 h1Q 89.Qe2+ Kg1+ 90.Kd3 Qh3+ 91.Kd2 Qg2 92.Qxg2+ Kxg2 ½-½ (92) Sarana,A (2717)-Szpar,M (2483) chess.com INT 2024]

7.dxc5

[7.e3 cxd4 8.Bb5+ Kf8 9.exd4 Qb6 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bd3 Qxb2 12.0-0 Qa3 13.Ne4 Kg7 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.d6 Nd7 16.Rab1 exd6 17.Rb3 Qa4 18.Nxd6 Qc6 19.Qf4 Nf8 20.Nxc8 Raxc8 21.Be4 Qd6 22.Qf3 b5 23.Rd1 Rc4 24.Bd3 Ra4 25.Bb1 Bxd4 26.Rbd3 Ne6 27.Bc2 Rb4 28.Bb3 Qe5 29.h4 Rd6 30.Kf1 Bc5 31.g3 Rxd3 32.Rxd3 Qf6 33.Qxf6+ Kxf6 34.Nc3 Rd4 35.Rf3+ Ke7 36.Nd5+ Kd6 37.Rxf7 a5 38.Nf6 a4 39.Ne8+ Ke5 40.f4+ Ke4 41.Bc2+ Kf3 42.Nf6 Rd2 43.Be4+ Kxg3 44.Ke1 Rf2 45.f5 Bb4+ 46.Kd1 Nd4 47.fxg6 Rf1# 0-1 (47) Sarana,A (2695)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2518) chess.com INT 2024]

7...Nd7 8.c6

[8.Rc1 Nxc5 9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 Qb6 11.Qd2 Rd8 12.h4 Bf5 13.Nh3 Rac8 14.0-0 Qb4 15.Rfe1 Na4 16.e4 Nxb2 17.exf5 Bxc3 18.Qh6 Bxe1 19.Ng5 Bxf2+ 20.Kh2 Bxg3+ 21.Kxg3 Qd6+ 22.Kh3 Qf6 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Rf1 Rc3+ 25.Kh2 gxf5 26.Rxf5 Qd6+ 27.Kh1 Rc1+ 28.Bf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kg2 Ke8 30.Qxf7+ Kd7 31.Rxf1 Kc8 32.Qe6+ Qxe6 33.dxe6 Nc4 34.Rf7 Rh8 35.Kg3 Nd6 36.Kg4 Kd8 37.h5 Ke8 38.Rf1 Rh6 39.a4 Nc4 40.Rc1 Ne5+ 41.Kh4 Kf8 42.Rc5 Nc6 43.a5 a6 44.Rf5+ Kg7 45.Rf7+ Kg8 46.Rf4 Nxa5 47.Rg4 Kf8 48.Rf4+ Kg8 49.Rg4 Kf8 50.Rf4+ ½-½ (50) Pechac,J (2633)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2747) Mayrhofen AUT 2022]

[8.g3 Qa5 9.Rc1 Nxc5 10.Bg2 0-0 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Nf3 Rac8 13.0-0 Kg7 14.Nd4 Na4 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Ne4 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Bc3 18.Qf4 Qd8 19.Nxc3 Nxc3 20.Rb2 Qb6 21.Rc1 Na4 22.Rbc2 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Qd6 24.Qd4+ f6 25.Qxa7 Rb8 26.h4 h5 27.Nd4 Nb6 28.Qa5 Rc8 29.Rxc8 Nxc8 30.Bf3 Nb6 31.e3 Nc4 32.Qc3 Ne5 33.Bg2 Ng4 34.Ne2 Qb6 35.Qc1 Qb4 36.Nf4 Qa4 37.Qb1 Qa5 38.Qxg6+ Kf8 39.Qb1 Qd2 40.Qf1 Bb5 41.Qxb5 Qxf2+ 42.Kh1 Qxg3 43.Ne6+ Kf7 44.Nd8+ Kf8 45.Ne6+ Kf7 46.Nd8+ Kg7 47.Ne6+ Kh6 48.Kg1 Qf2+ 49.Kh1 Qxh4+ 50.Kg1 Qf2+ 51.Kh1 Qg3 52.Kg1 Qxe3+ 53.Kh1 Qg3 54.Kg1 Qf2+ 55.Kh1 Qg3 56.Kg1 h4 57.Qf1 h3 58.Qc1+ Ne3 59.Qd2 Qxg2+ 60.Qxg2 hxg2 61.Nd8 b5 62.Nc6 Nxd5 63.Kxg2 Kg5 64.Kf3 Kf5 65.Nd4+ Ke5 66.Nxb5 f5 67.a4 Nb4 68.a5 Kf6 69.Nc7 e5 70.a6 e4+ 71.Kf4 Nc6 72.Nb5 Ke6 73.Nd4+ Kd5 74.Nxf5 Kc5 75.Kxe4 Kb6 76.Kd5 Kxa6 ½-½ (76) Grischuk,A (2742)-Deac,B (2679) chess.com INT 2022]

[8.e3 Qa5 9.Rc1 0-0 10.a3 Nxc5 11.Bc4 b5 12.Bd3 b4 13.axb4 Qxb4 14.Nge2 a5 15.0-0 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Ba6 17.Qd2 Rfb8 18.Rc2 a4 19.Re1 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 Rb5 22.e4 Rab8 23.Qe3 Qa5 24.h4 h5 25.Qd4 Qb6 26.Qxa4 Rxb2 27.Rxb2 Qxb2 28.Qd4 Kh7 29.Qe3 Rb4 30.Kh2 Qb1 31.f3 Qa1 32.Rc1

Qe5+ 33.Kg1 Rb7 34.Qg5 Qxg5 35.hxg5 Kg7 36.Kf2 Rb2+ 37.Kg3 Rd2 38.Rc7 Kf8 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.Re8 1-0 (40) Le,Q (2709)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

[8.Nf3 Nxc5 9.e3 0-0 10.Nd4 Qb6 11.Qd2 e5 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Be2 Rad8 14.0-0 Bf5 15.Bf3 Ne6 16.Nd5 Nxd4 17.exd4 Qxd4 18.Qxd4 Bxd4 19.Ne7+ Kg7 20.Nxf5+ gxf5 21.Rad1 Bxb2 22.Bxb7 Bd4 23.Rd2 Bb6 24.Rfd1 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Bxd8 27.f4 Bb6+ 28.Kf1 Kf6 29.Ke2 Bc5 30.Kf3 Bb6 ½-½ (30) Kuzubov,Y (2644)-Abbasov,N (2633) Ankara TUR 2022]

8...Nc5 9.Rc1 bxc6

[9...0-0 10.b4 Na6 11.a3 Nc7 12.e3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Nxd5 14.Rd3 bxc6 15.e4 Ba6 16.Rd2 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 a5 18.exd5 axb4 19.axb4 cxd5 20.Nf3 e6 21.g3 Qb6 22.Rb2 Ra3 23.Kg2 Rc8 24.Qd4 Qb5 25.Qf6 d4 26.Rd1 e5 27.Nxe5 Qd5+ 28.Kg1 Re8 29.Ng4 h5 30.Nh6+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Re2+ 1-0 (32) Sarana,A (2677)-Fier,A (2549) chess.com INT 2025]

10.b4 Rb8 11.a3 0-0 12.e3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Ne4 14.Rxc6 a5 15.Qd4 Nf6 16.b5 Bb7 17.Bc4 Bxc6 18.dxc6 Qxd4 19.exd4 Ne4 20.a4 Nc3 21.Nf3 Nxa4 22.Kd2 Nb6 23.Kc3 Kg7 24.Ra1 a4 25.Ne5 e6 26.Nd3 Ra8 27.Nc5 Rfd8 28.Nb7 Rdc8 29.Kb4 a3 30.Bb3 Kf6 31.Nc5 Rd8 32.Kc3 Ke7 33.Na6 Rdc8 34.Rxa3 Kd6 35.Kb4 Nd5+ 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.Rf3 f5 38.Nc5 Ra1 39.Re3 Rb1+ 40.Ka5 Ra8+ 41.Kb6 Rb8+ 42.Nb7+ Rxb7+ 43.cxb7 Rb2 44.b8Q+ 1-0 (44) Sarana,A (2717)-Ragger,M (2603) chess.com INT 2024

4...c5 5.Bxf6

[5.e3 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qd2 dxc4 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Bxc4 Bg7 10.Nge2 Ne6 11.Bh4 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Bb3 0-0 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Kf8 16.f3 a6 17.Rd2 Be8 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Nd4 Bf7 20.Rcd1 Ke8 21.Kf2 Nd5 22.Ne4 h6 23.Bg3 Nf6 24.Nc3 Nd5 25.Nde2 Nxc3 26.Nxc3 Rxd2+ 27.Rxd2 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Rxc3 29.Be5 Rc5 30.Bd4 Rd5 31.e4 Rd8 32.a3 e5 33.Bc3 Rxd2+ 34.Bxd2 h5 35.Bc3 ½-½ (35) Yu Yangyi (2715)-Chen,Q (2481) Fuling CHN 2024]

5...exf6 6.cxd5 Qb6 7.e3 cxd4 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.exd4 a6 11.Bc4 Bc8 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Rfe1+ Kd8 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Nd2 Nc8 17.Nde4 Bf5 18.Nxf6 Nd6 19.h3 Bg7 20.Ng4 Bxd4 21.Rad1 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Bxg4 23.hxg4 h5 24.gxh5 Rxh5 25.c4 Rc8 26.Rd4 Kd7 27.Ba4+ Kd8 28.Bb3 Kd7 29.g3 Rhh8 30.Kg2 Rhe8 31.Rxe8 Kxe8 32.Kf3 Ke7 33.Ke2 b6 34.Kd3 Rh8 35.c5 bxc5 36.Ra4 Ra8 37.Bc4 a5 38.Bb3 Nc8 39.Re4+ Kd6 40.Rf4 f5 41.g4 Ke5 42.Ke3 Nd6 43.Ra4 g5 44.gxf5 Nxf5+ 45.Kd3 Nd6 46.Rg4 Kf5 47.f3 Rf8 48.Bc2 Kf6 49.f4 gxf4 50.Rxf4+ Ke7 51.Ra4 Rf3+ 52.Ke2 Rh3 53.Rxa5 c4 54.Ra6 Rh5 55.a4 Rxd5 56.Ke3 c3 57.Rc6 Nf5+ 58.Ke4 Ra5 59.Rxc3 Nd6+ 60.Kd4 Kd7 61.Bb3 Nc8 62.Kc4 Na7 63.Kb4 Rg5 64.Bc4 Nc6+ 65.Ka3 Rc5 66.Be6+ Kd6 67.Rxc5 Kxc5 68.a5 ½-½ (68) Radjabov,T (2753)-Carlsen,M (2864) Stavanger NOR 2022

[46] **5.Bh4** Nxc3

[5...g5

A) 6.Nxe4 dxe4 7.Bxg5 Bg7

(7...c5 8.e3 Bg7 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.Qd2 cxd4 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.0-0-0 Nxe2+ 13.Bxe2 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Be6 15.Kb1 f5 16.c5 h6 17.Bf4 Kf7 18.Bh5+ Kf6 19.Rhd1 Rhc8 20.Be3 Bc4 21.Rd7 Bd3+ 22.Ka1 b6 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Bxb6 Rc6 25.Rb7 Kg5 26.Bf7 Rc2 27.Be3+ f4 28.Bd2 Bd4 29.g3 Kf6 30.Bd5 Rd8 31.Bg8 Rxg8 32.Bxf4 Rgc8 33.a3 Rxf2 34.Bxh6 Rcc2 35.Rb1 Rce2 36.Rd1 Bxb2+ 37.Ka2 Bd4+ 38.Kb3 Rb2+ 39.Ka4 Rxb7 0-1 (39) Sarana,A (2697)-Woodward,A (2501) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8.Qa4+ b5 9.Qxb5+ c6 10.Qb4 Na6 11.Qa3 c5 12.dxc5 0-0 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Bc3 Qxc5 15.Bxg7 Qxa3 16.bxa3 Kxg7 17.Nh3 Rb8 18.Nf4 Rb2 19.Nd5 Nc5 20.Nxe7 Be6 21.g4 Rfb8 22.Bh3 Bxc4 23.Nf5+ Kf6 24.Ng3 Rc2 25.0-0 Rbb2 26.Bg2 Bxe2 27.Rfc1 ½-½ (27) Pechac,J (2633)-Tomczak,J (2595) Dresden GER 2022;

B) 6.Bg3 h5 7.Nxe4 *(7.cxd5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 h4 9.Be5 f6 10.Qc2 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.e3 fxe5 13.Nxg5 Rf5 14.Ne6 Qxd5 15.Nxg7 Rg5 16.e4 Qa5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 exd4 19.Bc4+ Kg7 20.0-0 Qxf5 21.Qe2 Nc6 22.Rab1 Rd8 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Rb5 e5 25.Rxb7 Rd7 26.Qe3 Nd4 27.Rb8 Kh7 28.Bd3 Nf3+ 29.Qxf3 Rxd3 30.Qa8 Qf6 31.Qe4+ Qg6 32.Qxh4+ Qh5 33.Qxh5+ Rxh5 34.Rc1 e4 35.h3 Rd7 36.Rb7 Ra5 37.Rcxc7 Rxc7 38.Rxc7+ Kg6 39.Rc4 Kf5 40.Rc2 Rb5 41.g3 a5 42.a4 Rd5 43.Kg2 Ke5 44.h4 Kd4 45.Rd2+* 1-0 (45) Korobov,A (2670)-Mamedyarov,S (2772) Bucharest ROU 2019*)* 7...dxe4 8.h4 e5 9.a3 exd4 10.Be5 Rh6 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 g4 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.e3 Nc6 15.Bc3 Bd6 16.Ne2 Bxc4 17.Nd4 Bxf1 18.Rhxf1 Ne7 19.Nb5 Rd8 20.Rd4 f5 21.f3 exf3 22.gxf3 Bh2 23.fxg4 hxg4 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.Nd4 Rh5 26.Ne6+ Kd7 27.Ng7 Rxh4 28.Nxf5 Rh3 29.Rd1+ Ke8 30.Nxe7 Kxe7 31.Rd4 Rg3 32.Kd2 Rg2+ 33.Kd3 Bd6 34.Rd5 g3 35.Rg5 Rf2 36.e4 Bf4 37.Rg7+ Kf8 38.Rg4 c5 39.Be1 Rf3+ 40.Ke2 Re3+ 41.Kd2 Rxe4+ 42.Kd1 Rd4+ 43.Kc2 Bd6 44.Rg5 Rc4+ 45.Kd1 Bf4 46.Rg4 Rc1+ 47.Ke2 Be5 48.b3 Kf7 49.Rg5 Kf6 50.Rg8 Ra1 51.a4 Rb1 52.Bxg3 Rxb3 53.Bf2 Bd4 54.Bxd4+ cxd4 55.Rd8 Ke5 56.a5 a6 57.Rd7 Ke4 58.Kd2 d3 59.Rd6 Rb2+ 60.Kc1 Rb5 61.Rd7 Ke3 0-1 (61) Royal,S (2520)-Mamedyarov,S (2738) London ENG 2024]

6.bxc3 dxc4

[6...Bg7 7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.e3 c5 9.Nf3 cxd4 *(9...Nc6 10.Be2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 0-0 14.Rhc1 Bf5 15.Ke1 Rfc8 16.a3 Kf8 17.Nd2 Na5 18.g4 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 21.Bg3 Ke8 22.Ne4 f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Ng5 h6 25.Nh3 Be6 26.Nf4 Bf7 27.Bd3 Nc4 28.Bxf5 Nxa3 29.Ne6 Bf6 30.Ke2 b5 31.Kd3 b4 32.Nc7+ Kd8 33.Ne6+ Ke8 34.Bf4 a5 35.e4 b3 36.Bc1 Nc2 37.e5 Bh4 38.Nc5 Bd5 39.Bd7+ Kf7 40.f4 Nb4+ 41.Ke2 Bc4+ 42.Kf3 Be1 43.Ba4 Bc3*

44.Bxb3 Bxb3 45.Nxb3 a4 46.Nc5 Bxd4 47.Nxa4 e6 48.Be3 Bxe3 49.Kxe3 Nd5+ 50.Ke4 Kg6 51.Nc5 Nc3+ 52.Kd3 Nd5 53.Nxe6 Kf5 54.Kd4 Ne7 55.Nc5 Kxf4 56.Nd3+ Kf3 57.e6 h5 58.Ke5 h4 59.Nf4 Kg4 60.Kf6 Nc6 61.Ng6 Kh3 62.Kg5 Nd4 63.Nf4+ Kxh2 64.e7 1-0 (64) Le,Q (2709)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*)* 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Rb1 Rc8 15.0-0 Bxb5 16.Rxb5 b6 17.Rd1 Rc2 18.a4 Kd7 19.Rd5+ Ke6 20.e4 f6 21.Rb5 Rhc8 22.h3 Rc1 23.Rb1 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Rc4 25.Rd1 Rxa4 26.d5+ Kd7 27.Nd4 f5 28.Ne6 Rxe4 29.Bg3 Bc3 0-1 (29) Akobian,V (2564)-Durarbayli,V (2614) chess.com INT 2025]

7.e3 Be6

[7...Bg7 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Nf3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Qa3 Rc8 13.Be2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bf5 15.Rac1 Qd6 16.Qxd6 exd6 17.Bc4 h6 18.Nd2 g5 19.Bg3 Rfd8 20.Bd5 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Ne4 Bf8 23.f4 Be7 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.d5 exd5 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Rxf6 d4 28.exd4 Nxd4 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Bxd6 Rc1+ 31.Kf2 Rc2+ 32.Ke3 Nb5 33.Bg3 Rxg2 34.Rg6+ Kf7 35.Rxg5 Nc3 36.Rc5 Nxa2 37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Rxb7 Nc3 39.Rxa7 Nd5+ 40.Kf3 Rb2 41.Ra5 Rb3+ 42.Ke4 Nf6+ 43.Kd4 Rb4+ 44.Kd3 Rb3+ 45.Kc4 Re3 46.Kd4 Re8 47.Kd3 Rd8+ 48.Ke3 Rd5 49.Ra6 Kf5 50.Ra8 Rb5 51.Ra3 ½-½ (51) Urkedal,F (2560)-Amar,E (2548) Storefjell NOR 2024]

8.Nf3

[8.Ne2 Bh6 9.Bg3 0-0 10.h4 c5 11.h5 g5 12.e4 Qa5 13.d5 Bc8 14.Qd2 f5 15.f4 g4 16.Bh4 fxe4 17.Bxe7 Rf7 18.d6 Nc6 19.Bg5 Bg7 20.h6 Bh8 21.Rc1 Bd7 22.Rh5 Re8 23.Bh4 e3 24.Qd5 Kf8 25.Qxc4 b5 26.Qxc5 Qxa2 27.Rd1 Qc2 28.Rhd5 Be6 29.R5d3 Rd7 30.Qxc6 1-0 (30) Ter Sahakyan,S (2611)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025]

8...Nd7

[8...Bg7 9.Qb1 Qd5 *(9...b6 10.Ng5 Bd5 11.e4 h6 12.Nh3 Bb7 13.Bxc4 c5 14.Nf4 Qd7 15.e5 e6 16.0-0 cxd4 17.Bf6 Bxf6 18.exf6 Nc6 19.Re1 0-0-0 20.Nxe6 Rde8 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Qxd4 23.Bxf7 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Qxf6 25.Rc1+ Kb8 26.Bxg6 Rg8 27.Be4 Re8 28.f3 Bxe4 29.fxe4 Qd4+ 30.Kh1 Rxe4 31.Qg3+ Qe5 32.Qg8+ Qe8 33.Qg3+ Ka8 34.Qf3 Qc6 35.Rd1 Kb7 36.h3 Re7 37.Qf5 a5 38.Qf4 Re6 39.Qf7+ Ka6 40.Rd7 Qc4 41.Qf2 Re2 42.Qf3 Rxa2 43.Qa8+ Kb5 44.Qe8 Qf1+* 0-1 (44) Wei,Y (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan CIV 2019*)* 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.a4 Qa5 12.Qb4 Qxb4 13.cxb4 a5 14.bxa5 Rxa5 15.Bxc4 Nb6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ke2 Rxa4 18.Rhb1 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 e5 20.Ra7 exd4 21.Rxb7 Kd7 22.Bg3 Nd5 23.exd4 Bxd4 24.Rb3 c5 25.Ra3 Kc6 26.Nf3 Bf6 27.Ne5+ Kb5 28.Ra7 Bxe5 29.Bxe5 Rd8 30.h4 Kc4 31.g4 h5 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.Ra6 Rf8 34.f3 Rf5 35.Bg3 Nb4 36.Rh6 Kd5 37.Rh8 Nc6 38.Ke3 Nd4 39.f4 Kc4 40.Ke4 Rd5 41.Bf2 Nf5 42.Rh7 e6 43.Rh8 Rd2 44.Kf3 Nd4+ 45.Bxd4 cxd4 46.Rxh5 d3 47.Re5 Rh2 48.Rxe6 d2 49.Rd6 Kc3 50.f5 Rxh4 51.f6 Rh6 52.Ke2

Rh2+ 53.Ke3 Rh3+ 54.Ke2 Rh2+ 55.Ke3 ½-½ (55) Sarana,A (2717)-Svidler,P (2698) Almaty KAZ 2024]
[8...Bh6 9.Qb1 b6 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Be2 Bd5 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Nxc4 c5 14.e4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc8 17.Qd3 Qc7 18.Ba6 Rb8 19.e5 e6 20.f4 b5 21.Bxb5 Nc5 22.Qc4 Qa5 23.a4 Ne4 24.Qd3 Nc3 25.Be1 Rfc8 26.Ra3 Rxb5 27.Bxc3 Rxc3 28.Qxc3 Rb4 29.Rb3 Bf8 30.Rxb4 Bxb4 31.Qb3 Bc3 32.Qc4 Bb2 33.g3 Qd2 34.Kh1 Bxd4 35.Qb3 h5 36.Qf3 Kg7 37.Rd1 Qb2 38.Qe4 Bb6 39.Rb1 Qf2 40.Qg2 Qe3 41.Rf1 Qd3 42.Qf3 Qc4 43.Ra1 Bd4 44.Qe4 Qc3 45.Rd1 Bb6 46.Kg2 Qb2+ 47.Kh3 Qb3 48.Re1 Qa2 49.Re2 Qa1 50.Re1 Qa2 51.Rd1 Qf2 52.Rc1 h4 53.Rb1 hxg3 54.hxg3 Qd2 55.Rh1 Qa2 56.Rf1 Qd2 57.Kg4 Qh2 58.Rh1 Qd2 59.Kh3 Qf2 60.Kh4 Qd2 61.Kg4 Qf2 62.Qf3 Qc2 63.Kh3 Qf5+ 64.g4 Qc2 65.g5 Qxa4 66.Kg4 Qc2 67.Qh3 Qf5+ 68.Kg3 Qd3+ 69.Kg4 Qf5+ 70.Kg3 Qd3+ 71.Kh4 Bf2+ 72.Kg4 Qe2+ 73.Qf3 Qc2 74.Kh3 Bc5 75.Kg3 Qd2 76.Qg2 Qe3+ 77.Kg4 Qd3 78.Qh2 Qf5+ 79.Kg3 Qd3+ 80.Kg2 Qe4+ 81.Kg3 Qd3+ 82.Kh4 Be3 83.Kg4 Qf5+ 84.Kf3 Kf8 85.Qh8+ Ke7 86.Qf6+ 1-0 (86) Sarana,A (2685)-Paravyan,D (2597) chess.com INT 2023]
[8...h6 9.Qb1 Qc8 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxc4 Bg7 12.Be2 Nb6 13.Na5 g5 14.Bg3 0-0 15.0-0 c5 16.Qb5 Nd5 17.Rac1 b6 18.Nc4 a6 19.Qb1 b5 20.Nd2 Nb6 21.Ne4 Na4 22.c4 cxd4 23.cxb5 Nc3 24.Nxc3 dxc3 25.b6 Bd5 26.Rfd1 Bb7 27.Bf3 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Qb7 29.a4 a5 30.Bc7 Rac8 31.Qe4 Rxc7 32.bxc7 Qxc7 33.Rd5 e6 34.Rb5 Rd8 35.Qb7 Qd6 36.Rbb1 Qa3 37.Qc7 Rf8 38.Qxa5 Qa2 39.Rb7 Qd2 40.Rf1 Qe2 41.Kg2 c2 42.Rc7 g4 43.f4 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 g3 45.hxg3 Qe2 46.Qc5 h5 47.Qxc2 Qg4 48.Qd1 Qh3 49.Qf3 h4 50.Qh1 Qf5 51.Qxh4 Qa5 52.Rfc1 Qxa4 53.Rc8 Qa3 54.Rxf8+ Bxf8 55.Rf1 Qd3 56.Qg4+ Bg7 57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.Qf3 Qc4 59.Rd1 Qc8 60.Rb1 Bf6 61.Rb7 Kf8 62.Ra7 Qb8 63.Ra8 1-0 (63) Sarana,A (2703)-Troff,K (2487) chess.com INT 2024]
9.Qb1
[9.Be2 Nb6 10.a4 a5 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfb1 Qd7 14.Bg3 Bd5 15.e4 Bc6 16.Rxb6 cxb6 17.d5 Bxa4 18.Rxa4 b5 19.Ra2 b4 20.cxb4 axb4 21.Bxc4 Ra3 22.Ne5 Qc8 23.Rxa3 bxa3 24.Qa2 Qc5 25.Nd7 Qb4 26.Nxf8 b5 27.Bd3 Bxf8 28.h4 Qe1+ 29.Kh2 b4 30.Bc4 Qxe4 31.Bb3 Qd3 32.d6 e6 33.Bxe6 Bxd6 34.Bxf7+ Kg7 35.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 36.g3 Qf6 37.Bd5 Qd4 38.Kg2 h6 39.Bb3 Qe4+ 40.Kh2 Qf3 41.Kg1 Qc3 42.Qb1 Kf6 43.Qd1 Ke7 44.Qd5 h5 45.Kg2 Ke8 46.Qe6+ Kd8 47.Qd6+ Kc8 48.Be6+ Kb7 49.Bd5+ Ka7 50.Qxg6 Qc5 51.Qxh5 Kb6 52.Qf7 1-0 (52) So,W (2747)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Oslo NOR 2024]
9...Nb6 10.Be2 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.a4 a5 13.Qc2
[13.Nd2 Bf6 14.Bg3 c5 15.Ne4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bf5 17.Nxf6+ exf6 18.Qb2 Bd3 19.Bxd3 cxd3 20.Qb3 d2 21.Rfd1 Rc8 22.Rxd2 Rc4 23.Qb5 Qc8 24.Qxb6 Rxa4 25.Rdd1 Qc2 26.Qb1 Qc4 27.Rc1 Rxa1

28.Qxa1 Qa6 29.Qa3 b5 30.Ra1 a4 31.Bd6 Rc8 32.Bc5 Qe6 33.h3 g5 34.Qb4 Rb8 35.Rxa4 g4 36.hxg4 Qxg4 37.Ra1 h5 38.d5 Qd7 39.Rd1 Rc8 40.Qd4 h4 41.Kh2 Qf5 42.d6 h3 43.d7 Rd8 44.Be7 hxg2 45.Kxg2 Qg6+ 46.Kf1 Rxd7 47.Qxd7 Qh5 48.Rd4 Qh1+ 49.Ke2 f5 50.Qxf5 1-0 (50) Sarana,A (2717)-Troff,K (2490) chess.com INT 2024]

13...Qd7 14.Rfb1 Bd5 15.Nd2 e5 16.Bg3 Rfe8 17.Bf3 Bc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Ra2 f5 20.Nf3 f4 21.exf4 exd4 22.cxd4 Qd5 23.h4 Rad8 24.Ne5 Rd6 25.f5 gxf5 26.Qxf5 Rf8 27.Qg4 Qxd4 28.Qxd4 Rxd4 29.Nxc6 Rd7 30.Nxa5 Ra8 31.Rb5 c3 32.Bf4 Rd5 33.Bxc7 Rxb5 34.axb5 Nd5 35.b6 Rxa5 36.b7 Rxa2 37.b8Q+ Kf7 38.Qb3 Rd2 39.Bf4 Rd3 40.g3 Ke6 41.Kg2 Rd4 42.Bc1 Rb4 43.Qc2 Bd4 44.Qxh7 Nf6 45.Qd3 Be5 46.Qa6+ Kf5 47.Qc8+ Kg6 48.Qe6 Re4 49.Qa6 Re1 50.Qd3+ Kf7 51.Be3 Ke6 52.Qc4+ Nd5 53.Qc6+ 1-0 (53) Sarana,A (2686)-Rodshtein,M (2645) Pasching AUT 2025

5.cxd5 Nxg5 6.h4 e6

[6...Ne4 7.Nxe4 Qxd5 8.Nc3

A) 8...Qa5 9.h5 Bg7 10.h6 Bf6 11.Qd2 *(11.Nf3 Bg4 12.e3 c5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Nd5 0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nxf6+ exf6 18.Qxd4 Qh5 19.Qxf6 Qxh6 20.Ne5 Be6 21.Nxc6 Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Nd4 Bd5 24.Rfc1 Rfc8 25.b3 a5 26.f3 a4 27.e4 axb3 28.axb3 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Bb7 30.Ra7 Rd8 31.Ra4 Rd7 32.Kf2 h5 33.g3 Bc8 34.Ke3 Rb7 35.Rc4 Be6 36.Nxe6+ fxe6 37.b4 Kf6 38.f4 Ra7 39.Rc3 Ke7 40.Kd4 Kd6 41.e5+ Kd7 42.b5 Rb7 43.Kc5 Rc7+ 44.Kb4 Rb7 45.Rd3+ Ke7 46.Rd6 Rb8 47.b6 Rc8 48.Kb5 Rc1 49.b7 Rb1+ 50.Kc6 Rb3 51.Kc7 Rc3+ 52.Rc6 Rxg3 53.b8Q* 1-0 (53) Sarana,A (2677)-Troff,K (2484) chess.com INT 2025) 11...0-0 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.e3 c5 14.Ne4 Qxd2+ 15.Nfxd2 cxd4 16.Nxf6+ exf6 17.Ne4 Be6 18.Nxf6+ Kh8 19.Bb5 a6 20.Ba4 b5 21.Bb3 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Ke2 dxe3 25.fxe3 Re7 26.Rhd1 Rae8 27.Rd3 Re6 28.Rc1 Kg8 29.Kf2 Kf8 30.Rc7 Rf6+ 31.Ke2 g5 32.Rd5 Rfe6 33.Rxg5 Rxe3+ 34.Kf2 Re2+ 35.Kg1 Re1+ 36.Kf2 R8e2+ 37.Kg3 Re3+ 38.Kf2 R3e2+ 39.Kg3 Re7 40.Rc8+ Re8 41.Rc7 R1e7 42.Rxe7 Rxe7 43.Rg7 f6 44.Rg4 Kf7 45.Kf4 Ke6 46.Rg8 Rd7 47.Ke4 f5+ 48.Ke3 Kf6 49.b4 Rc7 50.g4 Re7+ 51.Kf3 fxg4+ 52.Rxg4 Rf7 53.Ke4 Ke6 54.Rh4 Rf6 55.Kd4 Kf5 56.Kc5 Kg5 57.Rh1 Rxh6 58.Rg1+ Kf6 59.Kb6 Kf7+ 60.Ka5 Rf6 61.b3 Rf5 62.Kxa6 h5 63.Rh1 Kf6 64.Kb6 Kg5 65.Rg1+ Kf4 66.Rf1+ Kg4 67.Rg1+ Kf4 68.Rf1+ Kg5 69.Rg1+ Kf6 70.Rh1 Re5 71.Kc6 Kg5 72.Rg1+ Kf4 73.Kd6 Rg5 74.Rf1+ Ke3 75.Rh1 Kf2 76.Kc6 Kg2 77.Rh4 Kg3 78.Rd4 h4 79.Rd3+ Kg4 80.Rd4+ Kh5 81.Rd3 Rf5 82.Kb6 Kg4 83.Rd4+ Kg3 84.Rd3+ Kf2 85.Rd2+ Ke3 86.Rh2 Rh5 87.Rh3+ Ke4 88.Ka5 Kf5 89.Rh1 Kg4 90.Rg1+ Kf3 91.Rh1 h3 92.Rf1+ Kg2 93.Rc1 h2 94.Rc2+ Kh3 95.Rc1 Rf5 0-1 (95) Bluebaum,M (2642)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) Warsaw POL 2021;

B) 8...Qd8 9.h5 Bg7 10.e3 *(10.Nf3 0-0 11.e3 c5 12.dxc5 Qa5 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Be2 Rd8 15.Qb3 Qxc5 16.h6 Bf6 17.0-0 Be6 18.Qxb7 Rab8 19.Qc7 Rdc8 20.Qf4 Qf5 21.Qxf5 gxf5 22.b3 Nb4 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.Rfd1 Rd8 25.Bf3 e5 26.Nde2 e4 27.Bh5 Nd3 28.Rb1 Be6 29.Rd2 Rdc8 30.Na4 Bg5 31.Rbd1 Bxh6 32.g3 Kf8 33.Kg2 Bg7 34.Nf4 Ne5 35.Be2 Bf6 36.Rh1 Kg8 37.Nh5 Be7 38.Nf4 Rd8 39.Rhd1 Rxd2 40.Rxd2 Rc8 41.Nb2 Bb4 42.Rd4 Bc3 43.Ra4 Bxb2 44.Rxa7 Rc2 45.Bh5 Ng6 46.Nxe6 fxe6 47.Bd1 Rd2 48.Bh5 Ne5 49.Ra6 Nd3 50.Rxe6 Rxf2+ 51.Kh3 Bc1 52.b4 Bxe3 53.b5 Rb2 54.Re8+ Kg7 55.g4* 0-1 (55) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Ivic,V (2620) Riga LAT 2021*)* 10...c5 11.dxc5 Qa5 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Bc4 Nd7 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qg4 Ne5 16.Qh4 Re8 17.Nf3 Qxc5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.0-0 Bg4 21.Qh4 Bf5 22.e4 Bd7 23.Rfd1 Bc6 24.Rd3 Red8 25.Rcd1 Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Bf6 27.Qh6+ Bg7 28.Qh4 Rc8 29.Bb3 Be8 30.f4 g5 31.fxg5 Rc6 32.Qh5 Rg6 33.Rd8 Qc7 34.Ra8 Qc5+ 35.Kf1 b5 36.Qd1 Qxg5 37.Qe2 Bd4 38.Nd5 Qc1+ 39.Bd1 Rh6 40.Qd3 Qxb2 41.Bc2 Rc6 42.Ne3 Bxe3 43.Qd7 Rf6+ 44.Ke1 Qc3+ 45.Kd1 Rf1+ 46.Ke2 Rf2+ 47.Kd1 Qa1+ 0-1 (47) Sarana,A (2674)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) New York USA 2024]

7.hxg5 exd5 8.Qd2 c6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Bh3 Nd7 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Nb6 13.Bxc8 Rxc8 14.Kb1 Nc4 15.Qc2 b5 16.e4 0-0 17.e5 a5 18.Rh4 Qb4 19.Qb3 Qe7 20.Rdh1 Qe6 21.Qc2 c5 22.Nxb5 cxd4 23.Nbxd4 Qb6 24.Qb3 Qc5 25.Rxh7 Rb8 26.Qc3 Rxb2+ 27.Ka1 1-0 (27) Sarana,A (2679)-Kuybokarov,T (2550) chess.com INT 2024

5.h4 Nxg5 6.hxg5 dxc4 7.e3 Bg7 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Qf3 e6 10.dxc5 Qxg5 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Nd6+ Kf8 13.Nxc8 Qxc5 14.Qxb7 Qxc4 15.Nd6 1-0 (15) Yoo,C (2583)-Mekhitarian,K (2554) chess.com INT 2024

[47] **6...dxc4** 7.e3 Qd5 [7...Be6 8.Qb1 b6 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Bh6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Qe4 Qd7 14.Qxe6+ Qxe6 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Nxc4 Rac8 17.Ke2 Rfd8 18.a4 Kf7 19.Rhb1 Bg7 20.e4 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Bh4 Rd7 23.Rd1 Ke6 24.Rxd7 Kxd7 25.Rd1+ Ke6 26.Ne3 Bf8 27.Nd5 Bd6 28.Bg5 Rf8 29.Bh6 Rf7 30.g3 Na5 31.Bc1 Bc5 32.f4 c6 33.Nb4 exf4 34.gxf4 Bd6 35.Nd3 Nc4 36.h4 Be7 37.h5 Bf6 38.Rg1 Rg7 39.hxg6 hxg6 40.Nf2 b5 41.axb5 cxb5 42.Nd3 Bxc3 43.Rg5 Nd6 44.Nc5+ Ke7 45.Rd5 Rh7 46.e5 Rh2+ 47.Kf3 Nf5 48.Rd7+ Ke8 49.Rxa7 Bd4 50.Ra8+ Ke7 51.Ne4 b4 52.Rb8 b3 53.Ba3+ Kd7 54.Nf6+ Kc7 55.Rb5 b2 56.Ke4 Re2+ 57.Kd5 Bc3 58.Kc4 Bd4 59.Nd5+ Kd7 60.Rb7+ Kc8 61.Rb5 Rc2+ 62.Kd3 Rg2 63.e6 Rg3+ 64.Kc4 Rxa3 65.e7 Nd6+ 66.Kb4 b1Q+ 0-1 (66) Fedoseev,V (2704)-Duda,J (2760) Warsaw POL 2021]

8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Bxc7 Nc6 11.h4 Bf5 12.Be2 Rac8 13.Bg3 e5 14.e4 Bxe4 15.Bxc4 Qa5 16.Nxe4 Nxd4 17.0-0 Rxc4 18.cxd4 Rxd4

19.Qe2 f5 20.Ng5 Qd5 21.Rad1 e4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Bf4 h6 24.Nh3 Kh7 25.Rd1 Qc5 26.h5 Rg8 27.Rc1 Qb6 28.hxg6+ Qxg6 29.Rc7+ Rg7 30.Rxg7+ Bxg7 31.Be3 a5 32.Nf4 Qc6 33.Qh5 Qf6 34.Qe8 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qf6 36.g3 Qd6 37.a4 Be5 38.Qf7+ Bg7 39.Qxf5+ Kg8 40.Qxe4 1-0 (40) Duda,J (2739)-Tomczak,J (2561) chess.com INT 2025

[48] **7.Nf3** Nc6 8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.axb3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be6 12.e4 Bg7 13.Bb5 Bxb3 14.Ra3 Bc2 15.d5 Bxe4 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Be2 0-0 18.Re3 Bd5 19.Rxe7 Rfe8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Kd2 a5 22.Be3 a4 23.Rc1 a3 24.Bc4 Bxc4 0-1 (24) Shankland,S (2674)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2024

7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.e3 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bg7 [11...e6 12.Rb1 f6 13.h4 Bb4+ 14.Kd1 Be7 15.Bc4 Na5 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Ke2 0-0 18.e4 Rac8 19.Bd2 b6 20.Bxa5 bxa5 21.Rb7 Rfd8 22.Rxa7 Rb8 23.Rc1 Rb2+ 24.Rc2 Rxc2+ 25.Bxc2 Bb4 26.Bb3 Kf8 27.e5 fxe5 28.Nxe5 Be8 29.Ke3 Bc3 30.Nf3 Bd7 31.Rc7 Bb2 32.Ng5 h6 33.Nh7+ Ke8 34.Bc2 Rc8 35.Nf6+ Ke7 36.Rxc8 Bxc8 37.Ng4 h5 38.Ne5 Bc1+ 39.Ke2 g5 40.hxg5 Bxg5 41.f4 Bf6 42.g3 Bb7 43.Ke3 Bd5 44.a4 Kd6 45.Nf7+ Ke7 46.Ng5 Bc6 47.Bd1 Bg7 48.Nf3 Bf6 49.Ne5 Be8 50.Nc4 h4 51.gxh4 Bxh4 52.Nxa5 Be1 53.Nb7 Bc6 54.Nc5 Bb4 55.Bf3 Be8 56.Be2 Bc6 57.Bf3 Be8 58.Kd3 Kf6 59.Kc4 Ba5 60.Bg4 Ke7 61.Kd3 Bb6 62.Bd1 Bc7 63.Ke3 Ba5 64.Bb3 Bb4 65.Ke4 Kf6 66.Bc4 Bc6+ 67.Ke3 Ke7 68.Bb5 Bd5 69.Nd3 Ba5 70.Ne5 Bc7 71.Kd3 Kf6 72.Bc6 Bb3 73.Nd7+ Kf5 74.Nc5 Ba2 75.Kc3 Kxf4 76.Kb2 Bc4 77.Kc3 Ba2 78.Nb7 Bb6 79.a5 Ba7 80.Nd6 e5 81.d5 e4 82.Nxe4 Ke5 83.d6 Be6 84.Kd3 Bb8 85.d7 Bc7 86.a6 Bxd7 87.Bxd7 Bb6 88.Bc6 Bg1 89.Kc4 Ba7 90.Nc3 Bb6 91.Nb5 Ke6 92.a7 Bxa7 93.Nxa7 Kd6 94.Bd5 Ke5 95.Kc5 Kf5 96.Kd4 Kf4 97.Nc6 Kf5 98.Ne5 Kf6 99.Be4 Ke6 100.Nc4 Kf6 101.Kd5 Ke7 102.Bf5 Kf6 103.Ke4 Ke7 104.Ke5 Kf7 105.Nd6+ Kg7 106.Ke6 Kg8 107.Kf6 Kh8 108.Nf7+ Kg8 109.Bg6 Kf8 110.Bh7 Ke8 111.Ne5 Kd8 112.Ke6 Kc7 113.Nd7 1-0 (113) Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021] 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Be4 Bd7 14.Kd2 Rac8 15.Rhc1 b6 16.Rc3 Na5 17.Rac1 Rxc3 18.Rxc3 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Bb8 Nc4+ 21.Kc3 Nd6 22.Bc6 a6 23.a4 Bf5 24.Nd2 Bf8 25.e4 Bc8 26.Bxd6 exd6 27.Nc4 1-0 (27) Aronian,L (2781)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) chess24.com INT 2021

[49] **7...Nc6** 8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.Qf3 Qd7 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.Qxc6+ bxc6 13.Nf3 Bg7 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.f3 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 17.Bg3 Bd3 18.Rd1 c4 19.Rd2 Kf7 20.Rb2 Rhd8 21.e4 c5 22.dxc5 Rac8 23.Bf2 f5 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Be3 f4 26.Bxf4 Rxc5 27.Kf2 Rb5 28.Rxb5 axb5 29.a3 Ra8 30.Ra1 Ra6 31.g4 Ke6 32.h4 Kd5 33.h5 e5 34.Be3 Ra8 35.Bg5 Ke6 36.Bh4 Kd5 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Ra2 Kd5 39.Be7 Ke6 40.Bb4 h6 41.Rb2 Bh7 42.Kf2 Bd3 43.Bc5 Kd5 44.Be3 Kc6 45.Ra2 e4 46.Bxh6 exf3 47.Kxf3 b4 48.cxb4 c3

49.Ke3 Bb1 50.Ra1 c2 51.Kf3 Kb5 52.a4+ Kxb4 53.a5 Ra6 54.Bc1 Rf6+ 55.Kg2 Rd6 56.a6 Rd1 57.Be3 Rd3 58.Bc1 Rd1 59.Bh6 Rd6 60.a7 Rxh6 61.a8Q c1Q 62.Rxb1+ 1-0 (62) Radjabov,T (2765)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com INT 2021

[50] **9.Qb3** Be6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Qxd5 Bxd5 12.Be2 Nc6 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Bg3 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Rfc1 Rd8 20.Rc5 Re7 21.a4 Bc6 22.Bb5 Red7 23.h4 Rd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 25.Kh2 Rd5 26.Rxd5 Bxd5 27.a5 Kf8 28.Kg3 Ke7 29.f3 Kd6 30.Kf4 Kc5 31.Be8 Kb4 32.Ke5 Bc4 33.Kf6 Kxa5 34.e4 b5 35.e5 b4 36.Bxf7 Bxf7 37.Kxf7 b3 38.e6 b2 39.e7 b1Q 40.e8Q Qa2+ 41.Kg7 Qxg2 42.Qe5+ Kb6 43.Qe3+ Ka6 44.Kxh7 Qg3 45.Qe4 Ka5 46.Qd5+ Kb4 47.Qd4+ Kb5 48.Qxa7 Qxh4+ 49.Kg7 g5 50.Kg6 Kc4 51.Qa4+ Kd3 52.Qg4 Ke3 53.Kf5 Kf2 54.Qe4 Kg3 55.Qe3 Kg2 56.Qxg5+ Qxg5+ 57.Kxg5 Kxf3 ½-½ (57) Kovalenko,I (2674)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022

9.Qf3 Qd8 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Ne2 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.h4 e5 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.0-0 exd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Rac1 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qxb7 Qd5 21.Rc7 Qxb7 22.Rxb7 Bd4 23.Be3 Bb6 24.Rd1 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bxb6 axb6 27.Rxb6 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Rd2 29.a3 Rxf2 30.Rxe6 Rf4 31.g3 Ra4 32.Re3 Kg7 33.Kg2 h5 34.Kf2 g5 35.hxg5 Kg6 36.Ke2 Kxg5 37.Kd2 Kg4 38.Kc2 Ra8 39.Kb3 Rb8+ 40.Kc4 Rc8+ 41.Kd5 Rd8+ 42.Kc6 Ra8 43.Kb6 Rb8+ 44.Kc6 Ra8 45.Kb7 Ra4 46.Kb6 Ra8 47.Rd3 Kh3 48.Re3 Kg4 49.Kc5 Rc8+ 50.Kb4 Rb8+ 51.Kc4 Rc8+ 52.Kd3 Ra8 53.Kc2 Rc8+ 54.Kd2 Ra8 55.Ke2 Kh3 56.Rb3 Re8+ 57.Kf3 Rf8+ 58.Ke2 Ra8 59.Rd3 Kg2 60.Kd2 Kh3 61.Kc2 Rc8+ 62.Kb2 Rb8+ 63.Kc3 Rc8+ 64.Kb4 Rb8+ 65.Kc5 Rc8+ 66.Kb6 Ra8 67.Kc6 Kg4 68.Re3 Kh3 69.Rb3 Kg4 70.Kb7 Ra4 ½-½ (70) Radjabov,T (2747)-Lagno,K (2547) Krasnogorsk RUS 2022

[51] **10...Bf5** 11.0-0 0-0 12.c4

[12.Bg3 Rfd8 13.Qa4 a6 14.Rac1 b5 15.Qa3 cxd4 16.cxd4 e6 17.Nd2 Qd7 18.Bf3 Rac8 19.Nb3 Bf8 20.Nc5 Qa7 21.Rfd1 a5 22.Qb3 b4 23.Na4 Qa6 24.Bh4 Re8 25.Nc5 Qb5 26.a4 Qb6 27.Nd7 Qb7 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Nxe8 1-0 (29) Corrales Jimenez,F (2555)-Salem,A (2622) New York USA 2024]

12...Qd8 13.d5 Na5 14.Be5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qd6 16.Nf3 e5 17.Nd2 h5 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.Qxb3 Rab8 20.a4 a5 21.Ra2 Rfd8 22.Rb2 b6 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.Bd3 e4 25.Bc2 Rd6 26.f4 f6 27.Rfb1 Bd7 28.Bd1 Kf7 29.Bc2 Kg7 30.Bd1 Kf7 31.Bc2 Kg7 32.Bd1 Kf7 ½-½ (32) Lazavik,D (2572)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025

11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 0-0 14.Rhc1

[14.Rhb1 Rd8 *(14...b6 15.a4 Na5 16.Ra3 Be6 17.Rc3 Rac8 18.Ba6 Rxc3 19.Kxc3 Bc8 20.Bb5 Bb7 21.Rc1 a6 22.Be2 Bc6 23.Kb4 Ra8 24.Bc7 Be8 25.Bxb6 Nc6+ 26.Ka3 Bf8 27.Bc5 Rb8 28.Bxa6 Na5 29.Bb5 Bxb5 30.axb5 Rxb5 31.Ka4 Nb3 32.Rc3 Nxd4 33.Bxd4 Rb2 34.e4 Rb8 35.Rb3 Rc8 36.Kb5 f6 37.Rc3 Rb8+ 38.Kc4 Rd8 39.Bc5*

Kf7 40.Kb3 g5 41.Kc2 g4 42.Nd2 h5 43.Be3 e6 44.Rd3 Ra8 45.Kd1 Ra1+ 46.Ke2 Rh1 47.Nf1 h4 48.g3 h3 49.Rd7+ Kg6 50.Rc7 f5 51.Rc6 Kf7 52.Rc7+ Kg6 53.exf5+ exf5 54.Bd4 Bh6 55.Rc6+ Kh7 56.Rf6 f4 57.gxf4 Rg1 58.f5 Bf4 59.Rf7+ Kh6 60.Be3 Kg5 61.Bxf4+ Kxf4 62.Rf8 Kg5 63.f6 Rh1 64.f7 Kf6 65.Rg8 1-0 (65) Tabatabaei,M (2677)-Paravyan,D (2601) chess.com INT 2023*)* 15.Ke1 b6 16.a4 Na5 *(16...Bb7 17.a5 Nxa5 18.Rxa5 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 bxa5 20.Bxa8 Rxa8 21.Ra1 Bf8 22.Rxa5 a6 23.e4 e5 24.Bd2 exd4 25.Ke2 Be7 26.Kd3 Kf8 27.Ra4 Ke8 28.Kxd4 Rd8+ 29.Kc3 Rd6 30.Bf4 Rc6+ 31.Kd3 Kd7 32.Be3 Ke6 33.g4 f5 34.gxf5+ gxf5 35.exf5+ Kxf5 36.h3 Bf6 37.Ra5+ Ke6 38.Ke4 Rc4+ 39.Kd3 Rc6 40.Ke4 Rc4+ 41.Kf3 Rc6 42.Rh5 Rc7 43.Bd2 Rb7 44.Ke4 Rb2 45.Be3 Rb4+ 46.Kf3 Rh4 47.Ra5 Rxh3+ 48.Ke4 Kf7 49.Rxa6 Rh5 50.f4 Rb5 51.f5 Rb4+ 52.Kf3 Rb5 53.Ra7+ Kg8 54.Ra8+ Kf7 55.Ra7+ Kg8 56.Ra8+ Kf7 57.Ra7+* ½-½ (57) Sevian,S (2660)-Xiong,J (2709) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 17.Nd2 Bb7 18.g4 Rac8 19.Rc1 f6 20.g5 Bf8 21.Bc7 Rd7 22.Bg3 Rdd8 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 h6 25.h4 Nb3 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.d5 Nc5 29.Rd4 Bg7 30.gxf6 exf6 31.Ke2 Nd7 32.Nd2 f5 33.Rc4 Rc5 34.f3 Rxd5 35.Rc7 Ke6 36.Rxa7 Ra5 37.Rxa5 bxa5 38.Nb3 Nb6 39.Nxa5 Nxa4 40.Nb3 Kd5 41.Nd2 Nc5 42.e4+ fxe4 43.fxe4+ Nxe4 44.Bf4 h5 45.Kf3 Nc5 46.Be3 Nd3 47.Bg5 Ne5+ 48.Kg3 Nf7 49.Bf4 Bf6 50.Bb8 Nh6 51.Kh3 Nf5 52.Bg3 Kd4 53.Bf2+ Kd3 54.Nf3 Ke4 55.Nd2+ Kf4 56.Nc4 Kf3 57.Be1 Bd4 58.Bd2 Ng3 59.Bg5 Nf5 60.Nd2+ Ke2 61.Ne4 Be5 62.Nc5 Kf3 63.Ne6 Ng3 64.Bd8 Ne2 65.Ng5+ Kf4 66.Nf7 Kf5 67.Kg2 Bf4 68.Kh3 Nd4 69.Bg5 Bxg5 70.Nxg5 Kf4 71.Nf7 Nc6 72.Ng5 Nd8 73.Kg2 Kg4 74.Nf3 Nf7 75.Kf2 Kf4 76.Kg2 Nd6 77.Kf2 Nc4 78.Kg2 Kg4 79.Kf2 Kh3 80.Kf1 Ne3+ 81.Kf2 Ng4+ 82.Ke1 Kg2 83.Ng5 Kg3 84.Ke2 Kxh4 85.Ne4 g5 86.Kf3 Ne5+ 87.Kg2 g4 88.Kh2 Nf7 89.Kg2 Nh6 90.Kh2 Nf5 91.Kg2 g3 92.Kf3 Kh3 93.Kf4 h4 94.Ng5+ Kg2 95.Kg4 h3 96.Nxh3 Ne3+ 97.Kh4 Kh2 98.Ng5 g2 99.Nf3+ Kh1 100.Kg3 Nf5+ 101.Kf2 Nd4 102.Ng1 Kh2 0-1 (102) Artemiev,V (2700)-Carlsen, M (2865) chess24.com INT 2022]

14...Be6

[14...Rd8

A) 15.Rc5 Bg4 *(15...Be6 16.Rb1 Rd7 17.Rcb5 Bd5 18.Ke1 e6 19.a4 a6 20.Rb6 Rc8 21.Kf1 Na5 22.Ne5 Rdd8 23.Rd1 Rc2 24.Rbb1 Rdc8 25.Nd3 Bf8 26.Nb4 Bxb4 27.Rxb4 Ra2 28.Bf3 Bb3 29.Bxb7 Rc4 30.Rxb3 Nxb3 31.Bxa6 Rcc2 32.Bg3 Rxa4 33.Bb7 Ra7 34.Bf3 Nd2+ 35.Ke1 Raa2 36.h4 f5 37.d5 Kf7 38.dxe6+ Kxe6 39.Be2 Ne4 40.Bd3 Nxg3 41.Bxc2 Rxc2 42.fxg3 Rxg2 43.Rd8 h5 44.Rd1 Ke5 45.Kf1 Rxg3 46.Kf2 Rg4 47.Rh1 Ke4 48.Rh2 Kd3 49.Rh1 Kd2 50.Rh3 Kd3 51.Rh1 Ke4 52.Rh2 f4 53.exf4 Rxf4+ 54.Kg2 Rg4+ 55.Kh3 Ke5* ½-½ (55) Andreikin,D (2728)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Ufa RUS 2021*)* 16.Rac1 e6

17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 b6 19.R5c4 Bxe5 20.Bxg4 b5 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rxb5 Bxd4 23.Ke2 Bf6 24.a4 Ra7 25.Bf3 Be7 26.Rb7 Rxb7 27.Bxb7 Bb4 28.Rc8 Rxc8 29.Bxc8 Ba3 30.h3 Bb4 31.Ba6 Ba3 32.Bb5 Bb4 ½-½ (32) Keymer,V (2738)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.Rab1 *(16.Ke2 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rab1 Rd7 20.Be4 Rad8 21.Rc2 b6 22.h3 Bxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Kg7 24.Rb5 Bd6 25.Rd5 Bc5 26.Rcd2 Rxd5 27.Bxd5 f5 28.f4 h5 29.g3 Kf6 30.Kf3 g5 31.fxg5+ Kxg5 32.h4+ Kf6 33.Rd3 Ke5 34.Bc4 Rxd3 35.Bxd3 Kf6 36.e4 fxe4+ 37.Bxe4 Kg7 38.g4 hxg4+ 39.Kxg4 Kh6 40.h5 a5 41.a3 Bxa3 42.Bc6 Bc5 43.Ba4* ½-½ (43) Kovalenko,I (2674)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.f4 Bd6 21.Rxb7 Rdb8 22.Rcb1 a5 23.Ke2 Rxb7 24.Rxb7 Re8 25.Kf3 Re7 26.Rb6 Bb4 27.h4 Kg7 28.h5 gxh5 29.Rb5 Rd7 30.Rg5+ Kh6 31.Bc4 f6 32.Rf5 Kg6 33.Rb5 Rd2 34.Bd5 Kg7 35.Rb7+ Kf8 36.Rf7+ Ke8 37.Be6 Rd6 38.f5 Bc3 39.Rxh7 Rd2 40.Rxh5 Rb2 41.Rh1 Ke7 42.Rc1 Bb4 43.Kg3 Bd6+ 44.f4 Re2 45.Kf3 Rh2 46.Rg1 Rh3+ 47.Kf2 Bc5 48.Re1 a4 49.Re2 Ke8 50.Re1 Ke7 51.Bd5 Ke8 52.Bg2 Rh7 53.Rc1 Rc7 54.Kf3 Ke7 55.Bf1 Bd6 56.Bc4 Rc8 57.Ke2 Rh8 58.Kd3 Rh3 59.Kd4 Bb8 60.Ke4 Ba7 61.Rc3 Bb6 62.Be6 Kd6 63.Rd3+ Kc7 64.Bc4 Bc5 65.Bb5 a3 66.Bc4 Kc6 67.Bd5+ Kc7 68.Rc3 Kd6 69.Bc4 Rg3 70.Be2 Rh3 71.Rd3+ Kc6 72.Rb3 Kd6 73.Rc3 Kc6 74.Bf1 Rh2 75.Bc4 Rh3 76.Bd5+ Kd6 77.Bb3 Kc6 78.Ba4+ Kd6 79.Bb5 Rg3 80.Be2 Rh3 81.Rd3+ Kc6 82.Rb3 Kd6 83.Rc3 Kc6 84.Bf3 Kd6 85.Bg2 Rg3 86.Bf3 Rh3 87.Rc2 Rg3 88.Rh2 Rg1 89.Be2 Re1 90.Kf3 Ra1 91.Bc4 Rc1 92.Rd2+ Kc7 93.Bd3 Re1 94.Be2 Rc1 95.e4 Rc3+ 96.Bd3 Bd6 97.Kg4 1-0 (97) So,W (2773)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 15.Ke1 Bf5 16.Nh4 Bc8 17.Nf3 Bf5 18.Nh4 Be4 19.Bf3 f5 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Rab1 Bf6 22.Rxb7 Rdc8 23.g3 g5 24.Nf5 gxf4 25.gxf4 a5 26.a3 a4 27.Ng3 Bxd4 28.exd4 Nxd4 29.Rxc8+ Rxc8 30.Nxe4 Kf8 31.Kd2 Nc2 32.Kd3 Nxa3 33.Rb4 Rd8+ 34.Ke2 Ra8 35.Nc3 Nc2 36.Rxa4 Rxa4 37.Nxa4 Nd4+ 38.Ke3 Nf5+ 39.Ke4 Nd6+ 40.Ke5 Kf7 41.Nb6 Nb7 42.Ke4 1-0 (42) Deac,B (2691)-Ivanchuk,V (2632) Melilla ESP 2024]

15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Rxc4 Rfd8 17.Ke2 Rd7 18.Rac1 Rad8 19.g4 f6 20.h4 e6 21.R1c2 Rd5 22.Nd2 f5 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Nf3 Bf6 25.Rc1 Kf7 26.Ng5+ Bxg5 27.hxg5 Ra5 28.R4c2 Rd7 29.Rh1 Kg8 30.Kf1 Rg7 31.Rh6 Rg6 32.Rb2 Rxh6 33.gxh6 b6 34.Rc2 Nb4 35.Rc7 Rxa2 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Bg5 Nd5 38.Rd7 Kg8 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rd7 Kg8 41.Rg7+ Kh8 ½-½ (41) Duda,J (2739)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2725) chess.com INT 2025

52 **5.h4** c6

[5...dxc4 6.e4 c5 *(6...b5 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nxb5 0-0 9.h5 c5 10.Bxc4 Nb6 11.Be2 cxd4 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Nbxd4 Qd5 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Rxh6 Bg4 16.Qd2 N8d7 17.Rh8+ Kxh8 18.Qh6+ Kg8 19.Ng5 Qa5+ 20.Kf1 Bxe2+ 21.Kg1 Nf6 22.exf6 Qxg5 23.Qg7#* 1-0 (23) Indjic,A (2636)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 7.d5

A) 7...0-0 8.h5 *(8.Bxc4 Bg4 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Be2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 a6 12.a4 c4 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Be2 Nc5 15.e5 Nfe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qd4 Nd6 18.Bg4 Nf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.h5 Qc7 21.Bf4 Qc5 22.Qc3 h6 23.Rfd1 Rfd8 24.Be3 Qc7 25.f4 e6 26.d6 Qc6 27.a5 f6 28.exf6 Bf8 29.Bd4 Qe8 30.Be5 Qxh5 31.Rd4 Rc6 32.Rxc4 Bxd6 33.Rxc6 bxc6 34.Qxc6 Bb4 35.Rf1 Qe8 36.Qb6 Bf8 37.Rf3 Rd5 38.Kh2 Kf7 39.Rc3 Kg6 40.Qxa6 Rd2 41.Qb7* 1-0 (41) Nguyen,T (2645)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Sharjah UAE 2023*)* 8...Nxh5 9.Bxc4 Bg4 10.Qb3 *(10.Qc2 Nd7 11.Nh2 Ne5 12.Bf1 Bd7 13.Be2 c4 14.Be3 b5 15.a3 a5 16.0-0 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Nd1 b3 20.Qd2 Nf6 21.Nc3 e6 22.Bd4 Nd3 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.Qxd3 exd5 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Nxd5 Bd8 27.Qxb3 Be6 28.Rd1 h5 29.Nf3 Re8 30.Nd4 Bg4 31.f3 Bd7 32.Nb6 Bxb6 33.Qxb6 Qa4 34.Rd2 Qa1+ 35.Kf2 Qh1 36.Qf6 Qc1 37.Nb3 Qc4 38.Nd4 Qc5 39.Kg3 Qa7 40.Ne2 Qb8+ 41.Nf4 Be6 42.Qg5 Kh7 43.Kh2 Qc7 44.e5 Bc8 45.Rd6 Be6 46.Qf6 Kg8* 1-0 (46) Sarana,A (2668)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2022*)* 10...Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nd7 12.f4 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Qa3 Nhf6 15.f3 Nb6 16.Be2 Nfxd5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Kf2 e6 19.Qxa7 Nb4 20.Be3 Nc2 21.Rad1 Qf6 22.Bxc5 Qxf4 23.Bd6 Qg5 24.Bxb8 1-0 (24) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2628) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 7...b5 8.h5

B1) 8...0-0 9.hxg6 fxg6 10.e5 *(10.Rh4 a6 11.e5 Ng4 12.d6 Nxe5 13.Qd5+ e6 14.Qxa8 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxh4 16.Qxb8 Bd4 17.Nd1 Qh1 18.Qa8 e5 19.Qd5+ Rf7 20.Qa8 Rf8 21.Qd5+ Rf7 22.Qa8 Rf8* ½-½ (22) Markus,R (2586)-Sychev,K (2532) Bajina Basta SRB 2024*; 10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Qb6 12.Nxb5 Qxb5 13.Bxc4 Qb6 14.d6+ e6 15.e5 Ng4 16.Qe4 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 18.Nf3 Rb8 19.Bd2 Nc7 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.Bc1 Rf5 22.g4 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 Bb7 24.Qh3 Qe5+ 25.Kf1 Qe4 26.Qxh7+ Kf7 27.Bd3 Qxg4 28.Be2 Ba6 29.Rd2 Bxe2+ 30.Rxe2 Rh8 31.Qxh8 Bxh8 32.Rxh8 Qc4 33.Bh6 Qd3 34.Bd2 Nf6 35.Ra8 Ne4 36.Rxa7+ Kf6 37.Be3 c4 38.Rc7 g5 39.a4 g4 40.Bf4 g3 41.Bxg3 Qd1+ 42.Re1 Nd2+* 0-1 (42) Gukesh,D (2614)-Puranik,A (2618) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 10...Ng4 11.d6 e6 12.Rxh7 Rf5 13.Ne4 Nd7 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.Be7 Ngxe5 *(15...Bb7 16.Nfg5 Ndxe5 17.Nxc5 Nxf2 18.Rxg7+ Kxg7 19.Ncxe6+ Kg8 20.Qd4 Qc6 21.Qh4 Nfd3+ 22.Ke2 Rf2+*

23.Ke3 Ng4+ 24.Qxg4 Rf4 25.Qg3 Qb6+ 26.Kd2 Rf2+ 27.Be2 Qa5+ 28.Ke3 Qb6+ 29.Kd2 Qa5+ ½-½ (29) Narayanan,S (2662)-Puranik,A (2608) Sharjah UAE 2022)
16.Nfg5 Bb7 17.Qc2 Nc6 18.Rxg7+ Kxg7 19.Qc3+ e5 20.Ne6+ Kg8 21.Nc7 Qf7 22.Nxa8 Nxe7 23.dxe7 Bxe4 24.Nc7 Qxe7 25.Nxb5 Nb6 26.Rd1 Qh4 27.g3 Qh2 28.Rd8+ Kh7 29.Qe3 Bd3 30.Qxc5 Rf7 31.Rf8 Rxf8 32.Qxf8 Qh1 33.Qe7+ Kh6 34.Qf8+ Kh7 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Qe7+ ½-½ (37) Esipenko,A (2686)-Svidler,P (2723) Moscow RUS 2020;

B2) 8...Nxh5 9.Nxb5 0-0 *(9...Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Nd7 11.Bd2 Rb8 12.Rb1 Ba6 13.Be2 0-0 14.Kf1 Qc7 15.Qc1 Qc8 16.Bh6 Ndf6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nh4 Qc7 19.Bxh5 Nxh5 20.Nf5+ Kh8 21.d6 exd6 22.Nd5 Qd8 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.Qh6 Rg8 25.Nf6 1-0 (25) Pranav,A (2539)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2024)*
10.Bxc4 Bg4

B2a) 11.Kf1 Nd7 12.Be2 *(12.Nc3 Rb8 13.Be2 Qc7 14.Rh4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Qd2 Nfd7 18.Be2 c4 19.Bh6 Bf6 20.Rh3 Rfe8 21.Rc1 Nc5 22.Nd1 Nxe4 23.Qf4 Nd6 24.Bg5 Nf5 25.g4 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 f6 27.Qf4 Nd6 28.Qh6 e6 29.Ne3 Qg7 30.Qf4 Rxb2 31.dxe6 Rxe2 32.Kxe2 Rxe6 33.Qd4 Nd3 34.Rb1 Qd7 35.Rb8+ Kg7 36.Kf1 Re4 37.Qd5 Qe6 38.Qc6 Nf4 39.Qc7+ Nf7 40.Rf3 c3 41.Qxc3 Qxa2 42.Qc2 Qxc2 43.Nxc2 Ne5 44.Re3 Rxe3 45.Nxe3 Ne6 46.Rb7+ Kh6 47.Rxa7 g5 48.Nf5+ Kg6 49.Ne7+ Kf7 50.Nd5+ Kg6 51.Ra6 Kf7 52.Ra7+ Kg6 53.Ne7+ Kf7 54.Nf5+ Kg6 55.Ne3 Ng7 56.Ra6 h5 57.gxh5+ Nxh5 58.Nd5 Ng4 59.Kg2 Ne5 60.Kh3 Kf5 61.Ne3+ Kg6 62.Kg2 Nf4+ 63.Kf1 g4 64.Ra4 Kg5 65.Ra8 Nh5 66.Rg8+ Kf4 67.Nd5+ Ke4 68.Rh8 Kxd5 69.Rxh5 Ke4 70.Kg2 f5 71.Rh1 Kf4 72.Ra1 Nf3 73.Ra4+ Kg5 74.Kg3 Nh4 75.f4+ gxf3 76.Rxh4 1-0 (76) Xiong,J (2687)-So,W (2772) chess.com INT 2021)* 12...Qb8 13.Rh4 *(13.Nc3 Nf4 14.Rh4 h5 15.Bb5 Bxc3 16.Bxd7 Bf6 17.Rxg4 hxg4 18.Nh2 Rd8 19.Bc6 Nxd5 20.exd5 Qxh2 21.Bxa8 Qh1+ 22.Ke2 Qxd1+ 23.Kxd1 Rxa8 24.Be3 Rd8 25.Ke2 Rxd5 26.Rc1 Bd4 27.Rc4 Re5 28.Kd3 g3 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.f4 Re1 31.Rc2 Rf1 32.Ke4 Rf2 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Kxd4 Rxg2 0-1 (34) Xiong,J (2687)-Paravyan,D (2642) chess.com INT 2021)* 13...Nhf6 14.Nc3 h5 15.Ng5 Bxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Ng4 17.f3 Nge5 18.f4 Ng4 19.e5 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Rxg4 hxg4 22.Ne6 Rf7

23.Qxg4 Nf8 24.Ne4 Qb5+ 25.Kf2 Qd3 26.Qf3 Bd4+ 27.Kg3 Qxf3+ 28.Kxf3 Nxe6 29.dxe6 Rff8 30.Be3 Rab8 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.b3 Rb6 33.Ng5 d3 34.Rd1 Rd8 35.Ke3 Ra6 36.Rd2 Kg7 37.g3 Rad6 38.Kf3 Rc6 39.Nf7 Rd5 40.Ke4 Ra5 41.Ne5 Rxe6 42.Rxd3 Rxa2 43.Rd7 a5 44.Rb7 a4 45.bxa4 Rxa4+ 46.Kf3 g5 47.Rb5 gxf4 48.gxf4 Rf6 49.Nd3 Ra3 50.Ke4 Rd6 51.Ne5 Ra4+ 52.Ke3 Rdd4 53.Nd3 Re4+ 54.Kf3 Rec4 55.Rd5 Rc3 56.Kg4 Raa3 57.Ne5 Kf6 58.Nd7+ Ke6 59.Rd2 Rg3+ 60.Kh5 Rh3+ 0-1 (60) Indjic,A (2589)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B2b) 11.Qc2 Na6 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Qd2 Nc7 14.Nc3 Ne8 15.Bh6 Rxb2 16.Qxb2 Bxh6 17.Ne5 Bd7 18.Be2 Bg7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.Rc1 Qg4 22.Qe2 Qg5 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24.fxe3 Be5 25.Rxh5 f6 26.Na4 Nd6 27.Nxc5 Rc8 28.Kd1 Bb2 29.Rc2 Ba3 30.Ne6 Rxc2 31.Kxc2 Nxe4 32.Rh4 1-0 (32) Firouzja,A (2759)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2751) chess24.com INT 2021;

B2c) 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Qc2 Qb8 13.Rh4 Nhf6 14.Be3 h5 15.Nc3 c4 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.f3 Bd7 18.0-0-0 Rc8 19.Kb1 Qb4 20.a3 Qa5 21.Ka2 Rab8 22.Bf4 Ne8 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.dxc6 Nxc6 25.Ka1 Rb3 26.Bxc4 Rxc3 27.bxc3 Qxa3+ 28.Kb1 Ne5 29.Ba2 Nd6 30.Bc1 Qa5 31.Rd5 Nb5 32.Bb2 e6 33.Rd2 Nxc3+ 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.Qb2 Nc4 0-1 (35) So,W (2757)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024]

[5...0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.h5

A) 7...Bg4 8.hxg6 hxg6 9.Bh6 *(9.Nh2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bd7 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Qd3 c5 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd3 15.exd3 Nc6 16.f4 Rfd8 17.Be3 Rac8 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 b6 20.Rh4 Kg7 21.Rah1 Rh8 22.Kf3 Rxh4 23.Rxh4 e6 24.g4 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Kxh8 26.Ke4 Kg7 27.a3 Ne7 28.c4 Nc6 29.Bf2 Kf8 30.Be1 Ke8 31.Bc3 Kd7 32.Bd2 Nd4 33.Bc3 Nc6 34.Bd2 a6 35.a4 Nd4 36.Bc3 Nb3 37.Ke3 Kc6 38.Ke4 b5 39.cxb5+ axb5 40.axb5+ Kxb5 41.f5 gxf5+ 42.gxf5 Kc6 43.f6 Nc1 44.Bd2 Na2 45.Be1 Nb4 46.Bd2 Nc2 47.Bc3 Na3 48.Bb2 Nb5 49.Ba1 Na7 50.Bb2 Nc8 51.Bc3 Nb6 52.Bb2 Nd5 53.Ba1 Nb6 54.Bb2 Na4 55.Ba1 Kb5 56.Kf4 c4 57.dxc4+ Kxc4 58.Kg5 Kd5 59.Kh6 Nc5 60.Kg7 Ke4 61.Kxf7 Kf5 62.Ke7* 1-0 (62) Sarana,A (2668)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022*)* 9...Bxh6 10.Rxh6 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Kg7 12.Qd2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nd7 14.e4 Rh8 15.Rxh8 Qxh8 16.Rb1 b6 17.Qf4 c5 18.Qc7 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rxc8 20.Bb5 Nf6 21.Kd2 Nh5 22.a4 Nf4 23.Ke3 Ng2+ 24.Kd2 cxd4 25.cxd4 Nf4 26.Ba6 Rc7 27.Bb5 Kf6 28.a5 bxa5 29.Ra1 Ne6 30.Kd3 a6 31.Bxa6 Rd7 32.Bc8

Nf4+ 33.Ke3 Ng2+ 34.Kd3 Rc7 35.Ba6 Nf4+ 36.Kd2 Ne6 37.Kd3 Ra7 38.Bb5 Nf4+ 39.Kd2 g5 40.Ra4 e6 41.Rc4 Rb7 42.Rc5 Rb8 43.Ke3 a4 44.Bxa4 Rb1 45.Rc7 Rb2 46.Bc2 Ra2 47.Rc3 Ra1 48.Bd3 Ra2 49.Bc2 Ra1 50.Bd3 Rd1 51.Rb3 Ng2+ 52.Ke2 Ra1 53.Rc3 Ra2+ 54.Bc2 Ra1 55.Bd3 Nf4+ 56.Ke3 Ra2 57.Bc2 Ra1 58.Bd3 Ra2 ½-½ (58) Cheparinov,I (2688)-Puranik,A (2616) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B) 7...c5 8.hxg6 hxg6 9.Bh6 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxh6 11.Rxh6 Kg7 12.Qd2 cxd4

B1) 13.Rh4 Rh8 14.Rxh8 Qxh8 15.Rc1 *(15.cxd4 Bf5 16.Ng5 Nc6 17.e4 Bd7 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Nf3 Kg8 20.d5 Ne5 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Nd4 Qh4 23.Qe3 Bd7 24.Nf3 Qf6 25.Nd2 Ng4 26.Qxa7 Qa1+ 27.Ke2 Bb5+ 28.Kf3 Nh2+ 29.Kf4 Nxf1 30.Qxb7 Qf6+ 31.Kg4 Nxd2 32.Qxb5 Nxe4 33.d6 Nxd6 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qa8 Qf5+ 36.Kg3 Ne4+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 Nxf2+ 39.Kg1 Ng4* 0-1 (39) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 15...d3 16.exd3 Qh6 17.d4 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Nd7 19.Bc4 b6 20.Ng5 e6 21.d5 Nc5 22.Re1 Kf6 23.f4 Bd7 24.Rh1 b5 25.dxe6 Nxe6 26.Bd5 Rd8 27.Ne4+ Kg7 28.Ke3 Nc7 29.Bb3 Bc6 30.Ng5 Bd5 31.Rh7+ Kg8 32.Rh3 a5 33.Bxd5 Nxd5+ 34.Ke4 Nf6+ 35.Ke3 Rc8 36.Kd4 Rc4+ 37.Ke5 Kg7 38.Rf3 Ra4 39.f5 Ng4+ 40.Kd5 gxf5 41.Kc5 Kf6 42.Nh7+ Kg7 43.Ng5 Kf6 44.Nh7+ Ke5 45.Ng5 Rxa2 46.Nxf7+ Ke6 47.Nd8+ Kf6 48.Nc6 Ne5 49.Nxe5 Kxe5 50.Kxb5 Rxg2 51.Kxa5 Ke4 52.Rf1 f4 53.c4 f3 54.c5 Rc2 55.Kb6 f2 56.c6 Kf3 57.c7 Rxc7 58.Kxc7 Kg2 59.Rxf2+ Kxf2 ½-½ (59) Sarana,A (2675)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 13.cxd4

B2a) 13...Nc6 14.Rh4 *(14.d5 Qa5 15.Rh4 Rd8 16.Qxa5 Nxa5 17.Rd1 e6 18.d6 f6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.e3 Rac8 21.Bb5 e5 22.Bxd7 Rxd7 23.Ne6+ Kg8 24.Nc7 Rcd8 25.Ne6 Rc8 26.Nc7 Rcd8 27.Ne6 Rc8 ½-½ (27) Sarana,A (2675)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022)* 14...Qa5 15.e4 f6 16.d5 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nd8 18.Bd3 e5 19.Rah1 Nf7 20.Rh7+ Kg8 21.Bc4 Rd8 22.Ne1 Rd6 23.Nd3 Bd7 24.Nc5 Rc8 25.Nxb7 Rb6 26.Na5 Rc5 27.d6 Rxd6+ 28.Ke3 Rxc4 29.Nxc4 Ra6 30.a4 Bxa4 31.Kd2 Bb5 32.Nb2 Ra2 33.Kc3 Bd7 34.f3 a5 35.R7h2 Ra3+ 36.Kc2 Be6 37.Nd3 Ra2+ 38.Kb1 Rd2 39.Nc5 Bc4 40.Kc1 Rd6 41.Kb2 Rc6 42.Na4 Bb5 43.Nc3 Bc4 44.Ra1 Rb6+ 45.Kc1 Ra6 46.Rh1 Bb3 47.Kd2 a4 48.Rhb1 Rd6+ 49.Ke1 Rd4 50.Ne2 Rb4 51.Nc1 Nd6 52.Nxb3 axb3 53.Ra3 b2 54.Ra8+ Kg7 55.Kd2 f5 56.exf5 Nxf5

57.Ra2 e4 58.Raxb2 Rxb2+ 59.Rxb2 exf3 60.gxf3 Kf6 61.Rb6+ Kg5 62.Ke2 Ne7 63.Re6 Nf5 64.Ra6 Ng3+ 65.Ke3 Kf5 66.Ra8 Ke5 67.f4+ Kf6 68.Kf3 Nh5 69.Ra5 Kf7 70.Ra7+ Kf6 71.Kg4 Ng7 72.Ra6+ Kf7 73.Rb6 Ne6 74.Kf3 Nf8 75.Rb7+ Ke6 76.Ra7 Kf6 77.Ke4 Ke6 78.Ra6+ Ke7 79.Kd5 Kf7 80.Rd6 Ke7 81.Ke5 Kf7 82.Rf6+ Ke7 83.Rxf8 Kxf8 84.Kf6 g5 85.fxg5 1-0 (85) Keymer,V (2721)-Rapport,R (2748) Budva MNE 2023;

B2b) 13...Nd7 14.e4 Nf6 15.Rh4 Rh8 16.Rxh8 Qxh8 17.Qf4 Qd8 18.Bd3 Qa5+ 19.Ke2 Bg4 20.Rh1 Bh5 21.Qd2 Qb6 22.e5 Bxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Ng8 24.Be4 Rd8 25.d5 f5 26.exf6+ Qxf6+ 27.Ke2 Qa6+ 28.Bd3 Qf6 29.Be4 Qa6+ 30.Bd3 Qf6 31.Be4 ½-½ (31) Caruana,F (2804)-Aronian,L (2722) Saint Louis USA 2024]

[5...c5 6.dxc5 0-0 *(6...Be6 7.Nd4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 e5 11.Nb3 d4 12.Nb5 d3 13.Qd1 Nc6 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Bc3 Rad8 16.h5 Ne4 17.Nd6 Nxd6 18.cxd6 Rxd6 19.e4 Rfd8 20.Qg4 Nd4 21.Bxd4 d2+ 22.Kf1 exd4 23.h6 Bh8 24.Nxd2 d3 25.Rb1 Re6 26.Rh3 Qb4 27.Qd1 f5 28.exf5 Re2 29.Rxd3 Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rxd3 31.Ke2 Rd4 32.Qe1 Qd6 33.Rd1 Qh2 34.Nf3 Qxg2+ 35.Ke3 Rxc4 36.Rd8+ Kf7 37.Qd1 Bf6 38.Qd5+* 1-0 (38) Sarana,A (2675)-Dubov,D (2711) chess.com INT 2022*)* 7.cxd5 Na6 8.g3 Nxc5 9.Bg2 Bf5 10.Nd4 Be4 11.Nxe4 Ncxe4 12.Nb3 e6 13.d6 a5 14.Qd3 a4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 axb3 17.a4 Qxd6 18.0-0 Qa6 19.Ra3 Qc6 20.Qb4 Ra6 21.Rxb3 Rxa4 22.Qxb7 Qc2 23.Qb5 Rd4 24.Rc3 Qe4 25.Re3 Qc2 26.b3 Rd5 27.Qc4 Rc8 28.Qxc2 Rxc2 29.Re4 Rb5 30.Rd1 Rd5 31.Rf1 Rb5 32.b4 Bf8 33.Rd4 Be7 34.Bd2 Rd5 35.Rxd5 exd5 36.Rd1 Rb2 37.Bc3 Rb3 38.Rd3 Bxb4 39.Bxb4 Rxb4 40.Rxd5 h5 41.Kg2 Kg7 42.Kf3 Rb3+ 43.e3 Rb4 44.Rd3 Ra4 45.e4 Ra2 46.Ke3 Ra1 47.f3 Rb1 48.Kf4 Rb6 49.Rd7 Rf6+ 50.Ke3 Ra6 51.Rd3 Ra5 52.Kf4 Ra7 53.g4 hxg4 54.fxg4 Ra1 55.h5 Rh1 56.Rd5 gxh5 57.gxh5 Rf1+ 58.Ke5 Kh6 59.Kd4 Rd1+ 60.Ke5 Rf1 61.Kd6 Rf6+ 62.Kc5 Rf1 63.Re5 Rh1 64.Kd6 Rxh5 65.Rxh5+ Kxh5 66.e5 Kg6 67.e6 fxe6 68.Kxe6 ½-½ (68) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Tari,A (2654) chess24.com INT 2022]

[5...Bg4 6.Ne5 dxc4 7.Nxg4 Nxg4 8.e4 Qd7 9.f3 c5 10.d5 Ne5 11.h5 0-0 12.f4 Nd3+ 13.Bxd3 cxd3 14.Qxd3 Nc6 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Qe2 c4 17.0-0 e6 18.Rad1 exd5 19.Qxc4 dxc4 20.Rxd7 Nd3 21.e5 Rfe8 22.Ne4 gxh5 23.Nd6 Red8 24.Rxb7 Rab8 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Nxc4 Kf8 27.Rd1 Nb4 28.Bxa7 Rc8 29.Nd6 Rc2 30.Nf5 Nc6 31.b4 Bh6 32.b5 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2685)-Dubov,D (2711) chess.com INT 2022]

[5...e6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Bg7 10.e4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.Bxd5 Qa5 14.h5 g5 15.e5 Nc6 16.Nxg5

hxg5 17.Qg6 Kh8 18.Qxg5 Bxe5 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Be4 f5 21.Bd5+ 1-0 (21) Abdusattorov,N (2627)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) chess.com INT 2020]

6.cxd5

[6.Bg5 dxc4 *(6...0-0 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.h5 g5 9.h6 Bf5 10.e3 e6 11.Bd3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Nb6 15.c5 Nd7 16.e4 b6 17.e5 Be7 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Qd2 g4 20.h7+ Kh8 21.Kb1 gxf3 22.gxf3 Bb4 23.f4 Qe7 24.Rc1 c5 25.Qd1 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 c4 27.f5 exf5* 0-1 (27) Indjic,A (2610)-Duda,J (2726) chess.com INT 2023*; 6...h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.e3 0-0 9.Qc2 e6 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.h5 g5 12.f4 Bg7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.g3 b5 17.cxb5 Bd7 18.Kb1 cxb5 19.e4 b4 20.e5 Qe7 21.Ne2 Rac8 22.Qd2 Ba4 23.Rc1 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1 Bd7 25.Bh3 Kh8 26.Qd2 a5 27.Nd4 gxf4 28.gxf4 Qf7 29.Rf1 Qxh5 30.Qe3 Qg6+ 31.Ka1 a4 32.f5 exf5 33.e6 Be8 34.Rxf5 Rxf5 35.Nxf5 a3 36.Nxg7 Qxg7 37.Qc1 h5 38.Bf5 h4 39.Kb1 Qxb2+ 40.Qxb2+ axb2 41.Kxb2 Ba4 42.e7 Kg7 43.Bc2 Be8 44.Kb3 h3 45.Bd1 h2 46.Bf3 Kf6 47.Bxd5 Bf7 48.Kxb4 Bxd5 49.e8Q h1Q 50.Qf8+ Kg6 51.Qd6+ Kf5 52.Qf8+ Ke4 53.Qe8+ Kd4 54.Qa4 Qe1+ 55.Kb5+ Ke5 56.Qb4 Qe2+ 57.Kb6 Qf2+ 58.Qc5 Qb2+ 59.Qb5 Qxa2 60.Qe8+ Kd4 61.Qh8+ Kd3 62.Qh3+ Ke4 63.Qh4+ Kf5 64.Qh5+ Kf6 65.Qh6+ Ke7 66.Qg7+ Ke6 67.Qg6+ Ke5 68.Qg5+ Kd4 69.Qf4+ Be4 70.Qd6+ Ke3 71.Qg3+ Bf3 72.Qe5+ Kf2 73.Qh2+ Bg2 74.Qf4+ Kg1 75.Qd4+ Kf1 76.Qd1+ Kf2 77.Qd4+ Kf3 78.Qd3+ Kf4 79.Qd4+ Be4 80.Qf6+ Kg4 81.Qg7+ Kf4 82.Qf6+ Bf5 83.Qd4+ Kg5 84.Qg7+ Kh5 85.Qh8+ Kg6 86.Qe8+ Kf6 87.Qd8+ Ke5 88.Qe7+ Kd5 89.Qc5+ Ke6 90.Qc6+ Kf7 91.Qc7+ Kg6 92.Qg3+ Kh5 93.Qf3+ Bg4 94.Qf4 Qe6+ 95.Kc5 Qe7+ 96.Qd6 Qa7+ 97.Qb6 Qg7 98.Qd6 Qc3+ 99.Kb6 Qb3+ 100.Kc7 Qf7+ 101.Kb6 Qb3+ 102.Kc7 Qc4+ 103.Kb6 Bf5 104.Qh2+ Kg5 105.Qg3+ Kf6 106.Qd6+ Be6 107.Qf8+ Kg6 108.Qd6 Qb3+ 109.Kc7 Kf7 110.Qf4+ Ke8 111.Qd4 Qb5 112.Qh8+ Ke7 113.Qh4+ Kf7 114.Qh7+ Kf6 115.Qh6+ Ke5 116.Qg5+ Bf5* ½-½ (116) Indjic,A (2589)-Duda,J (2732) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 7.e4 b5 8.e5 Nd5 9.h5 Be6 10.Bd2 f6 11.Qe2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bd5 13.h6 Bf8 14.exf6 Nd7 15.Bg5 Kf7 16.fxe7 Bxe7 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Qd2 b4 19.Bg5 Rhe8 20.Be2 Bxf3 21.Bxc4+ Bd5 22.Bxd5+ Qxd5 23.Be3 Qxg2 0-1 (23) Indjic,A (2589)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) chess.com INT 2023]

[6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.c5 Qxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.b4 Rc8 12.Nd2 Nh5 13.Bh2 e5 14.Nb3 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.exd4 0-0 17.f3 Ng7 18.g4 Be6 19.Kd2 h5 20.Be2 Nf6 21.Be5 Nd7 22.Bd6 Rfe8 23.Rag1 Kh7 24.Bd3 f5 25.Ne2 fxg4 26.fxg4 Bxg4 27.Rxg4 hxg4 28.h5 Kg8 29.Bxg6 Re6 30.Nf4 Rf6 31.Rg1 Nf8 32.Rxg4 Nxg6 33.hxg6 Re8 34.Be5 Rf5 35.Rh4 Rexe5 36.dxe5 Rxe5 37.Nd3 Rg5 38.Nf4 Re5 39.Rh3 Re4 40.Nd3 Ne6 41.Re3 Rxe3

42.Kxe3 Kg7 43.Ne5 Kf6 44.Nf7 Kxg6 45.Nd6 Nd8 46.Kd4 Kf6 47.Nc8 Ke6 48.Nd6 Kd7 49.Ke5 Kc7 50.Ne8+ Kd7 51.Nd6 Kc7 52.Ne8+ Kb8 53.Nd6 Kc7 ½-½ (53) Nepomniachtchi,I (2755)-Troff,K (2490) chess.com INT 2024]

6...cxd5 7.Bf4 0-0

[7...Nc6 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Qb3 Na5 11.Qb4

A) 11...Ne4 12.0-0 *(12.Rc1 Rc8 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.Rxc3 Rxc3 15.Qxc3 Nc6 16.b4 e5 17.dxe5 Re8 18.Qc5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Rd1 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxh4 22.Rxd5 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Qh1+ 24.Ke2 Qa1 25.Rd2 Bc3 26.Rc2 Qe1+ 27.Kd3 Bxb4 28.Qc7 Qf1+ 29.Kd4 Bf8 30.Qc4 Bg7+ 31.Kd5 Qa1 32.Qc7 b5 33.Kc5 Qf6 34.Bc6 Re5+ 35.Kb4 Bf8+ 36.Ka5 Kg7 37.Qb7 Re6 38.Bd5 Rb6 39.Qd7 Rd6 40.Qb7 Rb6 41.Qxa7 Be7* 0-1 (41) Sarana,A (2668)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 12...e6 *(12...Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Rc8 14.Qb4 b6 15.Rac1 Qd7 16.Ba6 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Bf6 19.Bg3 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Qxc4 Qh3 22.Qf1 Qf5 23.Kg2 h5 24.e4 Qa5 25.Qc4 b5 26.Qd5 Rd8 27.Qb7 Bxd4 28.Qxe7 Bb6 29.Rc6 Qd2 30.Qf6 Qd4 31.Qg5 Re8 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.Qxg6+ Kf8 34.Qf5+ Kg8 35.Qxh5 Re7 36.Qxb5 Rg7 37.Qe2 Qd7 38.f4 Qe6 39.f5 Qf6 40.Kh3 Qd4 41.Qf3 Qxb2 42.e5 Qxa2 43.Qa8+ Kh7 44.Qe4 Kg8 45.Qa8+* 1-0 (45) Sarana,A (2668)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 13.Rfc1 b6 14.Nb5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nd2 18.Qe2 Qd5 19.Qxd2 Qxb5 20.Kg2 Rfd8 21.Qc3 Bf6 22.Bg3 h5 23.a4 Qa6 24.Qc4 Qb7 25.Qc6 Qa6 26.b4 Rac8 27.b5 Rxc6 28.bxa6 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rd5 30.Rc7 Ra5 31.Rxa7 Rxa4 32.Bc7 Bxh4 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.a7 Ra6 35.Bxb6 Rxb6 36.Rb8 Ra6 37.a8Q Rxa8 38.Rxa8 Bf6 39.f4 Be7 40.Kf3 Bb4 41.Ke4 Kf6 42.Ra2 Bc3 43.Ra4 Be1 44.Kf3 Bc3 45.Ke2 Kf5 46.Rc4 Bb2 47.Rc5+ Kf6 48.Ra5 Bc3 49.Rb5 Kg7 50.f3 Kf6 51.Rb6 Kg7 52.Kf2 Bd2 53.Rc6 Bb4 54.Ke2 Kf8 55.Rb6 Bc3 56.Rb5 Ke7 57.d5 exd5 58.Rxd5 Ke6 59.e4 Bb4 60.f5+ Kf6 61.Rb5 Ba3 62.f4 Bc1 63.Kf3 g5 64.Rb6+ Kg7 65.fxg5 Bxg5 66.e5 Bd2 67.Ke4 h4 68.Rb1 Kh6 69.Rg1 Kh5 70.Rg8 h3 71.Kf3 Bc3 72.e6 fxe6 73.fxe6 Bf6 74.Kg3 Kh6 75.Kxh3 Kh7 76.Rg4 Kh6 77.Kg3 1-0 (77) Sarana,A (2668)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 11...a6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Rac1 b5 14.a4 Nc6 15.Qb3 b4 16.Nb1 Qb6 17.Nbd2 Na5 18.Qa2 Ne4 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Ng5 b3 22.Qa3 Bxe2 23.Qxe7 Qb7 24.Qxb7 Nxb7 25.Ra1 Bd3 26.a5 h6 27.Nh3 Rc2 28.Ra4 Rxb2 29.Rb4 Nxa5 30.Rb8+ Kh7 31.d5 Rd2 32.Bc7 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 b2 0-1 (33) Sarana,A (2668)-Fedoseev,V (2688) chess.com INT 2022]

8.e3 Nc6 9.Qb3

[9.Be2 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.Nc3 Nd3+

16.Bxd3 Bxd3 17.f3 b5 18.a3 a5 19.Kf2 b4 20.axb4 axb4 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Nd5 b3 23.Nb4 Bc2 24.Rc1 Bxb2 25.Rxc2 bxc2 26.Nxc2 Bc3 27.Kg3 Ra2 28.Nd4 Bxd4 29.exd4 Ra5 30.Be5 Kf8 31.Bd6+ Kg7 32.Be5+ f6 33.Bf4 Kf7 34.Kg4 Ra2 35.Kg3 Ke6 36.Be3 Re2 37.Bg1 f5 38.Kh3 f4 39.Bh2 Kf5 40.g4+ fxg3 41.Bxg3 Re3 42.Kg2 Ke6 43.Be5 Ra3 44.Kg3 Kf5 45.Kg2 Ra8 46.Kg3 Rf8 47.Kg2 Ke6 48.Kg3 Rf5 49.Kg4 Kd5 50.Kg3 Kc4 51.f4 Kd5 52.Kf3 Rf7 53.Kg4 Ke4 54.h5 gxh5+ 55.Kxh5 Kf5 56.d5 Rd7 57.d6 Ra7 58.Kh6 Rb7 59.Bg7 Kxf4 60.Kxh7 Kf5 61.Kh6 Ke6 62.Bc3 Kxd6 63.Kg5 Kd5 64.Kf4 Rf7+ 65.Kg3 Rh7 66.Kg2 Ke4 67.Ba5 Rh6 68.Bb4 Rc6 69.Be1 Kf4 70.Bd2+ Ke4 71.Be1 Rc1 72.Bf2 Kf4 73.Bg1 Rc2+ 74.Kh1 Kg3 75.Ba7 Rh2+ 76.Kg1 Re2 77.Kh1 Kf3 78.Bb6 Rb2 79.Ba7 Kg3 80.Bd4 Rd2 81.Bg1 Rd3 82.Bb6 Rd5 83.Bc7+ Kf2 84.Bb8 Rh5+ 85.Bh2 Rg5 86.Bf4 Rg1+ 87.Kh2 Rg4 0-1 (87) Pranav,A (2519)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024]

9...Na5

[9...a6

A) 10.Rc1 Re8 *(10...Na5 11.Qa3 Nc4 12.Qb4 b5 13.b3 Nd6 14.Qa3 Bf5 15.Be2 Qb6 16.Qb2 Rfc8 17.0-0 Rc7 18.Be5 e6 19.a4 Nfe8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Na2 Bg4 22.Nb4 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Nf5 25.g3 Rac8 26.Kg2 d4 27.e4 Ne7 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Ra1 Qc5 30.Nd3 Qc3 31.Qb1 Nc6 32.Ra8 Kf8 33.h5 Ra7 34.Rxa7 Nxa7 35.Be2 Nc6 36.Qa2 Nc7 37.Qa3+ b4 38.Qa4 Ke7 39.h6 Kd8 40.Bf1 Kc8 41.Qa2 Kd7 42.Qe2 Ke7 43.Qg4 Ne8 44.Qd1 Nc7 45.Qg4 Ne8 46.Qg5+ Kf8 47.Qf4 Ke7 48.Nc1 Qc5 49.Nd3 Qc3 50.Qg5+ Kf8 51.Be2 Qxb3 52.Nc5 Qc2 53.Nd7+ Kg8 54.Bb5 Qxe4+ 55.Kh2 f6 56.exf6 Qf5 57.Qxf5 gxf5 58.Bxc6 b3 59.Nc5 Nxf6 60.Nxb3 e5 61.Kg2 Kf7 62.f4 d3 63.fxe5 Ng4 64.Bd5+ Kg6 65.Kf3 Nxe5+ 66.Kf4 Kf6 67.Bg8 Ng6+ 68.Ke3 Nf8 69.Nd4 Kg6 70.Kxd3 Kxh6 71.Ke3 Kg5 72.Be6 Nxe6 73.Nxe6+ Kg4 74.Kf2 h5 75.Nd4 h4 76.gxh4 Kxh4 77.Nxf5+ ½-½ (77) Vidit,S (2723)-Carlsen,M (2864) chess24.com INT 2022)* 11.Ne5 *(11.Be2 Bg4 12.Qxb7 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.0-0 Re7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.Nxd5 Rxb3 19.Rc8 Re8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.axb3 Bxh4 23.Ra1 Rd6 24.g3 Bf6 25.Ra2 h5 26.Be2 h4 27.gxh4 Rd2 28.Kf1 Bxh4 29.Ra4 g5 30.f4 Rxb2 31.fxg5 Bxg5 32.Rg4 f6 33.Bxa6 Kf8 34.e4 Rxb3 35.e5 Rf3+ 36.Kg2 Rf4 37.Rxf4 Bxf4 38.exf6 Be5 39.Kf3 Bxf6 40.Ke4 Bh8 41.Kf5 Kg7 42.Bc4 ½-½ (42) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020)* 11...Na5 12.Qa3 Bf5 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Qb4 Bf8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Rfd1 f6 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Nxd5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Bc6 20.Rc5 Bxd5 21.Bc7 Qd7 22.Qxa5 e6 23.Rc3 Rc8 24.a3 Be7 25.Bg3 f5 26.h5 g5 27.Be5 Kf7 28.g4 Bd8 29.Qb4 Be7 30.Qb6 fxg4 31.Rc7 Rxc7

32.Qxc7 Qxc7 33.Bxc7 Bf3 34.Bxf3 gxf3 35.Kh2 Kf6 36.e4 g4 37.Bf4 e5 38.dxe5+ Ke6 39.Kg3 Bc5 40.a4 b5 41.b3 Bd4 42.Kxg4 Bxf2 43.Kxf3 Bc5 44.Ke2 Bd4 45.Kd3 Bb2 46.Bg3 Ba1 47.Bh2 Bb2 48.Bg3 Ba1 49.Ke3 Bc3 50.Kf3 Bb4 51.Kg4 Be7 52.Bh2 Bd8 53.Bg3 Be7 54.Kf4 Bd8 55.Bf2 Ba5 56.Bg3 Bd8 57.Bf2 Ba5 58.Be3 Bc3 59.axb5 axb5 60.Kg5 Kxe5 61.Kh6 Kxe4 62.Bc5 b4 63.Kxh7 Kd3 64.Kg6 Kc2 65.h6 Kxb3 66.Bf8 1-0 (66) Muradli,M (2588)-Gupta,A (2576) Reykjavik ISL 2025;

B) 10.Be2 b5 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.h5 Na5 13.Qd1 Rc8 14.Bf3 Be6 15.Rc1 Nc4 16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.h6 Bh8 18.0-0 Qd7 19.b3 Rcc8 20.Qe2 Bf5 21.Be5 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Bf4 Bg4 24.Qb2 Qe6 25.Ne2 Bf6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rc1 g5 28.Bg3 Rxc1+ 29.Qxc1 Bxe2 30.Qc7 Bg7 31.hxg7 Kxg7 32.d5 Qxd5 33.Qxe7 Kg6 34.Be5 Qe6 35.Qxe6+ fxe6 36.a4 Kf5 37.Bd6 h5 38.axb5 axb5 39.b4 h4 40.Kh2 Kg6 41.Be7 Kh5 42.Bd8 Bf1 43.Be7 g4 44.Kg1 Bc4 45.Kh2 Bd5 46.Bd8 Bc6 47.Be7 Be8 48.Bd8 Bg6 49.Be7 Bf5 50.Bd8 h3 51.Be7 Kg6 52.gxh3 gxh3 53.Bd6 Kf7 54.Bc5 Ke8 55.Bd6 Kd7 56.Bc5 Kc6 57.Bf8 Kd5 58.Be7 Kc4 59.Bf8 Kd3 60.Be7 Ke2 61.Kg1 ½-½ (61) Xu,X (2628)-Abdusattorov,N (2762) Almaty KAZ 2024]

[9...b6 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Rfc1 e6 13.Bd3 Nd6 14.Nb5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Na5 16.Qd1 dxc4 17.Nd6 Bd5 18.e4 Bc6 19.b4 Nb7 20.b5 Bd5 21.exd5 Nxd6 22.dxe6 Nxb5 23.a4 Nxd4 24.Bg5 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3 fxe6 26.Bxd8 Rxf3 27.gxf3 Bxa1 28.Bg5 Bd4 29.Rxc4 Bc5 30.Be3 Rc8 31.a5 Kf7 32.axb6 axb6 33.Kg2 Ke7 34.h5 gxh5 35.Rh4 Rg8+ 36.Kh3 Rf8 37.Bxc5+ bxc5 38.Rxh5 Rxf3+ 39.Kg4 Rf5 40.Rxh7+ Kd6 41.f4 c4 42.Rh8 c3 43.Rd8+ Kc5 44.Kf3 Kc4 45.Ke3 Rd5 46.Rc8+ Rc5 47.Rb8 Rc6 48.Ke2 Rd6 49.Rc8+ Kb3 50.Rb8+ Ka2 51.Ra8+ Kb2 52.Rb8+ Kc1 53.Rc8 c2 54.Rb8 Rd4 55.Ke3 Rc4 56.Rb6 Kd1 57.Rd6+ Ke1 58.Rxe6 c1Q+ 59.Kd3+ Kd1 0-1 (59) Carlsen,M (2863)-Aronian,L (2773) chess24.com INT 2020]

10.Qa3 Nc6

[10...Bf5 11.Be2 a6 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.0-0 h5 14.Rac1 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Na4 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Nd7 18.Bc7 Qe8 19.Bf3 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Bxd5 Nd3 22.Rd1 Qb5 23.e4 Nxb2 24.Nxb2 Bxb2 25.Qg3 Bg4 26.Rb1 1-0 (28) Xu,X (2623)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2025]

11.Ne5 Ng4 12.Nxg4 Bxg4 13.f3 e5 14.dxe5 Be6 15.Rd1 Nxe5 16.Be2 Nc6 17.Bg5 Qb6 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bxb2 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.axb3 Kg7 22.Kf2 h6 23.Bf4 Rfd8 24.Rhd1 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Nxd8 27.Bd6 Bf6 28.h5 gxh5 29.f4 h4 30.Bf3 Nc6 31.Bd5 Bc3 32.e4 f6 33.Kf3 Kg6 34.f5+ Kg7 35.Bxc6 bxc6 36.Bc5 a6 37.Ke2 Kf7 38.Kd3 Be5 39.Kc4 h5 40.Kb4 Bc7 41.Bd4 1-0 (41) Navara,D (2677)-Amin,B (2654) Djerba TUN 2025

5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2

[6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Be2 c5 *(7...Nb6*

8.0-0 Nc6 9.b3 e5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.d5 e4 12.dxc6 Bxc3 13.Rc1 Qf6 14.Nd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.exd4 Nd5 17.cxb7 Bxb7 18.Bb5 Re6 19.Rc5 Rd8 20.Bc4 Rd7 21.Rc1 e3 22.fxe3 Rxe3 23.Ra5 Nf4 24.Rf1 g5 25.Bc1 Rc3 26.Bxf4 gxf4 27.Rxa7 Be4 28.Rxf4 Bg6 29.h3 Kg7 30.d5 Rc2 31.Rf2 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 h5 33.d6 Rxd6 34.Rxc7 Rdd1 35.h4 Rd4 36.g3 Rdd1 37.Re2 Rh1+ 38.Kg2 Rcf1 39.Re3 Rhg1+ 40.Kh2 Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Rfg1+ 42.Kf3 Ra1 43.Ree7 Rxa2 44.Ke3 Rd1 45.Kf3 Rad2 46.b4 Rb2 47.b5 Rd4 48.Ke3 Rd1 49.Kf3 Rb4 50.Be2 Rdb1 51.Rc3 R4b2 52.Ree3 Re1 53.Rc7 Bf5 54.Kf4 Be6 55.Bxh5 Rb4+ 56.Kf3 Rf1+ 57.Ke2 Ra1 58.Rxe6 Ra3 59.Kf2 Rxb5 60.Rxf7+ Kg8 61.Bg6 Rb2+ 62.Re2 Rb8 63.Rf3 Ra6 64.Be4 Rd6 65.Kg2 Kg7 66.Rfe3 Rf8 67.Bf3 Kh6 68.Re7 Rff6 69.R7e5 Rg6 70.Rh5+ Kg7 71.Rg5 Rxg5 72.hxg5 Kg6 73.Re5 Rd8 74.Kh3 Rd4 75.Be4+ Kh5 76.g4# 1-0 (76) Sarana, A (2689)-Woodward,A (2536) chess.com INT 2025*)* 8.Qb3 Nxc3 *(8...Nb6 9.dxc5 N6d7 10.Qa3 Nc6 11.0-0 Qa5 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Na4 b6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Bxa5 bxa5 16.Bb5 Ne5 17.Nd4 Rfc8 18.Rac1 Nc6 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxc6 Rxc6 21.Rfd1 Rc7 22.b3 Rac8 23.g3 e6 24.Rd6 Bf8 25.Ra6 Bxc5 26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Rxc5 28.Rxa7 g5 29.h3 Kg7 30.a4 h6 31.Rb7 Rc1+ 32.Kg2 Rb1 33.g4 Rb2 34.Rb5 Kg6 35.Kg3 f6 36.f3 h5 37.gxh5+ Kxh5 38.h4 Kg6 39.hxg5 fxg5 40.e4 Kf6 41.Kg4 Rg2+ 42.Kh3 Rb2 43.Kg3 Rb1 44.Rb6 Ke5 45.Rb5+ Kf6 46.Rxa5 Rxb3 47.Rb5 Ra3 48.a5 Ra1 49.Rc5 Ra2 50.Kg4 Rg2+ 51.Kh3 Ra2 52.Rb5 Kg6 53.Kg3 Kf6 54.f4 gxf4+ 55.Kxf4 Rf2+ 56.Ke3 Ra2 57.Kd3 Ra4 58.Rc5 Ke7 59.e5 Kf7 60.Kc3 Kg6 61.Kb3 Ra1 62.Kb4 Kf5 63.Kb5 Rb1+ 64.Kc6 Ra1 65.Kb6 Rb1+ 66.Rb5 Rh1 67.a6* 1-0 (67) Sarana,A (2672)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 9.bxc3 Nc6 *(9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.dxc5 Nd7 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.cxb6 axb6 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Qb4 Ra4 16.Qb2 Rfa8 17.Bd2 Ne4 18.Be1 Nd6 19.Qb3 Qc5 20.Bf1 Bd5 21.Qb1 Bxa2 22.Qc2 b5 23.Qb2 Bc4 24.Rab1 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Qc4+ 26.Kg1 Ra2 27.Qb4 Qxb4 28.Rxb4 Ra1 29.Rxa1 Rxa1 30.Kf1 Bxd4 31.cxd4 f5 32.Rb2 Kf7 33.Ke2 Ke6 34.Bb4 Nc4 35.Rc2 Rb1 36.Bc5 Rb2 37.Kd3 Rxc2 38.Kxc2 Kd7 39.Kd3 e6 40.f3 Nb2+ 41.Kc3 Nd1+ 42.Kd2 Nb2 43.e4 Kc6 44.Bb4 Nc4+ 45.Kd3 Nb2+ 46.Ke3 g5 47.d5+ exd5 48.exf5 Nc4+ 49.Kd4 Nb6 50.f6 Nd7 51.f7* 1-0 (51) Sarana,A (2674)-Ragger,M (2577) Skopje MKD 2024*)* 10.0-0 Qc7 *(10...b6 11.Ba3 Na5 12.Qb1 Bf5 13.e4 Bg4 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nc4 17.Bc1 Rad8 18.Be3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 e6 20.Qd3 e5 21.d5 c4 22.Qe2 Rfe8 23.Rab1 Bf8 24.Kh1 a6 25.a4 Rb8 26.Rb2 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rdb1 Qc5 29.Bg4 Red8 30.Rf1 Qa3 31.Qf2 Qa7 32.Ra2 Qc7 33.Ra6 Rd6 34.Rc6 Rxc6 35.dxc6 Bc5 36.Bd7 Rf8 37.Qb2 Qb6 38.Rb1 Rb8 39.Qxb5 Qxb5 40.Rxb5 Bd6 41.Ra5 Rb3 42.Ra7 Rxc3 43.c7 Bxc7 44.Rxc7 Rxe3 45.Bc6 f5 46.Bd5+ Kf8*

47.exf5 gxf5 48.Rxc4 Ke7 49.Rc6 h5 50.Rh6 Rd3 51.Bf3 e4 52.Bxh5 f4 53.Kg1 Ra3 54.Bg4 Ra1+ 55.Kh2 Kf7 56.Rh5 Kg6 57.Re5 e3 58.Bf3 Kf6 59.Re8 Kf5 60.h4 Ra7 61.h5 Kg5 62.Re5+ Kf6 63.Re4 Kf5 64.Re8 Rc7 65.Kh3 Rc1 66.g4+ fxg3 67.Kxg3 Kg5 68.Re5+ Kf6 69.Rxe3 Kg7 70.Re6 Rc8 71.Kh4 Kh8 72.Be4 Rb8 73.Kg5 Rc8 74.Kh6 Rf8 75.Bg6 Ra8 76.Re7 Kg8 77.Rc7 Rb8 78.Rg7+ Kf8 79.Rh7 Rb2 80.Rh8+ Ke7 81.Kg7 1-0 (81) Sarana,A (2686)-Stribuk,A (2460) chess.com INT 2025*)* 11.Ba3 b6 12.dxc5 Be6 13.Qa4 Bd7 14.Qh4 Bf6 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.hxg3 Rfc8 17.Rfd1 Bg4 18.Rac1 Na5 19.Bb4 Nb7 20.cxb6 axb6 21.a3 Na5 22.Nd4 Bxe2 23.Nxe2 Nc4 24.Ra1 h5 25.Rd7 e6 26.Nd4 Rd8 27.Rc7 Rdc8 28.Rb7 Rcb8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.Kf1 e5 31.Nb3 e4 32.Ke2 Rc8 33.Nd2 Nxd2 34.Kxd2 Kg7 35.Kc2 Rh8 36.a4 Be5 37.Rd1 Kf6 38.Rd7 h4 39.gxh4 Rxh4 40.Rb7 Rh2 41.Rxb6+ Kf5 42.a5 Rxg2 43.a6 Rxf2+ 44.Kb3 Rd2 45.Rb7 f6 46.a7 Rd8 47.Rf7 Ra8 48.Bc5 g5 49.Kc4 Bd6 50.Bxd6 Ke6 51.Rf8 Rxa7 52.Bc5 Rg7 53.Bd4 Rg6 54.Re8+ Kf5 55.Kd5 Rg7 56.Rf8 Rg6 57.Rxf6+ Rxf6 58.Bxf6 Kxf6 59.Kxe4 Ke6 1-0 (59) Sarana,A (2713)-Ivic,V (2599) Heimbach-Weis GER 2024]

[6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd4 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.exd4 Rd8 13.Be3 Qb4 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Be6 16.Bf3 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Rxd4 18.Ra4 Rd2 19.Rb4 Rxb2 20.Rxb7 a5 21.Ra1 Rc8 22.h4 Rxb3 23.Ra7 h5 24.R7xa5 Rb2 25.Rg5 Kf8 26.Ra4 Rc4 27.Rxc4 Bxc4 28.Be4 Be6 29.Rc5 Rb4 30.f3 f5 31.Bd3 Rxh4 32.Rc6 Ke7 33.Kf2 Rb4 34.Rc7+ Kf6 35.Rc6 h4 36.Rc2 g5 37.Be2 Ra4 38.Kg1 Ra2 39.Rxa2 Bxa2 40.Kf2 Ke5 41.Bf1 Kf4 42.Bb5 Bd5 43.Bd7 Bb7 44.Be6 Ke5 45.Bd7 Ba8 46.Kg1 Bd5 47.Kf2 Be6 48.Bb5 Kf4 49.Be2 Bd5 50.Bd3 Bc6 51.Bc2 g4 52.fxg4 fxg4 53.g3+ hxg3+ 54.Kg1 Bf3 55.Bd3 g2 56.Ba6 g3 57.Bc8 Ke3 58.Bh3 Kf4 59.Bf5 Kxf5 ½-½ (59) Sarana,A (2674)-Ragger,M (2577) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.b4 c6 7.Be2 *(7.Bb2 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 a5 10.b5 a4 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.Bd3 cxb5 13.cxb5 Nbd7 14.0-0 e6 15.Rc2 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 a3 17.Ba1 Qd8 18.Nb1 Bf8 19.Bc3 Nb6 20.Qd1 Nc4 21.Ba1 Nb6 22.Nd2 Ne8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Bc3 Qd7 25.Ba5 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Na4 27.Qc2 Nb2 28.Bf1 Nd6 29.Qb3 Nbc4 30.Nxc4 dxc4 31.Bxc4 Qc8 32.Bd3 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Nf5 34.Qc2 Bd6+ 35.g3 Nxg3 36.Qxc1 Ne2+ 37.Kg2 Nxc1 38.Bc4* 1-0 (38) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bb3 a5 10.bxa5 Qxa5 11.Bd2 Qa3 12.0-0 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Rd8 15.Rac1 e6 16.Rc2 Ra7 17.Rfc1 h5 18.e4 Rxd4 19.Be3 Rd3 20.Qe2 Rad7 21.e5 Ne8 22.Ne4 Bxe5 23.Nc5 Rxe3 24.Qxe3 Bd4 25.Qg3 Rd6 26.Nb7 Kg7 27.Nxd6 Nxd6 28.Rd1 e5 29.Rxd4 exd4 30.Qe5+ Kg8 31.Qxd4 Nf5 32.Qf6 Qe7 33.Qxg6+ Ng7 34.Qg3 Nd7 35.Rxc6 Ne5 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Qe3 Qd7 38.Rc5 Ng6 39.Bc2 f5

40.Qe2 Kh6 41.Qxb5 Qd4 42.Rc4 Qa1+ 43.Qb1 Qe5 44.Rc6 Kh7 45.a4 Nf4 46.Qd1 Nge6 47.Rc4 Nd4 48.Bd3 Nxd3 49.Qxd3 Qe1+ 50.Kh2 Qe5+ 51.Qg3 f4 52.Qd3+ Nf5 53.Re4 Qc7 54.Qf3 Kg6 55.Qxf4 Qc6 56.Re5 Ng7 57.Qg3+ Kh6 58.Qe3+ Kh7 59.Qe4+ Qxe4 60.Rxe4 Nf5 61.Re5 Nd4 62.Rxh5+ Kg6 63.Rd5 Nb3 64.a5 Kf6 65.a6 Ke6 66.Rb5 Nd4 67.Rb6+ Kd7 68.a7 1-0 (68) Hansen,E (2609)-Duda, J (2724) chess.com INT 2023]

[6.Qb3 e6 7.Be2 b6 8.0-0 *(8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qa3 Re8 10.b4 Ne4 11.Bb2 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Nd7 13.b5 Nf6 14.0-0 Ne4 15.Bb4 a5 16.Bc3 Bf8 17.Qb2 Bd6 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Qb3 Be6 20.a4 h5 21.Bb2 h4 22.Rc2 Kg7 23.Ne5 Ng5 24.Nc6 Qf6 25.f4 Ne4 26.Bf3 Qf5 27.Qd3 f6 28.h3 Ng3 29.Qxf5 Bxf5 30.Rc3 Nxf1 31.Kxf1 Be4 32.Bg4 f5 33.Be2 g5 34.Ne5 gxf4 35.exf4 Kf6 36.Bf3 Bxf3 37.Rxf3 Rg8 38.Bc3 Rac8 39.Be1 Rh8 40.Rc3 Ke6 41.Rc6 Rcg8 42.Nf3 Kd7 43.Ne5+ Bxe5 44.dxe5 Re8 45.Rf6 d4 46.Rxf5 Ref8 47.e6+ Kd6 48.Rg5 Rxf4+ 49.Ke2 Re4+ 50.Kd2 Kxe6 51.Rg7 Kd6 52.Bf2 Rhe8 53.Kd3 R8e7 54.Rg6+ R7e6 55.Rg7 c5 56.bxc6 Kxc6 57.Bxd4 Rf4 58.Be3 Rxa4 59.Bg5 Ra3+ 60.Kd4 Rg3* 0-1 (60) Zubov,A (2598)-Areshchenko, A (2690) Kyiv UKR 2021*)* 8...Bb7 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.a4 c5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.a5 cxd4 13.exd4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rc8 15.Ba3 Re8 16.axb6 axb6 17.c4 Qc7 18.Rac1 Qf4 19.Qe3 Bh6 20.Rc3 Qxe3 21.fxe3 Nf6 22.Ne5 Nd5 23.Rb3 Nxe3 24.Rxb6 Nxd1 25.Rxb7 Ra8 26.Bxd1 Rxa3 27.Kf1 Rd8 28.Nc6 Rda8 29.Bb3 Ra1+ 30.Ke2 Rb1 31.d5 exd5 32.cxd5 Bf4 33.d6 Re8+ 34.Kf3 Rf1+ 35.Kg4 Bxd6 36.Rd7 Bxh2 37.Nd8 h5+ 38.Kh3 Re3+ 39.Kxh2 Rxb3 0-1 (39) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022]

6...c5

[6...e6 7.Rc1 Ne4 *(7...b6 8.b4 Bb7 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Ba6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Be2 c5 16.bxc5 Rc8 17.Qe4 bxc5 18.f4 Nd7 19.Rc2 Nb6 20.0-0 Re8 21.Qf3 Qd7 22.Rfc1 Qa4 23.Bd1 Qa3 24.Bc3 c4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Be2 c3 27.f5 Red8 28.f6+ Kg8 29.e4 Nd7 30.Rxc3 Qxc1+ 31.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 32.Kg2 Rc6 33.Qd3 Rxf6 34.Qd4 Re6 35.Bc4 Ree8 36.Qxa7 Rxe4 37.Qc7 Rf8 38.Bd5 Rg4+ 39.Kf1 Nf6 40.Bc6 Rc4 41.a4 Ng4 42.Qd6 Rc1+ 43.Kg2 Rc2 44.Bf3 Ne3+ 45.Kh3 Rxf2 46.Bc6 Nf1 47.Bg2 Ne3 48.Bc6 h5 49.Qc5 Ng4 50.Kg3 Rxh2 51.a5 Rd8 52.a6 Ra2 53.a7 Rd3+ 54.Kf4 Rda3 55.a8Q+ Rxa8 56.Bxa8 Rxa8 57.Kg3 Re8 58.Kf4 Kg7 59.Qc3+ Re5 60.Kg3 Kh7 61.Qc7 Rf5 62.Qd6 g5 63.Qa6 Nh6 64.Qd3 h4+ 65.Kh3 Kg6 66.Kg2 g4 67.Qd8 f6 68.Qe8+ Kg7 69.Qd7+ Kg6 70.Qe8+ Kg5 71.Qe3+ Rf4 72.Qe8 h3+ 73.Kh2 Rf2+ 74.Kg1 Rf3 75.Kh2 Rf2+ 76.Kg1 g3 77.Qe3+ Kh5 78.Qd3 Nf5 79.Qb5 Kg5 80.Qd3 Kg6 81.Qb5 Nh4 82.Qe8+ Kg5 83.Qe3+ Kh5 84.Qe8+ Ng6 85.Qb5+ f5 86.Qd3 Nh4 87.Kh1 g2+ 88.Kh2 Nf3+ 89.Kxh3 g1Q 90.Qxf5+ Ng5+ 91.Qxg5+ Qxg5* ½-½ (91) Ponkratov,

P (2635)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022*; 7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 b6 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rfd1 a6 13.a4 Qe7 14.Be1 Rfd8 15.b3 cxd4 16.exd4 Qd6 17.Ng5 h6 18.Nge4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qe7 20.f3 Nf6 21.Bh4 Rd7 22.d5 exd5 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Qxe7 Bxe7 25.Bxe7 Rxe7 26.Bxd5 Bxd5 27.Rxd5 Re3 28.h4 h5 29.b4 Ra3 30.a5 Ra4 31.Rc4 Rb8 32.axb6 Rxb6 33.Rdd4 Kg7* ½-½ (33) Caruana,F (2822)-So,W (2765) Wijk aan Zee NED 2020*)* 8.cxd5 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 exd5 10.b4 Be6 11.Be2 a6 12.a4 Nd7 13.0-0 c6 14.Ne1 a5 15.Rb1 axb4 16.Rxb4 b6 17.Rb2 h5 18.g3 Qe7 19.Ng2 Bh6 20.h4 Qd6 21.Rc1 Rfc8 22.Qd1 Ra5 23.Bf3 Rd8 24.Rcc2 Bf5 25.Re2 Rda8 26.Re1 R8a7 27.Kh2 Qf6 28.Be2 Qd8 29.Kg1 Qf6 30.Bd3 Bg4 31.Be2 Be6 32.Qc2 Ra8 33.Rd1 Qd8 34.Qb3 Rb8 35.Bf3 Nf6 36.Rdb1 Ne8 37.Qd1 Nd6 38.Be2 Rb7 39.Bd3 Raa7 40.Ne2 Nc4 41.Ra2 b5 42.Nef4 Qd6 43.Raa1 b4 44.Nxe6 Qxe6 45.Ra2 Rb6 46.Re2 Na5 47.Bc2 Rc7 48.Ne1 Bf8 49.e4 dxe4 50.Rxe4 Qf6 51.Nf3 Rbb7 52.Kg2 Re7 53.Rxe7 Qxe7 54.Bb3 Qe4 55.Rc1 Bd6 56.Ra1 Re7 57.Ra2 Kg7 58.Rd2 Ra7 59.Re2 Qf5 60.Bc2 Qd5 61.Be4 Qc4 62.Bd3 Qc3 63.Re3 Nc4 64.Bxc4 Qxc4 65.Qa1 Qd5 66.Kg1 Be7 67.Qd1 c5 68.Re5 Qd7 69.Qb3 cxd4 70.a5 Bf6 71.Rc5 Qd8 72.Kg2 Rxa5 73.Qxb4 Rxc5 74.Qxc5 d3 75.Nd2 Qa8+ 76.Kg1 Qa1+ 77.Kg2 Qe1 78.Qe3 Qe2 79.Nf3 Qxe3 80.fxe3 Bc3 81.Kf2 f5 82.Ng5 Kf6 83.Nh3 Ke5 84.Kf3 Be1 85.Nf4 d2 86.Ke2 Kf6 87.Nd5+ Kf7 88.e4 fxe4 89.Nc3 Ke6 90.Nxe4 Kf5 91.Nd6+ Kg4 92.Nf7 Kxg3 93.Ne5 Kxh4 94.Nxg6+ Kg3 0-1 (94) Deac,B (2700)-Duda,J (2724) Warsaw POL 2023]

7.dxc5 Na6 8.cxd5 Nxc5 9.Bc4 Bf5 [9...a6 10.a4 Bf5 *(10...b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.b4 Nce4 13.Rc1 Qd6 14.Qb3 Rfc8 15.Rfd1 Rc7 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qd3 Nxd2 18.Nxd2 Qxb4 19.d6 exd6 20.Bd5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Rf8 23.Ne4 Qa3 24.Rb1 Qxa4 25.g3 b5 26.Nxd6 b4 27.e4 Qa3 28.e5 h5 29.e6 fxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kh7 31.Ne4 Rf5 32.h4 a5 33.Ng5+ Rxg5 34.hxg5 a4 35.Rd1 Qb3 36.Rd2 Qxe6* 0-1 (36) Ter Sahakyan,S (2628)-Zubov,A (2598) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Qe2 Nce4 13.Rfd1 Ng4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.e4 Qc7 17.d6 Qxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.dxe7 Re8 20.exf5 Bd4 21.Bc3 Bxf2+ 22.Kf1 Bb6 23.fxg6 Rf4+ 24.Ke2 Rxe7+ 25.Kd3 hxg6 26.Re1 Rd7+ 27.Kc2 Ne3+ 28.Kb3 f6 29.g3 Rf5 30.Ne4 Kf7 31.Re2 Ba7 32.Rae1 Ng4 33.Nd6+ Rxd6 34.Re7+ Kg8 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.R1e7+ Kh6 37.Rh8+ Kg5 38.h4# 1-0 (38) Nihal,S (2670)-Giri,A (2764) chess.com INT 2022]

[9...Nfe4 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Be2 Qb6 12.h3 Bf5 13.g4 Bd7 14.Rb1 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 a5 16.Nd4 Rad8 17.Rbd1 e5 18.Ndb5 e4 19.d6 Be6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Kh8 22.Rc1 Ne6 23.Qxe4 Ng5 24.Qg2 Bxb2 25.Rc2 Bg7 26.Rd1 Ne6 27.Qd5 Rd7 28.a4 Qd8 29.Qg2 Qh4 30.Rdc1 Ng5 31.Bf1 Ne6 32.Rc8 Rdd8 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Qxb7 h5 35.Rc8 hxg4

36.Rxd8+ Nxd8 37.Qe4 Qf6 38.Qe7 gxh3 39.Qxf6 Bxf6 40.Bxh3 Kg7 41.Bd7 Kf8 42.f4 g5 43.fxg5 Bxg5 44.Kf2 Kg7 45.Kf3 Kf6 46.Ke4 Bh6 47.Kd4 Bg5 48.e4 Bf4 49.Kd5 Kg5 50.Nd4 Kg6 51.Nf3 f6 52.Nd4 Bg5 53.Bf5+ Kg7 54.Nb3 Kf8 55.Nxa5 Bd2 56.Nc4 Kf7 57.a5 Bb4 58.a6 1-0 (58) Ter Sahakyan,S (2609)-Tari, A (2629) chess.com INT 2023]

10.0-0 Rc8 11.Nd4 Bd3 12.Bxd3 Nxd3 13.Qb3 Nc5 14.Qa3 Nxd5 15.Rfd1 Nb6 16.b3 a6 17.Be1 Qc7 18.Rac1 Qe5 19.Qb4 Ncd7 20.Nf3 Qc5 21.Ne2 Qxb4 22.Bxb4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nd5 24.Ba3 N7f6 25.Ng3 b5 26.Kf1 Rd8 27.Nd4 Ng4 28.Nc6 Re8 29.h3 Ne5 30.Nxe5 Bxe5 31.Ne4 b4 32.Rc5 Rd8 33.Bxb4 Nxb4 34.Rxe5 Rd1+ 35.Ke2 Ra1 36.Rxe7 Rxa2+ 37.Kf3 Nd3 38.Ra7 h5 39.g4 h4 40.g5 a5 41.Ra8+ Kg7 42.Nf6 Rxf2+ 43.Ke4 Nc5+ 44.Kd5 Rf5+ 45.Kc6 Rxg5 46.Ne8+ Kh6 47.Nf6 Nxb3 48.e4 Nd4+ 49.Kd6 Nf3 50.Ke7 Rb5 51.Rh8+ Kg5 52.Nd5 Rb7+ 53.Kd6 a4 54.Ra8 Ng1 55.Ra5 f5 56.e5 Nxh3 57.e6 Nf4 58.e7 Rb8 59.Nc7 h3 60.Rxa4 h2 61.Ra1 Kg4 62.Rb1 Rxb1 63.e8Q Rd1+ 0-1 (63) Ter Sahakyan,S (2611)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2725) chess.com INT 2025

5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e3

[6.Bg5

A) 6...0-0 7.e3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.Qe2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.h3 cxd4 16.cxd4 a6 17.a4 Na5 18.e4 Bb3 19.Rd2 Qxa4 20.Bxe7 Re8 21.Bc5 b5 22.Rdb2 Bc4 23.e5 Bxd3 24.Qxd3 Qc4 25.Qa3 Nb7 26.Bb6 Ra8 27.Qa2 Qc6 28.Ba5 Nxa5 29.Qxa5 Bf8 30.Ra2 Qd5 31.Rba1 Rec8 32.Qd2 b4 33.Ra5 Qe4 34.Re1 Qc2 35.Qf4 Qf5 36.Qd2 b3 37.e6 Qf6 38.exf7+ Kg7 39.Rb1 Rab8 40.Qd3 b2 41.Re5 Rc1+ 42.Re1 Rxe1+ 43.Nxe1 Rb5 44.Qe2 Qxd4 45.Nd3 a5 46.g3 a4 47.Nf4 Rb6 48.Ne6+ Rxe6 49.Qxe6 a3 50.Qb3 Qa7 51.h4 Qxf7 52.Qc3+ Kh7 53.Rxb2 axb2 54.Qxb2 Bg7 55.Qe2 Qf5 56.Kg2 Qd5+ 57.Kh2 Bf6 58.Qc2 Kg7 59.Kg1 Bd4 60.Qe2 Qe5 61.Qf3 Qf5 62.Qe2 Kf6 63.Kg2 Qd5+ 64.Kg1 Be5 65.Qa6+ Qe6 66.Qd3 Qd6 67.Qf3+ Kg7 68.Kg2 Bf6 69.Qb7+ Be7 70.Qe4 Qf6 71.Qb7 Kf7 72.Qd5+ Qe6 73.Qf3+ Qf5 74.Qb3+ Kg7 75.Qb7 Qe5 76.Qf3 Bc5 77.Qb7+ Qe7 78.Qd5 Bb6 79.Qc6 Qc7 80.Qd5 Qf7 81.Qd2 Qb7+ 82.Kg1 Kh7 83.Qe2 Bd4 84.Qd3 Qd5 85.Qe2 Kg7 86.Qe7+ Qf7 87.Qe2 h5 88.Kg2 Qd5+ 89.Kg1 Kf6 90.Qd2 Qe4 91.Kh2 Ke5 92.Qa5+ Qd5 93.Qxd5+ Kxd5 94.g4 Ke4 95.gxh5 gxh5 96.f3+ Kf4 97.Kg2 Be3 98.Kh1 Kxf3 99.Kh2 Kg4 100.Kg2 Kxh4 101.Kh1 Kg3 ½-½ (101) Radjabov,T (2765)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 6...c5 7.Rc1 h6 *(7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Qd2 b6 10.e4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.d5 Na6 13.Bc4 Nc5 14.Qe3 Qd7 15.0-0 e6 16.dxe6 Nxe6 17.Rfd1 Qe8 18.Bh4 Nc5 19.e5 Rc8 20.Re1 Qd7 21.h3 Rfe8 22.Bg3 h6 23.Rcd1 Qe7 24.Bb5 Red8 25.h4 Ne4 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Bf4 Qc5*

28.a4 Qxe3 29.Bxe3 Nc3 30.Bf1 Nxa4 31.Ra1 Bc6 32.Nd4 Be8 33.Nb5 Bxb5 34.Bxb5 Nc3 35.Bc4 Bxe5 36.Bxh6 Ne2+ 37.Bxe2 Bxa1 0-1 (37) Van Wely,L (2620)-Cheparinov,I (2667) Tornelo INT 2021 *)* 8.Bd2 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 cxd4 10.Bxd4 0-0 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.e3 Nc6 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Ke2 a6 16.Bc4 Na5 17.Bd3 Bb5 18.Rhd1 Rxd3 19.Rxd3 Rd8 20.Ne5 Kf6 21.a4 Bxd3+ 22.Nxd3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rc5 Rb8 25.f4 Nc4 26.e4 Kg7 27.Rc7 e6 28.b3 Nd6 29.Ke3 Ra8 30.Rd7 Ra6 31.Nc5 Rc6 32.Nxe6+ Kg8 33.Nd8 Ra6 34.g4 Kf8 35.e5 Nc8 36.Nxf7 Ne7 37.Nxh6 Ra3 38.f5 Rxb3+ 39.Kf4 gxf5 40.gxf5 Rh3 41.Kg5 Rxh2 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.f6+ 1-0 (43) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Artemiev,V (2716) lichess.org INT 2020;

C) 6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.e3 Nc6 9.Bb5 *(9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Kf1 0-0 12.h4 Rd8 13.Qb3 h6 14.Bc4 Rf8 15.Bf4 Qh5 16.Be2 Qf5 17.Rc1 Be6 18.Qxb7 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.g4 Qf6 21.Bxh6 Rfb8 22.Qf3 Bb2 23.Rc6 Rd8 24.Kg2 Qe5 25.Bf4 Qd5 26.Rc2 Bg7 27.Qxd5 Bxd5+ 28.Bf3 e5 29.Bxd5 Rxd5 30.Bg3 Ra5 31.Rhc1 Ra4 32.Kh3 f5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Rg1 Kh8 35.Rc7 Bf6 36.Rf7 f4 37.Rxf6 fxg3 38.Rxg3 Kh7 39.Rf7+ Kh6 40.Rf6+* 1-0 (40) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Zubov,A (2598) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 9...0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Rab1 Na5 13.Rfd1 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qe8 16.Nxa7 Rxc3 17.Qb5 Ra3 18.Qb4 Ra4 19.Qxe7 Qxe7 20.Bxe7 Re8 21.Bb4 Nc4 22.Nb5 Nb2 23.Nc7 Rb8 24.a3 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Nb5 Rc8 28.g3 Rc5 29.Rb1 Rac4 30.Kg2 Rc1 31.Rb3 Ra1 32.Nd4 Rc7 33.h4 h5 34.Nf3 Ra2 35.Nd4 Kg7 36.Kf3 Rd7 37.Kg2 Re7 38.Kf3 Rc7 39.Kg2 Rd7 40.Kf3 Rd6 41.Kg2 Rf6 42.Nf3 b6 43.Rc3 Rb2 44.Rd3 Rc6 45.Nd4 Rc5 46.Kf3 Ra5 47.Ne2 Rc5 48.Nf4 Rcc2 49.Rd7 Rxf2+ 50.Ke4 Ra2 51.Ne6+ Kg8 52.Rd8+ Kh7 53.Ng5+ Kg7 54.Rd3 Rf5 55.Rb3 b5 56.Rc3 Rg2 57.Rc7 Rxg3 58.Ne6+ Kg8 59.Rc8+ Kh7 60.Nd4 Rg4+ 61.Kd3 Re5 62.Rc7 Kg8 63.Nc6 Re6 64.Nd8 Rd6+ 0-1 (64) Bernadskiy,V (2599)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) chess.com INT 2021;

D) 6...Nb6 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 *(8.Bf4 0-0 9.Be2 Be6 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Qxd1 12.Rfxd1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Na4 14.Bxh6 Rc8 15.Nd4 Nxc3 16.Bf3 Nxd1 17.Bxb7 Nc3 18.Nxe6 Nd7 19.c6 Nb6 20.Nd4 e5 21.Nf3 f6 22.g4 Rab8 23.g5 Kh7 24.Bxc8 Rxc8 25.Kg2 Nbd5 26.Rc1 Rxc6 27.a3 e4 28.Nd2 f5 29.Bf8 a5 30.Nb1 Kg8 31.Be7 Nxe7 32.Rxc3 Rb6 33.Nd2 Rd6 34.Nb3 f4 35.exf4 Nd5 36.Rc8+ Kf7 37.Nxa5 Nxf4+ 38.Kg3 Ne2+ 39.Kh4 Rd1 40.Nc4 Rd5 41.a4 Nd4 42.a5 Nf3+ 43.Kg4 Rxg5+ 44.Kf4 Rg1 45.a6 Ra1 46.Rc7+ Kf6 47.Rc6+ Ke7 48.Kxe4 Ne1 49.Rxg6 Ra4 50.Kd4 Ra1 51.Rh6 Kf8 52.Rb6 Nf3+ 53.Kc3 Ne1 54.Rb8+ Kg7 55.Rb7+ Kg6 56.a7*

Ra4 57.Nb6 Ra3+ 58.Kb2 Re3 59.fxe3 Nd3+ 60.Kb1 Nc5 61.a8Q Nxb7 62.Qxb7 1-0 (62) Rubichess (3508)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 8...Be6 9.Be2 c5 10.Qc2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.exd4 Bd5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 Kg7 16.Rfe1 f6 17.b3 Qd7 18.f3 Bf7 19.Ne4 Rad8 20.Bf2 Nd5 21.Rc1 Rfe8 22.Red1 Qc7 23.Qb2 Rc8 24.Bc4 Red8 25.Re1 Qb8 26.h4 h5 27.Bg3 Qa8 28.Kh2 a5 29.Nc5 Qa7 30.Bf2 Qb8+ 31.Kh1 Nf4 32.Be3 Nd5 33.Bg1 Ncb4 34.a3 Nc6 35.Ne6+ Bxe6 36.Rxe6 Qf4 37.Re4 Qd6 38.Rce1 Qd7 39.Bh2 Re8 40.g4 hxg4 41.Rxg4 e6 42.Qg2 Qf7 43.Bxd5 exd5 44.Rg1 Ne7 45.Bd6 g5 46.f4 Ng6 47.f5 Re3 48.a4 Rh8 49.fxg6 Qe6 50.Bh2 Re2 51.Qg3 Rh5 52.Qc3 Qf5 53.Qc7+ Kxg6 54.Qg3 Qe6 55.Qd3+ Kf7 56.R1g3 Kg7 57.Qf3 Kg6 58.Rh3 Re4 59.Rxe4 dxe4 60.Qg3 Qf5 61.Bg1 g4 62.Rh2 Qf3+ 63.Qxf3 gxf3 64.Be3 Kf5 65.d5 Ke5 66.Kg1 f5 67.d6 Kxd6 68.Kf2 Ke5 69.Kg3 Rh7 70.Bf4+ Kd4 71.h5 Kc3 72.h6 Kxb3 73.Be3 Kb4 74.Kf4 Kc3 75.Rh3 Kc4 76.Rh4 Kd3 77.Rh5 Kc3 78.Rh1 Kc4 79.Rc1+ Kd3 80.Rd1+ Kc2 81.Rd2+ Kb3 82.Kxf5 Kxa4 83.Rh2 Kb5 84.Kxe4 Kc4 85.Kxf3 a4 86.Rh4+ Kb3 87.Bd4 Rf7+ 88.Ke4 Re7+ 89.Be5 Rf7 90.h7 Rd7 91.Rh2 a3 92.h8Q Ka4 93.Rb2 Rd4+ 94.Kxd4 axb2 1-0 (94) Komododragon (3587)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[6.Na4 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be3 Nxa4 *(8...Bg4 9.Be2 Nxa4 10.Qxa4 c5 11.dxc5 Bxb2 12.Rb1 Bc3+ 13.Kf1 Bc8 14.Bc4 Nc6 15.Ke2 Bg7 16.Rhd1 Qc7 17.h3 Na5 18.Bb5 a6 19.Bd3 Be6 20.Kf1 Rfd8 21.Kg1 h6 22.Be2 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rb1 Nc6 25.Bc4 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 Rd7 27.g3 Qa5 28.Kg2 g5 29.g4 e6 30.a4 Qc3 31.Qxc3 Bxc3 32.h4 f6 33.Kf1 Bb4 34.Ke2 a5 35.Rc1 Kf7 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.e5 Nxe5 38.Nxe5+ fxe5 39.c6 bxc6 40.Rxc6 Kf6 41.Rc8 e4 42.Rc4 Rd3 43.Rxe4 Ra3 44.Bd4+ Kf7 45.Be3 Rxa4 46.Bxg5 Ra2+ 47.Kf3 Bd6 48.Rd4 Bc5 49.Rd7+ Kg6 50.Be3 Bxe3 51.Kxe3 a4 52.Ra7 a3 53.f4 Ra1 54.Kf2 a2 55.Kg2 Kf6 56.Ra6 Kf7 57.g5 Kg7 58.Kh2 Rf1 59.Rxa2 Rxf4 60.Re2 Kg6 61.Rxe6+ Kxg5 62.Re3 Rh4+ 63.Rh3 Rxh3+ 64.Kxh3 ½-½* (64) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 9.Qxa4 c5 10.Rd1 cxd4 *(10...Qb6 11.Rd2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Qa3 Rc8 14.Be2 Qf6 15.0-0 Nc6 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Nb3 Be8 18.f4 e5 19.Rd6 Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.Nc5 Bf8 22.Nxb7 Rab8 23.Bxa6 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Bf1 Qh5 26.Qd3 Bb5 27.Qxb5 Qxd1 28.Rd7 Rc1 29.h4 Rxb7* 0-1 (29) Barbot,P (2454)-Esipenko,A (2695) Belfort FRA 2025*)* 11.Nxd4 Bg4 *(11...Qc7 12.Nb5 Qe5 13.Be2 Nc6 14.Rd2 a6 15.Nc3 Be6 16.0-0 b5 17.Qd1 Rfd8 18.f4 Qc7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Na5 21.b3 Nb7 22.Bf3 Nd6 23.g3 Nf5 24.Bf2 Rac8 25.Qe2 h5 26.Rfd1 Bf6 27.Kg2 Qa5 28.Be4 Nd6 29.Bf3 Rc3 30.Be1 Qb6 31.Rc2 Rxc2 32.Qxc2 Nf5 33.Bf2 Qb8 34.Qe2 Rc8 35.Be4*

Nd6 36.Bb1 Rc3 37.Be1 Rc5 38.f5 Nxf5 39.Bxf5 gxf5 40.Bf2 Rc3 41.Qxh5 Qe5 42.Rd2 Qe4+ 43.Kh3 Rd3 44.Rxd3 Qxd3 45.d6 Qf1# 0-1 (45) Georgiev,K (2537)-Safarli,E (2610) Skopje MKD 2024*; 11...Bd7 12.Bb5 Bxb5 13.Qxb5 Qb6 14.a4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.b3 Rfb8 18.Rd7 b5 19.0-0 bxa4 20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.Rxe7 Bf8 22.Rc7 Rxe4 23.Rxc6 h5 24.g3 Reb4 25.Rc2 Rb2 26.Rfc1 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 Bg7 28.Kg2 Bf6 29.h4 Rb2 30.Rxb2 Bxb2 31.Kf3 Kg7 ½-½ (31) Xiong,J (2709)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020)* 12.f3 Bd7 13.Qa3 a6 14.Be2 e6 15.0-0 Qc7 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Nc5 Bc6 18.Rd2 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.Rfd1 Bc6 21.Qb4 h5 22.Qb6 Qxb6 23.Bxb6 Bh6 24.Rc2 Kf8 25.Kf2 Ke8 26.Be3 Bg7 27.Bd4 Bf8 28.Rdc1 Rd8 29.Bb6 Rd7 30.Rd1 Rxd1 31.Bxd1 Bd6 32.h4 Ke7 33.g3 e5 34.Be2 Rc8 35.Ke3 Bd7 36.Rxc8 Bxc8 37.Bc4 Be6 38.Kd3 Kd7 39.Bxe6+ fxe6 40.Ba5 b5 41.Bc3 Kc6 42.b3 Bc7 43.Bb2 Bd6 44.Bc3 Bc7 45.Bb2 Bd6 46.Bc3 Bc7 47.Bb2 ½-½ (47) Le,Q (2731)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis USA 2023]

[6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxc3 10.bxc3

A) 10...Nc6 11.Be3 *(11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Bh3 13.Bxa8 Qxa8 14.f3 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Bxc3 16.Rb1 Rd8 17.Qb3 Qc8 18.Be3 Bd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Qb8 Qxb8 21.Rxb8+ Kg7 22.Rb7 Ra4 23.Rxe7 Rxa2 24.h4 h5 25.Kf2 a5 26.Ra7 a4 27.Ra6 Kf8 28.Ra7 Kg7 29.Ra6 Kf8 30.Ra7 Kg7* ½-½ (30) Gagunashvili,M (2563)-Chigaev,M (2628) Linares ESP 2024 *)* 11...Na5 12.Qd3 Bd7 *(12...a6 13.Rac1 Qc7 14.c4 Rd8 15.Qe4 h6 16.c5 e5 17.Nb3 Nc6 18.Qh4 g5 19.Qh5 Qd7 20.h4 Qg4 21.Qxg4 Bxg4 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Bxg5 f6 24.Be3 Bxe2 25.Rfe1 Bd3 26.Nd2 Bf8 27.Rc3 Rac8 28.Ne4 Bxe4 29.Bxe4 Nd4 30.Bxb7 Rxc5 31.Rxc5 Bxc5 32.Kf1 a5 33.Rc1 Bb6 34.Be4 Kf7 35.Rb1 Rd6 36.a4 Ke7 37.Kg2 Bc5 38.Rc1 Bb6 39.Rb1 Bc5 40.Rb7+ Rd7 41.Rxd7+ Kxd7 42.Bxd4* ½-½ (42) Martirosyan,H (2633)-Aryan,C (2592) Ciutadella de Menorca ESP 2022*)* 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Be6 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Rfc1 Rd7 17.Rxa7 Rxa7 18.Bxa7 Bxb3 19.Bb6 Rd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bxd1 21.Ba5 b6 22.Bxb6 Bxc3 ½-½ (22) Artemiev,V (2697)-Ponkratov,P (2595) St Petersburg RUS 2023;

B) 10...Nd7 11.Ba3 Nb6 12.Qb3 Qc7 13.Nb5 Qe5 14.f4 Qe3+ 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Qb4 Bc4 17.Nd4 Bd5 18.Bf3 Rfe8 19.Rad1 Rac8 20.Rd3 Bxf3+ 21.Rxf3 Qe4 22.Rde3 Qd5 23.Rxe7 Bf8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Qb5 Qxb5 26.Nxb5 Bxa3 27.Nxa3 Na4 28.Rd3 a6 29.Nc4 Rxe2 30.Ne5 Nc5 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Rc8 Ne6 33.Re8 g5 34.Re7 gxf4 35.Rxf7+ Kg8 36.gxf4 Nxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxe5 38.Rc4 Rb5 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.Kg2 Rb2+ 41.Kg3 Kg6 42.Rc7 b6 43.h4 h5 44.Rc6+ Kf5 45.c4 Ke5 46.c5 bxc5 47.Rxc5+ Ke4 48.Rxh5 Rxa2 49.Rh8 Ra1 50.h5 Kf5 51.h6 Kg6 52.h7 Kg7 53.Ra8 Kxh7 54.Kf4 Kg6 55.Ke3 Kf7

56.Kd4 Rd1+ 57.Kc3 Re1 58.Ra7+ Re7 59.Rxa6 Re6 60.Ra7+ Kf6 61.Ra4 Rc6+ 62.Kd4 Rd6+ 63.Ke4 Re6+ 64.Kf4 Ke7 65.Rd4 Rf6+ 66.Ke5 Re6+ 67.Kf5 Rf6+ 68.Ke5 Re6+ 69.Kd5 Rd6+ 70.Ke4 Rxd4+ 71.Kxd4 ½-½ (71) Yoo,C (2599)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.Qa4+

A) 6...Nc6 7.e4 Nb6 8.Qc2 Bxd4 *(8...e6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.h4 h6 12.e5 Ne7 13.h5 Nf5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Bd3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bc6 17.Bxg6 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Ke2 Rg3 20.Rdg1 Qg5 21.Rxg3 Qxg3 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Be4 Rf8 24.Kd3 c5 25.Ne2 c4+ 26.Kd2 Rf2 27.Rf1 h5 28.Rxf2 Qxf2 29.Bxb7 Bh6 30.Qe4 c3+ 31.bxc3 Nc4+ 32.Kd3 Nb2+ 33.Kd2 Bxe3+* 0-1 (33) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020; *8...0-0 9.d5 Nb4 10.Qb3 a5 11.a3 Na6 12.Bg5 Nc5 13.Qc2 a4 14.Rd1 Bg4 15.Be2 Nb3 16.Be3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qd7 18.h4 e5 19.Nb5 Rac8 20.h5 f5 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.exf5 gxf5 23.d6 cxd6 24.Qd3 Nc4 25.Qxc4+ Rxc4 26.Bxc4+ Rf7 27.Nxd6* 1-0 (27) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020; *8...Bg4 9.d5 Na5 10.Be2 c6 11.0-0 cxd5 12.exd5 0-0 13.Rd1 Rc8 14.Qe4 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nac4 16.Rb1 Qd7 17.Ne4 Nd6 18.Bg5 Nbc4 19.b3 Ne5 20.Qe3 Rfe8 21.Bf4 Qf5 22.Ng3 Qf6 23.Bg5 Nf5 24.Bxf6 Nxe3 25.Bxg7 Nxd1 26.Bxe5 Nc3 27.Bxc3 Rxc3 28.a4 Rd8 29.Bc4 a6 30.h3 Kg7 31.Re1 Kf8 32.a5 Rc2 33.Ne4 Rc8 34.d6 exd6 35.Nxd6 Rc7 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Rb8 Rd7 38.Nxb7 Rdd2 39.Nc5 Rxf2 40.Rb7 Rxg2+ 41.Kf1 Rgf2+ 42.Kg1 Rf5 43.Ne6+ Kh6 44.Nd4 Rc1+ 45.Kg2 Rxa5 46.Rxf7 Ra2+ 47.Kg3 Rg1+ 48.Kf4 Rf2+ 49.Nf3 Rc1 50.Ke3 Rcc2 51.Ke4 Rc3 52.h4 a5 53.Ng5 Rxf7 54.Nxf7+ Kg7 55.Nd6 Rh3 56.Nb7 Rxh4+ 57.Kd3 Rh5 58.Kd4 Rg5 59.Bd5 h5 60.Nxa5 h4 61.Nc4 h3 62.Ba8 h2 63.Ne5 Rg1 64.b4 h1Q 65.Bxh1 Rxh1 66.b5 Rb1 67.Kc5 g5 68.b6 Kf6 69.Nd7+ Kf5 70.Kc6 g4 71.b7 Rxb7 72.Kxb7 g3 73.Nc5 g2 74.Nd3 g1Q* 0-1 (74) Rakhmanov,A (2635)-Puranik,A (2596) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 9.Bb5 Bg7 *(9...Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Bh6 e5 12.0-0-0 Qf6 13.h4 0-0-0 14.Bg5 Qe6 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Rhe1 Bxc3 17.Rxd8+ Kxd8 18.Qxc3 f6 19.b3 Qg4 20.Qc5 Ke8 21.Kb2 Qxg2 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5+ Kf7 24.Qxc7+ Nd7 25.Qf4+ Ke8 26.e5 Nc5 27.Re3 Qd5 28.e6 Qd2+ 29.Ka3 Qc1+ 30.Kb4 Nd3+ 31.Rxd3 Qxf4+* 0-1 (31) Rakhmanov,A (2640)-Deac,B (2679) chess.com INT 2022*)* 10.Bxc6+ *(10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.b3 Qc8 14.Ba3 Bg4 15.Bxe7 Re8 16.Bh4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qh3 18.Bg3 h5 19.Rd3 Nd7 20.Rad1 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.f4 Qg4+ 23.Rg3 Qxf4 24.Ne2 Qh4 25.f4 Bxf4 26.Nxf4 Qxf4 27.Rf1 Qxe4 28.Qf2 Re7 29.Qf6 Rd8* 0-1 (29)

Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Paravyan,D (2597) chess.com INT 2023) 10...bxc6 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Nd2 c5 13.h3 Be6 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Nf3 Qe8 16.Bg5 Rb8 17.Rac1 h6 18.Bh4 Rb7 19.b3 c4 20.b4 Nc8 21.a3 Nd6 22.Nd4 Bd7 23.Qe2 e5 24.Nc2 Be6 25.Ne3 f6 26.f3 a6 27.Ncd5 Qf7 28.Nxc4 Bxd5 29.Nxd6 cxd6 30.Rxd5 Ra8 31.Rxd6 a5 32.b5 g5 33.Bf2 Bf8 34.Ra6 Rd8 35.a4 Bb4 36.Rcc6 Rd2 37.Qc4 Rd1+ 38.Kh2 Rd2 39.Be1 Rb2 40.Qxf7+ Rxf7 41.Bxb4 axb4 42.b6 b3 43.Ra8+ Kg7 44.Ra7 Rxg2+ 45.Kxg2 b2 46.Rcc7 b1Q 47.Rxf7+ Kg6 48.Rfb7 Qc2+ 49.Kf1 Qd1+ 50.Kf2 Qd2+ 51.Kf1 Kh5 52.a5 Qd1+ 53.Kf2 Qd2+ 54.Kf1 Qd1+ 55.Kf2 Qc2+ 56.Ke3 Qc3+ 57.Ke2 Qc2+ 58.Ke3 Qc3+ 59.Ke2 Qc2+ 60.Ke3 ½-½ (60) Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Daneshvar,B (2597) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 6...Bd7 7.Qa3

B1) 7...Bc6 8.h4 *(8.e3 Nd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.Rd1 Re8 12.dxe5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qc8 14.Nd4 Nxe5 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Qb3 Na5 17.Qb4 b6 18.Bb2 Qe6 19.h3 Rad8 20.Qa4 c6 21.Bf1 h5 22.Be2 Bf6 23.Bf1 Bg7 24.Be2 Qe7 25.Bf1 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qc2 Qd6 29.Bc1 Qc5 30.Bd2 Nc4 31.Be1 Nd6 32.Qd3 b5 33.Be2 Be5 34.Bf3 Kg7 35.g3 a5 36.Kg2 a4 37.h4 Bf6 38.Be2 Nc4 39.Bf3 Ne5 40.Qd4 Qe7 41.Qe4 Qe6 42.Qc2 Nxf3 43.Kxf3 Qc4 44.Qe2 Qg4+ 45.Kg2 Qxe2 0-1 (45) Rakhmanov,A (2640)-Artemiev,V (2700) chess.com INT 2021)* 8...a5 9.h5 Na6 10.Qb3 Qd6 11.h6 Bf6 12.e4 a4 13.Qc2 Nxc3 14.bxc3 e5 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rd1 exd4 18.cxd4 Qe7 19.Re1 Re8 20.Ne5 Bb5 21.Bf4 c5 22.Rab1 Ra5 23.Bd2 cxd4 24.Bxa5 Qxe5 25.Bc7 Qg5 26.Qc1 Ba6 27.Bf4 Qg4 28.e5 Be7 29.Bg3 Qe6 0-1 (29) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020;

B2) 7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bg5 Re8 10.e3 Bc6 11.Be2 Nd7 12.0-0 b6 13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Rac1 Nf6 15.h3 Qd6 16.Qb3 e6 17.Bf4 Qe7 18.c4 Red8 19.a4 c5 20.a5 cxd4 21.exd4 Nh5 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Be3 Qc7 24.axb6 Qxb6 25.Qxb6 axb6 26.Ne5 Ng7 27.Ng4 Be7 28.d5 Bc5 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.g4 Ne8 32.Nxe8 Rxe8 33.dxe6 Rxe6 34.Bf1 Bc6 35.Ra1 Rae8 36.Ra5 Re5 37.Bg2 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 R8e6 39.Rd3 Kg7 40.Rf3 h5 41.Kg3 f6 42.Ra7+ Kh6 43.Rd3 Re4 44.Rdd7 hxg4 45.hxg4 Rxc4 46.f4 Rc3+ 47.Kf2 Rc2+ 48.Kf3 Rc3+ 49.Kf2 Rc2+ ½-½ (49) Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Samarkand UZB 2023]

[6.Bd2

A) 6...Nb6 7.Bf4 *(7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 N8d7 9.0-0 c5 10.d5 c4 11.e4 Nc5 12.Qc2 Bg4 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Rad1 Nd3 15.Bxd3 cxd3*

16.Qxd3 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qb6 18.Na4 Qa5 19.b3 Ne5 20.Qe3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rc2 22.Re2 Rfc8 23.Rxc2 Rxc2 24.h3 g5 25.Bb2 h6 26.Bd4 Qc7 27.Nc3 Ng6 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Nb5 Qd7 30.Nd4 Rxa2 31.Nf5+ Kh7 32.Qc3 f6 33.d6 Nf4 34.Qc7 Qxc7 35.dxc7 Rc2 36.Rd7 Nxh3+ 37.Kf1 Nf4 38.Ke1 Ng6 39.Kd1 Rc6 40.Nxe7 Nxe7 41.Rxe7+ Kg6 42.Ke2 a5 43.Kf1 Rc3 44.c8Q Rxc8 45.Rxb7 Rc1+ 46.Kg2 Rc6 47.Rb5 Ra6 48.f4 a4 49.bxa4 Rxa4 50.fxg5 hxg5 51.e5 Rg4+ 52.Kf1 f5 53.Rb6+ Kh5 54.Rf6 Rf4 55.e6 Kg4 56.e7 Re4 57.f3+ Kxf3 58.Rxf5+ Kg4 59.Rf7 Kg3 60.Rf5 g4 61.Rf7 Re5 62.Rg7 Rf5+ 63.Ke2 Re5+ 64.Kd3 Re1 65.Kd4 Kf4 66.Kd5 g3 67.Kd6 Kf3 68.Kd7 g2 69.Rxg2 Rxe7+ 70.Kxe7 Kxg2 ½-½ (70) Hong,A (2539)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) chess.com INT 2024*)* 7...0-0 *(7...c5 8.dxc5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Na4 11.g3 Nd7 12.c6 bxc6 13.Bg2 Nxc3 14.Rd2 Nd5 15.Bh6 f6 16.0-0 N7b6 17.Rc1 Bd7 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.e4 Nb4 20.a3 c5 21.axb4 cxd4 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Rxd4 Kf7 24.h4 Be6 25.Rd1 Rc8 26.Ra1 Rc4 27.b5 Ra4 28.Rxa4 Nxa4 29.Be3 Nc3 30.Bxa7* ½-½ (30) Ding,L (2805)-Mamedyarov,S (2764) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Ne4 Bc4 12.Nc5 Qc8 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 14.Qb3 N6a5 15.Qc2 b6 16.Nd3 c5 17.dxc5 Qf5 18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.Nde5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxf5 gxf5 22.Nxe5 Rd5 23.Nf3 bxc5 24.Rc2 c4 25.Nd2 Rb8 26.Nxc4 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxb2 28.a4 a5 29.g3 e6 30.Rfc1 Rdd2 31.Rf4 Kg7 32.Rc5 Kg6 33.Rxa5 h5 34.h4 f6 35.Ra8 e5 36.Rf3 Rb1+ 37.Kh2 Rdd1 0-1 (37) Narayanan,S (2662)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 6...0-0 7.Rc1 c5 *(7...Nxc3 8.Bxc3 Nd7 9.e3 b6 10.Be2 Bb7 11.b4 Nf6 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Ba1 Qd6 14.Ne5 Rfc8 15.Qa4 a6 16.Nc6 b5 17.Qc2 Bxc6 18.Qxc6 Qxc6 19.Rxc6 a5 20.Bd3 Nf6 21.Bxb5 axb4 22.Bc4 Ne4 23.Rc1 Nd2 24.Ba6 Rcb8 25.R1c2 Rb6 26.Rxb6 cxb6 27.Bb7 Ra7 28.Bc6 Nb1 29.Bd5 Nc3 30.Bb3 Rc7 31.f4 e6 32.g4 Bf6 33.g5 Be7 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.Kf3 h6 36.h4 Rc8 37.Bb2 b5 38.Rc1 Bd8 39.a3 Ba5 40.axb4 Bxb4 41.e4 Ba5 42.d5 exd5 43.exd5 hxg5 44.hxg5 b4 45.d6 Rd8 46.Rd1 Bb6 47.d7 Kf8 48.Rd6 Ba7 49.Bc4 Bc5 50.Rc6 Bd4 51.Rc8 Ke7 52.Bxf7 Kxd7 53.Rc4 Ke7 54.Bxg6 Rd6 55.Rxb4* 1-0 (55) Rapport,R (2760)-Firouzja,A (2754) Stavanger NOR 2021 *)* 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Rxc5 Qxa2 10.e3 Be6 11.Bd3 Na6 12.Ra5 Qxb2 13.0-0 Nb4 14.Be4 Nc6 15.Rc5 Rac8 16.Qe2 Rfd8 17.Rb1 Qa2 18.Qd1 Nxd4 19.exd4 Rxc5 20.dxc5 Bg4 21.Bc2 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Bc3 23.Bxc3 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 f5 25.Rd8+ Kf7 26.Bd3 Qa3 27.Bc4+ e6 28.Rd7+ Ke8 29.Rxb7 Qxc3 30.Bb5+ Kf8 31.c6 Qc1+ ½-½ (31) Korobov,A (2695)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Berlin GER 2022]

6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Ba3 b6 11.e4 Nd7 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rac8 14.Bd1 Rfd8 15.d5 Ne5 16.Qe2 c4 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qf3 Bxh2+ 19.Kf1 Be5 20.g3 b5 21.Rb1 a6 22.Bc2 e6 23.Rbd1 Re8 24.d6 Qd7 25.Bb4 Bg7 26.Qg4 a5 27.Bxa5 Ra8 28.Bb4 Rxa2 29.Bb1 Rb2 30.e5 Ra8 31.Be4 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Raa2 33.Bc5 Bh6 34.Ra1 Bd2 35.Rxa2 Rxa2 36.Rd1 Bxc3 37.Qe3 b4 38.Bd4 Qc6 39.Kg1 Qd5 40.Qg5 h5 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qf6 Kg8 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44.Qf8 Bxd4 45.Qxf7+ Kh6 46.Qf4+ Kh7 47.Qf7+ Kh6 48.Qf4+ g5 49.Qxd4 1-0 (49) Sarana,A (2686)-Kozak,A (2578) chess.com INT 2025

5.Bf4 0-0

[5...c6 6.e3 0-0 *(6...Qa5 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Rc1 Be6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Bxd5 12.Bc4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rd8 14.Ke2 Nd7 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.h4 Kg7 17.f4 h6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.h5 g5 20.fxg5+ hxg5 21.h6 e5 22.dxe5+ Nxe5 23.Bb3 Rh8 24.Bc2 Rad8 25.h7 g4 26.Be4 Ke6 27.Rh5 Rdf8 28.Bf5+ Kf6 29.Rd1 Ke7 30.Rd4* 1-0 (30) Zhao Jun (2591)-Wen Yang (2581) Shaoxing CHN 2023 *)* 7.h3 b6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 e6 10.b4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.Qb3 Qe7 13.Rac1 a5 14.b5 c5 15.d5 a4 16.Qd1 exd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Nf6 20.Qc4 Ne4 21.Rfd1 a3 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.Qxe4 Rfe8 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Qc6 Qe6 26.Qxe6 Rxe6 27.Rc3 Ra5 28.Kf1 Kg7 29.Ke2 Re4 30.Rb1 Rb4 31.Rxb4 cxb4 32.Rb3 Rxb5 33.Kd3 Rd5+ 34.Ke2 Rb5 35.Kd3 Rd5+ 36.Ke2 Rc5 37.Kd2 Rb5 38.Kd3 ½-½ (38) Xiong,J (2709)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) chess.com INT 2020]

6.Rc1

[6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Ne4 8.Rc1 Nxc3 *(8...Nd7 9.cxd5 Qa5 10.Be2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kf1 Nxc5 13.h4 Bf5 14.h5 Rfd8 15.hxg6 Bxg6 16.Ng5 Bf6 17.Bh5 e5 18.Nxh7 Qa6+ 19.Be2 Qd6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Rxc5 Rac8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rh4 Be4 25.d6 Rd8 26.d7 Bf5 27.Rd4 Qe7 28.Bg4 Bg6 29.Qf3 Qc5 30.Qf6 Qa5 31.Kg1 Kh7 32.Bf5* 1-0 (32) Yu Yangyi (2752)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 9.bxc3 Na6 *(9...Qa5 10.cxd5 Qxa2 11.Be5 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Qa3 13.Be2 Nd7 14.Nd3 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Qd4 Qd6 17.0-0 e5 18.dxe6 Qxe6 19.Bf3 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Be6 21.Qb4 Qxb4 22.cxb4 Rfd8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Bxb7 Rd2 25.h3 Rb2 26.Bc8 Bxc8 27.Rxc8+ Kg7 28.Rc4 Ra2 29.Rc5 Ra4 30.Rb5 a6 31.Rb6 h5 32.g3 a5 33.bxa5 Rxa5 34.Kg2 Ra4 35.Rb8 Kf6 36.Re8 Rb4 37.e4 Rb3 38.Ra8 Rc3 39.Ra5 Rb3 40.h4 Rc3 41.Rd5 Ra3 42.f4 Ra2+ 43.Kf3 Ra3+ 44.Kf2 Rb3 45.Rd6+ Ke7 46.Rd2 Kf6 47.Re2 Ra3 48.Re3 Ra2+ 49.Kf3 Ke6 50.Rb3 Kf6 51.g4 hxg4+ 52.Kxg4 Rg2+ 53.Kf3 Rg1 54.Rb6+ Kg7 55.Rb2 Rh1 56.Kg3 Rg1+ 57.Rg2 Re1 58.Kf3 Rh1 59.Kg4 Re1 60.Kf3 Rh1 61.Rg4 Rh3+ 62.Kg2 Re3 63.f5 Kf6 64.fxg6 fxg6 65.Kf2 Rh3 66.Kg2* ½-½ (66) Yu Yangyi (2752)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 10.cxd5 Nxc5 11.Be5 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Bf5 13.Qd4 Rc8 14.Bc4 f6 15.Nc6 bxc6 16.Qxc5 cxd5 17.Qxd5+ Kg7 18.0-0 Qb6 19.Bb3 Rc5 20.Qf3 Rfc8

21.Rfd1 Qc6 22.Qxc6 R8xc6 23.f3 Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Rxc3 25.e4 Bc8 26.Kf2 g5 ½-½ (26) Quesada Perez,L (2535)-Cori,J (2593) Mexico City MEX 2025]

6...Bg4

[6...dxc4 7.e3 c5 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.Nxd4

A) 9...Nbd7 10.Bg3 Nb6 *(10...Nc5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.b4 Nce4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bc7 Qe8 15.Bd5 Ba4 16.Qd3 e5 17.Qxe4 exd4 18.exd4 Qxe4 19.Bxe4 Rae8 20.Bxb7 Re2 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rb8 23.Bd5 Rxe5 24.Rc5 Rb5 25.Rxb5 Bxb5 26.Rd1 Ba4 27.f4 Re2 28.Rd4 Kf8 29.h4 h5 30.Kh2 Rb2 31.Kg3 Ke7 32.Re4+ Kf6 33.Rd4 Ke7 34.Rc4 Bd7 35.Rc7 Kd6 36.Rxa7 Rxb4 37.Bxf7 Bc6 38.Ra6 Kc7 39.Bxg6 Rb2 40.Rxc6+ Kxc6 41.Bxh5 Rxa2 42.Bg6 Kd6 43.h5 Ke6 44.h6 Kf6 45.h7 Kg7 46.Kf3 Ra3+ 47.Kg4 Ra2 48.g3 Ra6 49.Bf5 Ra5 50.Kg5 Rb5 51.g4 Ra5 52.Kh4 Ra4 53.Kg3 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Ra2+ 55.Ke3 Ra3+ 56.Bd3 Rb3 57.g5 Ra3 58.g6 Rb3 59.f5 Rb8 60.Kf4 Rd8 61.Be4 Rc8 62.Kg5 Rc5 63.Kf4 Rc8 64.Bd5 Kf6 65.Bg8* 1-0 (65) Moranda,W (2589)-Areshchenko,A (2627) Poland POL 2023 *)* 11.Be2 Nfd5 12.0-0 e5 13.Ndb5 a6 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Nc7 Nxc7 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.Rxc7 b5 18.Bh4 Rd2 19.Bf3 Rb8 20.Rd1 Rxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Be6 22.Bb3 Bxb3 23.axb3 f6 24.Kf1 Rd8 25.Ke2 g5 26.Bg3 f5 27.f3 e4 28.Ra7 Rd3 29.Ra8+ Kf7 30.Ra7+ Kg8 31.Ra8+ Kf7 32.Ra7+ Kg8 ½-½ (32) Xiong,J (2709)-Aronian,L (2773) lichess.org INT 2020;

B) 9...Bd7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qb3 *(12.Qxd8 Rfxd8 13.Be5* ½-½ (13) Dreev,A (2623)-Svidler,P (2683) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 12...Nd7 13.Rfd1 Rc8 14.Qa3 e6 15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Qxa7 Bxb2 17.Qxb6 Nxb6 18.Nd6 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Bd5 20.e4 Bxc4 0-1 (20) Xiong,J (2709)-Duda,J (2757) chess.com INT 2020]

[6...c5 7.dxc5 dxc4 *(7...Qa5 8.cxd5 Rd8 9.Bd2 Qxc5 10.e4 Ng4 11.Qe2 Bd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nb5 Qxb2 14.Nc7 Na6 15.Nxa8 Nb4 16.Qc4 Nxa2 17.Be2 Nxc1 18.Bxc1 Qf6 19.0-0 Ne5 20.Qc7 Rf8 21.Bb2 Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Qxb2 23.Qxe7 a5 24.Nc7 a4 25.d6 a3 26.Nd5 Kg7 27.e5 a2 28.Qf6+ Kh6 29.g4 Bxg4 30.Bxg4 a1Q 31.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 32.Kg2 Qd4 33.Bf3 Ra8 34.d7 Ra2 35.Qf4+ Qxf4 36.Nxf4 Ra8 37.e6* 1-0 (37) Dreev,A (2590)-Yang Kaiqi (2481) chess.com INT 2025*)* 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.e3 Nbd7 10.c6 Nb6 11.Bc7 Rf8 12.Bxb6 axb6 13.c7 Bd7 14.Ne5 Bc6 15.Bxc4 Rac8 16.0-0 Ne8 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.b4 Rxc7 19.Ne4 Nf6 ½-½ (19) Dreev,A (2677)-Giri,A (2769) Moscow RUS 2019]

7.e3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Ne4 10.cxd5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxd5 12.Rd1 Qe6 13.Rd4 Nxc5 14.Bc4 Qc6 15.Bd5 Qb5 16.a4 Nd3+ 17.Kd2 Qb2+ 18.Kxd3 Na6 19.Rc4 Rad8 20.Be5 e6 21.Qf6 Rxd5+ 22.Ke4 Rxe5+ 23.Kxe5 Qe2 24.Rd4 Nb8 25.Rd6 Qc4 26.Qf4 0-1 (26) Ivanchuk,V (2635)-Rapport,R (2715) Budapest HUN 2024

5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Qxc4

0-0 8.Bf4 Na6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 Nh5 11.Be3 Nb4 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Qb3 a5 14.dxc5 Qc8 15.Bxb5 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Rb8 17.a4 Qg4 18.h3 Qf5 19.Qc4 Rfc8 20.Nbd4 Qe4 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Qc4 Nf4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 24.Kb1 Nc6 25.Qe6 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.g3 Qe4+ 28.Ka1 Rxc5 29.Rhe1 Qb7 30.Nb5 Bf6 31.Rd7 Qf3 32.Qe3 Qf5 33.Red1 Qc2 34.Qa3 Rc4 35.R7d2 Qxa4 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.Rxb8 Qxd1+ 0-1 (37) Predke,A (2657)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019

[53] **5...c5** 6.cxd5 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nxd5 8.Qxd5 Bxd4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bd2 Bd7

[10...Nc6 11.e3 Bg7 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Rac1 f5 16.e4 Ke8 17.Bxd7+ Nxd7 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Be3 a6 20.Bd4 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nd5 Kf7 23.Nxf6 Kxf6 24.Kf1 h5 ½-½ (24) Shankland,S (2710)-Mamedyarov,S (2740) Baku AZE 2022]

11.e3 Bg7 12.Bc4 Nc6 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Rfd1 e6 15.Ne4 Ke7 16.Bb5 b6 17.Bb4+ Nxb4 18.Rxd7+ Kf8 19.Ng5 Rc5 20.Rxf7+ Kg8 21.Rxg7+ Kxg7 22.Nxe6+ Kf6 23.Nxc5 bxc5 24.Rd1 Rb8 25.Bc4 Ke7 26.f4 Nc6 27.b3 Nb4 28.Rd2 a5 29.Kf2 Ra8 30.Bb5 Rb8 31.a4 Rc8 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Rxh7 Rd8 34.Bc4 Nd3+ 35.Bxd3 1-0 (35) Shankland,S (2669)-Ragger,M (2603) chess.com INT 2024

5...c6 6.cxd5 Nxd5

[6...cxd5 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.e3 e6 9.h4 0-0 10.Be2 h6 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe4 Qa5+ 16.Nc3 Be6 17.Qb5 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 Bxc3+ 19.Kf1 Qxb5 20.Bxb5 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Bg7 22.a4 Rfd8 23.Kg2 Rac8 24.Rhc1 Bf6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Kg3 Kg7 27.a5 Rc5 28.a6 bxa6 29.Bxa6 Rh5 30.Kg2 Ra5 31.Bb5 Bxh4 32.e4 Bg5 33.Bxg5 hxg5 34.Be8 Kf8 35.Bc6 Rc5 36.Rb8+ Kg7 37.Bb5 a5 38.Rb6 Kf8 39.Bc6 Ke7 40.Ra6 Kd8 41.Ba4 Kc7 42.Be8 Bc4 43.Ra8 Kb7 44.Rd8 Be6 45.Rd1 Kc7 46.Ba4 Rc3 47.Ra1 Kd6 48.Kg3 Kc5 49.Be8 Kb6 50.Ba4 g4 51.Rb1+ Kc5 52.Rb5+ Kd4 53.Rxa5 Rxf3+ 54.Kg2 Ra3 55.Ra8 Ke5 56.Bc6 Rxa8 57.Bxa8 Kf4 58.Bc6 g5 59.e5 Kxe5 60.Kg3 f5 61.Ba4 Kd4 62.Bb5 Kc3 63.Ba6 Kd2 64.Bb7 Ke1 65.Kg2 f4 66.Bc6 Bc4 67.Bd7 Bd5+ 68.Kg1 g3 0-1 (68) Aditya,M (2572)-Sindarov,J (2658) Doha QAT 2023]

7.e4 Nxc3 8.Qxc3

[8.bxc3 0-0 9.Be3 Nd7 *(9...c5 10.Be2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.Rd1 Bg4 13.d5 Na5 14.Qb4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Rc8 16.0-0 Bc3 17.Qa4 Qd6 18.f4 Qb4 19.Qxb4 Bxb4 20.e5 Rfd8 21.Bxa7 Nc4 22.Rd4 b5 23.Rb1 Bc3 24.Rdd1 b4 25.Bg4 Rc7 26.Be3 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Ra7 28.d6 e6 29.Kg2 Rxa2+ 30.Kg3 Ra3 31.Be2 g5 32.Rd3 Ra2 33.Bh5 Kg7 34.h3 f6 35.Rxc3 bxc3 36.Rb7+ Kh6 37.Bf3 gxf4+ 38.Kxf4 Ra4+ 39.Kg3 Rc4 40.Rf7 c2 41.Rxf6+ Kg7 42.Rxe6 c1Q 43.Re7+ Kh8* 0-1 (43) Indjic,A (2607)-Artemiev,V (2709) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 10.Be2 e5 11.0-0 Qe7 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Rfe1 h6 14.Bh4 exd4 15.cxd4 Qxe4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.Bc4 Qf5 18.Be7 Re8 19.Nh4 1-0 (19) Indjic,A (2641)-Bernadskiy,V

(2612) chess.com INT 2023]
8...0-0 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Be2 Nf6 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.b4 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 Be6 16.0-0 Ng4 17.Nxg4 Bxg4 18.Ra7 Qd7 19.h3 Be6 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Be2 Qc7 22.Qc5 Rd7 23.b5 cxb5 24.Qxb5 Rdd8 25.Rxb7 Qc2 26.d5 Bxh3 27.gxh3 Qxe4 28.Qd3 Qh4 29.Kg2 Rc3 30.Qd2 Rdc8 31.d6 exd6 32.Qxd6 Rxe3 33.fxe3 Qe4+ 34.Bf3 Qxe3 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Rd7 Bf8 37.Bd5 Kh8 38.Rxf7 Bd6 39.Kh1 Qh5 40.Bg2 Be5 41.Rdf1 Rc3 42.Rf8+ Kg7 43.R1f7# 1-0 (43) Firouzja,A (2759)-Dubov,D (2710) lichess.org INT 2021

[54] **6...Na6** 7.e4 c5 8.d5 0-0 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Rd1
[12.h3 Nb4 13.Bg5 Nbxd5 14.Rad1 Nxc3 15.Rxd8 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Rxd8 17.Qe7 Be6 18.Qxb7 h6 19.Be3 Bxa2 20.Qa6 Bd5 21.Bxc5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Nd7 23.Be7 Re8 24.Ba3 Ne5 25.Kg2 Red8 26.f4 Nd3 27.Bd6 Nxb2 28.Rc1 Na4 29.Bc7 Rd4 30.f5 gxf5 31.Kh2 Re8 32.Rg1 Re6 33.Qb5 Rde4 34.Qxf5 Nc3 35.Rg2 Ne2 36.f3 Re3 37.h4 Rg6 38.Rxg6 fxg6 39.Qd5+ Kh7 40.h5 ½-½ (40) Rapport,R (2752)-Krasenkow,M (2610) Berlin GER 2021]
12...Bd7 13.Be3 Qb6 14.Rd2 Rxe3 15.fxe3 Bh6 16.Nd1 Re8 17.Qh4 Kg7 18.Bxa6 Qxa6 19.Qe1 Bf5 20.d6 Bd3 21.Qg3 c4 22.Ne1 Ne4 23.d7 Rd8 24.Qc7 Qb6 25.Qxb6 axb6 26.Rxd3 cxd3 27.Nxd3 Rxd7 28.N3f2 Nxf2 29.Kxf2 Rd2+ 30.Kf3 Bg5 31.Rb1 Bf6 32.Nc3 Bxc3 33.bxc3 Rxa2 34.Rxb6 Ra3 35.Rxb7 Rxc3 ½-½ (35) Giri,A (2762)-Xiong,J (2659) chess.com INT 2024

6...0-0 7.e4
[7.Bf4 Be6 *(7...Bf5 8.e3 c6 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qa3 Nbd7 11.h3 c5 12.Be2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 e5 14.Nxf5 exf4 15.Ne7+ Kh8 16.Ned5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qc5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxf4 Bxb2* ½-½ (19) Pultinevicius,P (2579)-Horvath,D (2542) Skopje MKD 2024*)*
8.Qxc7 Nd5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.e3 Nc6 12.Bb5 Bxf3 13.gxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Ke2 Rd5 16.Bxe5 Rxe5 17.Bd3 Re7 18.Rhd1 Bxb2 19.Rab1 Bc3 20.Bc4 Rc8 21.Bb3 Rcc7 22.Rd8+ Kg7 23.Rbd1 Re5 24.f4 Ree7 25.h4 h5 26.Ra8 Bf6 27.Rdd8 Bxh4 28.Rh8 Rc1 29.Rag8+ Kf6 30.Rh7 Rb1 31.Rf8 Rb2+ 32.Kd3 Rxb3+ 33.axb3 Bxf2 34.e4 Bc5 ½-½ (34) Ivanisevic,I (2544)-Lagarde,M (2600) Germany GER 2025]
7...a6
[7...Be6 8.d5 Bc8 9.Be2 c6 10.0-0 cxd5 11.exd5 Nbd7 *(11...Ne8 12.Bf4 Nd6 13.Qb3 Nd7 14.Qa3 Qb6 15.Be3 Qd8 16.Rfd1 Nb6 17.Bd4 Bg4 18.Qb4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rc8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.b3 Nf5 22.Bg4 Qd6 23.Qxd6 exd6 24.Nb5 Rc5 25.a4 a6 26.Bxf5 axb5 27.Be4 bxa4 28.bxa4 Ra8 29.f3 Nxa4 30.Rdb1 b5 31.Bd3 Ra5 32.Bxb5 Nc3* 0-1 (32) Yilmaz,M (2568)-Chirila,I (2530) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.Rd1 Nb6 13.Qb3 Bg4 14.a4 Nfd7 15.a5 Nc8 16.Qxb7 Nd6 17.Qb4 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Rb8 19.Qa3 Ne5 20.Be2 Qd7 21.Rb1 Nec4 22.Qa2 Rfc8 23.b3 Nxa5 24.Qxa5 Bxc3 25.Qa6 Nf5 26.Bf4 Rb4 27.Bc4 Bd4 28.Rbc1 Bc5 29.Bd2 Rb6 30.Qa4 Qxa4 31.bxa4 Ba3 32.Rc2 Nd4

33.Ra2 Rxc4 34.Rxa3 Rd6 35.Rd3 Rxd5 36.Be3 e5 37.f4 Ne2+ 38.Kf2 Rxd3 39.Rxd3 Nxf4 40.Rd8+ Kg7 41.a5 Ra4 42.Bxa7 Rxa5 43.Be3 Ra2+ 44.Kf3 Nxg2 45.Bc5 Nh4+ 46.Ke4 f6 47.Rd7+ Kh6 48.Bf8+ Kg5 49.Rxh7 Rxh2 50.Be7 Rf2 51.Kd5 Nf5 52.Bd8 Rd2+ 0-1 (52) Yilmaz,M (2574)-Fedoseev,V (2709) chess.com INT 2024]

[7...Nc6

A) 8.h3 e5 *(8...Nd7 9.Be3 Nb6 10.Qc5 a5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.Qa3 e5 13.d5 Nd4 14.Nb5 c5 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Be2 Nf6 17.Rd1 Bd7 18.Bc5 Nxe4 19.Bxf8 Bxf8 20.Qe3 Nc5 21.0-0 Qf6 22.Nc7 Rd8 23.Nd5 Qg7 24.Nb6 e4 25.Nd4 Be8 26.Nxc6 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Bxc6 28.Bc4 Qe5 29.Qd4 Qg5 30.Nd5 Bxd5 31.Bxd5 Nd3 32.Qxe4 Nxb2 33.Rb1 Qf6 34.Bxf7+ 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2882)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019)* 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.e6 fxe6 *(10...Nde5 11.exf7+ Rxf7 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qb3 c6 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Rd1 Be6 16.Qc2 Raf8 17.Be2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.b3 Rxf2 20.Bxf2 Rxf2 21.Kxf2 Qc5+ 22.Ke1 Qe3+ 23.Ne2 Bc3+ 24.Kf1 Qf4+ 25.Kg1 Qe3+ ½-½ (25) Abbasov,N (2635)-Puranik,A (2608) Sharjah UAE 2022)* 11.Be3 Nde5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qa4 Bd7 14.Qc2 Qe7 15.Rd1 c5 16.f4 Qh4+ 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 g5 19.g3 gxf4 20.gxf4 Bc6 21.Kg3 Bh6 22.Rd6 Ng6 23.Rxe6 Bxf4+ 24.Bxf4 Nxf4 25.Re5 b6 26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.h4 Ng6 28.Rg5 Rae8 29.Rd1 Ne5 30.Be2 Re6 31.h5 Nf7 32.Rg4 Nd6 33.Bd3 b5 34.Bc2 Rfe8 35.e5 Nf7 36.Bf5 Rxe5 37.Bd7 Re3+ 38.Kh2 Bxd7 39.Rxd7 Ne5 0-1 (39) Aronian,L (2781)-Giri,A (2776) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 8.Be3 Ng4 9.e5 Nxe3 *(9...Be6 10.Qb5 a6 11.Qc5 a5 12.d5 Nb4 13.dxe6 Nc2+ 14.Ke2 Nxa1 15.h3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 fxe6 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.g4 Rad8 19.Bg2 Nc2 20.Rd1 Nxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Qc8 22.h4 c6 23.h5 Qc7 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Re4 Rd5 26.Nxd5 exd5 27.Rf4 Qxe5 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qxa5 Qxb2+ 30.Qd2 Qxd2+ 31.Kxd2 g5 32.Bf1 e6 33.Bd3 Ke7 34.Bh7 Kd6 35.Bg8 e5 36.e4 Bf6 37.Kd3 Bd8 38.a4 Bb6 39.Bf7 Bf2 40.Bg8 Kc5 41.Bf7 b6 42.Bg8 Bg3 43.Bf7 Bf4 44.Be6 dxe4+ 45.Kxe4 Kb4 46.Bd7 c5 47.Kd3 c4+ 48.Kc2 e4 49.Kd1 c3 50.Bc6 e3 51.Be4 Kxa4 0-1 (51) Indjic,A (2607)-Svidler,P (2714) chess.com INT 2021)* 10.fxe3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 e6 13.h4 Ne7 14.f4 b5 15.Qc5 Nf5 16.Kf2 f6 17.Rd1 b4 18.Qxb4 Rb8 19.Qa3 fxe5 20.dxe5 Qe8 21.Bg2 Bxe5 22.fxe5 Nxh4+ 23.Kg1 Nxg2 24.Ne4 Rd8 25.Rc1 Qb5 26.Qe7 Rd7 27.Nf6+ Rxf6 28.Qxf6 Rf7 29.Qd8+ Rf8 30.Qxc7 Rf7 31.Qd8+ Rf8 32.Qe7 h5 33.Qxe6+ Kg7 34.Rc7+ Kh6 35.Rxh5+ Kxh5 36.Qh3+ 1-0 (36) Nepomniachtchi,I (2767)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Jerusalem ISR 2019;

C) 8.Bf4 Bg4 9.d5 Bxf3 10.dxc6 b5 11.Nxb5 Bxe4 12.Rd1 Bd5 13.Qc5 e6 14.Be2 Ne4 15.Qe3

Qe7 16.0-0 Bxc6 17.Rc1 Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Nd6 19.Bc6 Nf5 20.Qa3 Qxa3 21.bxa3 Rab8 22.Bxc7 Rb2 23.Rc4 Rxa2 24.h3 Nd4 25.Ba4 Ra8 26.Bd6 h5 27.Rc7 Bf8 28.Bxf8 Rxf8 29.Rd1 e5 30.Rxa7 Ne2+ 31.Kh2 Nc3 32.Rdd7 Rxf2 33.Bc6 e4 34.Re7 Rb8 35.Be8 Rbb2 36.Bxf7+ Kg7 37.Bc4+ Kh6 38.Kg3 Rxg2+ 39.Kf4 Rbf2+ 40.Ke5 Kg5 41.Kd4 Rg3 42.Ra6 Rd2+ 43.Kc5 e3 44.a4 e2 45.a5 Rd7 46.Rae6 Rxe7 47.Rxe7 Rxh3 48.a6 Rh1 49.a7 Ra1 50.Kb6 h4 51.Rxe2 Rxa7 52.Rg2+ Kf4 53.Kxa7 g5 54.Be6 Ne4 55.Rg4+ Kf3 56.Rg1 Kf2 57.Ra1 Nd2 58.Kb6 Nf3 59.Kc5 Kg3 60.Kd5 h3 61.Ke4 h2 62.Ke3 Kg2 63.Ra2+ Kg3 64.Ra1 Kg2 65.Bh3+ Kxh3 66.Kxf3 g4+ 67.Kf2 g3+ 68.Kf3 g2 69.Ra8 g1N+ 70.Kf2 Nf3 71.Rh8+ Nh4 72.Rxh4+ Kxh4 73.Kg2 Kg4 74.Kxh2 ½-½ (74) Tin,J (2576)-Puranik,A (2613) Sharjah UAE 2023;

D) 8.Be2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 c6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qxc6 Bd7 14.Qd6 Re8 15.e5

D1) 15...Ng4 16.e6 *(16.Bf4 Nxe5 17.0-0 a6 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.Be3 Qb7 20.Qb3 Rac8 21.a4 Bg4 22.Rfe1 Bxe2 23.Rxe2 Nc4 24.Rd1 Nxb2 25.Qxb2 Rxc3 26.Qb1 Qd7 27.axb5 axb5 28.d6 Bf8 29.Ra2 Bxd6 30.Rad2 Re6 31.Bf4 Rc6 32.Qxb5 Rc1 33.Qf1 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Qe7 35.Bxd6 Rxd6 36.Rxd6 Qxd6 37.g3 h5 38.h4 Qe6 39.Qd3 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Qe6 41.Qd8+* ½-½ (41) Shankland,S (2691)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 16...fxe6 17.h3 Ne5 18.0-0 *(18.dxe6 Bxe6 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.Bxb5 Bc4 21.Bxe8 Nd3+ 22.Kf1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Nxc1+ 24.Kg1 Ne2+ 25.Kh2 Rxe8 26.Rhe1 Bf7 27.c4 Bxc4 28.Rac1 Bb5 29.Rc7 a6 30.Ra7 Re4 31.Rd1 Rd4 32.Rxd4 Nxd4 33.a4 Bxa4 34.Rxa6 Bb3 35.Ra7 Bf7 36.Kg3* ½-½ (36) Yu Yangyi (2763)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2774) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)* 18...Nf7 19.Qa3 exd5 20.Bf3 d4 21.Ne4 Bc6 *(21...Rc8 22.Bf4 Bf5 23.Rfe1 Qb6 24.Rad1 a5 25.b4 axb4 26.Qxb4 Qa6 27.Nc5 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Qb6 29.Nb3 Be6 30.a4 Bc4 31.Nd2 Qf6 32.Bg3 Bf8 33.Qa5 bxa4 34.Qxa4 Qa6 35.Qd7 Rd8 36.Qc7 Bd5 37.Bxd5 Rxd5 38.Re8 Qa5 39.Qe7* 1-0 (39) Tin,J (2562)-Shevchenko,K (2661) Sant Boi ESP 2022 *)* 22.Ng5 Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Qd5 24.Rd1 Nd6 25.Qd3 Rac8 26.a4 b4 27.Be3 Nc4 28.Rab1 Nxe3 29.fxe3 b3 30.exd4 Rc2 31.Rd2 Qc4 32.Qxc4+ Rxc4 33.Rd3 Rxa4 34.Rxb3 Bxd4+ 35.Nxd4 Rxd4 36.Rb7 Rd2 37.Rc1 Rf8 38.b3 Rf7 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Rc7+ Kf6 42.Rxa7 Rb2 43.Rb7 h5 44.h4 Rc2 45.Rb4 Kf5 46.Kh2 Rc3 47.Rb5+ Kg4 48.Rb4+ Kf5 49.g3 Rc2+ 50.Kh3 Kf6 51.Rf4+ Kg7 52.b4 Rb2 53.Rc4 Kh6 54.g4 Rb3+ 55.Kg2 hxg4 56.Rxg4 Kh5

57.Rc4 g5 58.hxg5 Kxg5 59.Kf2 Kf5 60.Ke2 Ke5 61.Kd2 Kd5 62.Rc5+ Kd4 63.Rh5 Rxb4 64.Rh4+ Kc5 65.Rxb4 Kxb4 ½-½ (65) Duda,J (2743)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021;

D2) 15...b4 16.Qxb4 Rxe5 17.0-0 a5 18.Qd4 Nxd5 19.Bh6 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Rc8 21.Bxg7 Rxc3 22.Bxe5 Rc5 23.Bc3 Qc7 24.Rfd1 Rxc3 25.bxc3 Qxc3 26.Rac1 Qe5 27.Bc4 Bb5 28.Re1 Qf5 29.g3 Kg7 30.Bxb5 Qxb5 31.Rc2 Qa4 32.Rec1 g5 33.h3 h5 34.Rc5 Kg6 35.R1c2 f6 36.R5c4 Qd7 37.Kh2 Qd3 38.R4c3 Qd6 39.Rc6 Qd3 40.R6c3 Qd6 41.Rc5 Qd3 42.a4 Qb3 43.R5c4 Qd3 44.h4 gxh4 45.gxh4 Qd6+ 46.Kg2 Qd5+ 47.Kh2 Qd6+ 48.Kg2 Qd5+ 49.Kh2 Qd6+ ½-½ (49) Giri,A (2776)-Duda,J (2738) chess24.com INT 2021]

[7...Bg4 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.Rd1 Nc6 10.Qb3 *(10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.f4 Nb6 13.Qc5 a5 14.Bg2 Nb8 15.h4 N8d7 16.Qg5 Nc4 17.b3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 c5 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.e5 cxd4 21.exd4 Bf8 22.0-0 Nb6 23.a4 Rd7 24.h5 Rad8 25.Nb5 Nc8 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Rc1 b6 28.Bc6 Re7 29.Kf2 Na7 30.Ke3 Nxb5 31.Bxb5 Rb7 32.Rc2 Rbb8 33.Ke4 Kg7 34.Rc7 Ba3 35.Bd7 Kf8 36.Rh1 Kg8 37.Rh2 Bf8 38.Rg2 Kh8 39.Rh2+ Kg8 40.Rg2 Kh8 41.Kd3 Ba3 42.Rg1 Kg8 43.Rg2 Kh8 44.d5 exd5 45.f5 Bc1 46.Rxc1* 1-0 (46) Tin,J (2562)-Van Foreest,J (2690) Sitges ESP 2022*)* 10...e5 11.dxe5 Ncxe5 12.Be2 Be6 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qxa7 Ra8 15.Qb7 Rb8 16.Qa7 Ra8 17.Qb7 Rb8 18.Qa7 Ra8 19.Qb7 Rb8 ½-½ (19) Yilmaz,M (2626)-Grandelius,N (2662) Riga LAT 2021]

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[8.Be2 b5 9.Qb3 c5 *(9...Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 e6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Be7 Nxe5 17.Bd6 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Qc6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Rad1 d4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Re8 24.Rd1 Re2 25.h3 a5 26.b3 Rc2 27.Qe5 Qc8 28.Rd5 h5 29.Qd4 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Qc7+ 31.f4 Kh7 32.Rd8 f6 33.Qxf6 Qg7 34.Qd6* 1-0 (34) Shankland,S (2709)-Maghsoodloo,P (2699) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.dxc5 Be6 *(10...Bb7 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bf4 Bd5 14.Qe3 Nc6 15.Rad1 e6 16.Rd2 Qa5 17.a3 b4 18.Bd6 Rfe8 19.h4 bxa3 20.bxa3 h6 21.h5 g5 22.Nh2 Qa4 23.Bf3 Nd4 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Qd3 Qc4 26.Nf3 Ne2+ 27.Kh2 Re4 28.g3 g4 29.Nh4 Nd4 30.Kg2 Rae8 31.Qb1 Bf6 32.Rc1 Qa4 33.Rxd4 Bxd4 34.Nf5 Qd7 35.Nxd4 Rxd4 36.Bf4 Rc4 37.Qb6 Qe6 38.Rb1 Rc2 39.Kg1 d4 40.Rd1 d3 41.Qd6 Qe2 42.Rf1 d2 43.Qd7 Qxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Re1+ 45.Kg2 d1Q 46.Qc8+ Kg7 47.Bxh6+ Kxh6 48.Qf8+ Kxh5 49.Qxf7+ Kg5 50.Qg7+ Kf5 51.Qf7+ Ke5* 0-1 (51) Niemann,H (2656)-Salem,A (2690) Sharjah UAE 2022*; 10...Nbd7 11.Be3 Ng4 12.c6 Nxe3 13.cxd7 Nxg2+ 14.Kf1 Qxd7 15.Kxg2 Qh3+ 16.Kg1 Be6 17.Ng5 Qh4 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Rf1 Rf4 21.h3 Raf8 22.Rh2 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxe4 24.Qxa6 Rxe2 25.Qxb5 Qe4*

26.Qb4 Qa8 27.c4 Qxa2 28.Qc3+ Kg8 29.Ra1 Rc2 30.Rxa2 Rxc3 31.Re2 Kf7 32.Re4 Rc8 33.Kg2 R8xc4 34.Rxc4 Rxc4 35.Rh1 Kf6 36.Ra1 h5 37.Ra6+ Kf5 38.Ra5+ e5 39.Ra8 Rc6 40.Rf8+ Rf6 41.Ra8 Kf4 42.Ra4+ Kg5 43.Ra5 Rf5 44.Ra6 Rf4 45.Re6 Kf5 46.Re8 e4 47.Re7 Kf6 48.Re8 g5 49.Rh8 h4 50.f3 exf3+ 51.Kf2 Ke7 52.Ra8 Rf5 53.Ra3 Kf6 54.Rxf3 g4 55.hxg4 Rxf3+ 56.Kxf3 Kg5 57.Kg2 Kxg4 58.Kh2 h3 59.Kh1 h2 60.Kg2 h1N ½-½ (60) Navara,D (2707)-Wei,Y (2725) Jerusalem ISR 2019*)* 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Rd1

A) 13...Qa5 14.a3 b4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.Nd4 Nxc5 17.Nxe6 Nxe6 18.0-0 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Bxc3 20.Qxb4 Bxb4 21.Bxa6 Rc2 22.b3 Kg7 23.Bd3 Rb2 24.Bc4 Bc5 25.Rd2 Rxd2 26.Bxd2 Rd8 27.Bc3+ Bd4 28.Bb4 Bc5 29.Ba5 Rb8 30.Re1 Bb4 31.Bxb4 Rxb4 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Rxe6 Rxb3 34.Rxe7+ Kg8 35.h4 h5 36.Kh2 Rb4 37.Kh3 Kf8 38.Rc7 Ra4 39.g3 Rb4 40.Kg2 Rb3 41.Rd7 Ra3 42.Rd4 Kf7 43.Rf4+ Kg7 44.Rf3 Ra5 *(44...Ra2 45.Rc3 Ra6 46.Rc7+ Kf6 47.Rc3 Kg7 48.Rc7+ Kf6 49.Rc3 Kg7* ½-½ (60) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Korobov,A (2688) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 45.Re3 Ra2 46.Kf3 Rb2 47.Re2 Rb4 48.Re4 Rb2 49.Ke3 Kf6 50.Ra4 Rc2 51.Ra6+ Kg7 52.Ra4 Kf6 53.f3 Rc5 54.Ra6+ Kg7 55.Rd6 Ra5 56.Kf4 Rf5+ 57.Ke4 Ra5 58.Rd5 Ra3 59.Kf4 Kh6 60.Rd4 Ra5 61.Ke4 Kg7 62.Rd5 Ra3 63.Rd3 Ra5 64.Rd7+ Kf6 65.Rd6+ Kg7 ½-½ (65) Esipenko,A (2723)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 13...b4 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nxc5 16.0-0 Nce4 17.Qb3 *(17.Qd3 Qd6 18.Qxa6 Qxa6 19.Bxa6 Rc2 20.Ne5 Rxb2 21.Bc4 Nc3 22.d6 exd6 23.Rxd6 Nfe4 24.Nxf7 Nxd6 25.Nxd6+ Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nd6+ Kh8 28.Nf7+ Kg8 29.Nd6+* ½-½ (29) Matlakov,M (2698)-Svidler,P (2723) Moscow RUS 2020*)* 17...Qd6 18.g3 a5 19.Bf4 Qc5 20.Ne5 a4 21.Qxa4 Nxd5 22.Nd7 Nxf4 23.Nxc5 Nxe2+ 24.Kg2 Nxc5 25.Qxb4 e5 26.Qc4 Nd4 27.Rc1 Bh6 28.b4 Bxc1 29.Rxc1 Na4 30.Qxc8 Rxc8 31.Rxc8+ Kg7 32.Ra8 Nb6 33.Rb8 Nd5 34.b5 Nc3 35.b6 Nxa2 36.b7 Nc6 37.Rc8 Nab4 38.Kf3 f5 39.Ke2 e4 40.Kd2 Kf6 41.Kc3 Nd5+ 42.Kc4 Nde7 43.Kc5 Ne5 44.Rc7 N7c6 45.Rxc6+ 1-0 (45) Esipenko, A (2723)-Navara,D (2693) chess.com INT 2022]

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[8...b5 9.Qb3 Nfd7 *(9...Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Bd3 Be6 12.d5 Nd7 13.Bb1 Bf5 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.0-0 e6 17.dxe6 Nc5 18.exf7+ Rxf7 19.Qa3 Ne6 20.Rad1 Qf8 21.Qb3 Re8 22.Nd5 Bg7 23.Rfe1 c5 24.Qa3 Ra7 25.Qa5 c4 26.a4 b4 27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.exf6 Qxf6 29.Qxb4 Rg7 30.Qxc4 Kh8 31.Rd6 Reg8 32.Rexe6 Rxg2+ 33.Kf1 Qxb2 34.Qd4+* 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2863)-Aronian,L (2773) lichess.org INT 2020 *)*

A) 10.Ng5 Nb6 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Rd1 Na5 13.Qc2 Nac4 14.Bc1 f6 15.Nge4 Bf5 16.Be2 Qc8 17.f4

c5 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.g4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Qc6 21.Bf3 Nxe5 22.Qb3+ Nec4 23.Nd6 Qc5 24.Bxa8 exd6 25.Bf3 f5 26.g5 Re8+ 27.Kf1 Kf8 28.Kg2 Ne3+ 29.Bxe3 Rxe3 30.Rd3 Nc4 31.Rxe3 Nxe3+ 32.Kg3 Nc4 33.Qd3 Bxb2 34.Qd5 Qe3 35.Rd1 Bc3 36.Qa8+ Ke7 37.Qb7+ Kd8 38.Qb8+ Kd7 39.Qb7+ Kd8 40.Qb8+ ½-½ (40) Yu Yangyi (2713)-Giri,A (2771) Berlin GER 2022;

B) 10.e6 fxe6 11.Qxe6+ *(11.Ng5 Nb6 12.Nxe6 Bxe6 13.Qxe6+ Kh8 14.Be3 Qd6 15.Qxd6 exd6 16.h4 Nc6 17.0-0-0 b4 18.Ne4 h6 19.d5 Ne7 20.Bxb6 cxb6 21.g3 Nf5 22.Bh3 Nd4 23.Rhe1 b3 24.Kb1 bxa2+ 25.Kxa2 a5 26.f4 a4 27.Rc1 b5 28.Nxd6 b4 29.Rc8 b3+ 30.Kb1 a3 31.bxa3 Rfxc8 32.Bxc8 Nc2 33.Re5 Ra5 34.Be6 Nxa3+ 35.Kb2 Nb5 36.Nf7+ Kh7 37.Kxb3 Bxe5 38.fxe5 Nd4+ 39.Kb4 Ra7 40.Nd8 Ra8 41.Kc4 Rxd8 42.Kxd4 Kg7 43.d6 Kf8 44.Bd5 Ke8 45.Bc6+ Kf7 46.Kd5* 1-0 (46) Yu Yangyi (2709)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020*)*

11...Kh8 12.Qe4 *(12.Qd5 Nb6 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bf4 Ra7 15.0-0-0 Nc6 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Bd3 Bf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Ne5 Nd8 21.Kb1 Ra8 22.Nd3 Rd6 23.Nf4 Ne6 24.d5 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Rd7 26.Rhe1 Bf6 27.Re6 Rad8 28.Rxa6 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Rc6 Rd1+ 31.Rc1 Rd4 32.g3 Re4 33.Be3 e5 34.Rxc7 f4 35.Bb6 Re1+ 36.Kc2 e4 37.Rf7 fxg3 38.hxg3 Bg7 39.Be3 Kg8 40.Rb7* 1-0 (40) Yu Yangyi (2709)-Wei,Y (2732) chess24.com INT 2020*)*

12...Nb6 13.Be3 Bf5 14.Qh4 Nc6 15.g4 e5 16.Ng5 h6 17.gxf5 exd4 18.0-0-0 Qe7 19.Bg2 dxe3 20.Bxc6 Rab8 21.Nf3 Qc5 22.Rhg1 exf2 23.Rxg6 Rbd8 24.Qxh6+ Bxh6+ 25.Rxh6+ Kg7 26.Rg6+ Kh8 27.Rh6+ Kg7 28.Rg6+ Kh8 29.Rh6+ ½-½ (29) Shankland,S (2704)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Berlin GER 2022;

C) 10.Be3 c5 11.e6 c4 12.exf7+ Rxf7 13.Qd1 Nc6 14.Ng5 Rf6 15.Be2 Nb6 16.0-0 Rd6 17.Nge4 Rxd4 18.Bxd4 Nxd4 19.Bg4 b4 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Ne2 Nb5 22.Qc2 Qd3 23.Rac1 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 a5 25.Rd1 a4 26.Rcd2 h6 27.Rd8+ Kf7 28.Rxc8 Nxc8 29.Rd8 Nca7 30.Rb8 Bxb2 31.Nc5 a3 32.Rb7 b3 0-1 (32) Wang,H (2744)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Stavanger NOR 2022]

9.Ng5

[9.e6 fxe6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Nb6 12.Qb3 Nd5 13.h4 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Na5 17.h5 gxh5 18.Kb1 Qd5 19.Bd3 b6 20.Qc2 e5 21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Rxh5 Bg4 23.Be4+ 1-0 (23) Indjic,A (2607)-Maghsoodloo,P (2698) Europe-Echecs INT 2021]

9...Nb6 10.Qc5 h6 11.Nge4 N8d7 12.Qa3 f5 13.Nd2 Nb8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.Ne2 g5 16.Qb3+ Qd5 17.Qd1 Rd8 18.Nc3 Qf7 19.Ne2 Be6 20.Bxg5 hxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.h4 Bxe5 23.d5 0-1 (23) Firouzja,A (2777)-So,W (2753) chess.com INT 2023

6...c6 7.e4 0-0 8.Be2

[8.e5 Nd5 9.Be2 Be6 10.Ng5 Bf5

11.0-0 Nb6 12.Qb4 a5 13.Qb3 h6 14.Nf3 Na6 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Rfc1 Be6 17.Qd1 f5 18.a3 N4d5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bd2 Qd7 21.h4 Nc7 22.Qc2 Bd5 23.Bc4 Ne6 24.Qb3 a4 25.Qa2 Rfd8 26.Bxd5 Qxd5 27.Qxd5 Rxd5 28.Rc4 c5 29.dxc5 Nxc5 30.Bb4 Nd3 31.Bxe7 Nxe5 32.Nxe5 Bxe5 33.Rc2 Re8 34.Bb4 Bf6 35.g3 f4 36.Kg2 fxg3 37.fxg3 Rd3 38.Rf1 Bg7 39.Rf3 Rb3 40.Rxb3 axb3 41.Rd2 Rc8 42.Kf3 Rc2 43.Rd8+ Kf7 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Rd8+ Kh7 46.Rd7 Kg8 47.Rd8+ ½-½ (47) Vidit,S (2723)-Xiong,J (2685) chess.com INT 2022]

8...b5 9.Qb3 e5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Bf4 Be6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Ng5 Ngxe5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bg3 Qb6 16.0-0 a5 17.Rad1 a4 18.Kh1 Qc5 19.f4 b4 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Qxa4 bxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3 24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.axb3 Ra8 26.Rf1 Ra2 27.Rf2 Ra1+ 28.Rf1 Ra2 29.Rf2 Rb2 30.Bc4 Nxc4 0-1 (30) Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Xiong,J (2688) chess.com INT 2022

6...a6 7.Bf4 c6 8.Qb3 0-0 9.e4 b5 10.Be2 Be6 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.Rd1 Nbd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.0-0 e6 16.Bg5 Qb6 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Rfe1 Rfe8 19.g4 Nb6 20.Bg2 Nfd7 21.Ne2 Bf8 22.Bf4 Qa7 23.g5 e5 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.b3 c5 26.Be3 c4 27.Nf4 Bc5 28.Bxc5 Rxc5 29.Qc3 Rcc8 30.Qd4 Qb8 31.bxc4 Rxc4 32.Qe3 Rcc8 33.Nd5 Nxd5 34.exd5 Qd6 35.Qf4 Nc4 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Qxd6 Nxd6 38.Rc1 a5 39.Rc6 Re1+ 40.Bf1 Nf5 41.Rc5 Ra1 42.Rxb5 Rxa2 43.Bd3 Nd6 44.Rb6 Rd2 45.Rxd6 Rxd3 46.Rd8+ Kg7 47.Kg2 h5 48.d6 a4 49.Ra8 Rxd6 ½-½ (49) Firouzja,A (2759)-Sindarov,J (2558) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021

55 **7.Qd3** c5

[7...0-0 8.e4 c5 9.d5 Bg4 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 a6 13.a4 Rc8 14.Qg3 Ne8 15.f4 Nd6 16.e5 Nf5 17.Qf2 Qb6 18.Bg4 e6 19.a5 Qc7 20.Be3 Rfe8 21.Rfd1 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Rcd8 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Ne4 Re7 25.Rd6 Nf8 26.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 27.Nxc5 Rxd6 28.exd6 Rf7 29.d7 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Bf6 31.Rd1 Bd8 32.Bxe6 1-0 (32) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022]

8.dxc5 Qxd3 9.exd3 Nd5 10.d4 Nb4 11.Bb5+ N8c6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Ng5 Nxd4 14.Nxe6 Nxe6 15.Ne4 Nd3 16.Be3 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Bd4 18.c6 Bxe3 19.fxe3 Ne5 20.cxb7+ Kb8 21.Rfc1 f5 22.Nc5 Nxc5 23.Rxc5 Nd7 24.Rc8+ Rxc8 25.bxc8Q+ Kxc8 26.Rc1+ 1-0 (26) Maghsoodloo,P (2699)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022

7.Qb5+ Bd7 8.Qxb7 Nc6 9.Qb3 Rb8 10.Qd1 Bf5 11.Qa4 Qd7 12.a3 Be6 13.Qd1 0-0 14.b4 Bg4 15.e3 e5 16.dxe5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nxe5 18.Qxd7 Nfxd7 19.Ke2 c5 20.Ra2 Nxf3 21.Nd5 Nfe5 22.Bg2 Rfe8 23.Rd1 g5 24.Rc2 cxb4 25.axb4 Nf6 26.Bd2 h6 27.Rc7 Ng6 28.Kf1 Nxd5 29.Bxd5 Re7 30.Rxe7 Nxe7 31.Bf3 Be5 32.h3 Bd6 33.Rb1 a5 34.b5 Bb4 35.Bxb4 Rxb5 36.Bxe7 Rxb1+ 37.Ke2 a4 38.Bc6 Ra1 39.Bf6 Ra2+ 40.Kf3 a3 41.Bd5 Rd2 42.e4 Rd3+ 43.Kg4 Rd2 44.Kf3 Rd3+ 45.Kg4 Rd2 ½-½ (45) Yilmaz,M (2624)-Adhiban,B (2672) Sharjah UAE 2021

56 **8.Qb3** c5 9.dxc5

[9.d5 b5 10.Nxb5 Na6 11.Nc3 Rb8 12.Qd1 Qa5 13.Qd2 Nb4 14.e4 Ba4 15.b3 Bxb3 16.Rb1 Bc2 17.Rb3 Bxb3 18.axb3 Nd7 19.Bb2 0-0 20.Be2 Na2 21.Na4 Qxa4 22.Bxg7 Rxb3 23.Bxf8 Rb1+ 24.Bd1 Qxe4+ 25.Kf1 Nc3 26.Qxc3 Rxd1+ 27.Ne1 Nxf8 28.h4 Qxd5 29.Rh3 Ne6 30.Re3 Rd4 31.Nf3 Qc4+ 32.Qxc4 Rxc4 33.Ra3 Nd4 34.Nxd4 cxd4 35.Rxa7 d3 36.Ke1 Re4+ 37.Kd2 Re2+ 38.Kxd3 Rxf2 0-1 (38) Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021]
9...0-0 10.e4 Bc6 11.Qc4 Na6 12.Be2 Qa5 13.0-0 Qxc5 14.Qxc5 Nxc5 15.Ne5 Bxe4 16.Be3 Rac8 17.Rac1 Nd5 18.Nxe4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Nxe4 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Nxf7 Bxb2 22.Bg4 Rc1 23.Nd8 b6 24.Ne6 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Nc3 26.Nd4 Kf7 27.Be6+ Kf6 28.Bb3 Ne4 29.Ke2 Bxd4 30.exd4 Nd6 31.Kd3 e5 32.Bg8 h6 33.a4 g5 34.g4 a6 35.Bd5 a5 36.h3 Ne8 37.Bc6 Nd6 38.Bd7 Ke7 39.Bc6 Ke6 40.Ke3 Kf6 41.Kd3 Ke6 42.Ke3 Nc4+ 43.Kd3 Nd6 ½-½ (43) Yoo,C (2588)-Ragger,M (2585) chess.com INT 2025

57 **8...c5** 9.dxc5 Bc6 10.e3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 0-0 12.Bg2 Nd5 13.0-0 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qd3 15.Qb3 Na6 16.Ba3 Rac8 17.Rfd1 Qxc3 18.Rac1 Qa5 19.c6 bxc6 20.Bxe7 Rfe8 21.Bd6 Be5 22.f4 Bxd6 23.Rxd6 Rb8 24.Qc4 Nb4 25.Rd7 Qxa2 26.Qxa2 Nxa2 27.Ra1 Nb4 28.Raxa7 Rf8 29.Bf1 Rbd8 30.Rdb7 Nd5 31.Bc4 Rd6 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Kf3 Rf6 34.Bxd5 cxd5 35.Rd7 g5 36.Rxd5 gxf4 37.e4 Re8 38.h4 h6 39.Raa5 Rfe6 40.e5 f6 41.Rd7+ Kg6 42.exf6 Kxf6 43.h5 Re5 44.Ra6+ Kg5 45.Rdd6 Rh8 46.Rg6+ Kxh5 47.Kxf4 Rg5 48.Rgf6 Rg4+ 49.Kf3 Rg5 50.Rae6 Ra5 51.Kg3 Rg8+ 52.Kh3 Rh8 53.f3 Rb5 54.Re4 Kg5 55.Ree6 Rf5 56.Rg6+ Kf4 57.Kg2 Rg5+ 58.Rxg5 hxg5 59.Re4+ ½-½ (59) Shankland,S (2691)-Tari,A (2618) chess24.com INT 2020

58 **9.Bg5** Qd6 10.Qb3 Ne4 11.e3 Nxg5 12.Nxg5 e6 13.Bc4 Nd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rac1 Qe7 16.Nge4 Nb6 17.Be2 a5 18.a3 a4 19.Qa2 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 c6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 c5 23.dxc5 Qxc5 24.Qb1 Qa5 25.g3 Nd5 26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.b4 axb3 28.Qxb3 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Qxa3 30.Qxb7 Rf8 31.Rd7 Qb2 32.Qf3 Qf6 33.Qe4 Qe5 34.Qc4 Bf6 35.Kg2 Rd8 36.Rxd8+ Bxd8 37.Bf3 Bf6 38.h4 h5 39.Qe4 Qxe4 40.Bxe4 Kg7 ½-½ (40) Yu Yangyi (2717)-Svidler,P (2698) London ENG 2024

59 **9...Bxf3** 10.gxf3 Nbd7 11.f4 0-0 12.Bg2 c6 13.0-0 e6 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.Bd2 Rfd8 16.Be1 Bf8 17.Qa4 Nd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.b4 a6 20.Qc2 Nf6 21.a4 Re8 22.Rab1 Rac8 23.Qb3 Qd8 24.Bh3 Ne4 25.b5 axb5 26.axb5 c5 27.dxc5 Rxc5 28.Bg2 Qd7 29.Qd3 Qe6 30.b6 Rec8 31.Rb5 Rxb5 32.Qxb5 Nf6 33.Qa5 Rc6 34.Bc3 Rxb6 35.Bd4 Ra6 36.Qc7 Ne4 37.Qxb7 Ra2 38.Qb3 Qg4 39.h3 Qe2 40.Rf1 Nxf2 41.Qxd5 Nxh3+ 42.Kh2 Nf2 43.Qf3 Qxf3 44.Bxf3 Ne4+ 45.Kh3 Rf2 46.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 47.Kg3 Nd3 48.Be2 Nb4 49.e4 Nc6 50.Bb6 Be7 51.Bb5 Nd8 52.f5 gxf5 53.exf5 f6 54.Bc4+ Kg7 55.Bd5 Nf7 56.Be3 Bd6+ 57.Kh4 Be5 58.Kh5 h6 59.Bxf7 Kxf7 60.Bxh6 Bd6 61.Be3 Bf8 62.Bh6 Bd6 63.Be3 Bf8 64.Bh6 Bd6

½-½ (64) Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021

60 **11.0-0** e6 12.Rd1 a6 [12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bd2 a5 15.Rac1 c6 16.Be1 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Re8 18.g3 *(18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Qc2 Nf6 20.g3 h5 21.h3 Bf8 22.a3 a4 23.Bg2 Bg7 24.e4 h4 25.g4 Bh6 26.Rb1 Nh7 27.d5 Bf4 28.dxc6 bxc6 29.Rd4 Red8 30.Rxa4 Rxa4 31.Qxa4 Bd2 32.Qd1 Qf4 33.Qf3 Qc7 34.Bxd2 Rxd2 35.Qe3 Qd8 36.e5 Ng5 37.Qf4 Re2 38.Rc1 Rxb2 39.a4 Ra2 40.Kh2 Qd2 41.Qxd2 Rxd2 42.Kg1 Rd3 43.Ra1 Nxh3+ 44.Bxh3 Rxh3 45.a5 Rb3 46.a6 Rb8 47.g5 c5 48.Kg2 c4 49.Kh3 c3 50.Kxh4 c2 51.Rc1 Rb2 52.Kg4 Ra2 53.f4 Kf8 54.a7 Rxa7 55.Rxc2 Ke7 56.Rc1 Kd7 57.Rc2 Ra1 58.Rc3 Rg1+ 59.Kf3 Rf1+ 60.Kg4 Rd1 61.Kf3 Rd4 62.Kg4 Ra4 63.Rd3+ Kc6 64.Rd6+ Kc7 65.Rd3 Ra7 66.Rd2 Kc6 67.Rd3 Rd7 68.Rc3+ Kb5 69.Rc8 Kb6 70.Rc1 Kb5 71.Rc2 Kb4 72.Rc1 Kb5 73.Rc2 Kb6 74.Rc1 Rc7 75.Rd1 Rb7 76.Rd2 Kc5 77.Rd1 Kc6 78.Rd2 Rb1 79.Rd3 Rg1+ 80.Kf3 Rf1+ 81.Kg4 Rf2 82.Kg3 Ra2 83.Kg4 Ra1 84.Rd6+ Kc7 85.Rd2 Rh1 86.Kg3 Kc6 87.Kg4 Kc5 88.Rd7 Rh7 89.Kg3 Kb4 90.Kg4 Kb5 91.Kg3 Kc6 92.Rd6+ Kc7 93.Rd4 Rh8 94.Rd3 Rd8 95.Ra3 Rd7 96.Kg4 Kc6 97.Rc3+ Kd5 98.Rd3+ Kc6 99.Rc3+ ½-½ (99) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com INT 2022)* 18...h5 19.Bg2 Qb6 20.h3 a4 21.Rc2 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nd5 23.Qc4 Red8 24.a3 Rd7 25.Qe2 Rad8 26.Rc4 Ra8 27.Qc2 Qa7 28.Rc5 Qb6 29.Rc1 Bf8 30.Rc4 Qa6 31.Bf3 Nb6 32.Rc3 Nd5 33.Rd3 Bg7 34.Kg2 e5 35.e4 Ne7 36.Be2 Rad8 37.d5 Qa7 38.dxc6 Rxd3 39.Bxd3 Nxc6 40.Bb5 Bh6 41.Rd1 Nd4 42.Qxa4 Qxa4 43.Bxa4 Ra8 44.Bd7 b5 45.h4 f5 46.exf5 gxf5 47.Bc3 Ra7 48.Be8 Bg7 49.Bxd4 exd4 50.Bxb5 f4 51.a4 fxg3 52.fxg3 Be5 53.b4 Kf7 54.a5 Ke6 55.a6 Kd5 56.Be2 Rg7 57.Rd3 Bd6 58.b5 Kc5 59.Ra3 Kb6 60.a7 Rxa7 61.Rxa7 Kxa7 62.Bxh5 Kb6 63.Be2 Kc5 64.Kf3 Kd5 65.g4 Bc7 66.Bd3 Ke5 67.g5 Ba5 68.Kg4 Be1 69.h5 1-0 (69) Esipenko,A (2723)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022] 13.Bd2 Re8 14.Be1 Bf8 15.Qb3 b5 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.f4 c5 19.Bh4 Qc7 20.Rac1 cxd4 21.exd4 b4 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Ne4 Qe7 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.Qd2 ½-½ (25) Maghsoodloo,P (2680)-Amin,B (2654) Djerba TUN 2025

61 **5...c5** 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.Nb3 [9.e3 Qxb2 10.Rc1 0-0 11.Be2 Qb6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne4 Bxd4 14.exd4 Bf5 15.Nc5 Rd8 16.Bf3 Na6 17.Re1 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Qf6 19.Qb3 Rab8 20.Qa3 a6 21.c6 bxc6 22.dxc6 Rbc8 23.Qxe7 Qb2 24.c7 Rd2 25.Qe3 Rd3 26.Qe5 Qb6 27.h4 h5 28.Rc6 Qb4 29.Qe7 Qf4 30.Qg5 Qb4 31.Rec1 Qb2 32.Bxh5 Kg7 33.Bf3 Rd2 34.h5 Rxf2 35.hxg6 Rxf3 36.gxf7+ Kxf7 37.Qh5+ Ke7 38.Qxf3 1-0 (38) Sarana,A (2688)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Samarkand

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9...a5

[9...Bf5 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Rd1 Rd8 12.e3 Nc6 13.Be2 Nb4 14.e4 Nxa2 15.Nxa2 Qxb3 16.Nc1 Qxb2 17.Qxb2 Bxb2 18.exf5 Bc3+ 19.Kf1 gxf5 20.g3 a5 21.Kg2 a4 22.Na2 Bb2 23.Bf3 Rd6 24.Rhe1 Kf8 25.Re2 a3 26.Rc2 b5 27.Rd3 Kg7 28.Rb3 Ra5 29.Rc5 Rb6 30.Be2 Ra4 31.Rb4 Rxb4 32.Nxb4 Ra6 33.Na2 Ra4 34.Rxb5 Rd4 35.Kf3 Kf6 36.Ke3 Re4+ 37.Kd3 Rd4+ 38.Kc2 f4 39.Bf3 fxg3 40.hxg3 Rc4+ 41.Kd3 Rd4+ 42.Ke3 Rc4 43.Be4 Ke5 44.f4+ Kf6 45.Rb4 Rxb4 46.Nxb4 h5 47.Bb1 Bc3 48.Nc2 Bb2 49.Ke4 Bc1 50.Ba2 Bb2 51.Ne3 Bc1 52.Nc4 Kg6 53.Ne5+ Kf6 54.d6 exd6 55.Nxf7 h4 56.gxh4 Kg6 57.Nxd6 Kh5 58.Nf5 Kg4 59.Ne3+ Kxh4 60.f5 Kg5 61.Nd5 Bb2 62.Nb6 Kf6 63.Nc4 Bc1 64.Bb1 Kf7 65.Ke5 Ke7 66.f6+ Kf8 67.Kf5 Kg8 68.Ne5 Bb2 69.Ba2+ 1-0 (69) Bluebaum,M (2642)-Gledura,B (2652) chess.com INT 2022]

10.e3 a4 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.exd4 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Ra5 16.Rc1

[16.Nc3 Na6 17.Kd2 Kd7 18.b4 Nxb4 19.Rab1 Nxd5 20.Rxb7+ Nc7 21.Rhb1 Rc8 22.Nb5 a3 23.Na7 Rxa7 24.Rxa7 Kc6 25.Rxa3 Rd8 26.Rc3+ 1-0 (26) Sarana,A (2685)-Shevchenko,K (2694) Baku AZE 2023]

16...0-0 17.Nc7 Na6 18.Kd2 Nxc7 19.Rxc7 Rxd5 20.Kc3 e5 21.dxe5 Rxe5 22.Rd1 b5 23.Rd2 Re4 24.b4 axb3 25.Kxb3 Ra8 26.Rb7 Rea4 27.Rdd7 Ra3+ 28.Kb4 R3a4+ 29.Kb3 Ra3+ 30.Kb4 R3a4+ 31.Kb3 Ra3+ 32.Kb4 ½-½ (32) Duda,J (2739)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2722) Warsaw POL 2025

5...dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bxc4 Nxe4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qd5+ Be6 11.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qxa1+ 14.Ke2 Qxa2 15.Ng5+ Ke8 16.Nxe6 Nc6 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rb1 Ke8 20.Ke1 Rd8 21.Bc3 Rd7 22.h4 Kd8 23.Kf1 Kc8 24.Kg1 Qd5 25.Qe3 Qd3 26.Qe1 Qc4 27.Rc1 Qxh4 28.Qe6 Qf4 29.Rd1 Qf5 30.Qg8+ Kc7 31.Rxd7+ Qxd7 32.Qxh7 Qd3 33.Qh2+ Kd7 34.Qh8 a5 35.Qg7 a4 36.g4 a3 37.Kg2 a2 38.f3 Qe3 39.Ba1 Qxc5 40.Qxg6 Qc4 41.Qf5+ Kc7 42.g5 Qe2+ 43.Kg3 Qe1+ 44.Kg4 Qxa1 45.g6 Qg1+ 46.Kh5 a1Q 0-1 (46) Dvirnyy,D (2491)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2770) chess.com INT 2024

[62] **6.cxd5** Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Qd2

[8.Nf3 exd5 9.e3 a5 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 Qd6 13.Rb1 Nd7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 b5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Qe7 18.Qc2 Nb6 19.Qxc6 Bb7 20.Qxb6 Bxe4 21.Rbd1 Qxb4 22.Qxb5 Rab8 23.Qxb4 Rxb4 24.Ng5 Bc2 25.Rd2 Bf5 26.Nf3 Rd8 27.Rfd1 Be4 28.h3 Bf6 29.Ne5 Bg5 30.Ra2 Rbxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Nf3 Bxf3 33.Bxf3 Rd7 34.g3 h5 35.h4 Bf6 36.Re2 Kg7 37.Kg2 Re7 38.Rxe7 Bxe7 39.Bd5 f5 40.f4 Kf6 41.Kf3 Bd6 42.Bc4 Be7 43.Bd5 Bd6 44.Bc4 Be7 45.Bd5 ½-½ (45) Hakobyan,A (2601)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022]

8...h6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.e3 c6 11.Bd3 Qd6 12.h3 0-0 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rac1 Re8 15.Ne2 a5 16.Nf4 Nf6 17.Bb1 g5

18.Nd3 g4 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Nf4 Bd7 21.Qc2 f5 22.g3 Re7 23.Qd2 Nf6 24.Kg2 Ne4 25.Qd1 Rf8 26.Nd3 Be8 27.Nfe5 Nf6 28.Rh1 Ne4 29.Qe2 b6 30.Nf3 c5 31.dxc5 bxc5 32.Nf4 d4 33.Rhd1 Bc6 34.exd4 Kh8 35.d5 Bd7 36.Qc2 a4 37.Rh1 Kg8 38.Rce1 Rb8 39.b3 axb3 40.axb3 Rbe8 41.Ne6 Bxe6 42.dxe6 Qxe6 43.Qc4 Qxc4 44.bxc4 Nd6 45.Bd3 Rxe1 46.Rxe1 Rxe1 47.Nxe1 Kf7 48.f4 ½-½ (48) Riazantsev,A (2634)-Sarana,A (2649) Sochi RUS 2021

63 **6...Nxc3** 7.bxc3 dxc4

[7...c6 8.e3 0-0

A) 9.Be2 Bg4 *(9...Qa5 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.c4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nb6 15.Bb3 Bf5 16.Rhc1 Be4 17.Bc7 e6 18.Bxb6 axb6 19.Ke2 Bc6 20.g3 Rfd8 21.Nd2 e5 22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Rab1 Bf6 24.Rc2 b5 25.Rbc1 Rd6 26.f3 b4 27.Ne4 Bxe4 28.fxe4 Bc3 29.e5 Rc6 30.Rf1 Rc7 31.e6 fxe6 32.Rf6 Re8 33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Bxe6+ Kg7 35.Rc1 Be5 36.Rxc7+ Bxc7 37.Bb3 Kf6 38.Kf3 Ke5 39.h3 b6 40.g4 g5 41.Bc2 h6* ½-½ (41) Aronian,L (2781)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Rb1 b6 12.Qa4 Qc8 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Ba6 Qxc3 15.Rfc1 Qa5 16.Qxa5 bxa5 17.Bb7 Rae8 18.Bxd5 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Rc7 Bf5 21.Rb5 Rc8 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxf7+ Kg7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.g4 Be4 26.Bd5 1-0 (26) Dubov,D (2711)-Bacrot,E (2638) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 9.Qb3

B1) 9...b6 10.a4 *(10.Be2 Ba6 11.a4 e6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Rfc1 Qe7 14.Bf1 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.a5 Rac8 20.Qa6 Bc7 21.Kf1 bxa5 22.Qxa7 Ra8 23.Qd4 Qe6 24.Qc5 Qe4 25.Qd4 Qe6 26.Qc5 Qe4 27.Qd4 Qe6* ½-½ (27) Aronian,L (2752)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Zagreb CRO 2019 *)* 10...Bg4 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Qxc4 Be6 13.Qd3 c5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Rfd1 Bb3 16.Rdb1 Na5 17.Nd2 Bd5 18.Bg3 Rc8 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.h4 Rfd8 21.h5 Be6 22.Bf3 Bg4 23.Qe2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Nb3 25.Be5 Nxc1 26.Rxc1 cxd4 27.exd4 Bh6 28.Rc2 gxh5 29.Bg3 Bg7 30.Ne5 Qf5 31.Kh2 Rxd4 32.Nf3 Rxa4 33.Rd2 Bf6 34.Qd1 Rg4 35.Nd4 Qg6 36.Qf3 h4 37.Bf4 e5 38.Bxe5 Bxe5+ 0-1 (38) Melkumyan,H (2655)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 9...Qa5 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd7 12.Bg5 b5 13.Be2 Re8 14.0-0 Nb6 15.e4 Be6 16.Qc2 c5 17.d5 Bg4 18.Bd2 e6 19.Rab1 c4 20.dxe6 Rxe6 21.Nd4 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 a6 23.Nd4 Ree8 24.Rfe1 Na4 25.Nc6 Qc7 26.Nb4 Nc5 27.Nd5 Qc6 28.Bg5 Nxe4 29.Ne7+ Rxe7 30.Bxe7 Nxc3 31.Rbc1 a5 32.Bg5 b4 33.Bd2 Rd8 34.h4 Rd3 35.h5 gxh5 36.Bxc3 Bxc3 37.Qe2 Qd5 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Re3 h6 40.Qe4 Qxe4 41.Rxe4 b3 42.Rxc4 bxa2 43.Ra4 a1Q 44.Rcxa1 Bxa1 45.Rxa1 Rd5

46.Ra4 Kf6 47.Kf1 Ke6 48.Ke2 Rf5 49.f3 Kd6 50.Rc4 Rc5 51.Rf4 Re5+ 52.Kd3 Ke6 53.Ra4 Kf6 54.Rf4+ Kg6 55.Ra4 Rg5 56.Ra2 Re5 57.Ra4 f6 58.g3 Rg5 59.Ke3 Rxg3 60.Rxa5 h4 61.Ra8 Kh5 62.Kf2 Rg6 63.Ra5+ Rg5 64.Ra3 h3 65.f4 Rg2+ 0-1 (65) Keymer,V (2696)-Carlsen,M (2859) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023]

[7...c5 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 *(9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Rb1 b6 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Bd5 Bf5 16.e4 Rad8 17.Rc1 Bg4 18.Ne5 Bc8 19.Be3 e6 20.Bb3 Ba6 21.f3 Nxb3 22.axb3 f5 23.Rc7 f4 24.Bd2 Bb5 25.Bc3 Bxe5 26.dxe5 a5 27.h4 Rf7 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Bd2 Rd3 30.Bxf4 Rxb3 31.Kd2 a4 32.Rc1 a3 33.Rc7+ Ke8 34.Ra7 Bc4 35.Bh6 b5 36.Ra8+ Kf7 37.Ra7+ Ke8 38.Ra8+ Kf7 39.Ra7+ Ke8* ½-½ (39) Svidler,P (2694)-Antipov,M (2619) Riga LAT 2021*)* 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Na5 12.Be2 Be6 13.h3 Rc8 14.e4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bc4 16.Rc1 b5 17.Qd2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nc4 19.d5 Qa5 20.h4 Rfe8 21.h5 Qb6 22.h6 Bh8 23.e5 Rcd8 24.Rfd1 Qc5 25.e6 f5 26.d6 Bf6 27.d7 Rf8 28.a4 a6 29.Ng5 Qc6 30.Qf3 Qb6 31.axb5 axb5 32.Qd5 Ra8 33.Nf7 1-0 (33) Sadhwani,R (2659)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2024]

8.e3

[8.e4 b5 9.a4 c6 10.h4 Bg4 11.h5 Bxh5 12.Rxh5 gxh5 13.e5 Qd5 14.Qe2 b4 15.cxb4 Na6 16.Bd2 Rb8 17.b5 cxb5 18.axb5 c3 19.Bxc3 Nc7 20.Ra5 Qb3 21.Qd3 Bh6 22.Nd2 Qe6 23.Rxa7 Qb6 24.Ra3 Qg6 25.Ba5 Ne6 26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.d5 Nf4 28.Bc7 0-0 29.d6 exd6 30.Bxd6 Rfc8 31.Kd1 Bf8 32.Ra7 Rb6 33.Bc7 Bc5 34.Bxb6 Bxb6 35.Rd7 Bxf2 36.Bc4 Ne6 37.Bxe6 fxe6 38.Ne4 Be3 39.Ke2 Bf4 40.Nf6+ Kf8 41.Rd4 g5 42.b6 Rc2+ 43.Kd3 Rb2 44.Kc3 Rb1 45.Kc2 Rb5 46.Nxh5 Bxe5 47.Rg4 Bd6 48.Nf6 Be7 49.Ne4 Kf7 50.Rg3 Rxb6 51.Nxg5+ Bxg5 52.Rxg5 Kf6 53.Rh5 Rd6 54.g4 Rd4 55.Kc3 Rxg4 56.Kd3 e5 57.Ke3 e4 58.Ra5 Rg5 59.Rxg5 Kxg5 60.Kxe4 ½-½ (60) Giri,A (2773)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

[8.Qa4+ c6 9.Qxc4 0-0 10.e3 Nd7 11.Be2 Nb6 12.Qc5 Nd5 13.Bg3 Qb6 14.Qa3 c5 15.0-0 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Rac8 19.Rfb1 Qc6 20.h4 b6 21.Rb3 Rfd8 22.Qa6 Qd7 23.a4 Rc2 24.Qb5 Qf5 25.Re1 Nc3 26.Qxf5 gxf5 27.Ra1 Ne2+ 28.Kh2 f4 29.exf4 Nxd4 30.Nxd4 Rxd4 31.a5 Rd8 32.Ra4 Rc6 33.axb6 axb6 34.Ra7 Kf8 35.Re3 Bf6 36.Kh3 Rcd6 37.Kg4 Rd5 38.Rb7 h5+ 39.Kf3 Rb5 40.Ra3 Ke8 41.Re3 Rb2 42.Ke4 Rb4+ 43.Kf3 Rb2 44.Ke4 Rd4+ 45.Kf3 Rd7 46.Rb8+ Rd8 47.Rb7 Rb5 48.Ke4 Bd4 49.Rd3 f5+ 50.Kf3 Bc5 51.Rxd8+ Kxd8 52.Rb8+ Kd7 53.Rh8 Rb3+ 54.Ke2 Rb2+ 55.Kf3 b5 56.Rxh5 Ke6 57.Rh6+ Kf7 58.Rc6 Bd4 59.h5 b4 60.Bh4 b3 61.Rc7 Rc2 62.Rxe7+ Kg8 63.Re8+ Kh7 64.Re7+ Kh6 65.Re6+ Kxh5 66.Bg5 Bg7 67.Rb6 b2 68.Rb7 Rc1 69.Rxg7 b1Q 70.Kg3 Rc3+ 71.f3

Qe1+ 72.Kh3 Qh1+ 73.Kg3 Qe1+ 74.Kh3 Rd3 75.Rg8 Qh1+ 76.Kg3 Qe1+ 77.Kh3 Re3 78.Rg7 Qh1+ 79.Kg3 Qe1+ 80.Kh3 Qf1 81.Kh2 Re2 82.Bf6 Qxf3 0-1 (82) Zubov,A (2598)-Areshchenko,A (2690) Kyiv UKR 2021]

8...b5

[8...Be6 9.Qb1 b6 10.Ng5 Bd5 11.e4 h6 *(11...Bb7 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.h4 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.h5 e5 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.dxe5 Nc5 18.0-0 Qd3 19.Qc1 Nxe4 20.Rd1 Qe2 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Rd4 Qf5 23.Qe3 Rfe8 24.Re1 Re7 25.Bg3 Rae8 26.Re4 c5 27.Qe2 Rd7 28.Re3 Red8 29.Bh4 Rd2 30.Bxd8 Rxe2 31.R1xe2 Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Bh6 33.e6 fxe6 34.Rxe6 Bf8 35.Be7 Bg7 36.Bg5 Bf8 37.f4 c4 38.R2e4 Bc5 39.Rxg6+ Kf7 40.Rf6+ Kg7 41.Rfe6 Bf2 42.Bf6+ Kf7 43.Bd4 Qg1+ 44.Kh3 Qh1+ 45.Kg4 Qxg2+ 46.Kf5 Qh3+* 0-1 (46) Cheparinov,I (2687)-Svidler,P (2723) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 12.Nf3 *(12.exd5 hxg5 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Nxd7 15.Bxg5 b5 16.a4 b4 17.cxb4 Bxd4 18.Rc1 c3 19.Bb5 0-0-0 20.Ke2 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Bc6 Rh4 23.b5 e6 24.dxe6 Rd2+ 25.Kf3 fxe6 26.g3 Rxa4 27.Rhe1 Rd6 28.Ra1 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Kd8 30.Be4 Rd2 31.Bxg6 Bd4 32.h4 Rxf2+ 33.Kg4 Ke7 34.Rc1 Kf6 35.h5 Kg7 36.Rc2 Rf1 37.Ra2 Rf6* 0-1 (37) Grigoriants,S (2536)-Le,Q (2731) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12...Be6 13.Be5 *(13.Be2 0-0 14.Qc1 g5 15.Be3 f5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.h4 g4 18.Nd2 h5 19.Ne4 Bd5 20.Ng3 Qd7 21.Qc2 e6 22.f3 gxf3 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Bxf3 Bxf3 25.Rg1 Nc6 26.Nxh5 Bxh5 27.Bh6 Rf8 28.Rxg7+ Qxg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Qg2+* 1-0 (30) Dubov,D (2714)-Hansen,E (2606) chess.com INT 2021*)* 13...f6 14.Bg3 c6 15.a4 a6 16.Be2 0-0 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Nh4 Bf7 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxg6 exd4 21.Nxf8 Nxf8 22.cxd4 Qxd4 23.Qc2 Bd5 24.Rae1 b5 25.Bf3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Qd3 27.Qc1 Ng6 28.Re6 Kf7 29.Rxc6 Qxf3 30.axb5 axb5 31.Rc5 Ra1 32.Qc2 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Bf6 34.Rxb5 Qh1+ 35.Ke2 c3 36.Qd3 Kg7 37.Qd5 Qc1 38.Rb8 Nf8 39.Qd8 Kg6 40.Qxf8 Qd2+ 41.Kf1 c2 42.Qe8+ Kg5 43.h4+ Kf5 44.Qh5+ Bg5 45.Qf7+ Kg4 46.Kg2 1-0 (46) So,W (2760)-Duda,J (2731) chess24.com INT 2022]

9.a4 c6 10.Qb1 Bf5 11.e4 Bd7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Qc8 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Qb4 f6 16.Nf3 Rf7 17.axb5 cxb5 18.d5 Na6 19.Qa3 Nc5 20.e5 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Bf6 22.Rad1 Nb3 23.Bxf6 exf6 24.Nd4 Qc5 25.Qa6 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Rb8 27.Re1 Bd7 28.Bf3 Qb6 29.Qa3 b4 30.Qxb4 Qxb4 31.cxb4 Rxb4 32.d6 Rf8 33.h3 Re8 34.Rxe8+ Bxe8 35.d7 Bxd7 36.Rxd7 a5 37.Bd5+ Kf8 38.Rc7 a4 39.Bxc4 a3 40.g4 Ke8 41.Bd5 Rd4 42.Bg8 Kf8 43.Be6 Re4 44.Rc6 Ke7 45.Bg8 Kf8 46.Bc4 f5 47.gxf5 gxf5 48.Kg2 Ke7 49.Bd5 Rd4 50.Bg8 Kf8 51.Bb3 Rd3 52.Be6 f4 53.Ra6 h5 54.h4 Ke7 55.Bf5 Rc3 56.Bg6 Kd7 57.Bxh5 Ke7 58.Bf3 1-0 (58) Keymer,V (2738)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024

[64] **8...Bf5** 9.Be5

[9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qxd5 11.Bxf5 *(11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bxf5 Qxf5 13.Qb1 b6 14.Qxf5 gxf5 15.Rab1 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rfc8 17.Nxf5 Bxc3 18.Rfc1 Bf6 19.g4 Kf8 20.g5 Bh8 21.Rc2*

Nd8 22.Rd2 e5 23.Bg3 Ne6 24.h4 Rd8 25.Rbd1 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8 28.Kg2 Ke8 29.Kf3 Kd7 30.Kg4 f6 31.e4 fxg5 32.hxg5 Nf7 33.f3 Kc6 34.Kh5 b5 35.Be1 Kd7 36.Bb4 Ke6 37.Ba5 Kd7 38.Bb4 Ke6 39.Bc5 a6 40.Bb4 Kd7 41.Ba5 Ke6 42.Bb6 Kd7 43.Nh6 Nd6 44.Bc5 Nb7 45.Ba3 Nd8 46.Bb2 b4 47.f4 a5 48.f5 a4 49.Ng4 Nf7 50.g6 hxg6+ 51.fxg6 Nd6 52.Bxe5 Bxe5 53.Nxe5+ Kc7 54.Nd3 b3 55.axb3 a3 56.Nb4 Nxe4 57.g7 Nf6+ 58.Kg6 Ng8 59.Kf7 Nh6+ 60.Kg6 Ng8 61.Kf7 Nh6+ 62.Ke6 Ng8 63.Nd5+ Kc6 64.Nc3 Kc5 65.Na2 Nh6 66.Kd7 Kb6 67.b4 Kb5 68.Kc7 Ng8 69.Kd6 Nh6 70.Ke6 Kc4 71.Ke5 Kb5 72.Ke4 Kc4 73.Kf4 Kb5 74.Kg5 Ng8 75.Kg6 Kc4 76.Kf7 Nh6+ 77.Ke6 Kb5 78.Kd7 Ng8 79.Kd6 Nh6 80.Ke5 Kc4 81.Ke6 Kb5 82.Kd5 Nf5 83.g8N Ne3+ 84.Kd4 Nc2+ 85.Kc3 Nxb4 86.Nxb4 a2 87.Nxa2 Kc5 88.Nf6 Kd6 ½-½ (88) Thybo,J (2590)-Ragger,M (2647) Solingen GER 2022 *)* 11...Qxf5 12.Qb1 Qxb1+ 13.Rxb1 b6 14.Ke2 Rc8 15.Rhc1 e6 16.e4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Nc6 18.Be3 Na5 19.Kd3 f5 20.e5 h6 21.h4 Kf7 22.Ng1 Bf8 23.Ne2 Nc6 24.Bd2 Rc7 25.f4 Rac8 26.Rc3 Ne7 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.Nc3 Rd7 29.Rc1 g5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.g3 gxf4 32.gxf4 a6 33.a4 Rb7 34.Rb1 Ke8 35.d5 exd5 36.Be3 Kd7 37.Rxb6 Rxb6 38.Bxb6 Ng6 39.Nxd5 Kc6 40.Kc4 Nxf4 41.Nxf4 Kxb6 42.Ng6 Ba3 43.e6 Kc6 44.e7 ½-½ (44) Vidit,S (2731)-Svidler,P (2683) Nagpur IND 2023]

[9.Bc4 cxd4 10.exd4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxd5 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Rc1 Qd6 16.Re1 b5 17.Ne5 a6 18.Qf3 Be6 19.h4 a5 20.c4 bxc4 21.Nxc4 Qa6 22.Nxa5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.Nc6 Rd7 25.Nb8 Qb7 26.Nxd7 Qxd7 27.Bxd5 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 Qxd5 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.Bh6 1-0 (30) Yu Yangyi (2728)-Ivic,V (2572) Almaty KAZ 2022]

9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qxd5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 Nd7

[12...cxd4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.exd4 Nd7

A) 15.Kd2 Rfd8 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Kxd3 e5 18.Rhe1 exd4 19.Nxd4 a6 20.Rad1 Rac8 21.Kc2 Kf8 22.Kb2 *(22.Nf3 Nc5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.b4 Ne6 25.g3 b5 26.Ne5 Rd6 27.Nd3 Rc6 28.f4 h5 29.Kb3 f6 30.Rf1 Ke7 31.f5 gxf5 32.Rxf5 h4 33.gxh4 Rc4 34.Rh5 Re4 35.Nc5 Nxc5+ 36.bxc5 Rc4 37.Rh7+* ½-½ (37) So,W (2778)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Berlin GER 2022*)* 22...Nf6 23.c4 Rd7 24.Nc2 Rcd8 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Kc3 Re7 27.Kd4 Rd7+ 28.Kc3 Re7 29.f3 Rxe1 30.Nxe1 Ke7 31.Nd3 Kd6 32.Kd4 Nd7 33.b4 b6 34.Nb2 a5 35.Kc3 axb4+ 36.Kxb4 Kc6 37.Nd3 g5 38.g4 f6 39.h3 h6 40.f4 Nc5 41.fxg5 Nxd3+ 42.Kc3 hxg5 43.Kxd3 Kc5 ½-½ (43) So,W (2760)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 15.Be2 Rfe8 16.0-0 a6 17.Rfe1 e5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxe5 20.Bf3 Rb5 21.Re7 Rc8 22.Bxb7 Rxc3 23.Bxa6 Rbxb3 24.h3 Rb2 25.Re2 Rb6 26.Rd2 h5 27.Be2 h4 28.Bf1 Be6 29.Rd4 g5 30.Rd2 Rb4 31.Re1

g4 32.hxg4 Rxg4 33.Kh2 Kf6 34.Re3 Rc1 35.Be2 Rb4 36.Rd1 Rc2 37.Re1 Rbb2 38.Kg1 Bf5 39.Kh2 Bg6 40.Kg1 Rd2 41.Rf3+ Kg5 42.Re3 f5 43.Re7 Kf6 44.Bf3 Bf7 45.R7e2 Bc4 46.Rxd2 Rxd2 47.Rd1 Rxd1+ 48.Bxd1 f4 49.Kh2 ½-½ (49) Corrales Jimenez,F (2555)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) New York USA 2024]

13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Bb5 Nf6 15.dxc5 a6 16.Bc4 Ne4 17.b4 a5 18.0-0 Nxc3 19.bxa5 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 Ne4 21.Bd5 Rxc5 22.Bxb7 Raxa5 23.Nd4 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Nd6 25.Nxf5+ Rxf5 26.Bf3 Rc5 27.g3 Rc7 28.h4 h5 29.Rd1 Rc5 30.Ra1 Rc7 31.Rd1 Rc5 32.Ra1 Rc7 ½-½ (32) So,W (2751)-Firouzja,A (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024

[65] **11.cxd4**

[11.exd4 Nc6 12.0-0 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qd7 15.Re1 e6 16.Qb3 Rac8 17.Rad1 Na5 18.Qb1 Rfe8 19.Qb4 b6 20.Be2 Bf8 21.Bb5 Qb7 22.Qb1 Red8 23.Qd3 Qd5 24.Ba6 Rc6 25.Bb5 Rcc8 26.a4 Nc4 27.Re2 Bd6 28.Bh6 Bf8 29.Bf4 Bd6 30.Bc1 Na5 31.h4 Rc7 32.Bg5 Rdc8 33.c4 Nxc4 34.Ba6 Rb8 35.Rc2 Na5 36.Rxc7 Bxc7 37.Rc1 Bd6 38.Bf6 Bf8 39.Qg3 Ra8 40.Be2 Qd6 41.Qf3 Qd5 42.Qxd5 exd5 43.Bf3 Bd6 44.Bxd5 Re8 45.g3 Kf8 46.Kg2 h5 47.Kf3 Kg8 48.g4 hxg4+ 49.Kxg4 Kf8 50.h5 gxh5+ 51.Kxh5 Re2 52.Rc8+ Re8 53.Rc1 Re2 54.Rc8+ Re8 55.Rc3 Re2 56.Rf3 Ke8 57.Bg5 Be7 58.Rxf7 Nc6 59.Rf5 Nxd4 60.Bf7+ Kf8 61.Bh6# 1-0 (61) Dubov,D (2711)-So,W (2778) chess.com INT 2022]

11...Nc6

[11...Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Qxa5 Nxa5

A) 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rfc1 Rfc8 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.a4 *(17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 b5 19.Rcb1 a6 20.a4 Nc4 21.g4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rc6 23.Kg2 h6 24.h4 e6 25.Rb7 Nb6 26.Ra5 Nc4 27.Ra4 a5 28.Rb5 Bf8 29.Ne5 Rb6 30.Rc5 Bxc5 31.dxc5 Nb2 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.cxb6 Rb5 34.Nd7 Nc4 35.Bxh6 Nxb6 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.e4 Nc4 38.h5 gxh5 39.gxh5 e5 40.Kg3 Rb6 41.Bg5 Kg7 42.Ne8+ Kf8 43.h6* ½-½ (43) Yu Yangyi (2735)-Kuybokarov,T (2581) Baku AZE 2023*; 17.a3 e6 18.Bd6 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.f3 Nb3 21.Nxb3 Bxb3 22.Rab1 Bd5 23.e4 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bc6 25.Kf2 Rc8 26.Rb1 Rc7 27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Rb1 Rc7* ½-½ (28) Rakhmanov,A (2633)-Najer,E (2676) Cheboksary RUS 2022 *)* 17...e6 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bf8 20.Rab1 Ba3 21.Rd1 b6 22.Ne4 Nc4 23.h4 Kg7 24.Rb3 Be7 25.Rc3 a6 26.h5 b5 27.h6+ Kf8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rb3 b4 30.Nc5 Nb6 31.e4 Rd8 32.Rbb1 Rac8 33.Nb7 Rd7 34.Nc5 Rdd8 35.Nb7 Rd7 36.Nc5 Rdd8 37.Kf1 g5 38.Be3 e5 39.Nb7 Rd7 40.Nc5 Bxc5 41.dxc5 Rxd1+ 42.Rxd1 Nc4 43.Rb1 Nxe3+ 44.fxe3 Rxc5 45.Rxb4 Rc6 46.Rb5 Rxh6 47.Rxe5 ½-½ (47) Gukesh,D (2725)-Rapport,R (2740) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023;

B) 14.h4

B1) 14...Be6 15.h5 Rfc8 *(15...Rac8 16.h6 Bf6 17.Bd3 Rc3 18.Ke2 Rfc8 19.e4 Bc4 20.Bxc4 Rc2+ 21.Kd3 R8xc4*

22.Bd2 Nc6 23.e5 Bh8 24.Rhc1 Nb4+ 25.Ke4 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Bxc1 Nxa2 28.Bd2 e6 29.g4 f6 30.g5 fxe5 31.dxe5 b5 32.Nd4 b4 33.f4 Kf7 34.Kd3 Ke8 35.Kc4 Kd7 36.Bxb4 1-0 (36) Yakubboev,N (2616)-Amin,B (2680) Douglas IOM 2023 *)* 16.h6 Bf8 17.e4 Bc4 18.Nd2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 f6 20.d5 Kf7 21.Rac1 e5 22.Be3 b6 23.f4 exf4 24.Bxf4 Ba3 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rf1 Kg8 27.g4 g5 28.Be3 Bb2 29.Nf3 Rc2+ 30.Kd1 Rg2 31.Nd2 Be5 32.d6 Kf7 33.Bxg5 Ke6 34.d7 Nc6 35.Bf4 Bc3 36.Rf3 Bxd2 37.Bxd2 Rxg4 ½-½ (37) Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Sindarov,J (2646) Dubai UAE 2023;

B2) 14...h6 15.Bd3 Be6 16.Kd2 Rac8 17.Rhb1 Rfd8 18.Rb5 b6 19.Rbb1 Nc4+ 20.Ke2 Bf5 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.h5 f6 23.Rd1 e5 24.Bh2 Kf7 25.Rac1 Ke6 26.Nh4 Bf8 27.f3 Ba3 28.Rc3 Nb2 29.Rdc1 Rxc3 30.Rxc3 exd4 31.exd4 Rxd4 32.Re3+ Kd5 33.Nxf5 Ra4 34.Nxh6 Bc5 35.Rc3 Rh4 36.Ng4 Ke6 37.Rc2 f5 38.Rxb2 fxg4 39.Bb8 gxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Rxh5 41.Bxa7 Bd4 42.Rb4 Bc5 43.Rb2 Bd4 44.Rb3 Rf5+ 45.Ke4 Rf2 46.a3 Rxg2 47.Kxd4 Rg4+ 48.Kc3 Rg3+ 49.Kb4 Rxb3+ 50.Kxb3 Kd7 51.Kb4 Kc7 52.Kb5 Kb7 53.a4 Kxa7 54.a5 bxa5 55.Kxa5 ½-½ (55) Van Foreest,J (2697)-Amin,B (2636) Melilla ESP 2024]

12.0-0 Bf5 13.h4

[13.Qa4 Qa5 *(13...Rfc8 14.Rfc1 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxc8+ Rxc8 18.Rd1 Qc5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Qxa7 Qb2 21.Bf3 Be6 22.Qxb7 Qxb7 23.Bxb7 Rc7 24.Bf3 Bxa2 25.g4 Kg7 26.Kg2 Be6 27.Kg3 g5 28.Rd4 h6 29.Be2 Rc3 30.h3 Kf6 31.Bd3 Rc1 32.f4 gxf4+ 33.exf4 Rd1 34.Kf2 Bc8 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rd5 Be6 37.Rd4 Kf6 38.Kf3 Bc8 39.h4 Be6 40.g5+ Kg7 41.Ke3 hxg5 42.fxg5 Rg1 43.Be2 f6 44.Re4 Bf7 45.Kf2 Rc1 46.Re7 Kf8 47.gxf6 Rc6 48.Ra7 Rxf6+ 49.Kg3 Rg6+ 50.Kf4 Rf6+ 51.Kg5 Rg6+ 52.Kf5 Rh6 53.h5 Bxh5 54.Kg5 Bxe2 55.Kxh6 Bd3 56.Kg5 Kg8 57.Kf6 Bc2 58.Rg7+ Kh8 59.Rg2 Bd3 60.Rd2 Bh7 61.Kf7 Bg8+ 62.Kg6 Bh7+ 63.Kh6 Bg8 64.Rd8* ½-½ (64) Predke,A (2690)-Dubov,D (2710) Sochi RUS 2021*)* 14.Qxa5 Nxa5

A) 15.Rfc1 Rfc8 16.Nd2

A1) 16...Rxc1+ 17.Rxc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.Bf3 b5 *(19...Nc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Bb8 a6 22.Ne4 f6 23.f3 Kf7 24.Kf2 Bf8 25.Ba7 f5 26.Ng5+ Ke8 27.f4 Bh6 28.Nxh7 Be6 29.a3 a5 30.Ke2 Bg8 31.Ng5 Bxg5 32.fxg5 a4 33.Kd3 Bb3 34.Kc3 Kf7 35.Kb4 Bc2 36.Bb8 Bb3 37.h4 Kg7 38.e4 fxe4 39.Bf4 e3 40.Bxe3 Kf7 41.g4 Bd1 42.h5 e6 43.Bf4 Kg7 44.Be5+ Kh7* ½-½ (44) Aronian,L (2758)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2774) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)* 20.Bb8 a6 21.Bc7 Nb7 22.Nb3 Nd6 23.Nc5 Kf8 24.Kf1 Nc4 25.Ke2 e5 26.Kd3 exd4 27.exd4 Ke7 28.Bd5 Nb2+

29.Kc3 Nd1+ 30.Kd2 Nxf2 31.Kc3 Ng4 32.Nb7 Be6 33.Bf3 Ne3 34.Bd6+ Kd7 35.Be5 Bxe5 36.dxe5 Bxa2 37.Nc5+ Ke7 38.Nxa6 Bd5 39.Bxd5 Nxd5+ 40.Kd4 Nf4 41.g3 Ne6+ 42.Kd5 Kd7 43.Nb4 h5 44.Nd3 Kc7 45.Nb4 Kd7 46.Nd3 Ng5 47.Nf4 Ke7 48.Nd3 Nf3 49.h4 Nd2 50.Nf4 Nf1 51.e6 Nxg3 52.exf7 Kxf7 53.Kc5 Kf6 54.Kxb5 Kf5 55.Ng2 Kg4 56.Kc4 Nf5 57.Kd5 Kg3 58.Ne1 Nxh4 59.Ke4 g5 60.Nd3 Ng2 61.Nc5 0-1 (61) Livaic,L (2544)-Mikhalevski,V (2513) Pasching AUT 2025;

A2) 16...Bc2 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Rxc2 e5 19.Bxc4 exf4 20.Rac1 Re8 21.exf4 Bxd4 22.g3 Rad8 23.Bb3 Bb6 24.Kg2 Re7 25.Rc8 Rxc8 26.Rxc8+ Kg7 27.Rc2 h5 28.h4 Kf6 29.Kf3 Rd7 30.Ke2 Bd4 31.Rd2 Re7+ 32.Kf3 Bc5 33.Rd5 b6 34.f5 gxf5 35.Bc2 Re5 36.Rxe5 Kxe5 37.Bb3 Kf6 38.Ke2 b5 39.Bd5 a5 40.Bc6 b4 41.Ba4 f4 42.gxf4 Be7 43.Kf3 Kf5 44.Kg3 Kf6 45.Bd1 Bd6 46.Ba4 Kg6 47.Bc2+ f5 48.Kf3 Be7 49.Kg3 Bf6 50.Bd1 Be7 51.Bc2 Kf6 52.Bd1 Ke6 53.Bxh5 a4 54.Be2 Kd5 55.Bb5 b3 56.Bxa4 bxa2 57.Bb3+ Kd6 58.Bxa2 Bf6 59.h5 Bg7 60.Kh4 Bh6 61.Bb1 Ke7 62.Bxf5 Bxf4 63.Kg4 Bh6 64.Kf3 Kf6 65.Ke4 Bf8 66.f4 Bh6 67.Bg6 Bf8 68.f5 Bh6 69.Kd5 Bf8 70.Kc6 Bh6 71.Kd7 Bf8 72.Ke8 Bh6 73.Kd7 Bg7 74.Kd8 Bh6 75.Ke8 Bg7 76.h6 Bxh6 77.Bf7 Bg7 78.Bg6 Bh6 79.Bf7 Bg5 80.Bg6 Bh4 81.Bf7 Bg3 82.Bg6 Bf4 83.Bf7 Be3 84.Bg6 Bf2 85.Bf7 Be1 86.Bg6 Bd2 87.Kd7 Bc1 88.Kc6 Bb2 89.Kc5 Ba1 90.Kc4 Be5 91.Kb3 Bb8 92.Kc4 Ba7 93.Kd5 Bb8 94.Kc6 Bg3 95.Kb5 Bh4 96.Kc4 Ke5 97.Kd3 Bf6 98.Ke2 Kd6 99.Kf3 Ke7 100.Ke4 Kf8 101.Kd5 Ke7 102.Kc6 Be5 103.f6+ Kxf6 ½-½ (103) Livaic,L (2549)-Duda,J (2726) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.g4 Bd7 17.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Bf3 Be6 21.a3 b5 22.Bb8 a6 23.Bc7 Nc4 24.Nxc4 bxc4 25.Kf1 Bd7 26.Ke2 Bf8 27.Ba5 e5 28.Bb4 exd4 29.exd4 Bh6 30.h3 Bb5 31.Bc3 Bf8 32.Bb4 Bh6 33.Bc3 Bc1 34.Bb4 Bb2 35.Ke3 Bc1+ 36.Ke2 Bh6 ½-½ (36) Sargissian,G (2646)-Safarli,E (2596) chess.com INT 2024]

[13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 Rfd8 15.Rfc1 a6 16.h3 Rac8 17.g4 Be6 18.Bc4 Bd7 19.Ng5 Be8 20.Ne4 e5 21.Bg5 exd4 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Rd1 d3 24.Rac1 Nb4 25.Nc5 d2 26.Rb1 b5 27.Be2 Bc6 28.Nd3 Bc3 29.Nxb4 Bxb4 30.Rb2 Kf8 31.Kf1 Ke7 32.f4 a5 33.Kf2 Bc3 34.Rc2 b4 35.Ra2 Bd5 36.Rxa5 Bxb3 37.Ra7+ Rd7 38.Rxd7+ Kxd7 39.Bf3 Ba4 40.Ke2 Bb5+ 41.Kf2 b3 42.Be2 Ba4 43.Bd3 b2 44.Rg1 d1Q 0-1 (44) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023]

[13.a3 Rac8 *(13...Rfd8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Qb1 Bf5 17.e4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Rc4 Bxe4*

20.Rxd4 Rxd4 21.Qc1 Bc6 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Rxd4 Bxd4 24.Bf3 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bb6 26.Be3 e6 27.Bg5 Rd5 28.Qc8+ Kg7 29.Be7 1-0 (29) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Van Wely,L (2620) Chalons en Champagne FRA 2021 *)* 14.Rc1 Qa2 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Ra1 Qd5 17.Rb1 Na5 18.e4 Qa2 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Rxb7 Bc6 23.Rxe7 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Rxd4 25.Bh6 Re8 26.Rxa7 Rdxe4 27.h3 Ra4 28.Rc7 Bd5 29.Rd1 Be6 30.Rd3 Rh4 31.Bg5 Ra4 32.Be7 h6 33.Bb4 g5 34.Kh2 Kg7 35.f4 Kg6 36.Rc5 Rc8 37.f5+ Bxf5 38.Rd6+ f6 39.g4 Rxc5 40.Bxc5 Be4 41.Rd4 ½-½ (41) Giri,A (2764)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020]

13...Rac8

[13...Rfc8 14.h5 Nb4 15.h6 Bf6 16.Qa4 a5 17.a3 Bd7 18.Qd1 Nc2 19.Rb1 b5 20.Qd3 Qa2 21.Ne5 Be6 22.Bf3 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Bc4 24.Qd2 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 Ra7 26.Rc1 b4 27.axb4 axb4 28.Qxb4 Qa1 29.Qb1 Qxb1 30.Rxb1 Ra1 31.Rxa1 Nxa1 32.d5 Nb3 33.d6 exd6 34.Bxd6 Nd2 35.Be2 Ne4 36.Ba3 Rc3 37.Bf3 Nxf2 38.Bb2 Rc2 39.Bg7 Nd1 40.Bxd1 Rc1 41.e4 Rxd1+ 42.Kf2 Rd3 43.e5 f5 44.exf6 Kf7 45.Ke2 Rg3 46.Kf2 Ra3 47.g3 g5 48.Kg2 g4 49.Kf2 Rf3+ 50.Kg2 Kg6 51.Kh2 Kg5 52.Kg2 Kg6 53.Kh2 Kf7 54.Kg2 Ke6 55.Kh2 Kd5 56.Kg2 Ke4 57.Kh1 Ke3 58.Kg2 Ke2 59.Bh8 Rf2+ 60.Kg1 Rf1+ 61.Kg2 Rf5 62.Bg7 Ke1 63.Kg1 Ke2 64.Kg2 Kd3 65.Kg1 Rf3 66.Kg2 Ke4 67.Bh8 Ke3 68.Bg7 Rf2+ 69.Kg1 Ke2 70.Bh8 Rf5 71.Kg2 Kd3 72.Bg7 Kc4 73.Kg1 Kd5 74.Kg2 Ke6 75.Bh8 Rd5 76.Kf2 Rd3 77.Bg7 Rf3+ 78.Kg2 Rf5 79.Kg1 Rh5 80.Kg2 Kf7 81.Kg1 Re5 82.Kg2 Re2+ 83.Kg1 Ra2 84.Kf1 Kg6 85.Kg1 Ra3 86.Kf1 Rxg3 87.Kf2 Rf3+ 88.Kg2 Kg5 89.Kh2 Rxf6 90.Bxf6+ Kxf6 91.Kg2 Kg6 92.Kg3 Kg5 0-1 (92) Hakobyan,A (2612)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

14.h5 Rfd8 15.h6 Bf6 16.Qa4 Qa5 17.Qxa5 Nxa5 18.Rac1 Nc6 19.a3 e6 20.Ng5 e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Be7 24.e4 Bxg5 25.Bxg5 Bxe4 26.Bf6 Nc6 27.Rd7 Nb8 28.Re7 Bd5 29.Bg7 Rd8 30.Bb5 a6 31.Ba4 b5 32.Bd1 Nc6 33.Rc7 Be6 34.Rxc6 Rxd1+ 35.Kh2 Rd8 36.Rxa6 Bc4 37.Ra7 Bd5 38.f3 Ra8 39.Rd7 Bc4 40.Rb7 Re8 41.Kg3 Ra8 42.Kf2 Re8 43.Be5 Rc8 44.Bg7 Ra8 45.g4 Re8 46.Kg3 Be2 47.f4 Ra8 48.Kh4 Rc8 49.Kg5 Bd3 50.Be5 Re8 51.Bd6 Bc4 52.f5 Rc8 53.Be5 Re8 54.Rd7 Rc8 55.Bf6 gxf5 56.gxf5 Kf8 57.Rb7 Ra8 58.Be7+ Ke8 59.Bb4 Ra6 60.Rb8+ Kd7 61.Rh8 1-0 (61) Praggnanandhaa,R (2758)-Abdusattorov,N (2771) Bucharest ROU 2025

66 **5.e3** Bg7 6.Bc4

[6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Ne2 Qd8 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.d5 Nf6 12.e4 Ne8 13.b3 a6 14.a4 Nd6 15.Bb2 f5 16.Bd3 Qh4 17.f3 Bd7 18.Qe1 Qg5 19.Bc1 Qe7 20.Be3 Rac8 21.Rc1 Rf7 22.exf5 gxf5 23.f4 e4 24.Be2 Bf6 25.Qf2 Rg7 26.Bd4 Re8 27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.Nd1 e3 29.Qf3 Ne4 30.Re1 Qh4 31.Nxe3 Rge7 32.g3 Qf6 33.Bc4 Qd4 34.d6+ Rf7 35.dxc7 Nd2 36.Bxf7+ Kxf7 37.Qd5+ Qxd5 38.Nxd5 Nf3+

39.Kf2 Nxe1 40.Rxe1 Be6 41.Nb6 Re7 42.c8Q Bxc8 43.Rxe7+ 1-0 (43) Postny,E (2525)-Sarana,A (2686) chess.com INT 2025]

6...Nxc3

[6...Nb6 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nf3 c5 *(8...Na6 9.0-0 c5 10.h3 Bf5 11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Rd1 c4 13.Bc2 Bxc2 14.Qxc2 Nb4 15.Qe2 Nd3 16.b3 Nxc1 17.Raxc1 cxb3 18.axb3 Qd7 19.Ne4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Nc5 Qc7 22.Qa2 a6 23.b4 e6 24.e4 Qe7 25.Rc2 Rd8 26.Qa5 Nc8 27.Nxb7 Rf8 28.Rc7* 1-0 (28) Vachier Lagrave,M (2774)-Wei,Y (2721) chess.com INT 2019 *)* 9.0-0

A) 9...Bg4 10.dxc5 *(10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Rd1 Rc8 14.Be3 Na5 15.d5 Nbc4 16.Bc1 Qb6 17.Na4 Qb4 18.Bg5 b5 19.Nc3 Nxb2 20.Rdc1 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Bxc3 22.Rc1 Be5 23.Bh6 Nbc4 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.d6 Bxd6 26.Qa8+ Kg7 27.Qxa7 Nxb3 28.axb3 Qxb3* 0-1 (28) Livaic,L (2547)-Svidler,P (2698) Ajka HUN 2024 *)* 10...N6d7

A1) 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxc5 13.Rd1 *(13.Bc2 e6 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.Bd2 Nc6 16.a3 a6 17.Be1 Rac8 18.Rac1 b5 19.Qe2 Rc7 20.b4 Nd7 21.Ne4 Bb2 22.Rb1 Bxa3 23.Bc3 e5 24.Nd6 Nd4 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Rxd4 Ne5 27.Rbd1 Bb2 28.Rd5 Bc3 29.Bb3 Bxb4 30.Qa2 Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Nc4 32.Rxa6 Rd8 33.Ra8 Rxa8 34.Qxa8+ Kg7 35.Qb8 Rd7 36.Qxb5 Rxd1+ 37.Bxd1 Ne5 38.Qd5 Nd7 39.Qd4+ Nf6 40.Bb3 h5 41.Qc4 Qa7 42.g3 Qa1+ 43.Kh2 Qa7 44.Qc3 Qb7 45.Bd1 Qd5 46.Qa1 Qc6 47.Qb2 Kg8 48.Bb3 Qf3 49.Kg1 h4 50.gxh4 Ne4 51.Qc2 Qf5 52.Kg2 Kg7 53.Bc4 Qe5 54.Be2 Nd6 55.Bg4 Ne8 56.Qc4 Nf6 57.Bf3 Qd6 58.Qc3 Kg8 59.Qb2 Qe7 60.Qd4 Qe6 61.Qf4 Kg7 62.Qg5 Nh7 63.Qc5 Qf6 64.h5 Ng5 65.Qd5 Nxf3 66.Qxf3 Qg5+ 67.Qg4 Qd5+ 68.Kg1 Qd2 69.Qd4+ Qxd4 70.exd4 gxh5 71.Kg2 Kf6 72.Kg3* 1-0 (72) Martirosyan,H (2656)-Suleymenov,A (2500) New York USA 2024 *)* 13...Qc8 14.Nd5 Nc6 15.e4 Nxb3 16.Qxb3 e6 17.Nc3 a6 18.Be3 b5 19.Rac1 Qb7 20.a4 b4 21.Ne2 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Qc2 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Rd1 Rc8 26.Qd2 Bf6 27.f3 b3 28.Bd4 Bxd4+ 29.Qxd4 Qc6 30.a5 Qc5 31.Qxc5 Rxc5 32.Rd3 Rxa5 33.Rxb3 Rc5 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.b4 Rc2 36.b5 Rb2 37.b6 a5 38.Ra8 Rxb6 39.Rxa5 Rb1+ 40.Kh2 Rb2 41.Kg3 Re2 42.h4 h5 ½-½ (42) Carlsen,M (2862)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2) 11.Na4 Qc7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Na6 14.c6 *(14.Bd2 Ndxc5 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Bb4 b6 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Rc2 e6 20.Bc4 Rfd8* ½-½ (20) Santos Latasa,J (2677)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2747) Baden-Baden GER 2023 *21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Rd8 23.Rd2 Bf6 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qxd8+ Bxd8 26.Kf1 Kf8 27.Ke2 Ke7 28.Kd3 Kd6 29.b3 g5 30.g4 h6 31.Ke4*

Ba5 ½-½ (31) Bluebaum,M (2651)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) Austria AUT 2022*)* 14...Ne5 15.Qe2 Qxc6 16.Bd2 Rad8 17.Rac1 Qe4 18.Ba5 Qd3 19.Qe1 Rc8 20.Rd1 Qb5 21.Rd5 Nc5 22.Nxc5 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Qxc5 24.Bb4 Qc7 25.Qe2 Rd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Nc6 28.Ba3 e6 29.Ba4 Ne5 30.Bd6 Qd8 31.Bxe5 Qxd1+ 32.Bxd1 Bxe5 33.b3 ½-½ (33) Praggnanandhaa, R (2691)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9...N8d7 10.Re1 e6 11.a4 cxd4 12.exd4 Nf6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Ne5 Be6 17.a5 Rc8 18.Nxg6 Re8 19.Rxe6 Rxe6 20.Ne5 Qd6 21.h3 Qb4 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Bxd5 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qf4 26.Nf3 b6 27.a6 Rd8 28.Bb3 Rfd6 29.Qe2 Bxd4 30.Rf1 Bg7 31.Nh2 Qg5 32.Bxf7+ Kh8 33.Bc4 Rd2 34.Qe4 R2d4 35.Qe2 Rf4 36.Nf3 Qf6 37.Bb3 Qc6 38.Rd1 Rdf8 39.Bd5 Qg6 40.Bb3 Qg3 41.Bd5 Qg6 42.Rf1 Qd6 43.Bb3 Qc5 44.Bc2 b5 45.Qd3 R4f5 46.Qd2 Qc4 0-1 (46) Ivanisevic,I (2604)-Deac,B (2651) chess.com INT 2021;

C) 9...cxd4 10.exd4 Nc6 *(10...Bg4 11.d5 N8d7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nc5 14.Bg5 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.c4 Nc7 19.Bxe7 Rfc8 20.Bc5 a6 21.Bb6 Ne6 22.Rfd1 Rc6 23.Be3 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Rd1 Ne6 26.g4 Rc8 27.Rd7 Rc7 28.Rd5 Rc8 29.Bb6 Rc6 30.Be3 Rc8 31.Rd7 Rc7 32.Rd6 Rc6 33.Rd5* ½-½ (33) Mamedyarov,S (2772)-Ragger,M (2669) Berlin GER 2021*)* 11.d5 Na5 12.h3

C1) 12...Bf5 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nd4 *(14.g4 Nxb3 15.axb3 Bd7 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 f5 19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.Be5 Bxh3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qd4+ e5 23.Rxe5 Kg8 24.Qe4 Kg7 25.Rxa7 Rxa7 26.Rxe8 Qd6 27.Qd4+ Kf7 28.Qh8 Ra1+ 29.Ne1 Kg6 30.Rg8+ Kh5 31.Rxg5+ Kh4 32.Qd4+ Kxg5 33.Ne4+* 1-0 (33) Praggnanandhaa,R (2619)-Van Foreest,J (2714) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 14...Bd7 15.Bg5 Nbc4 16.Re2 Qb6 17.Be3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Rac8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Rf1 Rf8 21.Ref2 Nc4 22.Ne4 Nd6 23.Ng5 Qc5 24.Kh1 a5 25.a3 a4 26.Ba2 Qb6 27.Qd1 h6 28.Nxf7 Bxd4 29.Nxd6 Rxf2 30.Nxc8 Rxf1+ 31.Qxf1 Bxc8 32.d6+ e6 33.exd4 Qxb2 34.Qc4 Bd7 35.Qc7 Bc6 36.Bxe6+ Kh8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ 1-0 (38) Sarana,A (2674)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) New York USA 2024;

C2) 12...Nxb3 13.axb3 Qd6 *(13...e6 14.d6 Bd7 15.Bf4 Bc6 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 f6 18.Bg3 Qd7 19.Qd3 Rad8 20.Rad1 Qf7 21.b4 a6 22.Qd4 Na4 23.Nxa4 Bxa4 24.Rd2 e5 25.Qb6 g5 26.Rc1 Bc6 27.f3 Qe6 28.Rxc6 bxc6 29.Qxc6 Rb8 30.Bf2 Rxb4 31.Qxa6 Rd8 32.Qa5 Rbb8 33.Bc5 Qc4 34.d7 Ra8 35.Qc3 Qf7 36.Qd3*

Rab8 37.Qa6 Rxd7 38.Rxd7 Qxd7 39.Qxf6 Re8 40.Qxg5+ Qg7 41.Qe3 e4 42.b4 Qg6 43.f4 Rd8 44.Qe2 Rd3 45.Qa2+ Kg7 46.Qa7+ Kg8 47.Qa8+ Kf7 48.g4 1-0 (48) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Carlsen,M (2864) Zagreb CRO 2022*; 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxd5 15.Bd2 f6 16.c4 Qf7 17.Be3 Bf5 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Ra5 Rfd8 20.Qa1 Nc8 21.Rd1 Re8 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Nd6 24.Rbd5 a6 25.Qa5 Nf5 26.Bc5 Qe6 27.Rd7 b5 28.Qb6 Qxb6 29.Bxb6 bxc4 30.bxc4 Rac8 31.c5 Ng7 32.Ra7 Ne6 33.Rd5 Rc6 34.g3 g5 35.Kg2 Kf7 36.Kf3 h5 37.Ke4 h4 38.gxh4 gxh4 39.f4 Rec8 40.Rdd7 Re8 41.Rd5 Rec8 42.Rdd7 Re8 43.Rd5 Rec8 ½-½ (43) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022)* 14.Re1 Bd7 15.Bg5 *(15.Be3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxd5 17.Bh6 Nxc3 18.Qxd6 exd6 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Nd4 a5 21.Rac1 Nd5 22.Red1 Ra6 23.Rd2 Nf6 24.Rc7 Ne4 25.Rd1 Nc5 26.Nf3 Be6 27.Nd4 Bd7 28.Nf3 Be6 29.Nd4 Bd7 ½-½ (29) Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2749) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021)* 15...Rfe8 16.Qd2 Qb4 17.Re4 Bxc3 18.Qe2 Qxb3 19.bxc3 Nxd5 20.Rd4 Bc6 21.c4 Nc7 22.Ne5 Ne6 23.Rd3 Qb6 24.Be3 Qc7 25.Ng4 Rad8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Qb2 f6 28.Bxa7 Qf4 29.Re1 Qxc4 30.Qa3 Rd7 31.Bb8 h5 32.Ne3 Qa4 33.Qc1 Nd4 34.Qc5 Qb5 35.Qa7 Kf7 36.Bg3 Ne2+ 37.Kh2 Nxg3 38.fxg3 Qe5 39.Qa2+ Kg7 40.Qf2 h4 41.Nf1 hxg3+ 42.Nxg3 Qd6 43.Kh1 b5 44.Re3 b4 45.Qe2 Qd1+ 0-1 (45) Martirosyan,H (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Almaty KAZ 2024]

7.bxc3 c5

[7...0-0 8.Nf3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4 Nc6 11.Bd3 e5 12.Be2 Re8 13.d5 Na5 14.e4 c6 15.c4 Ba6 16.Nd2 Rc8 17.Re1 Qd7 18.Bb2 cxd5 19.cxd5 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Rc7 21.h3 Rec8 22.Nf3 Nc4 23.Bc3 Qe8 24.Qd3 a5 25.Be1 Nd6 26.Qa6 Rb7 27.Rb1 Qxa4 28.Rxb6 Rxb6 29.Qxb6 Nxe4 30.d6 Nc5 31.Bxa5 e4 32.Ne1 Nd7 33.Qb7 Qc6 34.Qxc6 Rxc6 35.Bc7 Bf8 36.Rxe4 Bxd6 37.Bxd6 Rxd6 38.Nf3 Kg7 39.Re1 h6 40.Kf1 Nc5 41.Kg1 Ne6 42.Re2 Ra6 43.Re1 Ra2 44.Rd1 Nc5 45.Rd2 ½-½ (45) Martirosyan,H (2635)-Ansat,A (2489) London ENG 2025]

8.Nf3 0-0

[8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ba3 b6 *(10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Bb5 Be4 14.Rc5 a6 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qd7 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 18.h4 e6 19.h5 b5 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qh4 b4 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Bb2 Ne7 24.Ng5* 1-0 (24) Martirosyan,H (2662)-Brunello,S (2499) Chartres FRA 2024 *)* 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.h3 Rd8 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Rad1 Rxd1 15.Rxd1 bxc5 16.Ng5 e6 17.Bb5 Rb8 18.Be8 f6 19.Bf7+ Kh8 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxe6 Qe5 22.Qa6 Qxc3 23.Qxa7 Nc6 24.Qxc5 Qxc5 25.Bxc5 f5 26.g4 fxg4 27.hxg4 Bf8

28.Rc1 Bxc5 29.Rxc5 Nb4 30.a4 Nd3 31.Rb5 Ra8 32.a5 Ra7 33.Bc4 Ne1 34.a6 Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Nd2 36.Rb8+ 1-0 (36) Dubov,D (2714)-Hansen,E (2606) chess.com INT 2021]

9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe2

[10.Bb3 b6 11.e4 Nc6 12.h3 Ba6 13.Re1 Na5 14.Be3 e6 15.Qd2 Qb7 16.Bh6 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.d5 Bc4 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.dxe6 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nxb3 23.exf7+ Qxf7 24.Qb2 Nxa1 25.Rxa1 Rc7 26.Ne5 Qe6 27.Rd1 a5 28.Rd5 a4 29.Qd4 Qf6 30.Qd2 a3 31.Nd7 Qxf2+ 32.Qxf2 Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Rxf2 34.Ne5 a2 35.Rd8+ Rf8 36.Rd7 a1Q 37.Ng4 Rh1+ 38.Kg3 Qe1+ 0-1 (38) Livaic,L (2574)-Paravyan,D (2612) chess.com INT 2023]

10...Nc6

[10...b6 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Rad1 Nc6 13.e4 Rac8 14.d5 Na5 15.Bd3 c4 16.Bc2 Rfd8 17.Nd4 a6 18.f4 b5 19.Ba3 Ba8 20.Kh1 Rd7 21.Qg4 Re8 22.Bb4 Nb7 23.Nc6 a5 24.Nxa5 f5 25.exf5 Nxa5 26.fxg6 Nb7 27.Bf5 Rdd8 28.Be6+ Kh8 29.Rf3 Rf8 30.Rh3 h6 31.Rxh6+ Bxh6 32.g7+ Kh7 33.f5 1-0 (33) Martirosyan,H (2667)-Mamedyarov,S (2733) Almaty KAZ 2024]

[10...Bg4 11.Rb1 *(11.Ba3 Nd7 12.Rac1 Qa5 13.Qb2 b5 14.Be2 Rab8 15.dxc5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Nxc5 18.Rd5 Na4 19.Qb3 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.c4 Nc3 22.c5 b4 23.Bxb4 Rxb4 24.Qxb4 Nxa2 25.Qc4 Nxc1 26.Qxc1 Qc7* ½-½ (26) Lashkin,J (2517)-Kozak,A (2601) Eforie Nord ROU 2025*)* 11...Nd7 12.Ba3 Rac8 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.h3 Bf5 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Rfd8 17.Qb5 b6 18.Rbc1 Qd7 19.Qxd7 Rxd7 20.Rfd1 Ne4 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Rxd2 cxd4 23.cxd4 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Rc7 25.Bb2 e6 26.Kf1 Bf8 27.d5 exd5 28.Rxd5 f5 29.Rd8 Kf7 30.Ra8 Bg7 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.g4 Kf6 33.Kg2 fxg4 34.hxg4 Rc4 35.Rxa7 Rxg4+ 36.Kh3 h5 37.a4 Rb4 38.Ra6 Kg7 39.a5 bxa5 40.Rxa5 Kh6 41.Ra1 Rb6 42.Ra2 Rb5 43.Ra1 Rb6 44.Ra2 Rb5 45.Ra1 Rb6 ½-½ (45) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Van Foreest,J (2678) Zagreb CRO 2022]

11.Ba3

[11.Rd1 b6 12.e4 Bg4 13.Be3 Rad8 14.Rac1 e6 15.Bg5 cxd4 16.Bxd8 Rxd8 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qe3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qe7 20.Ba6 Qh4 21.f4 e5 22.Qg3 Qxf4 23.Qxf4 exf4 24.Kf1 Be5 25.Rc8 Rxc8 26.Bxc8 Kf8 27.Rc1 Ke7 28.Bh3 f3 29.Rc4 Kd6 30.Rc8 Bxh2 31.Rd8+ Ke5 32.Rd7 h5 33.Rxf7 g5 34.Rh7 Kxe4 35.Rxh5 Bf4 36.Rh7 a5 37.Ra7 Bd6 38.a4 Bc5 39.Bd7 Kf4 40.Ra8 Nb3 41.Bc6 g4 42.Ra7 Bxf2 43.Kxf2 g3+ 44.Kg1 Nd4 45.Rf7+ Ke3 46.Re7+ Kd2 47.Rd7 Ke1 48.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 49.Kg2 Nd2 50.Kxg3 Nc4 51.Kf4 Ke2 52.Ke4 Nb2 53.Rd4 1-0 (53) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Zagreb CRO 2022]

11...b6 12.Rad1

[12.Rac1 Bb7 13.e4 Na5 *(13...Rac8 14.Rfd1 Bh6 15.Rb1 Bg7 16.Rbc1 Bh6 17.Rb1 Bg7 18.Rbc1* ½-½ (18) Ghosh,D (2570)-Ragger,M (2615) Austria AUT 2023*)* 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Rb1 Rac8 16.d5 e6 17.c4 Rce8 18.Qc2 f5 19.Rfe1 fxe4 20.Bxe4 exd5 21.cxd5 Bc8 22.d6

Qxd6 23.Rbd1 Qc7 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Bb2+ Bg7 26.Ng5 Bf5 27.Qc3 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 h6 29.Qxg7+ Qxg7 30.Re7 1-0 (30) Gukesh,D (2726)-Jones,G (2623) Linares ESP 2022]

12...Bb7

[12...Na5 13.Bd3 Rd8 14.h3 Bb7 15.Bb2 e6 16.e4 Rac8 17.Rfe1 h6 18.Rc1 Rd7 19.Bb5 Rdd8 20.Rcd1 Bc6 21.Ba6 Bb7 22.Bb5 Bc6 23.Ba6 Bb7 ½-½ (23) Martirosyan,H (2662)-Ivanchuk,V (2616) Chartres FRA 2024]

13.Bb2 e5 14.d5 Na5 15.e4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Qd6 17.a4 Bc8 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.c4 Rab8 21.f4 exf4 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Ne4 Qe7 24.d6 Qe6 25.Rd5 f6 26.Ng5 Qg4 27.Bxe5 fxe5 28.Nf3 e4 29.h3 Qe6 30.Ng5 Qf6 31.Nxe4 Qg7 32.Ng5 Rbe8 33.Rd3 Re2 34.Qd1 Qb2 35.Rg3 Bc6 0-1 (35) Martirosyan,H (2635)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025

5.g3 c5

[5...Bg7 6.Bg2 Nxc3 *(6...Be6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 c5 10.Ba3 Na6 11.Qa4 Bd5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.dxc5 Rfd8 14.Rd3 Nxc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Rad1 Rd6 17.Qb4 Qxb4 18.cxb4 Bxa2 19.Rxd6 exd6 20.Rxd6 Bf8 21.Rd7 Bxb4 22.Rxb7 a5 23.Ne5 Rd8 24.Bf3 Be6 25.Nc6 Rd1+ 26.Kg2 Bc3 27.Ra7 Ra1 28.Nd8 Bb3 29.Rc7 Bf6 30.Nb7 a4 31.Nc5 Rc1 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.Ne6+ Bxe6 34.Rxc1 a3 35.Bc6 a2 36.e4 Bb2 37.Re1 Bb3 38.f4 Bc2 39.Bd5 a1Q 40.Rxa1 Bxa1 41.Kf3 f6 42.g4 g5 43.h4 gxf4 44.Kxf4 Be5+ 45.Kf3 h6 46.Be6 Kf8 47.Bf5 Ke7 48.g5 fxg5 49.hxg5 hxg5 50.Kg4 Kf6 51.Bh7 Bd1+ 52.Kh3 g4+ 53.Kh4 g3 54.Kh3 Kg5 55.Bf5 Kf4 56.Kg2 Bf3+ 57.Kh3 g2 58.Kh2 Bd4* 0-1 (58) Vidit,S (2726)-Nielsen,P (2618) chess24.com INT 2021*; 6...Nb6 7.Bf4 0-0 8.Be5 Bh6 9.Bf4 Bg7 10.Be5 Bh6 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bg7 14.f4 c6 15.e3 Be6 16.Rf2 Qc7 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.b4 f6 19.Nd3 Bf7 20.Qe1 e5 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5 24.Ne4 Bd5 25.Nc5 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.e4 Nf6 28.Qc3 Ng4 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Qxe5 Nxe5* ½-½ (30) Makarian,R (2548)-Salem,A (2632) Doha QAT 2023*)* 7.bxc3 c5 8.Nf3 0-0 *(8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.e3 0-0 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.Rd1 Qd7 14.Rb1 Bf5 15.e4 Bg4 16.Be3 Bxd4 17.e5 Qf5 18.Bxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxb1 20.Rxb1 Bxe2 21.Nxe2 Rc2 22.Nf4 e6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Bf1 Rd1 25.Kg2 Rdd2 26.Nh3 Rxa2 27.Bc4 Rac2 28.Ba6 g5 29.g4 Ra2 30.Rxa7 h6 31.Ra8+ Kg7 32.Bb7 Rxa8 33.Bxa8 Re2 34.Ng1 Rxe5 35.Bf3 f5 36.h3 Kf6 37.Ne2 Rc5 38.Ng3 Ke5 39.gxf5 exf5 40.Bh5* ½-½ (40) Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Rb1 *(10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qc2 Bg7 13.Rb1 a6 14.c4 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Rxb5 c4 17.Rc5 c3 18.Rxc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Rxa2 20.Bh6 f6 21.d6 Be6 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.dxe7+ Qxe7 24.Rb1 Ra7 25.h4 Kg7 26.e3 Rc7 27.Qa5 Ra7 28.Qb6 Bf5 29.Rc1 Be6 30.Bf3 Bf7 31.Kg2 Rd7 32.Rc6 Qe5 33.Rc5 Qd6 34.Qa5 h5 35.Qc3 Re7 36.e4 Re5 37.Rc6 Qd8 38.Kh2 Qa5 39.Qc1 Qa7 40.Rc2 Ra5 41.Qd2 Ra2 42.Rxa2 Qxa2 43.Qxa2 Bxa2 44.Bg2 Kf7 45.f4 Ke7 46.Kg1 Kd6*

47.Kf2 Ke7 48.Ke3 Bf7 49.Kd4 Be8 50.Bf1 Bc6 51.Bd3 Bd7 52.e5 Be8 53.Bc4 Bd7 54.Kc5 Bf5 55.Bb5 Ke6 56.Kd4 Bg4 57.Bd3 Kf7 58.Kd5 Ke7 59.Bxg6 Bf3+ 60.Kd4 Bg4 61.Bd3 Ke6 62.Bc4+ Ke7 63.Ke3 Bf5 64.Be2 Bg6 65.g4 hxg4 66.Bxg4 fxe5 67.fxe5 Kf7 68.Kf4 Kg7 69.Kg5 Bf7 70.h5 Bb3 71.h6+ Kh7 72.Bf5+ Kh8 73.Kf6 Bc4 74.Be6 Be2 75.Bf5 Bc4 76.Bg6 Kg8 77.Bf7+ 1-0 (77) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo NOR 2022*)* 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4

A) 13.Qxd4 Bxd4 14.Bh6 Bg7 *(14...Rd8 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Bxc8 Rbxc8 17.Rfc1 f6 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rc1 Rxc1+ 20.Bxc1 Kf7 21.e4 Ke6 22.Kf1 Kd6 23.Ke2 Kc6 24.f3 e6 25.Kd3 Bc5 26.Kc4 f5 27.g4 fxe4 28.fxe4 a6 29.h3 Bb6 30.Bf4 Bc5 31.Bc1 Bb6* ½-½ (31) Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Stavanger NOR 2019*)* 15.Bf4 a5 16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Rxb7 Bf6 18.e4 g5 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Rd1 Rc2 21.Rd2 Rac8 22.Rb5 Rxd2 23.Bxd2 Rc2 24.Bxa5 Rxa2 25.e5 Bg7 26.Rb8+ Bf8 27.Bc3 Rc2 28.Bd4 Rd2 29.Be3 Rd1+ 30.Kg2 h6 31.h4 Kg7 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Bxg5 Rd5 34.f4 Ra5 35.Kf3 Ra6 36.Rb7 e6 37.Rb8 Bc5 38.Bf6+ Kh7 39.Rh8+ Kg6 40.Rg8+ Kh6 41.g4 Ra3+ 42.Kg2 Ra2+ 43.Kg3 Ra3+ 44.Kg2 Ra2+ 45.Kf3 Ra3+ 46.Ke2 Ra2+ 47.Kd3 Ra4 48.f5 exf5 49.gxf5 Kh5 50.Rg7 Ra7 51.Kc4 Bf8 52.Rg8 Bh6 53.Kd5 Bc1 54.Ke4 Ra4+ 55.Kd3 Ra7 56.Rg7 Bh6 57.Rg2 Bf4 58.Ke4 Bc1 59.Rc2 Ba3 60.Kf3 1-0 (60) Vidit,S (2727)-Sadhwani,R (2609) Kolkata IND 2021;

B) 13.Be3 Qc4 14.Bd5 Qa6 15.Qb3 Qxe2 16.Bc5 *(16.Rfe1 Qa6 17.Bc5 Bf5 18.Rbd1 Bf6 19.Bxb7 Qa5 20.Bb4 Qc7 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Rc1 Qd7 23.Red1 Qb7 24.Bc3 Qxb3 25.axb3 Rb8 26.Bxf6 exf6 27.Rc3 Be6 28.Ra1 Rxb3 29.Rxb3 Bxb3 30.Rxa7 h5 31.Kf1 g5 32.Ke2 Kg7 33.Ke3 Kg6 34.Rc7 Be6 35.Ke4 Kg7 36.h4 Kg6 37.Rc5 Bg4 38.f4 gxh4 39.gxh4 Kg7 40.Kd4 Kg6 41.Kc3 Bf5 42.Kb4 Be6 43.Kb5 Bf5 44.Kc6 Be4+ 45.Kd6 Bf5 46.Ke7 Be4 47.Ra5 Bd3 48.Ra3 Be4 49.Ra5 Bd3 50.Kd6 Be4 51.Rc5 Bd3 52.Kd5 Bb1 53.Kd4 Bf5 54.Ra5 Bc2 55.Ke3 Bf5 56.Rb5 Bc2 57.Rc5 Bf5 58.Kd4 Bb1 59.Rc1 Ba2 60.Ke4 Be6 61.Rg1+ Bg4 62.Rg3 Kg7 63.f5 Kf8 64.Kf4 Ke7 65.Rb3 Kf8 66.Rb6 Ke7 67.Ke4 Bh3 68.Ra6 Bg4 69.Ra7+ Kf8 70.Ra5 Ke7 71.Kd4 Bh3 72.Kc4 Bg4 73.Rc5 Kd6 74.Rd5+ Ke7 75.Kc5 Bh3 76.Kb6 Bg2 77.Rd3 Kf8 78.Kc7 Be4 79.Re3 Bxf5 80.Rf3 Bg4 81.Rxf6 Kg7 82.Rf4 f6 83.Kd6 Kf7 84.Rf2 Bh3 85.Kd5 Bg4 86.Ke4 Ke7 87.Rb2 Kf7 88.Kf4 Bh3 89.Rb5 Bg4 90.Ke3 Ke7 91.Kd4 Kf7 92.Ra5 Ke7 93.Kd5 Kf7 94.Ra7+ Kf8 95.Kd6 Bh3 96.Re7 Bg4 97.Re3 Kf7 98.Kd5 Kf8 99.Ke4 Kf7 100.Kf4 Be6 101.Rc3 Bg4 102.Rc5 Kf8 103.Ke4 Kf7 104.Ra5 Kf8 105.Kd5 Kf7 106.Kd6 Kf8 107.Ra7 Bh3 108.Re7 Bg4*

109.Re4 Bh3 ½-½ (109) Vidit,S (2722)-Ding,L (2801) Kolkata IND 2019 *)* 16...Be6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 fxe6 19.Rxb7 Bf6 *(19...Rf5 20.Rc7 Rd5 21.Bxe7 Rd2 22.a4 Bd4 23.Bg5 Ra2 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Rd8 26.Rxa7* ½-½ (26) Berkes,F (2671)-Grandelius,N (2662) Legnica POL 2021 *)* 20.Bxa7 Rfc8 21.a4 Kf7 22.Rd1 Rc4 23.a5 Ra4 24.Bb6 R8xa5 25.Bxa5 Rxa5 26.Rb6 Ra2 27.Rc6 *(27.Kg2 h5 28.Rb4 Rc2 29.Re1 Ra2 30.Ree4 Rc2 31.Rb6 e5 32.Rb1 Rd2 33.Rbe1 Rc2 34.R1e2 Rc3 35.R4e3 Rc5 36.Re4 Rb5 37.h4 Rc5 38.f3 Rb5 39.Kh3 Rb3 40.R4e3 Rb1 41.Re4 Rh1+ 42.Rh2 Rf1 43.Re3 Rb1 44.g4 Rb4 45.g5 Bg7 46.Rc2 Rb7 47.Rc6 Rd7 48.Rb3 Bf8 49.Kg3 Rd6 50.Rxd6 exd6 51.Kf2 Be7 52.Ke3 Ke6 53.Rb6 Bd8 54.Ra6 Be7 55.Ra8 Kf7 56.Rb8 Ke6 57.Rh8 d5 58.Ra8 Bc5+ 59.Kd3 Bf2 60.Ra6+ Kf7 61.Ra4 Ke6 62.Ra6+ Kf7 63.f4 e4+ 64.Ke2 Bxh4 65.Rf6+ Kg7 66.Rd6 Bg3 67.Ke3 h4 68.Rd7+ Kf8 69.Rxd5 h3 70.Rd1 h2 71.Rh1 Kf7 72.Kxe4 Ke6 73.Kf3* 1-0 (73) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Saric,I (2680) Zagreb CRO 2022*)* 27...Be5 28.Kf1 Bd6 29.Rc8 Rb2 30.Rd3 Be5 31.Re3 Bd4 32.Rf3+ Bf6 33.Rc6 Rb1+ 34.Kg2 Rb2 35.Re3 Bd4 36.Rf3+ Bf6 37.Rf4 Rb5 38.Re4 Be5 39.Rh4 h5 40.Re4 Bd6 41.Re3 Rf5 42.Rf3 Kg7 43.h3 Rd5 44.Re3 Kf7 45.Rf3+ Kg7 46.Rc4 Rf5 47.Re4 Kf6 48.Rfe3 e5 49.Rc4 Kf7 50.Rf3 Rf6 51.Rc8 Kg7 52.Rd8 Bc5 53.Rd7 Rb6 54.Rc7 Bd6 55.Rc8 e4 56.Re3 Rb4 57.Rec3 Rb2 58.R8c4 Be5 59.Re3 Bf6 60.Rcxe4 Ra2 61.Re2 Ra3 62.Rc4 Rb3 63.Re3 Rb2 64.Rce4 Ra2 65.Re2 Ra3 66.f4 Kf7 67.R4e3 Ra4 68.Kf3 Rb4 69.Rd3 Ra4 70.Rd5 Ra3+ 71.Re3 Ra1 72.g4 hxg4+ 73.hxg4 Ra7 74.g5 Bg7 75.Red3 Ke6 76.Rb5 Ra6 77.Rb7 Kf7 78.Rdb3 Rc6 79.Re3 Bf8 80.Ra7 Rb6 81.Rea3 Rc6 82.R7a6 Rxa6 83.Rxa6 e6 84.Ra7+ Kg8 85.Ke4 Bb4 86.Ke5 1-0 (86) Mamedyarov,S (2758)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Saint Louis USA 2022]

6.Bg2 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Nf3 Qxc3+ 9.Bd2 Qa3 10.Rc1 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rxc5 Nc6 13.Qb3 ½-½ (13) Matlakov,M (2670)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Samarkand UZB 2023

5.Na4 e5

[5...Bf5 6.f3 Nb6 7.e4

A) 7...Nxa4 8.Qxa4+ Bd7 9.Qb3 Bg7 10.Be3 0-0 11.d5 *(11.Rd1 b6 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.Nc3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Be2 Qe8 16.0-0 Be6 17.Qc2 Nc4 18.Bf2 Rd8 19.b3 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nd6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Qe7 23.Qc6 f5 24.Bc4 Kh8 25.exf5 Rxf5 26.Rxf5 Nxf5 27.Qa8+ Qf8 28.Qxa7 Qd8 29.Qb7 Bd4 30.Qd5 Bxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Qh4+ 32.Ke2 Qe7+ 33.Qe4 Qf6 34.Kf2 Qb2+ 35.Be2 Nd4 36.h4 c5 37.h5 gxh5 38.Qe7 Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qe7+ Kg8 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kg8* ½-½ (42) Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019*)* 11...b6 12.Rd1 Qe8 13.Rd2 c6 14.Ne2 e6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Qa3

Ne5 17.Nc3 b5 18.Qa6 b4 19.Nd1 Qe7 20.Be2 Rfd8 21.0-0 Bc8 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Qa4 a5 24.Nf2 Bd7 25.Qd1 Nc6 26.b3 Be8 27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Bd4 29.Bxd4 Nxd4 30.Kf1 Kf8 31.e5 Bc6 32.Ng4 Ke7 33.Nf6 h5 34.Rc1 Kf8 35.Kf2 a4 36.bxa4 Bxa4 37.Rc7 b3 38.axb3 Bxb3 39.Ke3 Ba4 40.Bd3 Nc6 41.Nd7+ Ke8 42.Nf6+ Kf8 43.Bc2 Bb5 44.Kf4 Ne7 45.Nh7+ Ke8 46.Nf6+ Kf8 47.Be4 Rc8 48.Ra7 Bc6 49.Kg5 Bxe4 50.Nxe4 Nc6 51.Rb7 Kg7 52.Nd6 Rf8 53.f4 Nd4 54.Rd7 Nf5 55.Nxf5+ gxf5 56.Rd3 Ra8 57.Rg3 f6+ 58.Kxh5+ Kf7 59.Rg6 fxe5 60.fxe5 Ra5 61.Kh6 Rxe5 62.Rg7+ Kf6 63.Rg6+ Kf7 64.Rg7+ Kf6 65.Rg6+ ½-½ (65) Nakamura,H (2754)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Zagreb CRO 2019;

B) 7...Bc8 8.Be3 Bg7 9.f4 *(9.Nc5 N6d7 10.Rc1 Nxc5 11.Rxc5 c6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Qd2 e5 14.Rc1 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Rd8 18.Rd1 Nd7 19.Bc4 Nb6 20.Bb3 a5 21.a3 Kf8 22.Ke2 Ke7 23.Rd2 c5 24.Nb5 Rxd2+ 25.Kxd2 Bd7 26.Nc3 Rd8 27.Ke3 Be6 28.Bxe6 Kxe6 29.Ke2 Nc4 30.Nd5 Rc8 31.Rc1 Nxb2 32.Rb1 Nc4 33.Rxb7 Nxa3 34.Kd3 c4+ 35.Kc3 Rc5 36.Kd4 Rc8 37.Kc3 Rc5 38.g4 h6 39.h4 f5 40.Kd4 Rc8 41.Re7+ Kd6 42.e5+ Kc6 43.Re6+ Kb5 44.Rb6+ Ka4 45.Nc3#* 1-0 (45) Andreikin,D (2729)-Mekhitarian,K (2540) chess.com INT 2023*)* 9...0-0 10.Nc5 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.d5 Nb8 13.Rc1 Qc8 14.Bd4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 c6 17.Nb3 Qd8 18.Nc5 e6 19.h4 exd5 20.h5 dxe4 21.Qxd8 Rxd8 22.fxe4 Re8 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Rd1 Na6 25.Bxa6 bxa6 26.Kf2 Rad8 27.b3 a5 28.Kf3 Kg7 29.Nb7 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 a4 31.Rc1 axb3 32.axb3 Rb8 33.Na5 Nd7 34.Rxc6 Rb5 35.Ra6 Nc5 36.Rxa7 Rb4 37.Rc7 Nxb3 38.Nxb3 Rxb3+ ½-½ (38) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Paravyan,D (2612) Baku AZE 2023]

[5...Bg7 6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 Nxa4 8.Qxa4+ Nd7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Rd1 c5 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Qa3 Nf6 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nh5 16.Bb5 Nf4 17.Rd7 Qe5 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qe3 Qh4 20.f4 Rad8 21.Rfd1 Qg4+ 22.Qg3 Qxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 24.Kg2 Bxb2 25.f5 Bd4 26.Bc4 Kg7 27.Qf4 Re1 28.Qd2 Rxe4 29.Bd5 Rg4+ 30.Kf3 gxf5 31.h3 Rd8 32.hxg4 Rxd5 33.gxf5 Kf8 34.Ke4 Rd7 35.c6 bxc6 36.Qh6+ Ke8 37.Qxc6 Bb6 38.Kf4 f6 39.Kg4 Kd8 40.Kh5 Bxf2 41.Qa8+ Kc7 42.Kh6 Bb6 43.Kxh7 Rd3 44.Qe4 Rd7 45.Kg6 Bc5 46.Qe6 Rd4 47.Kf7 Bd6 48.Ke8 Rb4 49.Qd7+ Kb6 50.Qc8 Rb5 51.Kf7 Rc5 52.Qd7 a5 53.Qe6 a4 54.Qe4 a3 55.Qb4+ Rb5 56.Qe4 Kc7 57.Qc4+ Rc5 58.Qd3 Rc6 59.Ke8 Kc8 60.Qb5 Kc7 61.Qd5 Rc5 62.Qe6 Kb6 63.Kf7 Ka5 64.Qe4 Re5 65.Qd3 Kb4 66.Qb3+ Ka5 67.Qc3+ Kb6 68.Qb3+ Kc6 69.Qc3+ Bc5 70.Qf3+ Kd6 71.Qd3+ Kc6 72.Qf3+ Kb5 73.Qb3+ Kc6 74.Qf3+ ½-½ (74) Xiong,J (2709)-Duda,J (2757) chess.com INT 2020]

[5...Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.e3 *(7.Bf4 0-0*

8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Re8 13.Qb3 Qc8 14.d5 e5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Bh2 Qa6 17.Qc2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 c5 19.Rac1 c4 20.Be2 Nb6 21.Nxb6 axb6 22.a4 b5 23.axb5 Qxb5 24.Bxc4 Qb7 25.b3 e4 26.Qe2 Qb6 27.Ra1 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Be5 Rd8 30.Bd4 Qc7 31.Ra1 Nd5 32.Qb2 Bxd4 33.Qxd4 Nb6 34.Qxe4 Nxc4 35.bxc4 Rc8 36.Ra8 Rxa8 37.Qxa8+ Kg7 38.Qd5 Qb8 39.c5 1-0 (39) Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com INT 2019*)* 7...0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.b4 Nbd7 11.Bb2 Ne4 12.Rc1 e6 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Ba3 Rfd8 16.Qb2 Bf8 17.Rd3 Qf6 18.b5 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 c5 20.bxc6 Rxc6 21.Rxc6 Bxc6 22.Nc3 a5 23.Bb5 Bb7 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Nd2 Bd5 26.Rc3 e5 27.Rc7 Qd6 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.dxe5 Qe7 30.Bxd7 Qxd7 31.Qxb6 Bxg2 32.Qd4 Bd5 33.f3 Qc6 34.Kf2 Bxa2 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qxa5 Qc2 37.Qb4 Be6 38.Qd4 Qd1 39.Nf1 Qc2+ 40.Qd2 Qf5 41.Qc3 Qh3 42.Qd4 g5 43.Qd8 h6 44.Qd4 Kg8 45.Qe4 Kg7 46.Kg1 Bf5 47.Qc6 Qh4 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qxf5 Qc4 50.Kf2 Qc2+ 51.Qxc2 1-0 (51) Ponkratov,P (2624)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022]

6.dxe5 Nc6

[6...Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qe7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Nb6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Qf4 0-0 13.e3 Ra5 14.Be2 Nxe5 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Rfd1 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 c6 19.Rd4 Rd8 20.Rad1 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Rb5 22.b4 Rf5 23.Qd1 c5 24.Rd7 Qf6 25.f4 cxb4 26.axb4 Qc3 27.Kf2 Rf6 28.Qe1 Qb2+ 29.Rd2 Qe5 30.Rd8+ Kg7 31.Qd2 Qa1 32.h4 Rc6 33.Kg3 Qc3 34.Qd4+ Qxd4 35.Rxd4 h5 36.Kf3 Rc1 37.Rd6 Rc6 38.Rd5 Rc4 39.Rb5 Rc6 40.f5 f6 41.fxg6 Kxg6 42.e4 Re6 43.g3 Rc6 44.Ke3 Rc3+ 45.Kf4 Rc6 46.g4 hxg4 47.Kxg4 Re6 48.Kf3 Rc6 49.Kf4 Re6 50.h5+ Kh6 51.Rd5 Rc6 52.Kf5 Rc4 53.b5 Rb4 54.Kxf6 Rxe4 55.Re5 Rc4 56.Ke7 Kh7 57.Re6 Rc5 58.Rxb6 Rxh5 59.Rxb7 Kg6 60.Rb8 Kf5 61.Kd6 Ke4 62.b6 Kd4 63.Rd8 1-0 (63) Nakamura,H (2736)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020]

7.a3 Nxe5 8.e4 Nb6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Nc3 c6 11.Bg5+ Be7 12.0-0-0+ Ke8 13.Be3 f6 14.h3 g5 15.Be2 h5 16.Nf3 Nxf3 17.gxf3 h4 18.f4 gxf4 19.Bxf4 Kf7 20.Bg4 Bc5 21.f3 Be6 22.Ne2 Bb3 23.Rd3 Bc4 24.Rd2 Rad8 25.Rhd1 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Bxe2 27.Rxe2 Nc4 28.Kc2 Ke7 29.Bc1 Ne5 30.Rg2 Rg8 31.Kc3 Rd8 32.Rd2 Rg8 33.Rg2 Rd8 34.Bf5 Rd3+ 35.Kc2 Rxf3 36.Rg7+ Kd6 37.Rxb7 Nc4 38.Rb3 Ne3+ 39.Bxe3 Rxe3 ½-½ (39) Donchenko,A (2679)-Tari,A (2635) Lublin POL 2023

5.Qb3 Nb6

[5...Nxc3 6.Qxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bf4 Qd5 9.Be5 Bxe5 10.Nxe5 Nd7 11.Nd3 b6 12.Nf4 Qd6 13.e3 Bb7 14.Bb5 Nf6 15.f3 Rac8 16.Rd1 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Rxc5 19.Ba4 e5 20.Nd3 Ra5 21.Bb3 e4 22.fxe4 Nxe4 23.0-0 Bd5 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Nb4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rc8 27.h3 a5 28.Nd5 Rc2 29.b3 b5 30.a3 Ra2 31.b4 Rxa3 32.bxa5 Rxa5 33.Rb1 Kf8 34.Rb4 Nd6 35.Kf2 Ra4 36.Rb2 Rc4 37.Kf3 Rc5 38.e4 f5 39.Nf6 fxe4+ 40.Kg3 Ke7

41.Nxh7 Rh5 0-1 (41) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022]

6.Nf3 Bg7 7.e4

[7.Bf4 0-0 8.e3 Nc6 9.Rd1 a5 10.d5 a4 11.Qa3 Na5 12.h3 *(12.Bg3 Re8 13.Be2 Nbc4 14.Bxc4 Nxc4 15.Qb4 b5 16.0-0 Bd7 17.b3 Nd6 18.Ne5 Qc8 19.e4 c5 20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.Rfe1 Qa6 22.Nxc6 Qxc6 23.Nd5 Rac8 24.h4 axb3 25.axb3 Bc3 26.Nxc3 Qxc3 27.Bxd6 exd6 28.Qxb5 Rb8 29.Qd5 Qxb3 30.Qxd6 h5 31.Kh2 Qc3 32.Re3 Qe5+ 33.Qxe5 Rxe5 34.Rd7 Rbe8 35.Rd4 f5 36.Rg3 R8e6 37.exf5 Rxf5 38.f3 Kf7 39.Rc4 Kf6 40.f4 Ra5 41.Rb3 Rd6 42.Rb7 Rda6 43.Re4 Kf5 44.Re3 Ra3 45.Re5+ ½-½ (45) Stoofvlees Ii A16 (3513)-Stockfish (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 12...Re8 13.Nb5 Nbc4 14.Qc5 b6 15.Qb4 Nxb2 16.Rd2 a3 17.Nxc7 Bd7 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.Bb5 Bc3 20.Qxc3 Bxb5 21.Qxa3 Nbc4 22.Qb4 Nxd2 23.Qxb5 Rc8 24.Kxd2 Nc4+ 25.Ke2 Qxa2+ 26.Kf1 Qa1+ 27.Ne1 Nd2+ 28.Ke2 Ne4 29.Qxb6 h5 30.Qb7 Qc1 31.Be5 f6 32.Qb4 Rc2+ 33.Nxc2 Qxc2+ 34.Kf3 Qxf2+ 35.Kxe4 Qxg2+ 36.Kd3 Qxh1 37.Qxe7 Qf1+ 38.Kc3 fxe5 39.d6 Qxh3 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Kb4 Qxe3 42.Qc7+ Kf6 43.d7 Qe1+ 44.Kb5 Qe2+ 45.Kb6 Qf2+ 46.Kb7 Kf5 47.d8Q Qb2+ 48.Kc8 Qe2 49.Qc5 Qa6+ 50.Kc7 Qe2 51.Qh4 Qe1 52.Qf8+ Ke6 53.Qc4# 1-0 (53) Stockfish (3592)-Stoofvlees Ii A16 (3513) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

7...0-0 8.Be3 Nc6

[8...Bg4 9.Rd1 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nc6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Be2 Ned7 13.h4 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.h5 Qc7 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.f4 Rab8 18.Qc2 Rfd8 19.e5 Nf8 20.b3 Rxd1+ 21.Bxd1 Rd8 22.Bf3 Ne6 23.Kf1 Qc8 24.Kg2 Nd4 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Ne2 Rd8 27.Rc1 Qa6 28.a4 e6 29.Qxc6 Bf8 30.Qb5 Qxb5 31.axb5 Rd3 32.Rc3 Rxc3 33.Nxc3 Bb4 34.Na4 Nxa4 35.bxa4 Ba5 36.Bc6 Bb6 37.Kf3 Kf8 38.Ke2 Ke7 39.f3 Kf8 40.Kd3 Ke7 41.Ke4 Kf8 42.Kd3 Ke7 43.Ke4 Kf8 44.Kd3 ½-½ (45) Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Sevian,S (2660) lichess.org INT 2020]

9.Rd1

[9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Rd1 c6 12.dxc6 Qc7 13.cxb7 Qxb7 14.Be2 Be6 15.Nd5 Rab8 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.g3 Rc5 19.Rd2 Rbc8 20.Kg2 Bxd5 21.exd5 Rc1 22.Qd3 Rxf1 23.Bxf1 Rc1 24.Qe4 Qc7 25.Bb5 h5 26.Re2 Bf6 27.b3 Qc5 28.a4 Rd1 29.Bc4 Rd4 30.Qe3 h4 31.Rd2 hxg3 32.hxg3 Rxd2 33.Qxd2 Kg7 34.Qf4 Kf8 35.Qh6+ Bg7 36.Qf4 Bf6 37.Kf1 Kg7 38.Ke2 Kf8 39.d6 g5 40.dxe7+ Qxe7+ 41.Qe3 Bd4 42.Qxe7+ Kxe7 43.g4 Bc5 44.f3 Bb4 45.Ke3 f6 46.Kd4 Kd6 47.Bb5 Bc5+ 48.Kc4 Bf2 49.Ba6 Kc7 50.Kd5 Kd7 51.Bc4 Bc5 52.a5 Kc7 53.a6 Bf2 54.b4 Kb8 55.Be2 Be1 56.b5 Bc3 57.Ke6 Bd4 58.Bc4 Bc3 59.Kd7 Ka7 60.Bd5 Bb2 61.Ke6 Be5 62.Kd7 Bb2 63.Kc6 Bd4 64.Be6 Bf2 65.Bd7 Be3 66.Be8 Bd4 67.Bf7 Be3 68.Kc7 Bf4+ 69.Kd8 Be5 70.Ke7 Ba1 71.Be6 Bd4 72.Kd7 Kb8 73.Bd5 Ka7 74.Bb7 Bc3 75.f4 Bb2 76.f5 Bc3 77.Bd5 Be5 78.Be4 Bc3 79.Bc6 Bb2 80.Ke7 Bc3 81.Kd7 Bd2 82.Ke6 Bc3 83.Ke7 Be5

84.Ke6 Bd4 85.Bg2 Be5 86.Kd7 Bc7 87.Ke7 Be5 88.Bh1 Kb8 89.Bf3 Bb2 90.Bb7 Bc3 91.Bf3 Ba1 92.Ke8 Bb2 93.Kf7 Bd4 94.Ke7 Bb2 95.Bd1 Be5 96.Ba4 Ba1 97.Kd7 Be5 98.Bb3 Bd4 99.Bd5 Be5 100.Bf7 Bd4 101.Bc4 Be5 102.Be2 Ka7 103.Bc4 Kb8 104.Be6 Ka7 105.Bf7 Ka8 106.Kc6 Ka7 107.Kd5 Bc3 108.Kd6 Ba1 109.Kd5 Bc3 110.Ke4 Be5 111.Kf3 Kb8 112.Kg2 Ka7 113.Kh3 Bd4 114.Kg2 Be5 115.Be6 Bd6 116.Kf2 Kb8 117.Bd7 Bc5+ 118.Kf1 ½-½ (118) Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482)-Komododragon (3522) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

9...Bg4 10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2 Nxf3+ [11...Qc8 12.h4 c6 *(12...Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh5 14.Kf1 Nd7 15.Kg2 Ne5 16.Rh3 Kh8 17.Rg3 c6 18.Bc5 Re8 19.Bd4 c5 20.Be3 c4 21.Qc2 Qd7 22.a4 Rf8 23.Rd4 Rac8 24.f4 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 Nd3 26.e5 Bh6 27.Kh2 Qf5 28.Qf3 Rfd8 29.h5 Ne1 30.Qe4 Qxe4 31.Rxe4 Nd3 32.Rh3 Bg7 33.h6 Bf8 34.Bxa7 Kg8 35.Bb6 Rd7 36.f5 e6 37.fxe6 fxe6 38.d6 Nxe5 39.Rxe5 Bxd6 40.Rhe3 Rc6 41.a5 Bxe5+ 42.Rxe5 Rf7 43.Rb5 Rf5 44.Rb4 Rh5+ 45.Kg3 Rxh6 46.Ne4 c3 47.bxc3 Rh1 48.Bd4 Ra1 49.Rxb7 e5 50.Bxe5 Rxa5 51.Nf6+ Kf8 52.Nxh7+ Ke8 53.f4 Kd8 54.Rg7 Ra1 55.Nf6 Rh1 56.Bd4 Ra1 57.Rxg6 Ra5 58.Kg4 Ra4 59.Rg8+ Ke7 60.Nd5+ Kf7 61.Rg7+ Ke8 62.f5 Ra5 63.Nf4 Rca6 64.f6 Kd8 65.f7 Ke7 66.Ng6+ Rxg6+ 67.Rxg6 Rb5 68.f8Q+ Kxf8* 1-0 (68) Komododragon (3522)-Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 13.Nxe5 Bxe2 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Kxe2 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 a5 18.Bg5 a4 19.Qd3 Qd7 20.Rhe1 Bxb2 21.Kf1 Rfe8 22.h5 Ra6 23.Qe3 Bf6 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Kg1 Rf8 26.Bf4 Qf5 27.f3 Bg7 28.Bh2 Rf7 29.Rd3 Ra8 30.g4 Qf6 31.Kg2 Rc8 32.Re2 b5 33.Bg3 b4 34.Qe4 Qa6 35.d6 exd6 36.Qxg6 Qc4 37.g5 Qb5 38.Bxd6 Qf5 39.Qxf5 Rxf5 40.Bxb4 Rxg5+ 41.Kf1 Rc1+ 42.Kf2 Rh5 43.Re8+ Kh7 44.a3 Rc2+ 45.Kg3 Rg5+ 46.Kf4 Bh6 47.Re7+ Kh8 48.Ke4 Re2+ 49.Kd4 ½-½ (49) Lczero Dev (3586)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

12.gxf3 Bh3 13.Rg1 c6 14.f4 Qb8 15.Rg3 Bd7 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.h4 Qc8 18.Qb4 Rd8 19.f5 Be5 20.Rg4 Kh8 21.fxg6 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 fxg6 23.Qxe7 Qe8 24.Qxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bb3 Bd7 26.Rg5 Bxc3+ 27.bxc3 Rxe4 28.Kd2 Kg7 29.Bd4+ Kf8 30.Rc5 Ke8 31.Rc7 Nc8 32.Rxb7 Rxh4 33.a4 Ke7 34.a5 Rh5 35.Ba4 Rd5 36.a6 h5 37.Ke3 Ke8 38.Bc2 Rd6 39.Bd3 h4 40.f4 h3 41.Kf2 Kd8 42.Kg3 Ke8 43.Kh2 Kd8 44.Bf1 Rd5 45.Bc4 Rd6 46.Rb8 Kc7 47.Rb2 Kd8 48.Rb7 Ke8 49.Bd3 Kd8 50.Rb8 Kc7 51.Rb1 Kd8 52.Rb7 Ke8 53.Rb8 Kd8 54.Kg3 Kc7 55.Rb7+ Kd8 56.Bc4 Ke8 57.Rb2 Kd8 58.Rb7 Ke8 59.Rb8 Kd8 60.Kh2 Kc7 61.Rb2 Kd8 62.Rb7 Ke8 63.Rb8 Kd8 64.Bf1 Kc7 65.Rb7+ Kd8 66.Bd3 Ke8 67.Rb8 Kd8 68.Kg3 Kc7 69.Rb2 Kd8 70.Rb7 Ke8 71.Bc4 Kd8 72.Rb8 Kc7 73.Rb1 Kd8 74.Kh2 Be6 75.Be2 Bd7 76.Rd1 Ke8 77.Bc4 Rc6 78.Bf1 Rd6 79.Bd3 Kd8 80.Rd2 Ke8 81.Be5 Rb6 82.Bd4 Rd6 83.Bc5 Rc6 84.Bf2 Rd6 85.Bd4 Rc6 86.Rd1 Rd6 87.Rd2 Rc6 88.Ra2 Rd6 89.f5 Bxf5 90.Bf1 Kd8 91.Be2 Bd7

92.Be3 Ke8 93.Bc4 Rc6 94.Bd3 Rxc3 95.Bxg6+ Kd8 96.Bg5+ Kc7 97.Bf4+ Kd8 98.Bh5 Rc5 99.Bf3 Rf5 100.Kg3 ½-½ (100) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Lczero Dev (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

67 **5...Bg7** 6.e4 Nxc3
[6...Nb6 7.Be3 0-0
A) 8.Bb5 Bd7 *(8...Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nge2 Nc4 11.0-0 e5 12.d5 Nxe3 13.fxe3 cxd5 14.exd5 Bb7 15.Qb3 Rb8 16.Qa3 Qd6 17.Qxa7 Ba6 18.Ne4 Qxd5 19.N2c3 Qa8 20.Qxa8 Rxa8 21.Rfd1 f5 22.Nc5 Bc4 23.b3 Bf7 24.a4 e4 25.Rac1 Rfb8 26.Nb5 c6 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxb3 29.Nd7 Rd8 30.Rxc6 Rxd7 31.Rxd7 Bxa4 32.Rcc7 Bxd7 33.Rxd7 Ra2 34.Kf1 Rb2 35.h4 Ra2 36.g3 Rc2 37.Rb7 h5 38.Rd7 Ra2 39.Rc7 Rb2 40.Rd7 Ra2 41.Rc7 Rb2 42.Rd7 Ra2* ½-½ (42) Shirov,A (2662)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 9.Be2 e5 10.dxe5 Bxe5 11.Nf3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Bc6 13.Nd2 N8d7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Bf1 Rad8 17.Qb1 Nba4 18.f3 Rfe8 19.Qc2 a6 20.Rab1 Bb5 21.c4 Bc6 22.Nb3 b6 23.Bf2 Rd7 24.Nd4 Bb7 25.e5 Qg5 26.h4 Qh6 27.Rbd1 Bc8 28.Bg3 Rdd8 29.e6 fxe6 30.Bxc7 Rd7 31.Bg3 e5 32.Bxe5 Qxh4 33.Bg3 Qd8 34.Bh4 Rxe1 35.Bxd8 Rxd1 36.Qxd1 Rxd8 37.Qa1 Bd7 38.Nb3 Be6 39.Qe5 Bf7 40.Nxc5 Nxc5 41.Qc7 Rd1 42.Qxb6 Bxc4 43.Qxc5 Rxf1+ 44.Kh2 Be6 45.Qc6 Re1 46.Qxa6 Re5 47.a4 Bd5 48.Qd6 Rh5+ 49.Kg1 1-0 (49) Deac,B (2692)-Navara,D (2688) Dortmund GER 2022;
B) 8.h3 e5 9.Nf3 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nc6 11.Bxg7 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Kxg7 13.Bb5 Nb4 14.a3 a6 15.Be2 Nc6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Be6 18.0-0 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Kf6 21.f4 Ke7 22.Kf2 Rd8 23.Ke3 Rxd4 24.Kxd4 f6 25.h4 Nd7 26.b4 h6 27.a4 g5 28.g3 gxf4 29.gxf4 Nb8 30.Nd5+ Bxd5 31.exd5 b6 32.h5 a5 33.bxa5 bxa5 34.Kc5 f5 35.Bb5 Kd8 36.Kd4 1-0 (36) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021;
C) 8.Be2 Nc6 *(8...c6 9.f4 Be6 10.Nf3 Nc4 11.Bf2 b5 12.Qc2 Na6 13.0-0 Nd6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.a3 Nc7 16.Ne5 Qe8 17.Nd3 Bc4 18.b3 Bxd3 19.Bxd3 Qd7 20.Rac1 Qg4 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.h3 Qh5 23.e5 Nb7 24.Be4 Qh6 25.Qd2 Rfd8 26.Rxc6 Rxc6 27.Bxc6 Nbc5 28.Qc2 Na6 29.Bb7 Nb8 30.Qc1 g5 31.f5 Nf8 32.Bf3 Nbd7 33.Ng3 Nb6 34.f6* 1-0 (34) Korobov,A (2672)-Plat,V (2546) Viernheim GER 2023*)* 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Na5 *(10...Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ne5 12.Qb3 c6 13.f4 Ned7 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.0-0-0 e6 16.h4 Rb8 17.Qa3 Qc7 18.h5 Rfd8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rdg1 Nf6 21.f5 Nxe4 22.fxg6 f5 23.Nxe4 Nd5 24.Nc3 Rxb2 25.Qxb2 Nxc3 26.Bc4 Qe5 27.Qb3 Nxa2+ 28.Kc2 Qe4+ 29.Bd3 Rxd3 30.Qxa2 Ra3+* 0-1 (30) Nogerbek,K (2483)-Maghsoodloo,P (2742) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 11.Bd4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qd6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qd2 Qf6 15.h4 Nac4 16.Qc1

c6 17.h5 Kg8 18.a4 a5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Nd1 Nd6 21.Ne3 Qd4 22.Ng4 f5 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Nxf5+ Nxf5 26.exf5 Rxf5 27.Qh6+ Kf6 28.Rd1 Qf4 29.Qh4+ Qxh4 30.Rxh4 Nd5 31.Rc4 Nb4 32.f4 g5 33.fxg5+ Rxg5 34.Bf3 Rg1+ 35.Ke2 Rxd1 36.Kxd1 Ra6 37.Kd2 Ke5 38.Re4+ Kd6 39.Rd4+ Nd5 40.Rh4 Ra8 41.Rh6+ Kc5 42.Re6 Rf8 43.Bxd5 Rxf2+ 44.Kc3 cxd5 45.Rxe7 d4+ 46.Kd3 Rf3+ 47.Kc2 Rf2+ 48.Kd3 Rf3+ 49.Kc2 Rf2+ 50.Kd3 ½-½ (50) Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019;

D) 8.a4

D1) 8...a5 9.h3 Nc6 10.Nf3 f5 *(10...Nb4 11.Be2 c6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Ng5 Bc4 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.b3 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Nd7 17.f4 h6 18.Nf3 e6 19.Ne5 c5 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.dxc5 Qc6 22.e5 Rfd8 23.Nd4 Qe4 24.Qd3* 0-1 (24) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Be2 Nb4 13.Rc1 c6 14.0-0 N6d5 15.Bd2 Qd6 16.Re1 Kh8 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bc4 Nb4 19.Qb3 Rad8 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bh6 Bg7 22.Qe3 Rde8 23.Bf4 Nd5 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rc5 Qd8 26.Be5 Bc8 27.Qh6 Rf6 28.Bxf6 exf6 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qe3 Qd8 31.Qe1 Bf8 32.Rxa5 Bd7 33.Ra7 Qb8 34.Qa5 Kg7 35.Ra8 Qf4 36.Qd8 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 Qd6 39.Qb8 Qb4 40.Ra7 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021;

D2) 8...Be6 9.d5 Bc8 10.a5 N6d7 11.Nf3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4 Bg7 14.Bc4 c6 15.e5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Nc6 17.a6 Rb8 18.0-0 Bd7 19.Qf3 Qe8 20.Rfd1 bxa6 21.Rxa6 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Qc8 23.Rda1 Rxb2 24.Bd4 e6 25.Bc6 Bxc6 26.Rxc6 Qb8 27.Ne4 Rb4 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Nd6 Rf8 30.h3 a5 31.Bc3 Rb1 32.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 33.Kh2 Qb8 34.Qe4 Qa7 35.Qd4 Qxd4 36.Bxd4 Ra8 37.Rc8+ Rxc8 38.Nxc8 a4 39.Kg3 h5 40.Nd6 Bf8 41.Nb5 a3 42.Kf3 g5 43.Ke4 Kg7 44.g4 hxg4 45.hxg4 Be7 46.Ba1 Kg6 47.Kd3 a2 48.Nc3 f5 49.exf6 Bxf6 50.Kc2 Bd4 51.Kd3 Be5 52.Bb2 Kf7 53.Kc4 Ke7 54.Kb3 Kd6 55.Ba3+ Kc6 56.Nxa2 Kd5 57.Bc1 Ke4 58.Bxg5 Kf3 59.Be7 Kxg4 60.Kc4 Kf5 61.Nb4 Bf6 62.Bc5 Be5 63.Nd3 Bf4 64.Bd4 Ke4 65.Nc5+ Kf5 66.Nd3 Ke4 67.Nxf4 e5 68.Bxe5 Kxe5 ½-½ (68) Le,Q (2709)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

7.Bxc3 0-0

[7...c5 8.d5

A) 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qd6 10.Qd2 0-0 11.f4 e6 12.Nf3 *(12.Bc4 b5 13.Bxb5 exd5 14.Bc4 Bb7 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.0-0 Nb6 17.Be2 d4 18.e5 Qd7 19.cxd4 Rad8 20.Rad1 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Qxd4+ 22.Qxd4 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 cxd4 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Bd1 Nc4 26.Kf2 Nb2 27.Rd2 Nc4 28.Rd3 Nb2 29.Rd2 Nc4 30.Rd3* ½-½ (30) Giri,A (2763)-

Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Yekaterinburg RUS 2020) 12...exd5 13.Bc4 Be6 14.0-0 d4 15.f5 Bxc4 16.e5 Qd7 17.f6 1-0 (17) Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020;

B) 8...0-0 9.Bc4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 e6 11.Ne2 exd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Nf4 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 f5 16.Re1 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Rf7 18.Qd3 Qg5 19.f4 Qf5 20.Ne3 Qh5 21.Qc4 Rd8 22.Rf1 Kg7 23.Rf3 Qh4 24.Rh3 Qf6 25.Ng4 Qf5 26.Nh6 Rd1+ 27.Kf2 1-0 (27) Vrolijk,L (2568)-Areshchenko,A (2625) Bremen GER 2023]

[7...Nc6 8.Bb5 *(8.d5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Na5 10.h4 e6 11.Qd4 0-0 12.h5 c5 13.Qxc5 exd5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qxd5+ Qxd5 16.exd5 Bd7 17.Rh4 Rac8 18.c4 b5 19.cxb5 Rc5 20.Rd4 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Rxb5 22.Nf3 Rd8 23.Rad1 Nb7 24.d6 Nc5 25.d7 Kf7 26.Rd5 a6 27.Ng5+ Ke7 28.Nxh7 Rxd7 29.Re5+ Kd8 30.Rxd7+ Kxd7 31.Nf6+ Kd6* 0-1 (31) Ter Sahakyan,S (2605)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 8...0-0 9.Ne2 Qd6 10.Qd2 Rd8 11.Rd1 a5 12.a3 Na7 13.Bd3 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Qg5 Nc6 16.Bc2 Bxc3+ 17.Nxc3 Nd4 18.0-0 f6 19.Qh4 c5 20.Nb5 Qb6 21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 cxd4 23.Bd3 Bd7 24.e5 Rf8 25.exf6 Qxf6 26.Qg3 Re8 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 Qe5 29.Qxe5 Rxe5 30.Rc1 Kf7 31.Kf1 Ke6 32.Rc4 Bb5 33.Rxd4 Bxd3+ 34.Rxd3 Re4 35.Rh3 h5 36.Rg3 Kf5 37.Rf3+ Ke5 38.Rg3 Kf5 39.Rb3 b5 40.h3 h4 41.g3 hxg3 42.fxg3 Kg5 43.Kg2 Kh5 44.Kf3 Rc4 45.h4 g5 46.Rd3 gxh4 47.Rd5+ Kg6 48.gxh4 ½-½ (48) Predke,A (2696)-Paravyan,D (2654) Sochi RUS 2020]

8.Qd2

[8.Bc4 Nd7 9.Qd2 Nb6 10.Bb3 c5 11.d5 e6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.d6 c4 14.Bc2 e5 15.f4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Qf6 17.Qxf6+ Kxf6 18.Nf3 Bg4 19.e5+ Kg7 20.0-0 f6 21.exf6+ Rxf6 22.Ne5 Be6 23.Rfd1 Rd8 24.Be4 Bf5 25.Bxb7 Rfxd6 26.Rxd6 Rxd6 27.Rc1 Rd2 28.Nxc4 Nxc4 29.Rxc4 Rxb2 30.Bd5 Rc2 ½-½ (30) Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Grandelius,N (2663) Wijk aan Zee NED 2021]

8...c5

[8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Bxf3 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.gxf3 Ne5 13.0-0-0 c6

A) 14.Qc3 f6 15.f4 Nf7 16.d6 exd6 17.h4 Qb6 18.Qg3 d5 19.exd5 Rad8 *(19...cxd5 20.h5 Rac8+ 21.Kb1 Rfe8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Bd3 f5 24.Rdg1 Qf6 25.Qf3 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Rxh8 27.Qxd5 Rd8 28.Qxf5 Qxf5 29.Bxf5 Rd6 30.Be4 b6 31.Kc2 Rf6 32.Kd3 Nd6 33.Rg5 Kf7 34.Rd5 Ke7 35.Re5+ Kd7 36.Ke2 Rxf4 37.Bxg6 Nc4 38.Rb5 Kc6 39.Rb3 a5 40.Bd3 Ne5 41.Ba6 Rh4 42.Rc3+ Kd6 43.a3 Nc6 44.Rg3 Nd4+ 45.Kd2 b5 46.Bc8 Rh8 47.Bg4 Rf8 48.Rd3 Ke5 49.Ke3 Nc2+ 50.Ke2 Nd4+ 51.Kf1 b4 52.axb4 axb4 53.Bd1 Ra8 54.Kg2 Ra2 55.Re3+ Kf4 56.Bf3 Kf5 57.b3 Ra5 58.Be2 Re5 59.Bc4 Rxe3 60.fxe3 Nc6 61.Bd3+ Ke5 62.Kf3 Na5 63.Bc2 Nb7 64.Bh7 Nc5 65.Bg8 Nd3 66.Bh7 Nc5 67.Bc2 Nb7 68.Ke2 Nc5 69.Kd2*

Kd5 70.Ke1 Ke5 71.Ke2 Kd5 72.Kf3 Ke5 73.Kf2 Kd5 74.Kg2 Ke5 75.Kf3 Ne6 76.Bd3 Nc5 77.Bc4 Ne4 78.Ke2 Nc5 79.Kf3 Ne4 80.Bg8 Nf6 81.Bf7 Ne4 82.Ke2 Nc5 83.Bg8 Ke4 84.Bh7+ Ke5 85.Bc2 Kd5 86.Kf2 Ke5 87.Kf3 ½-½ (87) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 20.h5 Qc5+ 21.Kb1 Rxd5 22.Rc1 Qd4 23.Bc4 Rc5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rhd1 Rxc4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rg1 Nh8 28.f5 g5 29.f4 Nf7 30.fxg5 fxg5 31.Qc7 g4 32.Qxb7 Rfd8 33.Qxc6 R8d6 34.Qf3 Ne5 35.Qe3 Kf6 36.Qh6+ Kxf5 37.Qf8+ Kg5 38.Qe7+ Kf4 39.Qf8+ Kg5 40.Qg8+ Kf4 41.Qb3 Rd3 42.Qb4+ R3d4 43.Qb3 Nf3 44.Rf1 Kg3 45.Qe3 Rd3 46.Qf2+ Kf4 47.Qxa7 Rd1+ 48.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 49.Kc2 Rd2+ 50.Kc3 g3 51.Qf7+ Ke3 52.Qe7+ Kf2 53.Qc5+ Rd4 54.Qf5 g2 55.Qc2+ Rd2 56.Qg6 g1Q 57.Qxg1+ Kxg1 58.a4 Rd8 59.a5 Ne5 60.b4 Nc6 61.a6 Rb8 0-1 (61) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 14.Bh3 cxd5 *(14...Kg8 15.Qc3 Qb8 16.d6 exd6 17.f4 Re8 18.Rhe1 a5 19.Kb1 a4 20.fxe5 Rxe5 21.f4 Rc5 22.Qf6 a3 23.b3 Rh5 24.Rxd6 Qe8 25.Be6 fxe6 26.Red1* 1-0 (26) Carlsen,M (2862)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 15.Qc3 f6 16.f4 Nf7 17.exd5 Qb6 18.Rhe1 Qxf2 19.Rxe7 Qxf4+ 20.Kb1 Rae8 21.Rde1 Rxe7 22.Rxe7 Qxh2 23.Be6 Qg1+ 24.Kc2 Qf2+ 25.Kb1 Qf1+ 26.Kc2 Qe2+ 27.Kc1 Qf1+ 28.Kc2 Qe2+ 29.Kc1 Qf1+ 30.Kc2 ½-½ (30) Lazavik,D (2578)-Bok,B (2587) chess.com INT 2024]

[8...Nd7 9.Nf3 b6 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.b4 a5 12.bxa5 c5 13.d5 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Rxa5 15.a4 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.0-0 Qa8 18.Qc4 Rb8 19.e5 b5 20.Qh4 Nf8 21.Qxe7 Qxd5 22.axb5 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Rxb5 24.h4 Qb7 25.Qxb7 Rxb7 26.Ng5 Re7 27.f4 Ne6 28.Ra8+ Kg7 29.Nxe6+ Rxe6 30.Rc8 Rb6 31.Rxc5 Rb4 32.g3 Rb1+ 33.Kf2 Rb2+ 34.Ke1 h5 35.Rd5 Rg2 36.Rd3 Kf8 37.Kf1 Ra2 38.Re3 Ke7 39.Re2 Ra3 40.Kf2 Ke6 41.Re3 Ra1 42.Rd3 Ke7 43.Kf3 Rf1+ 44.Ke4 Re1+ 45.Re3 Ra1 46.Rb3 Re1+ 47.Kf3 Rf1+ 48.Kg2 Ra1 49.Rb7+ Kf8 50.Rb3 Ke7 51.Kf2 Rc1 52.Rb7+ Kf8 53.Rd7 Ra1 54.Rd6 Ra2+ 55.Ke3 Ra3+ 56.Rd3 Ra4 57.Rc3 Ke7 58.Kf3 Ra1 59.Rc6 Ra3+ 60.Kg2 Ra2+ 61.Kh3 Rf2 62.Rf6 Re2 63.Ra6 Rf2 64.Rb6 Re2 65.Rb3 Rf2 66.Rd3 Kf8 67.Rd1 Ke7 68.Rg1 f6 69.Rg2 Rf1 70.Ra2 fxe5 71.Ra7+ Kf6 72.Ra6+ Kf7 73.fxe5 Rf5 74.Ra7+ Kf8 75.Ra5 Kf7 76.Kg2 Ke6 77.Ra6+ Kf7 78.Ra7+ Kf8 79.Ra5 Kf7 80.g4 Rf4 81.gxh5 gxh5 82.Kg3 Rg4+ 83.Kh3 Ke6 84.Ra6+ Kxe5 85.Rh6 Rg1 86.Rxh5+ Kf6 ½-½ (86) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Erdos,V (2614) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]

9.d5 e6 10.Ne2

[10.Bc4 exd5 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 exd5 12.Bxd5 Nd7 13.Nf3 Nb6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Bxe6 Qxd2 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Nxd2 Rd8 18.Nb3 c4 19.Nc5 Re8 20.a4 Rc7 21.a5 Nc8*

22.Na4 Rxe4 23.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 b5 25.axb6 axb6 26.g4 b5 27.Nb2 Kf7 28.Re5 Nd6 29.Kg2 Re7 30.Rxe7+ Kxe7 31.f4 h5 32.h3 hxg4 33.hxg4 g5 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.Nd1 gxf4 36.Kxf4 Nc8 37.Ne3 Nb6 38.g5+ Kg6 39.Kg4 Nd7 40.Kf4 Nc5 41.Ke5 Kxg5 42.Nxc4 bxc4 43.Kd4 Na4 44.Kxc4 Nxc3 ½-½ (44) Giri,A (2764)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 11.Bxd5 Nc6 12.Ne2 Be6 *(12...Re8 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qc3+ Qf6 16.Bxc6 Qxc3 17.Nxc3 bxc6 18.Rfd1 Rab8 19.Rd2 Rb4 20.Rc1 Reb8 21.Rcc2 Rd4 22.f3 Rbd8 23.Rf2 f5 24.h4 Bc4 25.exf5 gxf5 26.g3 Kf6 27.Ne2 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Bxe2 29.Rfxe2 R8d5 30.b3 h5 31.Kf2 Rh1 32.Kg2 Rhd1 33.Rc4 R1d4 34.Rc3 f4 35.gxf4 Rxf4 36.Kg3 Rff5 37.Rce3 Rd6 38.Re8 a5 39.Rf8+ Kg6 40.Rg8+ Kf7 41.Ree8 Rfd5 42.Ref8+ Ke7 43.Ra8 Kf7 44.Rg5 Rxg5+ 45.hxg5 Rd4 46.f4 Kg6 47.Rg8+ Kh7 48.Rc8 Rd6 49.f5 Rd4 50.Rc7+ Kg8 51.g6 c4 52.Rxc6 cxb3 53.axb3 a4 54.Rc8+ Kg7 55.Rc7+ Kg8 56.bxa4 Rxa4 57.Rh7 Rg4+ 58.Kf3 Rg5 59.Kf4 Rg1 60.Ke5 Ra1 61.f6 Ra5+ 62.Kf4 Ra4+ 63.Kg5* 1-0 (63) Fedoseev,V (2686)-Puranik,A (2612) chess.com INT 2022*)* 13.Rd1 *(13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qc3+ Qf6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.e5 Qh4 17.0-0 Qb4 18.Rfc1 Rfd8 19.g3 g5 20.Qe3 h6 21.Rc2 Rd5 22.a3 Qb8 23.f4 c4 24.Nc3 Rd3 25.Qf2 gxf4 26.Qxf4 Qb6+ 27.Kg2 Qd4 28.Qf6+ Kh7 29.Rf1 Rg8 30.Rf4 Qe3 31.Rh4 Rxg3+ 32.hxg3 Qxg3+ 33.Kf1 Bh3+ 34.Ke2 Qe3#* 0-1 (34) Erigaisi,A (2627)-Shevchenko,K (2647) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 13...Bxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 Ne5 16.Qc3 Qf6 17.0-0 Rfe8 18.Ng3 Nd7 19.Qc1 Qd6 20.Qc3+ Nf6 21.h4 h5 22.Rd3 Kg8 23.Rc1 b6 24.Nf1 Re2 25.Ng3 Re5 26.Rcd1 Rae8 27.a3 Ng4 28.b4 c4 29.Rd4 b5 30.Nf1 Re2 31.Qg3 Qxg3 32.Nxg3 Re1+ 33.Nf1 c3 34.d6 Nf6 0-1 (34) Kazakouski,V (2577)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Deizisau GER 2024]

[10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Bc4 exd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Ne2 *(13.h4 Be6 14.h5 Bxd5 15.hxg6 Qa5 16.Qxa5 Nxa5 17.exd5 Rfe8+ 18.Ne2 hxg6 19.Kf1 Nc4 20.Rc1 Nd2+ 21.Ke1 Ne4 22.Rh3 Rad8 23.Rd1 Nf6 24.Rhd3 Rd6 25.Kf1 b5 26.Nc3 a6 27.a3 Red8 28.b4 Rc8 29.f3 cxb4 30.axb4 Rc4 31.Rb1 Rd8 32.Ke2 Nh5* ½-½ (32) Ragger,M (2624)-Sindarov,J (2659) Baku AZE 2023*)* 13...Nb4 14.Nc3 Qf6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Qe2 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bf5 19.Rfe1 h5 20.h3 Rd7 21.a4 b6 22.Qe3 Rad8 23.Re2 g5 24.Rde1 Bg6 25.Qc1 Qf4 26.Re3 h4 27.Qd1 a6 28.Qe2 c4 29.Re8 Bf5 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Rd1 b5 32.axb5 axb5 33.Qe7 Rd6 34.Ne2 Qe4 35.Qxd6 Qxe2 36.Ra1 Qxb2 37.Re1 Qd4 38.Qe7 c3 39.d6 Kg6 40.Qf8 c2 41.Qg8+ Qg7 42.Qe8 Qc3 43.Qg8+ Kh6 44.Qf8+ Kg6 ½-½ (44) Carlsen,M (2853)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2747) Dubai UAE 2023]

10...exd5 11.exd5 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.0-0-0 b5

[13...Nf6 14.f3 h5 15.h3 h4 16.d6 Be6 17.g4 Bxa2 18.g5 Nd5 19.b3 Bxb3 20.Qb2+ Kg8 21.Qxb3 Qxg5+ 22.Rd2 c4 23.Qb5 c3 24.Nxc3 Rac8 25.Bc4 Qf4 26.Qxd5 Rxc4

27.Kb2 Qe3 28.Qd3 Qb6+ 29.Kc2 Rfc8 30.d7 Rxc3+ 31.Qxc3 Rxc3+ 32.Kxc3 Qc6+ 33.Kb2 Qb5+ 34.Kc1 Qc6+ ½-½ (34) Anton Guijarro,D (2675)-Cheparinov,I (2688) Los Cancajos ESP 2020]

14.Nc3 b4 15.Ne4 Nf6 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.Bb5 Rb8 18.Bc4 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.Kb1 Rfd8 21.Rc1 Qd6 22.Rhd1 Re8 23.g3 Re5 24.Qc2 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 26.Qxc5 Qe4+ 27.Qc2 Re8 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.Rc2 Re1+ 30.Rc1 Re2 31.Rc2 Re1+ 32.Rc1 ½-½ (32) Lazavik,D (2578)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Oslo NOR 2024

5...Nb6 6.e3 Bg7 7.f4 [7.h4 e5 *(7...c5 8.dxc5 N6d7 9.Na4 Nc6 10.h5 0-0 11.hxg6 hxg6 12.Qg4 Nf6 13.Qh4 Qd5 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Bc3 Rfd8 16.Be2 Qe4 17.b3 Nb4 18.Kf1 Rd5 19.Kg1 Nc2 20.Rf1 Rad8 21.Bc4 Rd1 22.Ng5 Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Qf5 24.Nb2 Bh5 25.Bc4 e6 26.e4 Qxc5 27.Nxe6 fxe6 28.Bxf6 Rd2 29.Bxe6+ Kh7 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Qf4 Qd6 32.Qxd6 Rxd6 33.Bd5 Nb4 34.Nc4 Rd7 35.f3* 1-0 (35) Duda,J (2756)-Mamedyarov,S (2762) chess24.com INT 2021*; 7...N8d7 8.h5 e5 9.h6 Bf6 10.d5 0-0 11.e4 c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Be3 Bg5 14.Qd2 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qe7 16.Nf3 Nc5 17.Be2 Bg4 18.0-0 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Ne6 20.Rac1 Rad8 21.Ne2 c5 22.Nc3 Nd4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Rfe8 25.Rfe1 Qd6 26.Qa3 g5 27.Rxc5 Qxh6 28.Qxa7 f5 29.d6 e4 30.d7 Rf8 31.Rd5 Nxf3+ 32.gxf3 exf3 33.Qe3 Qh5 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Rf6 36.Qh2 Qg4+ 37.Qg3 Qxg3+ 38.fxg3 Rf7 39.Red1 g4 40.a4 Kg6 41.a5 h5 42.a6 f4 43.gxf4 Rxf4 44.R5d4 Rf7 45.Kf2 Re7 46.Kg3 Re2 47.a7 Rg2+ 48.Kf4 Rf8+ 49.Ke5 Re2+ 50.Re4 Rxe4+ 51.Kxe4 f2 52.b4 g3 53.d8Q Rxd8 54.Rxd8 f1Q 55.a8Q Qe2+ 56.Kf4 Qg4+ 57.Ke3 Qg5+ 58.Kf3 Qg4+ 59.Kg2 Qe2+ 60.Kxg3 Qe3+ 61.Kh2 Qe5+ 62.Kg1 Qe1+ 63.Kg2 Qe2+ 64.Kg3 Qe3+ 65.Kh2 Qe5+ 66.Kh1 Qe1+ 67.Kh2 Qe5+* ½-½ (67) Duda,J (2738)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2749) Zagreb CRO 2021*; 7...h5 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Qb3 0-0 10.Ng5 e5 11.d5 c6 12.f3 Bc8 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.Nce4 Qe7 15.Bb5 Rd8 16.0-0 Bf5 17.Rfd1 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Qxh4 19.a4 Qe7 20.a5 Nd7 21.a6 Rab8 22.Qa2 Nc5 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Qa3 Bf8 25.Bb4 Rxb4 26.Qxb4 Nd3 27.Qxe7 Bxe7 28.Rd2 f5 29.Nf2 Nb4 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8 31.Ra4 Nd5 32.Rc4* 1-0 (32) Anton Guijarro,D (2675)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 8.dxe5 Nc6 9.f4 *(9.h5 Nxe5 10.h6 Bf6 11.Qc2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.e4 c6 14.Nh3 Nec4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Nf4 Rd8 17.f3 b5 18.Kb1 a5 19.Bc1 Bb7 20.Nd3 Bc8 21.Ne2 Be6 22.Nef4 a4 23.g4 Rab8 24.Rhe1 b4 25.e5 Bh8 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.f4 b3 28.axb3 axb3 29.Qc3 Nb6 30.f5 Qd5 31.Nc5 Qg2 32.Qxb3 Nd5 33.Qc2 Qxg4 34.f6 Qb4 35.Ne4 Ra8 36.Bd2 Qb5 37.Bc3 Qa6 38.Kc1 Ne3 39.Rxd8+ Rxd8 40.Rxe3 Qa1+ 41.Qb1 Rd1+ 42.Kxd1 Qxb1+ 43.Kd2 Qh1 44.Rd3 Qxh6+ 45.Kc2 Bg7 46.Rd8+ Bf8 47.Bb4* 1-0 (47) Duda,J (2756)-Mamedyarov,S (2762) chess24.com INT 2021*; 9.Nf3 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.h5 Qe7 12.a4 Be6 13.a5 Nd7 14.a6 bxa6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Rxh8+ Bxh8 17.Bxa6 Rb8 18.Qa4 Rxb2*

19.Qa3 Qxa3 20.Rxa3 Nc5 21.Bb5+ Kd8 22.Be2 Nb3 23.Rxa7 Be5 24.f4 Bd6 25.Ra8+ Ke7 26.Rb8 Rxd2 27.Bb5 Rc2 28.Ne4 Bb4+ 29.Kd1 Rc1+ 30.Ke2 Bg4+ 31.Kd3 Nc5+ 32.Nxc5 Bxc5 0-1 (32) Giri,A (2780)-Svidler,P (2714) chess24.com INT 2021*; 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Nf3 Nc4 12.Qc2 Rb8 13.b3 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Rd1 Bg4 16.Ne2 Qe7 17.f3 Be6 18.Kf2 Rfd8 19.h5 Rb5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Bc3 Rxd1 22.Qxd1 Bxc3 23.Nxc3 Rh5 24.Rxh5 gxh5 25.Qd4 Qa3 26.Qd2 Bd5 27.Ne2 f6 28.Qc2 Bf7 29.Ng3 Qd6 30.Ne4 Qe6 31.Qc5 Kg7 32.Qxa7 Qe5 33.Qd4* 1-0 (33) Deac,B (2690)-Boruchovsky,A (2528) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...f6 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.Nf3 *(11.h5 Qe7 12.hxg6 Bf5 13.gxh7 0-0-0 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.Qb3 Nb4 16.Kf2 Nc2 17.Rd1 Bxh7 18.Rxh7 Qxh7 19.Qe6+ Nd7 20.Nd5 Bh4+ 21.Nxh4 Qxh4+ 22.g3 Qh5 23.Rc1 Kb8 24.Rxc2 Rhe8 25.Ne7 Nc5 26.Nc6+ bxc6 27.Qxc6 Re6 28.Qb5+ Rb6 29.Qc4 Rc6 30.Kg1 Rh8 31.Bg2 Qd1+ 32.Kf2 Nd3+ 33.Qxd3 Qxc2 34.Qb5+ Kc8 35.Qxc6 Qxd2+ 36.Kf3 Qd1+ 37.Kf2 Qd2+ 38.Kf3 Qd1+ 39.Ke4 Qb1+ 40.Kf3 Qd1+* ½-½ (40) Duda,J (2756)-Mamedyarov,S (2762) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 11...Bf5 12.e4 Qe7 13.Qe2 Bg4 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.e5 Bh6 16.Be3 Rxd1+ 17.Qxd1 Nxe5 18.Qd4 Nf7 19.Ng5 Rd8 20.Qe4 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Rd1+ 22.Kc2 Bf5 23.Qxf5+ gxf5 24.Nxd1 Nd5 25.Bd2 Nxf4 26.Rxh7 Qe4+ 27.Kc1 Nxg5 28.Rh8+ Kd7 29.Nc3 Qd4 30.Rg8 Qg1 31.Rxg5 Qxf1+ 32.Kc2 Ne6 0-1 (32) Ter Sahakyan,S (2640)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024]

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[7...c5 8.dxc5 N6d7 9.Ne4 Bxb2 10.Rb1 Bg7 11.h4 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ exf6 13.h5 0-0 14.Nf3 Re8 15.Bc4 Nc6 16.Kf2 Qe7 17.Rb5 Nd8 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rb3 Rc8 21.Bb4 Nc6 22.Ba3 Rcd8 23.Qb1 Nxd4 24.c6 Nxb3 25.Bxe7 Rxe7 26.cxd7 Nd2 27.Qxg6 Kf8 28.Qc2 Ne4+ 29.Kf3 Rdxd7 30.Rd1 Nd6 31.Bb5 Rc7 32.Qa4 Nxb5 33.Qxb5 Re8 34.Rd7 Rec8 35.Qd5 Rxd7 36.Qxd7 1-0 (36) Le,Q (2709)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Nd5

[9...N6d7 10.Ne4 Bxb2 11.Rb1 Bg7 12.Bc4 Na6 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.0-0 Nb8 15.Bc3 Bf5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rb4 Nc6 18.Ra4 a5 19.Qa1+ Kg8 20.Ng3 Bd7 21.Rd1 Qc8 22.Ra3 Bg4 23.Rc3 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qf1 Qd5 26.h3 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 Qxf3 28.gxf3 Rd8 29.a3 Kf8 30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.Ne2 Ke8 32.e4 Kd7 33.Ke3 Ra2 34.h4 h5 35.f5 gxf5 36.exf5 Ne5 37.Nf4 Rh2 38.Nxh5 Rxh4 39.Nf4 Rh1 40.Kd4 Nc6+ 41.Kc4 Re1 42.Nd3 Re3 43.f4 Kc7 44.Kd5 a6 45.Kc4 Re4+ 46.Kb3 Nd4+ 47.Kb2 Nxf5 48.Rb3 Re2+ 49.Kc3 Nd4 50.Kxd4 Ra2 51.Rb6 Rxa3 52.Rxa6 Ra4+ 53.Kd5 e6+ 54.Ke5 Ra3 55.Nf2 Ra2 56.Ne4 a4 57.Ra7+ Kc6 58.Rxf7 a3 59.Ra7 Ra1 60.Kxe6 Re1 61.Ke5 Re3 62.f5 Re1 63.f6 a2 64.Rxa2 Rh1 65.Rf2 Rh5+ 66.Rf5 Rh8 67.f7 Rf8 68.Ke6 Kc7 69.Ke7 Rh8 70.f8Q Rh7+ 71.Rf7 Rh5 72.Ke6+ Kc6 73.Qd6+ Kb5 74.Qb6+ Kc4 0-1 (74) Ponkratov,P (2623)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) lichess.org INT

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10.Qb3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nf6 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bc4 Na6 14.c6 Qxc6 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Ne5 Nxb3 17.Nxc6 Nxd2 18.Nxe7+ Kg7 19.Rxd2 Re8 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 Rxe3 22.c4 Re7 23.Kf2 Be6 24.Re1 Kf6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Rd7 Rxe1 27.Kxe1 Rc8 28.Rxb7 Rxc4 29.Rxa7 Rxf4 30.Ke2 Rb4 ½-½ (30) Giri,A (2762)-Xiong,J (2659) chess.com INT 2024

[68] **6.dxc5** Bg7 7.Qc1
[7.Qb3 Nf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Rc1 a5 10.e3 Nc6 11.Be2 Be6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Nd4 Rb8 14.Qa7 Nd7 15.Ncb5 Nxa2 16.Nc6 Nxc1 17.Nxd8 Rfxd8 18.Bxc1 Ra8 19.Qc7 Rac8 20.Qf4 Nxc5 21.0-0 Nb3 22.Nc3 a4 23.Qxa4 Ra8 24.Qf4 Rab8 25.e4 Nxc1 26.Qxc1 Rb4 27.Nd5 Rxe4 28.Nxe7+ Kh8 29.Nc6 Rc8 30.Bf3 Rc4 31.Qd2 Bf6 32.b4 g5 33.b5 1-0 (33) Duda,J (2732)-Firouzja,A (2777) Zagreb CRO 2023]
[7.Rc1 0-0 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.e3 Ndb4 10.a3 Nd3+ 11.Bxd3 Qxd3 12.Qe2 Bf5 13.e4 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Bg4 15.Be3 f5 16.h3 Bxf3+ 17.gxf3 f4 18.Bd2 Nd4+ 19.Kd3 Rad8 20.Rcd1 Nxf3+ 21.Kc2 Nd4+ 22.Kb1 Nb3 23.Bc1 Nxc5 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bxf4 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Nxe4 27.Kc2 Nxf2 28.Re1 Nxh3 29.Bh6 Re8 30.Rd1 g5 31.Rd3 Nf4 32.Re3 Kf7 33.Bxg5 e5 34.c4 h5 35.Kd2 b6 36.Re1 Re6 37.Rf1 Rd6+ 38.Ke3 Rd3+ 39.Ke4 Ke6 0-1 (39) Abdusattorov,N (2648)-Giri,A (2777) Yasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]
[7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Nf3 Be6 10.Ng5 *(10.a3 a5 11.Nd1 Qd7 12.e4 Nc7 13.h3 Rfd8 14.Be2 Ba2 15.Nc3 Qe6 16.Nxa2 Qxa2 17.0-0 Bxb2 18.Qc2 Qxa3 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Rxb7 Ne6 21.Be3 Bd4 22.Bb5 Bxe3 23.Bxc6 Qxc5 24.Qa4 Nd4 25.Nxd4 Bxd4 26.Bd5 Rab8 27.Bxf7+ Kg7 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Bd5 Bxf2+ 30.Kh1 Rf8 31.Qd1 Rf6 32.e5 Rf8 33.Bf3 Bg3 34.e6 Rf6 35.Qe2 a4 36.Qa2 a3 37.Qb3 Bd6 38.Rd1 Qe5 39.Kg1 Qxe6 40.Qxe6 Rxe6 41.Ra1 Re5* 0-1 (41) Henriquez Villagra,C (2608)-Volokitin,A (2652) Riga LAT 2021*)* 10...Qd7 11.Nxe6 Qxe6 12.e3 Rfd8 13.Bc4 Ne5 14.Nxd5 Rxd5 15.Bxd5 Nd3+ 16.Kf1 Qxd5 17.Rc2 Rd8 18.f3 Nxc5 19.Qb5 b6 20.b4 a6 21.Qe2 Nd3 22.g3 Qb5 23.Be1 a5 24.bxa5 bxa5 25.Kg2 Qa4 26.Bc3 Nb4 27.Bxb4 axb4 28.Rd2 Rxd2 29.Qxd2 Bc3 30.Qe2 Kg7 31.Rf1 Qa7 32.Rf2 Qc7 33.Qd3 Qa5 34.Rc2 Qa4 35.Qe4 Qa7 36.Qd3 Qa5 37.Qc4 Qf5 38.Qb3 Bf6 39.Rc4 Bc3 40.Rxc3 bxc3 41.Qxc3+ f6 42.a4 Qd5 43.Qc2 h5 44.h4 Qa5 45.Qa2 Kf8 46.Kf2 Kg7 47.Ke2 Qa6+ 48.Kf2 Qa5 49.Qc2 Qb4 50.Ke2 Qa3 51.f4 Kf7 52.Qc4+ Kg7 53.Kd2 Kf8 54.Qb5 Qa2+ 55.Kd3 Qa3+ 56.Kd4 Qa1+ 57.Kd5 Qd1+ 58.Kc6 Qf3+ 59.Qd5 Qxe3 60.a5 Qxg3 61.a6 Qf2 62.Qc5 Qxf4 63.a7 Qa4+ 64.Kb7 Qb3+ 65.Kc7 Qa4 66.Kb7 Qb3+ 67.Qb6 Qf3+ 68.Qc6 Qb3+ 69.Kc8 Qh3+ 70.Kd8 Qd3+ 71.Qd7 Qe4 72.Qe8+ 1-0 (72) Nyback,T (2587)-Kulaots,K (2521) Finland FIN 2025]
7...0-0 8.e4
[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bh6 Qa5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.a3 Qxc5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qc3+ Kg8 14.e3 Bg4 15.Be2

Rac8 16.h3 Be6 17.b4 Rfd8 18.0-0 Qb3 19.Qxb3 Bxb3 20.Rfc1 Bd5 21.Kf1 Kf8 22.Ke1 h6 23.Rc5 e6 24.Rac1 Ne7 25.g4 Rxc5 26.Rxc5 Rc8 27.Ne5 Ke8 28.Bb5+ Kf8 29.Nd7+ Kg7 30.Ke2 Rxc5 31.Nxc5 b6 32.Nd3 g5 33.f3 Ng6 34.a4 Kf6 35.Be8 Ke7 36.Bb5 Kd6 37.Be8 Ke7 38.Bb5 Kd6 39.Be8 Ke7 ½-½ (39) Xiong,J (2646)-Mekhitarian,K (2554) chess.com INT 2024]

8...Nb4 9.a3 Nd3+ 10.Bxd3 Qxd3 11.Nge2 Nd7 12.Be3 Qc4 13.0-0 Nxc5 14.Nd5 Qxe2 15.Qxc5 b6 16.Qxe7 Qxb2 17.Bf4 Be6 18.Rab1 Qd4 19.Rb4 Qd3 20.Nc7 Bc4 21.Rxc4 Qxc4 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Rd1 Bf8 24.Qf6 Qb3 25.Rf1 Qe6 26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.a4 Rc8 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Bxc1 a6 30.Kf1 Kf7 ½-½ (30) Abdusattorov,N (2783)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2735) London ENG 2024

6.Qc1 Nc6 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.Qxc5 Qxd4 9.Qxd4 Nxd4 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.Bc3 e5 12.e3 Be6 13.Kb1 f6 14.Bd3 Kf7 15.Be4 Rc8 16.f4 exf4 17.exf4 Bb4 18.Ne2 a5 19.a3 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Rhd8 21.Rhe1 Bb3 22.Bd5+ Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Rd8 25.Ne3 Rd2 26.Kc1 Rd4 27.g3 h5 28.Kc2 h4 29.Kc3 Re4 30.Kd3 Rd4+ 31.Ke2 f5 32.Rc1 Ke6 33.Rc5 h3 34.Nc2 Re4+ 35.Kd2 Kd6 36.Rc3 a4 37.Rd3+ Kc5 38.Rd7 b5 39.Rh7 Nd4 40.Nxd4 Rxd4+ 41.Kc2 Rc4+ 42.Kb1 Re4 43.Rxh3 Kc4 44.Ka2 Re2 45.Rh6 b4 46.axb4 Kxb4 47.Rxg6 Rxh2 48.Rb6+ Kc4 49.Ra6 Kb4 50.Rb6+ Kc4 51.Rf6 Rg2 52.Ka3 Rxg3+ 53.Kxa4 Rg1 54.b3+ Kc3 55.Rc6+ Kd4 56.Rc4+ Ke3 57.b4 Rg4 58.b5 Rg1 59.b6 Rb1 60.Rb4 Ra1+ 61.Kb5 Ra8 62.b7 Rb8 63.Ka6 Kf3 64.Ka7 1-0 (64) Pultinevicius,P (2575)-Salem,A (2629) chess.com INT 2024

6.Rc1 Nxc3

[6...Nc6 7.dxc5 Bg7 8.e4 Ndb4 9.Nf3 0-0 10.a3 Nd3+ 11.Bxd3 Qxd3 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Be6 14.Nd5 Bxb2 15.Rc2 Bxa3 16.Ra1 f5 17.Rxa3 fxe4 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rb2 Nc6 21.Be3 Nxd4+ 22.Bxd4 Bc6 23.Rba2 a6 24.Ke3 Rad8 25.Rd2 Rd5 26.Ke2 Rfd8 27.Be3 Rd3 28.Ra1 Kf7 29.g3 Rxd2+ 30.Bxd2 Bb5+ 31.Ke1 Rd3 32.Rb1 Ke6 33.Rb4 Bc6 34.Rb2 Kd5 0-1 (34) Martinovic,S (2548)-Carlsen,M (2847) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]

7.Bxc3 Bh6 8.e3 cxd4 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.h4 Be6 14.h5 g5 15.Ne2 Bxa2 16.Rxc6 Be6 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 19.Bxa7 Rc2 20.Nd4 Rxb2 21.Bc5 Bf8 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rc1 Kf7 24.Bd4 Rb5 25.Rc7 g4 26.Bc5 Ke8 27.Rc8+ Kd7 28.Rxf8 Rxc5 29.Rg8 Rxh5 30.Rxg4 Ke8 31.Rf4 Rf5 32.Rh4 h5 33.Ra4 Kf7 34.Ra2 Rb5 35.Kh2 Rb4 36.Ra5 Rh4+ 37.Kg1 Kg6 38.f3 Kf6 39.e4 Rf4 40.Rxh5 Kg6 41.Re5 Kf7 42.Rh5 Kg6 43.Rh8 Kg7 44.Re8 Kf7 45.Rh8 Kg7 46.Ra8 Rh4 47.g4 e5 48.Kg2 Rh7 49.Ra5 Kf6 50.Ra1 Rh8 51.Rh1 Ra8 52.Rh6+ Kf7 53.Kg3 Ra5 54.Rh7+ Kf6 55.Rh6+ Kf7 56.Rh7+ Kf6 57.Rh5 Kg6 58.Kh4 Ra3 59.Rg5+ Kf6 60.Rf5+ Kg6 61.Kg3 Ra5 62.Rh5 Rb5 63.Rh1 Ra5 64.Rd1 Ra8 65.Rb1 Rh8 66.Kg2 Ra8 67.Rc1 Rb8 68.Ra1 Rc8 69.Ra6+ Kf7 70.Kg3 Rh8 71.Kg2 Rb8 72.Rh6 Rb5 73.Kf2 Rc5 74.g5 Rc1 75.Kg2 Ra1 76.Kh2 Rf1 77.Kg2 Ra1 78.Kh3 Rg1 79.Kh4 Rg2

80.Kh5 Rh2+ 81.Kg4 Rg2+ 82.Kf5 Rg3 83.Rh7+ Kf8 84.Kg6 Ke8 85.Rh8+ Kd7 86.Rf8 1-0 (86) Howell,D (2646)-Grandelius,N (2672) London ENG 2022

[69] **8.Qxd4** Qxd4 9.Bxd4 f6 10.Bc3 e5 11.f4 exf4 12.Bc4 Nd7 13.Ne2 Bd6 14.Rd1 Ke7 15.Rf1 g5 16.g3 Ne5 17.Bd5 Bg4 18.gxf4 Nf3+ 19.Rxf3 Bxf3 20.Bxb7 Bxe2 21.Kxe2 Bxf4 22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.h3 Rc8 24.Kf3 h5 25.Rd5 Rc6 26.a4 Rb6 27.Rf5 Be5 28.Bxe5 fxe5 29.Rxg5 Rb3+ 30.Kg2 Rxb2+ 31.Kg3 Rb3+ 32.Kh4 Kd6 33.Rg7 a5 34.Ra7 Rb4 35.Rxa5 Rxe4+ 36.Kxh5 Rb4 37.Ra8 e4 38.a5 Kd7 39.a6 e3 40.Ra7+ Ke6 41.Ra8 Kf7 42.Ra7+ Kf6 43.Rc7 e2 44.Rc1 Ra4 45.Re1 Rxa6 46.Rxe2 Kg7 47.Re7+ Kg8 48.Re4 Kg7 49.h4 Rh6+ 50.Kg4 Rg6+ 51.Kh3 Kh6 52.Rf4 Rg7 53.Rg4 Rxg4 54.Kxg4 Kg6 55.h5+ Kh7 56.Kg5 Kh8 57.Kg6 Kg8 58.h6 Kh8 59.h7 ½-½ (59) Yoo,C (2607)-Woodward,A (2523) Saint Louis USA 2024

[70] **9.Bc3** Bd6 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Qe7 13.h3 f6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qa4 Be6 16.Rfd1 a5 17.Qxc6 Bc5 18.Qa4 Rfc8 19.Rac1 Qf7 20.b3 Qb7 21.Be1 Kf7 22.Rc2 Ke7 23.Kh2 g5 24.Bxa5 Rxa5 25.Qxa5 Bb4 26.Qa4 Rxc2 27.a3 Bd6 0-1 (27) Wojtaszek,R (2700)-Dubov,D (2714) Terme Catez SLO 2021

[71] **11.bxc3** Qa5
[11...Qc7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bd3 b6 14.Ne2 Nd7 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Nd4 a6 19.f3 b5 20.Bf1 Nb6 21.Qf2 Nc4 22.h4 h5 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Rd2 b4 25.Rdc2 Qd3 26.Ne2 Rd7 27.c4 a5 28.Nf4 Qd4 29.Nd5 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rc6 31.Ke3 f6 32.Kd4 Kf7 33.Rb2 Ba6 34.a3 bxa3 35.Ra2 Rb6 36.Rxa3 Rb2 37.Rxa5 Bb7 38.Ra7 g5 39.hxg5 fxg5 40.g3 Rb3 41.Ke5 Rxf3 42.Rb1 Bc6 43.Rxd7+ Bxd7 44.Rb7 h4 45.gxh4 1-0 (45) Erigaisi,A (2627)-Maghsoodloo,P (2706) Kolkata IND 2021]
12.Qd2
[12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.Ne2 Nc5 15.0-0 b6 16.Bc4 Be6 17.Bxe6 Nxe6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Nd4 Qe5 20.Nc6 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Qc5 22.Nb4 Rc8 23.Nd5 Nc7 24.Rd3 Nxd5 25.exd5 Rd8 26.Qd2 Rd6 27.h4 h5 28.a4 a6 29.Rd4 b5 30.axb5 axb5 31.g3 Kg7 32.Kg2 Kg8 33.Kh2 Kg7 34.f3 Qc7 35.Kg2 Qe7 36.Qd3 Qd7 37.g4 hxg4 38.fxg4 Rf6 39.d6 Qb7+ 40.Qe4 Qxe4+ 41.Rxe4 Rxd6 42.Rb4 Rd3 43.Rxb5 Rxc3 44.g5 Rd3 45.Re5 ½-½ (45) Deac,B (2700)-Krysa,L (2538) chess.com INT 2023]
12...0-0 13.Nf3 Rd8
[13...Nd7 14.Bc4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bd5 Be6 17.0-0 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Rac1 b5 20.f4 Qc7 21.f5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Qd6 23.Qf2 Qc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.fxg6 hxg6 26.d6 Rc6 27.d7 Rc7 28.Rd5 Rcxd7 29.Rxb5 Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Kf3 Rxa2 33.c4 ½-½ (33) Gukesh,D (2578)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]
14.Qe3 Bg4 15.Bc4 Nd7 16.0-0 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Ne5 18.Qe2 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rac8 20.Qb3 Rc7 21.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qxc3 23.Qd5 Kg7 24.g3 b6 ½-½ (24) Vitiugov,N (2671)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) London ENG

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[72] **5...Nb6** 6.h3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bb5
[9.Qd2 f5 10.e5 Be6 11.Rd1 Nb4 12.Ng5 Qc8 13.h4 N4d5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bc4 a5 16.Qc1 f4 17.Bd2 Bh6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qc3 c6 20.Qh3 Qf7 21.h5 g5 22.Be2 Kh8 23.Bg4 Nc7 24.a3 Qc4 25.Be2 Qc2 26.Bc3 Qe4 27.Qg4 a4 28.Bb4 Nd5 29.Bc5 Qf5 30.Qxf5 Rxf5 31.Bf3 Rf7 32.Rh3 Rg7 33.Bg4 Rgg8 34.Ke2 Rgd8 35.Rhd3 Kg7 36.Be6 Nc7 37.Ba2 Nd5 38.Kf3 Kf7 39.Kg4 Rab8 40.Rc3 e6 41.Bxd5 Rxd5 42.b3 Bg7 43.Rb1 axb3 44.Rbxb3 Rd7 45.Kxg5 Rg8 46.Kxf4 Bh6+ 47.Kf3 Ke8 48.g4 Kd8 49.Kg3 Bf8 50.Rf3 Be7 51.a4 Kc7 52.a5 Kb8 53.Rf6 Bxf6 54.exf6 Rf7 55.Be7 Rg5 56.a6 b5 57.f4 Rg8 58.g5 Ka7 59.Re3 Kxa6 60.Rxe6 b4 61.Bxb4 Rd7 62.Be7 Rxd4 63.f7 Ra8 64.g6 Kb5 65.g7 Ra1 66.f8Q Rd3+ 67.Kh4 Rh1+ 68.Kg5 c5 69.Re4 Rg1+ 70.Kf5 Rd5+ 71.Ke6 Rd4 72.Re3 Rd3 73.Rxd3 Kc4 74.Qd8 Re1+ 75.Kf5 h6 76.g8Q+ Re6 77.Qxe6+ Kb5 78.Qdb6+ Ka4 79.Qc4# 1-0 (79) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]
9...Na5 10.Qc1 c6 11.Be2 Nac4 12.Bg5 Nd6 13.a4 a5 14.Bf4 f5 15.e5 Nf7 16.h4 h6 17.0-0 Kh7 18.Be3 Be6 19.Bd3 Qd7 20.Ne2 Nd8 21.Qc5 Nd5 22.Bd2 b6 23.Qc2 Rc8 24.Rac1 Bg8 25.Rfe1 Be6 26.Bc4 Rb8 27.Red1 Bg8 28.Ne1 Rc8 29.Qb3 Ne6 30.Qf3 Ndc7 31.Qg3 Nd5 32.Nd3 Bf7 33.b4 axb4 34.Nxb4 Nec7 35.Nd3 Ne6 36.Qf3 h5 37.Rc2 Ra8 38.Bb3 Rfc8 39.Rb1 Rd8 40.Rbc1 Rdc8 41.Ne1 Kh8 42.Qd3 Bg8 43.Bc4 Rd8 44.Qg3 Nf8 45.Bb3 Rdc8 46.Nd3 Ra7 47.Kh2 Bf7 48.Rb1 Qd8 49.Ng1 Ne6 50.Nf3 Qd7 51.Rcb2 Kg8 52.Bxd5 Qxd5 53.Nf4 Nxf4 54.Bxf4 Bf8 55.Rxb6 Rxa4 56.Rb7 Ra3 57.Re1 Qe6 58.Rc1 Be8 59.Rc5 Rca8 60.Rb6 Rd3 61.Be3 Qf7 62.Rc1 Rc8 63.Rcb1 f4 64.Bxf4 Ra3 65.Be3 Qf5 66.R1b4 Ra5 67.Ng5 Bd7 68.Rb8 Rb5 69.R4xb5 cxb5 70.Rb6 Bc6 71.Nh3 e6 72.Nf4 Kf7 73.d5 exd5 74.Bd4 Kg7 75.Ra6 Qg4 76.e6+ Kh6 77.Ra7 Qxg3+ 78.fxg3 g5 79.hxg5+ Kxg5 80.e7 Bh6 81.Ra6 Be8 82.Rd6 Rc4 83.Rxd5+ Kg4 84.Nxh5 Rc6 85.Nf6+ Rxf6 86.Bxf6 b4 87.Rd8 Bc6 88.Bb2 Kf5 89.e8R Bg7 90.Bxg7 b3 91.g4+ Kf4 92.Bh6+ Kxg4 93.Re5 Bxg2 94.Kxg2 1-0 (94) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

[73] **7.Bc4** c5
[7...0-0 8.Ne2
A) 8...Nc6 9.0-0 Na5 *(9...e5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Qc2 Rd8 12.d5 Na5 13.Bd3 b6 14.Rad1 Bd7 15.f4 exf4 16.Nxf4 c5 17.c4 Nb7 18.Bd2 Nd6 19.Rde1 Be5 20.a4 a5 21.Kh1 Re8 22.Ne2 Qh4 23.Bf4 f6 24.Bxe5 fxe5 25.Ng1 Qe7 26.Nf3 Bg4 27.Nd2 Rf8 28.Qb2 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Rb8 30.h3 Bd7 31.Nf3 Nf7 32.Bc2 Qd6 33.Ne1 Re8 34.Nd3 Kg7 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Qc3 h5 37.Kg1 Qe7 38.Rf1 Re8 39.Qb2 Qd6 40.Rf3 Ng5 41.Re3 Nf7 42.Bd1 Rb8 43.Ne1 Re8 44.Rg3 Kh7 45.Qf2 Rf8 46.Rf3 Kg7 47.Nd3 Qe7*

48.Bc2 h4 49.Bd1 g5 50.Qb2 Qd6 51.Rf1 Re8 52.Bh5 Re7 53.Bxf7 Rxf7 54.Rxf7+ Kxf7 55.Nxe5+ Ke8 56.Nxd7 Kxd7 57.e5 Qg6 58.e6+ Ke7 59.Qxb6 Qe4 60.Qxc5+ Kf6 61.Qf8+ Kg6 62.Qf7+ Kh6 63.Qf6+ Kh7 64.Qxg5 Qe1+ 65.Kh2 1-0 (65) Carlsen,M (2863)-Aronian,L (2773) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 10.Bd3 e5 11.Rb1 b6 12.Be3 Be6 13.d5 Bd7 14.c4 Nb7 15.Qd2 Qe7 16.Bc2 c5 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Nc3 f5 19.f3 f4 20.Bf2 Rfc8 21.Qe2 Bf8 22.Nd5 Qg7 23.g3 Bd6 24.Rbd1 Rf8 25.gxf4 exf4 26.Kh1 Rac8 27.Rg1 Bc5 28.Rg5 Bxf2 29.Qxf2 Bxd5 30.Rgxd5 Nc5 31.Qd4 Qxd4 32.R1xd4 Kf7 33.Kg2 Ke7 34.h4 Rfd8 35.Rd1 Ne6 36.Bb3 Nc7 37.e5 Ne6 38.Kf2 Rc7 39.h5 gxh5 40.Rxd8 Nxd8 41.Rh1 Rc5 42.Rxh5 Nc6 43.Rxh7+ Ke6 44.Ba4 Nxe5 45.Bb5 Nxc4 46.Bxc4+ Rxc4 47.Rxa7 Rc2+ 48.Ke1 b5 49.Rb7 Rxa2 50.Rxb5 Ra1+ 51.Kf2 Ra2+ 52.Ke1 Ra1+ 53.Kf2 Ra2+ 54.Ke1 ½-½ (54) Caruana,F (2804)-Aronian,L (2722) Saint Louis USA 2024;

B) 8...b6 9.h4 Nc6 10.e5 Na5 11.Bd3 h5 12.Be3 *(12.0-0 c5 13.Bg5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bg4 15.Be4 Rc8 16.f3 Be6 17.Nf4 Bc4 18.Rf2 Nc6 19.Rd2 b5 20.Rc1 a5 21.Kh1 Qb6 22.e6 Nxd4 23.exf7+ Bxf7 24.Bxg6 Bxg6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Nd5 Qb8 27.Nxe7+ Kh7 28.Nxc8 Qxc8 29.Rxd4 Bxd4 30.Qxd4 Qe6 31.a3 b4 32.Bd2 Kg8 33.axb4 axb4 34.Bxb4 Kf7 35.Qa7+ Ke8 36.Qg7 Bf7 37.Kh2 Kd8 38.Qh8+ Kd7 39.Qd4+ Ke8 40.Qc3 Kd8 41.Ba5+ Ke7 42.Qc7+ Kf8 43.Qb8+ Be8 44.Bb4+ Kf7 45.Qf4+ Kg6 46.Bc3 Qe7 47.Qc4 Kh7 48.Qd4 Kg6 49.Bb4 Qc7+ 50.Bd6 Qf7 51.Qe4+ Kg7 52.Be5+ Kf8 53.Qb4+ Kg8 54.Bc3 Qc7+ 55.f4 Qd7 56.Qe4 Kf7 57.Qe5 Qg4 58.Qd5+ Kf8 59.Bb4+ Kg7 60.Qe5+ Kh7 61.Qe7+ Kh6 62.Bd2 Qd7 63.Qe5 Kh7 64.Bc3 Qf7 65.g4 Qf8 66.Qe4+ Bg6 67.f5 Qd6+ 68.Be5 Qd2+ 69.Kg3 Bf7 70.Bd4 Qa5 71.g5 Kg8 72.g6 Qa3+ 73.Kf2 Qa5 74.gxf7+ Kxf7 75.Qe2 Kf8 76.Qxh5 Qe5 77.Bxe5* 1-0 (77) Seer2 (3499)-Stoofvleesii D2 (3479) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 12...c5 13.Nf4 Bg4 14.f3 Bc8 15.Kf2 Bb7 16.Rc1 e6 17.Rh3 Nc6 18.Nxh5 gxh5 19.Rg3 f5 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.f4 cxd4 22.Qxh5 dxc3 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rxg7+ Kf8 25.Rd7+ Kg8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxc3 Nb4 28.Bf1 Rd2+ 29.Ke1 Rxa2 30.Rc7 Be4 31.h5 Bd3 32.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 33.Kf1 Ra1+ 34.Ke2 Nc5 35.Rg7+ Kh8 36.Re7 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Ra3+ 38.Kf2 a5 39.Kg1 Rd3 40.Re8+ Kh7 41.Bg5 Rd7 42.g4 fxg4 43.f5 exf5 44.e6 ½-½ (44) Stoofvleesii D2 (3479)-Seer2 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[7...a6 8.h4 *(8.Ne2 b5 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.f3 c5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Qb2 Qb6 16.Bf2 Na5 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qd2 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qd6 20.d5 e6 21.b4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rd8 23.Bc5 Qd7 24.d6 f5 25.Ng3 Be5 26.Rd1*

Bxg3 27.hxg3 fxe4 28.fxe4 Bxe4 29.Qg5 e5 30.Qxe5 Re8 31.Qxe8+ Qxe8 32.d7 Qd8 33.Be7 Qxe7 34.d8Q+ Qxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kf7 36.Rd6 h5 37.Rxa6 Kg7 38.Rb6 Bd3 39.Kf2 Kh6 40.Ke3 Bf1 41.Kf4 Be2 42.Rb8 Bf1 43.g4 hxg4 44.Kxg4 Bc4 45.Kf4 Kg7 46.g4 Kf6 47.g5+ Ke6 48.Rb6+ Kf7 49.Ke5 Bd3 50.Rf6+ Ke7 51.Kd4 Bc2 52.Kc5 Bd3 53.Rd6 Bf5 54.Rd2 Bd7 55.Re2+ Kf7 56.Kd6 Bg4 57.Re7+ Kf8 58.Rb7 Be2 59.Ke6 Bd3 60.Kf6 Ke8 61.Rg7 1-0 (61) Caruana,F (2796)-Vakhidov,J (2571) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8...c5 9.Ne2 h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Qd2 b5 13.Bd5 Rb8 14.dxc5 Qc7 15.Nd4 Ne5 16.Bf4 Qxc5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nc6 Bxc3 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Qxc3 Bb7 21.Qg3 Bxd5 22.exd5 Rbd8 23.Rfd1 Rd6 24.a4 Rfd8 25.axb5 axb5 26.Qb3 Qb7 27.Rab1 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Qb4 Qd7 30.Qb3 Rc5 31.Qb4 Qc7 32.Qe1 Qe5 33.Qd2 Rd5 34.Qc2 Qf5 35.Qxf5 Rxf5 36.Rc1 Kf8 37.Rc7 Ke8 38.f3 Kd8 39.Ra7 Kc8 40.Kf2 b4 41.Ke3 Rd5 42.Rxf7 b3 43.Rf4 Rb5 44.Rc4+ Kd7 45.Rc1 Ke6 46.Kd4 Kf5 47.Rb1 Kf4 48.Kc4 Rb8 49.Rb2 Kg3 50.Kd4 Kxh4 51.Ke5 Kg3 52.Kf6 Rb6+ 53.Kg5 h4 54.f4 Rb5+ 55.Kxg6 Kxf4 56.Kf6 Rb6+ 57.Ke7 Ke3 58.Kd7 Kd3 59.Kc7 Rb4 60.Kc6 Kc3 61.Rb1 b2 62.Kc5 Rg4 0-1 (62) Robson,R (2696)-Aronian,L (2722) Saint Louis USA 2024]

8.Ne2 Nc6

[8...0-0 9.d5 *(9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.f4 b5 14.Bxb5 Nf6 15.Bd3 Ng4 16.Qd2 e6 17.h3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bb7 19.e5 Rac8 20.Kh2 Qc6 21.Rf2 Qd5 22.Rb1 Rc7 23.g4 Qxa2 24.f5 cxd4 25.cxd4 Qa3 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.g5 Ba6 28.Rd1 Qb3 29.Rd2 Bxd3 30.Rxd3 Qb5 31.Rc3 Rxc3 32.Nxc3 Qd7 33.gxh6 Bf8 34.Ne4 Qxd4 35.h7+ Kxh7 36.Ng5+ Kh6 37.Nf7+ Kh7 38.Ng5+ Kh6 39.Qg3 Bc5 40.Rg2 Rg8 41.Nxe6 Qb4 42.Qg5+ Kh7 43.Qf6 Be3 44.h4 Qe4 45.Re2 Bg1+ 46.Kxg1 Qxe2 47.Ng5+ Kh6 48.Nf7+ Kh7 49.Ng5+ Kh6 50.Nf7+* ½-½ (50) Matlakov,M (2716)-Jones,G (2688) Batumi GEO 2019*)* 9...Nd7 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 b5 *(11...e6 12.f4 c4 13.Ba3 Qb6+ 14.Nd4 Nd3 15.e5 exd5 16.Bc2 Rd8 17.Be7 Re8 18.Bd6 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Kh1 Bd7 21.Bxd3 cxd3 22.Qxd3 Rac8 23.f5 Qc7 24.e6 fxe6 25.fxe6 Ba4 26.h3 Rxf1+ 27.Qxf1 Rf8 28.Qe1 Qf4 29.Rb1 b6 30.e7 Re8 31.Rb2 Qf6 32.Re2 Bd7 33.g4 b5 34.Re5 Kf7 35.g5 Qf4 36.h4 b4 37.Re3 Kg8 38.Rf3 Qd6 39.cxb4 Rxe7 40.Qf2 Re4 41.a3 Qe7 42.Kg2 a6 43.Rf4 Ba4 44.Kg1 Bb5 45.Qf3 Rxf4 46.Qxf4 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Bd7 48.Kg2 Qc3 49.Nf3 Qxa3 50.Qb8+ Kf7 51.Qh8 Bf5 52.Qxh7+ Ke8 53.Qg8+ Ke7 54.Qg7+ Ke8 55.Qe5+ Kf8 56.h5 Be4 57.Qf6+ Ke8 58.hxg6 Qxb4 59.Qf7+ Kd8 60.g7 Bxf3+ 61.Kxf3 Qe4+ 62.Kg3 Qe3+ 63.Kg4 Qe4+ 64.Qf4* 1-0 (64) Erigaisi,A (2738)-Xu,X (2623) Shenzhen CHN 2024*; 11...c4 12.Bc2 f5 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd4 Qd6 15.g3 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Ne5 17.Nf4 Ng4 18.h3 Nf6 19.Bg2 g5 20.Ne6 Bxe6 21.dxe6 Rad8 22.Qa4 a6 23.Qxc4 b5 24.Qb3 Kh8 25.Rad1*

Qc7 26.a4 Rb8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rfe1 Nh5 29.Bxg7+ Nxg7 30.Qb4 Nf5 31.Rd5 Rbc8 32.Ree5 Ng7 33.Re3 Nf5 34.Rf3 Ng7 35.Rd7 Qe5 36.Qxe7 Rxf3 37.Rd8+ 1-0 (37) Hakobyan,A (2617)-Vakhidov,J (2571) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.f4 Nc4 13.a4 Ba6 14.e5 Qd7 15.Ra2 Rfd8 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rd2 Rab8 18.Ng3 Bb7 19.d6 exd6 20.Rxd6 Qe8 21.Be3 Rxd6 22.Qxd6 Bf8 23.Qc7 Qc6 24.Qxc6 Bxc6 25.f5 Rb3 26.e6 fxe6 27.fxe6 Rxc3 28.Bg5 Rc2 29.Rd1 Rxg2+ 30.Kf1 Rxh2 31.Rd8 Kg7 32.e7 Bxe7 33.Bxe7 c3 34.Bxc5 c2 35.Ba3 h5 36.Rc8 Bf3 37.Bb2+ Kf7 38.Rc7+ Ke6 39.Rc3 Bd5 40.Ne2 Be4 41.Re3 Kf5 42.Ng3+ Kf4 43.Rxe4+ Kxg3 44.Rc4 Kf3 45.Rc3+ Ke4 46.Rc4+ Kd3 47.Rc3+ Kd2 48.Rc7 Rh1+ 49.Kg2 Rb1 50.Ba3 Ra1 51.Bb4+ Kd1 52.Rd7+ Kc1 53.Bd2+ Kb2 54.Rb7+ Ka3 55.Rxa7 c1Q 56.Bxc1+ Rxc1 57.Ra6 Rc2+ 58.Kg1 g5 59.Ra5 g4 60.Rxh5 Kxa4 61.Rg5 Kb4 62.Rxg4+ ½-½ (62) Hakobyan,A (2625)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) New York USA 2024]

[8...b6 9.Be3 0-0 10.h4 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.h5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qd6 14.h6 Bh8 15.0-0 Rfd8 16.Qa4 Nc7 17.Rac1 Ne6 18.e5 Qd7 19.Qxd7 Rxd7 20.Rc6 Rad8 21.Rfc1 g5 22.g3 g4 23.a4 Nf8 24.Nf4 Ng6 25.Rc7 Rxc7 26.Rxc7 Kf8 27.Rxa7 Ke8 28.Nxg6 hxg6 29.Rb7 f6 30.e6 1-0 (30) Salem,A (2677)-Cori,J (2651) chess24.com INT 2022]

9.Be3

[9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 *(11.Rb1 e6 12.c4 f5 13.0-0 fxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxc4 15.Nf4 Nd6 16.Bf3 exd5 17.Qxd5+ Kh8 18.Qxc5 Bf5 19.Bb2 Bxb2 20.Rxb2 Qf6 21.Re2 Rfc8 22.Qa5 Rc4 23.Nd5 Qd4 24.Re7 Rac8 25.Rd1 Rc1 26.Ree1 Nc4 27.Qb4 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Qb2 29.Qe7 Qg7 30.g4 Bd7 31.Qxg7+ Kxg7 32.Ne3* ½-½ (32) Yu Yangyi (2763)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2774) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)* 11...e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.f4 Qd7 14.f5 Rad8 15.Bg5 Qxd3 16.Bxd8 Qe3+ 17.Kh1 Bc4 18.Re1 Nc6 19.Bc7 Qxe4 20.Nd4 Qd5 21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.Be5 gxf5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re5 Be6 25.Qh5 h6 26.Re3 Bc8 27.Rae1 Qf6 28.Qf3 Rd8 29.Re8 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 Be6 31.Qg3+ Qg5 32.Qe5+ 1-0 (32) Gledura,B (2619)-Svidler,P (2689) chess.com INT 2024]

9...0-0

[9...cxd4 10.cxd4

A) 10...b5 11.Bd5 Bd7 *(11...Bb7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rc1 Na5 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Qb3 a6 16.a4 Nd6 17.axb5 Nxb5 18.d5 Qd7 19.Qa4 Rfd8 20.Rc6 e6 21.Rxa6 Rxa6 22.Qxa6 exd5 23.exd5* ½-½ (23) Sivuk,V (2569)-Rasulov,V (2557) Tashkent UZB 2024 *)*

A1) 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bxc6 Rxc6 15.Rxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bd7 17.Bd4 *(17.Qd2 a5 18.Rc1 b4 19.Bd4 Qb8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Nc6 Qb6 23.Nxe7 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1 Qd4 25.Nc6 Qxe4 26.Nxa5 Qxd5 27.Nb3 Qe5 28.Qd2 Be6 29.f3 Bxb3 30.axb3 Qc3 31.Qd1 h5 32.Kf2 h4 33.Qd5 f6 34.h3 f5 35.Qd7+ Kh6 36.Qd8 Kh5 37.Qd5 Qc1 38.Qd4 Qc2+*

39.Kg1 Qc3 40.Qd8 Qc1+ 41.Kf2 Qb2+ 42.Kf1 Qxb3 43.Qh8+ Kg5 44.Qd8+ Kf4 45.Qd4+ Kg3 46.Qf2+ Kf4 47.Qd4+ Kg3 48.Qf2+ Kf4 49.Qd4+ ½-½ (49) Cheparinov,I (2672)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com INT 2022*)* 17...Qa5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Qc5 Qxa2 21.Ng3 Re8 22.h4 h5 23.Qc7 Bg4 24.Qc6 Rb8 25.Qc7 Re8 26.Qc6 Rb8 27.Qc7 Re8 ½-½ (27) Duda,J (2760)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2) 12.h4 0-0 13.h5 e6 14.Bb3 a5 15.Qd2 a4 16.Bc2 Qa5 17.e5 Rfc8 18.Be4 Rab8 19.Rc1 Bf8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Bg5 Qxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Na5 23.Bd3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 b4 25.Rc7 Bc6 26.Nf4 b3 27.axb3 axb3 28.d5 Bxd5 29.Nxd5 exd5 30.e6 fxe6 31.Bxg6 Nc4+ 32.Ke2 Bg7 33.Bf7+ Kh8 34.Bg6 b2 35.g4 b1Q 36.Bxb1 Rxb1 37.Re7 e5 38.Bh4 e4 39.g5 Rb2+ 40.Kd1 Kh7 41.Re6 Ne5 42.Bg3 Ng6 43.Rd6 d4 44.Re6 d3 45.Rc6 Bd4 46.Rc7+ Kg8 47.Rc4 Bg7 48.Rc8+ Kh7 49.Rc7 Rb5 50.Rc4 Rb1+ 51.Kd2 Rb2+ 52.Kd1 Ne7 53.Rc7 Nd5 54.Rxg7+ Kxg7 55.Be5+ Kg6 56.Bxb2 Kxg5 57.Kd2 Kf4 58.Bd4 Kf3 59.Ke1 Nf4 60.Kd2 Nh3 61.Ke1 Nxf2 62.Bxf2 d2+ 0-1 (62) Salem,A (2684)-Abdusattorov,N (2688) Biel SUI 2022;

B) 10...Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qd8 *(11...Qa3 12.Bc3 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Rxa7 Kf7 21.Rxb7 Rc8 22.g3 Rc3 23.Kg2 Rdd3 24.b4 Rb3 25.Rc1 Rb2+ 26.Kh3 Rdd2 27.Kg4 Rxh2 28.Rcc7 Kf6 29.Rxe7 h5+ 30.Kf4 g5+ 31.Ke3 Rbd2 32.Rf7+ Kg6 33.Rg7+ Kh6 34.Rh7+ Kg6 35.Rhg7+ Kh6 36.Rh7+ Kg6 37.Rbg7+ Kf6 38.Rf7+ Kg6 39.Rhg7+ Kh6 40.Rh7+ Kg6* ½-½ (40) Yilmaz,M (2566)-Hakobyan,A (2617) Pavlodar KAZ 2024 *)* 12.Bc3 Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.0-0 *(15.Rb1 Qc7 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 18.h4 e5 19.d5 Nd4 20.Ba5 b6 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Ba6 Qe5 23.Bxc8 Bxc8 24.Qg5 Qe8 25.Bb4 Ba6 26.Rc7 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Rc1 d3 29.Bc3 Bxc3 30.Rxc3 Qd6 31.h5 Qb4 32.h6 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 f6 34.Qd2 Bc4 35.Rc1 Kf7 36.Qf4 Qe5 37.Qxe5 fxe5 38.Kg1 d2 39.Rd1 Bxa2 40.Rxd2 Bc4 41.d6 Ke8 42.d7+ Kd8 43.Rd6 b5 44.Ra6* 1-0 (44) Cheparinov,I (2641)-Ansat,A (2489) Aktobe KAZ 2025*)* 15...0-0 16.Rab1 b6 17.Rfd1 Rc7 18.Rbc1 Na5 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Qxa5 e6 21.Rc3 Rb7 22.Qxd8 Rxd8 23.Kf2 Rb2 24.Ke3 Ba4 25.Rdd3 h5 26.e5 Bh6+ 27.f4 g5 28.g3 Kg7 29.h4 gxh4 30.gxh4 Rb1 31.Ng3 Kf8 32.Bb3 Bb5 33.Bc4 Ba4 34.d5 exd5 35.Rxd5 Re1+ 36.Kf2 Rd1 37.Rxd8+ Rxd8 38.Ke3 Re8 39.Ra3 Bb5 40.Bxb5 Rxe5+ 41.Kf3 Rxb5 42.Rxa7 Kg8 43.f5 Re5 44.Ra6 Bf8 45.Kf4 Re1 46.Nxh5 Rh1 47.Kg4 Be7 48.f6

Bc5 49.Ng3 Rg1 50.Kf3 Bd4 51.Nf5 Be5 52.Kf2 Rb1 53.Nh6+ Kh7 54.Nxf7 Bd4+ 55.Ke2 Rb2+ 56.Kd3 Bxf6 57.Rxf6 Kg7 58.Rf4 Rxa2 59.Ne5 Kh6 60.Rf5 Ra4 61.Nf3 Kg6 62.Rb5 Kh6 63.Ke3 Rc4 64.Kf2 Rg4 65.Ra5 Rb4 66.Kg3 Rc4 67.Ne5 Rc3+ 68.Kg4 Rc7 69.Ra6+ Kh7 70.h5 Re7 71.Kf5 Rb7 72.Rd6 Rb5 73.Re6 Rb7 74.Ng4 Rb5+ 75.Re5 Rb7 76.h6 Kg8 77.Re8+ Kh7 78.Kg5 Rb5+ 79.Re5 1-0 (79) Erigaisi,A (2778)-Dubov,D (2701) Almaty KAZ 2024]

10.0-0

[10.Rc1

A) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+

A1) 12.Rc3

A1a) 12...Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 *(13...Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.0-0 Qxa2 16.e5 a5 17.Qd3 Nb4 18.Qb5 Nd5 19.Rb3 a4 20.Rb2 Qa3 21.Bd2 Rfc8 22.Rfb1 Kf7 23.Kf1 Rd8 24.Rc2 Rac8 25.Bc1 Ne3+ 26.Bxe3 Rxc2 27.Bg5 h6 28.Qb6 Qd3 29.Qb5 Qxb5 30.Rxb5 hxg5* 0-1 (30) Sarana,A (2685)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*; 13...Rad8 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rd3 Qa6 17.Kf2 Ne5 18.Rb3 Nc4 19.Qb4 Nxe3 20.Kxe3 Qxa2 21.Rb2 Qa6 22.Qxb7 Qc4 23.Qb4 Rxd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 25.Kd2 Qc7 26.Qxd4 Rd8 27.Qxd8+ Qxd8+ 28.Kc1 a5 29.h3 a4 30.Rd1 Qc7+ 31.Kb1 Qc4 32.Rc1 Qd3+ 33.Ka2 Kf7 34.Rc5 Kf6 35.Rcb5 g5 36.R5b4 Qa6 37.Ka3 Qd3+ 38.Ka2 Qa6 39.Rb5 Qc6 40.Ka3 Qc4 41.Rb6 Kf7 42.R6b4 Qd3+ 43.Ka2 Qd7 44.Rc4 h6 45.Ka3 Qd3+ 46.Kb4 Kf6 47.e5+ Kf7 48.Re4 a3 49.Ra2 Qb1+ ½-½ (49) Sarana,A (2685)-Ivic,V (2610) Belgrade SRB 2022*; 13...Rfd8 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rd3 Qa6 17.Kf2 Ne5 18.Rb3 Nc4 19.Qb4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Qd6 21.Rb1 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Qxe7 Qd2+ 24.Re2 Qd4+ 25.Kf1 Rac8 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.e5 Rc6 28.Qe7 Rdc8 29.Rbe1 Rc1 30.h4 h5 31.Qg5 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Qd3+ 33.Kg1 Rc2 34.e6 Qd4+ 35.Kh2* 1-0 (35) Sarana,A (2685)-Mekhitarian,K (2569) chess.com INT 2022*) 14.Qd2 Rac8 15.0-0 e6 16.Rd1 Rfd8 17.Bb3 Be8 18.Rc2 Qxd2 19.Rdxd2 Na5 20.Kf2 Bb5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.d5 Nxb3 23.axb3 exd5 24.exd5 a6 25.d6 Bd7 26.Nf4 Bc3 27.Rd1 Be5 28.Nd5 Rc2+ 29.Kg1 Re2 30.Nb6 Bb5 31.d7 Bxd7 32.Nxd7 Rxe3 33.Kf2 Bf4 34.g3 Bh6 35.Nc5 Rc3 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.Ne4 Be3+ 38.Ke2 Rxb3 39.Rd7 Bg1 40.Ng5 Bxh2 41.Rxf7+ Kg8 42.Rxh7 Rb5 43.Kd3 Bxg3 44.Rd7 Rxg5 45.Rxb7 Rb5 46.Ra7 a5 47.Kc4 Rf5 48.Kd3 Bh4 49.Ke4 Bf6 50.f4 Kf8 51.Rb7 Be7 52.Ra7 Kf7 53.Kf3 g5 54.Ke4 Rxf4+ 55.Ke5 Rf1

56.Rc7 a4 57.Rc4 a3 58.Ra4 Rf2 59.Ke4 a2 60.Ke3 Rh2 61.Kf3 Bf6 62.Ra7+ Kg6 63.Kg3 Rc2 0-1 (63) Sarana,A (2668)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022;

A1b) 12...e5 13.d5 Nd4 14.Bd2 Bd7 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Rc1 Qa3 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.Bxb3 Rae8 19.f3 f5 20.Rc7 Bb5 21.a4 Bd3 22.d6+ Kh8 23.d7 Rb8 24.Bb4 Be5 25.Bxf8 Bxc7 26.Be7 Kg7 27.e5 b5 28.Bf6+ Kf8 29.e6 Bd8 30.Be5 Rb6 31.Bxd4 Rc6 32.axb5 Bxb5 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Be3 Bb6 35.Rd1 Bxe3+ 36.Kxe3 Rc3+ 37.Kf4 1-0 (37) Rapport,R (2762)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Belgrade SRB 2022;

A2) 12.Kf1 Qa3 13.h4 Bg4 14.d5 Ne5 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.Bxb3 a5 17.Ba4 Rfc8 18.f3 Bd7 19.Bxd7 Rxc1+ 20.Nxc1 Nxd7 21.Nb3 a4 22.Nd4 Rc8 23.Ke2 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Rc2+ 25.Kd3 Rxa2 26.Rc1 f6 27.Rc7 Ne5+ 28.Bxe5 fxe5 29.Rxe7 a3 30.Rxb7 Rxg2 31.Ra7 a2 32.d6 Rg1 33.Rxa2 Rd1+ 34.Rd2 Rxd2+ 35.Kxd2 Kf7 36.f4 exf4 37.e5 Ke6 38.Ke2 h6 39.Kf3 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5 41.Ke4 Kd7 42.Kf3 Ke6 43.Ke4 Kd7 44.Kd5 f3 45.e6+ Kd8 46.Kc6 f2 47.e7+ Ke8 48.Kc7 f1Q 49.d7+ Kxe7 50.d8Q+ Ke6 51.Qxg5 Qf6 52.Qxf6+ Kxf6 ½-½ (52) Duda,J (2733)-Shankland,S (2671) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 10...e6 11.h4 h5 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.0-0 b5 14.Bb3 Re8 15.e5 Bb7 16.Nf4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Qb6 18.d5 Nxe5 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Bc2 Rad8 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.Qe2 Rd4 23.Qe3 Kf7 24.Bxg6+ Nxg6 25.Rc7+ Ne7 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.Rxb7 Bf6 28.Rxb5 Qxe3 29.fxe3 Rxh4 30.Ra5 Re4 31.Ra6 Nd5 32.Rf5 Nb6 33.Rxh5 Rxe3 34.Rxa7+ Kg6 35.Rh3 Re2 36.Kf1 Rc2 37.Rg3+ Kf5 38.Raa3 Nc4 39.Raf3+ Ke5 40.Rd3 Bh4 41.Rh3 Bg5 42.Kg1 Bf4 43.Rh5+ Ke4 44.Rd1 Ne3 45.Re1 Rxg2+ 46.Kh1 Rxa2 47.Rh3 Rd2 48.Rh4 Kf3 49.Rh3+ Kf2 50.Rg1 Re2 51.Rh4 Kf3 52.Rh3+ Ke4 53.Rh4 Rf2 54.Re1 Kf5 55.Rh3 Nc2 56.Rg1 Nd4 57.Rh5+ Ke4 58.Re1+ Be3 59.Rh3 Nf3 60.Ra1 Rd2 61.Rf1 Ne5 62.Rh4+ Kd3 63.Rh3 Nc4 64.Re1 Rc2 65.Rd1+ Ke2 66.Ra1 Nd2 67.Rh2+ Bf2 68.Ra8 Rc3 69.Re8+ Kf1 70.Rf8 Ne4 71.Rh7 Rg3 72.Kh2 Rg2+ 73.Kh1 Ng3# 0-1 (73) Chigaev,M (2617)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 10...Na5 11.Bd3 e5 12.dxe5 *(12.d5 b6 13.h4 f5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.h5 h6 16.Bd2 g5 17.c4 Nb7 18.exf5 e4 19.Bb1 Bxf5 20.Ng3 Bh7 21.0-0 Nd6 22.Qg4 Qe7 23.Be3 Rae8 24.a4 Bd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.c5 bxc5 27.Rxc5 Qg7 28.Rc6 Rf4 29.Qd1 Qe5 30.Rxd6 Qxd6 31.Qxd4 Qb6 32.Qxb6 axb6 33.Re1 Kf8 34.d6 Re6 35.Rd1 Ke8 36.f3 Kd7 37.Bxe4 Bxe4 38.Nxe4 g4 39.Rd3 Re5 40.Kh2 gxf3 41.gxf3 Rxh5+ 42.Kg3 Rf8 43.Rc3 Rhf5 44.Kf2*

Rc8 45.Rb3 Rc6 46.Rb1 h5 47.Rg1 Rf7 48.Rg5 Rc4 49.Ke2 Rxa4 50.Rxh5 Ra2+ 51.Ke3 Ra3+ 52.Kd4 Raxf3 53.Rh6 R3f5 54.Rh8 Rg7 55.Rb8 Kc6 56.Rc8+ Kb7 57.Re8 Rd7 58.Re7 Kc6 59.Re8 Ra7 60.Rc8+ Kd7 61.Rb8 Ra4+ 62.Kd3 Rd5+ 63.Ke3 Re5 64.Rb7+ Kc8 65.Rxb6 Raxe4+ 66.Kd3 Ra4 0-1 (66) Sarana,A (2685)-Fedoseev,V (2704) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12...Qc7 13.f4 Rd8 14.c4 Be6 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.Rd1 Nxc4 17.Bxc5 Rac8 18.Bxc4 Qxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 Bxc4 21.Bxa7 Ra8 22.Bc5 Rxa2 23.Re1 Bb3+ 24.Kc1 Rc2+ 25.Kb1 Rxc5 26.Nd4 Bc4 27.Kb2 Ra5 28.Kc3 b5 29.Kb4 Ra2 30.Nxb5 Bxb5 31.Kxb5 Rxg2 32.h3 Rf2 33.f5 gxf5 34.exf5 Rxf5 0-1 (34) Sarana,A (2685)-Fedoseev,V (2704) chess.com INT 2022;

D) 10...b5 11.Bd5 Qc7 12.0-0 e6 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.d5 exd5 15.exd5 Qd6 16.c4 bxc4 17.Rxc4 Bb7 18.Rxc5 Rfe8 19.Ra5 Rad8 20.Qd2 Re5 21.Rd1 Rxd5 22.Rxd5 Qxd5 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Rb1 a5 25.h4 Rd7 26.Rb5 a4 27.Ra5 Bc6 28.Rc5 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Bd7 30.h5 Bf8 31.Ra5 h6 32.hxg6 fxg6 33.Nc3 Rd3 34.Ne4 Bc6 35.Nf6+ Kf7 36.Ng4 Bd6+ 37.Kh3 Bd7 38.Ra7 Ke8 39.Ra8+ Ke7 40.Kh4 h5 41.Nh6 1-0 (41) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2631) chess.com INT 2022;

E) 10...e5 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Qa4 Bd7 14.Qa3 Bf8 15.f4 Na5 16.Bd5 Be6 17.c4 Bg4 18.fxe5 Rxd5 19.cxd5 Bxe2 20.Rf2 Ba6 21.Bd4 Nc4 22.Qg3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.Kh1 Qd4 25.e6 fxe6 26.dxe6 Qxe4 27.Qh3 b5 28.Rf7 g5 29.Rcf1 Bb7 30.e7 Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Ne3+ 33.Kg3 Nxf1+ 34.Rxf1 Re8 35.Rf5 a6 36.Rxg5+ Kf7 37.Rh5 Kg7 38.Rg5+ Kf6 39.Rh5 Rxe7 40.Rh6+ Kg5 41.Rxa6 Re3+ 42.Kf2 Rc3 43.Ra5 Kg4 44.Rxb5 Rc2+ 45.Kg1 Rxa2 46.Rb4+ Kg5 47.Rb5+ ½-½ (47) Sarana,A (2675)-Timofeev,A (2574) chess.com INT 2022;

F) 10...b6 11.h4 Na5 *(11...h5 12.f3 e6 13.dxc5 Ne5 14.Qb3 b5 15.Bxb5 Rb8 16.Rd1 Qa5 17.Nd4 a6 18.a4 axb5 19.axb5 Bd7 20.0-0 Bxb5 21.Ra1 Bxf1 22.Rxa5 Rxb3 23.Nxb3 Rb8 24.Nd4 Nc4 25.Nc6 Nxa5 26.Nxb8 Bb5 27.Bd4 Nc6 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Nd7 f6 30.Kf2 Kf7 31.Ke3 Ke7 32.Nb6 Kd8 33.c4 Ba6 34.Kd3 Kc7 35.Kc3 Ne5 36.Kd4 Kc6 37.f4 Nd7 38.Na4 e5+ 39.fxe5 fxe5+ 40.Ke3 Nxc5 41.Nb2 Bc8 42.Nd1 Be6 43.Nf2 Bxc4 44.g4 Be6 45.gxh5 gxh5 46.Nh1 Bg4 47.Ng3 Ne6 48.Nf1 Nf4 49.Kf2 Kc5 50.Nd2 Kd4 51.Kg3 Ne2+ 52.Kf2 Nc3 53.Nb3+ Kxe4 54.Nc5+ Kd5 55.Nd3 Kd4 56.Nb4 Ne4+ 57.Kg2 Nc5 58.Nc6+ Kd5 59.Ne7+ Ke6 60.Nc6 Ne4 61.Nb4 Nf6 62.Nc2 Kf5 63.Ne3+ Kf4 64.Nc4 Bf3+ 65.Kh3 e4 66.Nb2 e3 67.Nd3+ Ke4 68.Nc5+ Kd4 69.Ne6+ Ke5 70.Ng5 Bg4+ 71.Kg2 e2 72.Nf7+ Kf4 73.Kf2 Ne4+ 74.Ke1 Kg3 75.Ne5 Kxh4 76.Nd3 Kg3* 0-1 (76) Sarana,A (2675)-Gledura,B

(2652) chess.com INT 2022) 12.Bd3 h5 *(12...e5 13.h5 exd4 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Bf4 Be6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.0-0 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.Qb1 Bc4 20.Rc1 Qe6 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Qb3 Rc8 23.a4 a6 24.Bg3 Qf7 25.e5 Rc5 26.Nxd4 Bxe5 27.Ne2 Bf6 28.Rd1 Rc8 29.Nf4 Nb2 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7 31.Rd7+ Ke8 32.Rxh7 Nxa4 33.Nxg6 b5 34.Bd6 Rc6 35.Bb4 Bc3 36.Bxc3 Nxc3 37.Rh8+ Kd7 38.Ne5+ Kd6 39.Nxc6* 1-0 (39) Salem,A (2690)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Abu Dhabi UAE 2021) 13.Bg5 Be6 14.d5 Bd7 15.c4 Nb7 16.Qd2 f6 17.Bh6 e5 18.dxe6 Bxe6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nf4 Bf7 21.Rh3 Qd4 22.Rg3 Qe5 23.Kf1 Rad8 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.exd5 f5 26.Re1 Qd4 27.Rxg6+ Kf7 28.Qg5 1-0 (28) Suleymanli,A (2632)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2755) chess.com INT 2024]

[10.h4

A) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4

A1) 11...Na5 12.Bd5 *(12.Bb3 h5 13.0-0 Nxb3 14.axb3 e5 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.d5 Bd7 17.Qd2 Rfc8 18.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 a5 20.Ra1 b6 21.Be3 Bf6 22.Bg5 Bg7 23.Be3 Bf6 24.Bg5 Bg7* ½-½ (26) Carlsen,M (2863)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2020*; 12.Rc1 Nxc4 13.Rxc4 h5 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.f3 Rac8 17.Rb2 Qa6 18.Kf2 Rc4 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Rfc8 21.Rd1 Rc2 22.Rd2 Rxb2 23.Rxb2 Qf6 24.Kg3 b6 25.e5 Qc6 26.Rd2 Bf5 27.Qg5 f6 28.Qe3 Rd8 29.Nf4 fxe5 30.dxe5 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Kf7 32.Ne2 Qc5 33.Qf4 a5 34.Nd4 e6 35.Kh2 Ke8 36.Qe3 a4 37.a3 Kd7 38.Kg3 Bb1 39.Kh3 Ba2 40.Qf4 Ke8 41.Qe4 Kf7 42.Qb7+ Kf8 43.Nc6 Bd5 44.Qc8+ Kf7 45.Qd7+ Kf8 46.Qd8+ Kf7 47.Qf6+ Ke8 48.Qxg6+ Kd7 49.Nb4 Qg1 50.Qxh5 Qh1+ 51.Kg3 Qe1+ 52.Kh2* 1-0 (54) Ponkratov,P (2650)-Chigaev,M (2643) Moscow RUS 2021*)* 12...h5 13.a4 Bd7 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Bg5 Bc6 16.Nf4 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Nc6 18.Rc1 Kh7 19.Rc4 Qd7 20.Re1 Rfd8 21.f3 f6 22.Be3 f5 23.Bg5 fxe4 24.fxe4 Rf8 25.Be3 e6 26.Nb4 Nxb4 27.Rxb4 Qe7 28.Rb3 Qxh4 29.Rxb7 Qg3 30.Re2 Rc7 31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Rf2 Rd8 33.Qb3 Rxd4 34.Qxe6 Rd7 35.Bf4 Qd8 36.Rf1 Re7 37.Qd6 Qxd6 38.Bxd6 Rxe4 39.Bc5 a5 40.Rf7 Kh6 41.Bb6 Bd4+ 42.Bxd4 Rxd4 43.Rc7 Rxa4 44.Rc5 Ra3 45.Kh2 h4 46.Rc4 Kh5 47.Rc5+ g5 48.Rd5 a4 49.Ra5 Kg4 50.Rc5 Ra1 51.Rc4+ Kf5 52.Rc5+ Kg6 53.Rc6+ Kh5 54.Rc8 Rb1 55.Rh8+ Kg4 56.Ra8 Rb4 57.Ra5 Kf4 58.Ra8 g4 59.Rh8 Ke3 0-1 (59) Van Foreest,J (2690)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

A2) 11...Qa5+ 12.Kf1 h5 *(12...b6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.h5 Rac8 15.f3 Ba6 16.h6 Bh8 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Kf2 Nb4 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qb3 Nc2 21.e5 Nxe3 22.Kxe3 e6 23.Rc1 Rxc1 24.Nxc1 Qf1 25.Qc2*

Qg1+ 26.Kd3 Kf8 27.Ne2 Qxg2 28.Qc8+ Ke7 29.Qxh8 Qxf3+ 30.Kd2 Qa3 31.Qxh7 Qxa2+ 32.Ke3 Qa3+ 33.Kf2 Qd3 34.Qg7 Qf5+ 35.Ke3 Qg5+ 36.Kd3 Qf5+ 37.Kd2 Qg5+ 38.Kd1 1-0 (38) Carlsen,M (2876)-Grandelius,N (2691) chess24.com INT 2020*; 12...Bd7 13.h5 Rac8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Bb3 Qa6 16.Kg1 Na5 17.Nf4 Rfe8 18.e5 Bf5 19.Kh2 Nxb3 20.axb3 Qc6 21.Rxa7 Red8 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 f6 24.Rxb7 fxe5 25.dxe5 Bxe5 26.Rxe7 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Kg2 Rb8 29.Nd5 Rxb3 30.Bf4 Bxf4 31.Nxf4 Kg7 32.Nd5 Rb5 33.Rd1 Be6 34.Ne3 Rg5+ 35.Kh2 Kf6 36.Rd6 Ke7 37.Rb6 Kf7 38.f4 Rc5 39.Kg3 g5 40.fxg5 Rxg5+ 41.Kf4 Ra5 42.f3 Ra4+ 43.Kg3 Ra3 44.Nc2 Ra4 45.Nb4 Ra3 46.Nc6 Bd5 47.Ne5+ Ke7 48.Kg4 Bxf3+ 49.Nxf3 Ra5 50.Kf4 Ra1 51.Nd4 Rf1+ 52.Ke5 Re1+ 53.Kd5 Rd1 54.Re6+ Kf7 55.Re4 Kf6 56.Kd6 Rf1 57.Re6+ Kf7 58.Rh6 Rf6+ 59.Rxf6+ Kxf6* ½-½ (59) Carlsen,M (2872)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) London ENG 2019*)* 13.f3 Rd8 14.Qb3 e6 15.e5 b6 16.Kf2 Qb4 17.g4 Qxb3 18.Bxb3 hxg4 19.fxg4 Ba6 20.Rad1 Rac8 21.h5 Na5 22.h6 Bf8 23.Bg5 Rd7 24.Bf6 Kh7 25.Nf4 Nxb3 26.Nh3 g5 27.Nxg5+ Kg6 28.h7 Bg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.axb3 Bb7 31.Rh5 Rdc7 32.Rd3 Rh8 33.Rdh3 Rc2+ 34.Ke3 Rb2 35.Kf4 Rf2+ 36.Ke3 Rb2 37.Kf4 Rf2+ 38.Ke3 Rb2 ½-½ (38) Chigaev,M (2616)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2779) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 10...Qa5 11.0-0 Rd8 *(11...Bd7 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.h5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rad8 15.h6 Bh8 16.Qc1 Rc8 17.Qd2 Na5 18.Bd3 b6 19.Rbc1 Qb7 20.Bg5 Rfe8 21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.Rc1 Qb7 23.d5 Be5 24.Bf4 Qb8 25.Bxe5 Qxe5 26.f4 Qh5 27.Rc7 Bg4 28.Bb5 Rf8 29.Rxe7 Qxh6 30.d6 Qh4 31.Nd4 Rd8 32.e5 Qg3 33.Qf2 Qc3 34.f5 gxf5 35.Nxf5 Bxf5 36.Qxf5 Qd4+ 37.Qf2 Qd5 38.d7 Qd1+ 39.Bf1* 1-0 (39) Carlsen,M (2872)-Artemiev,V (2731) Moscow RUS 2019*)* 12.Qb3 e6 13.d5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Ne5 15.Rad1 c4 16.Qb1 Qc7 17.h5 Ng4 18.Bf4 Be5 19.Qc1 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qf4 Qxf4 24.Nxf4 Kf7 25.f3 Ne3 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rb1 b6 28.Kf2 Nd1+ 29.Ke1 Nxc3 30.Rc1 g5 ½-½ (30) Carlsen,M (2872)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Moscow RUS 2019;

C) 10...Na5 11.Bd3 b5 12.h5 Nc4 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Bh6 cxd4 15.Qc1 Ne5 16.Bxb5 d3 17.Nd4 Bf6 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.f4 Ng4 20.Bxd3 e5 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Qg5 Qd6 23.Ke2 Bf6 24.Qd5 Qg3 25.Kd2 Rb8 26.Rae1 Qf4+ 27.Kc2 Ne3+ 28.Rxe3 Qxe3 29.Rf1 Rb6 30.Bc4 Be6 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Bxe6 Rxe6 33.Nxe6+ fxe6 34.Qb7+ Kh6 35.Qb5 Qxc3+ 36.Kd1 Bg5 37.Ke2 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Qd2# 0-1 (38) Caruana,F (2786)-

Nakamura,H (2780) chess.com INT 2023]

[10.Qd2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5 12.Rd1 Bd7 13.0-0 Qxd2 14.Rxd2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Na5 16.Bd3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.f3 Rfc8 19.Kf2 Ba4 20.Rb1 b6 21.Rbb2 e6 22.Bf4 Bf8 23.Rd3 Bc2 24.Re3 Bb4 25.g3 Bd2 26.Ra3 Ba5 27.h4 h5 28.d5 exd5 29.exd5 Bf5 30.d6 Rd8 31.Rab3 f6 32.a3 Kf7 33.Re3 Rd7 34.Kg2 a6 35.a4 Rxa4 36.Nc3 Ra3 37.Nd5 Rxe3 38.Nxe3 Be6 39.Nc2 b5 40.Rb1 Bf5 41.Ra1 Bc3 42.Rc1 Bb2 43.Rb1 Be5 44.Bxe5 Bxc2 45.Rb2 fxe5 46.Rxc2 Rxd6 47.Kf2 Kf6 48.Rc7 Rb6 49.Ke3 b4 50.Kd3 b3 0-1 (50) Sarana,A (2685)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022]

10...Qc7

[10...b6

A) 11.h4 e6

A1) 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.e5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb7 15.Rc1 *(15.Qd2 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc6 17.Nf4 Qxc4 18.Rac1 Qb5 19.Rc7 Ba6 20.Re1 Bxe5 21.Nd5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 exd5 23.Rxe5 Rfc8 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rxd5 Bc4 26.Rd7 Bxa2 27.Rxa7 Be6 28.Bf6 b5 29.Rb7 Bc4 30.f3 Kf8 31.Kf2 Ke8 32.g4 h5 33.g5 Kf8 34.f4 Re8 35.Be5 Rd8 36.Bf6 Re8 37.Be5 Rd8 38.Bf6 ½-½ (38) Korobov,A (2688)-Wei, Y (2732) chess.com INT 2020)* 15...Rac8 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.f3 h5 18.Ng3 Bd5 19.Ba6 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Nf5 21.Nxf5 exf5 22.Qd3 Bxa2 23.Bb5 Qe6 24.Rc7 a5 25.Rc6 Qb3 26.Qxb3 Bxb3 27.Rxb6 Kh7 28.Ra6 Bh6 29.Rxa5 Bxg5 30.hxg5 Rd8 31.Ra3 Be6 32.Ra4 f4 33.Bc6 Kg7 34.d5 Bd7 35.Bxd7 Rxd7 36.d6 Rb7 37.Rxf4 1-0 (37) Korobov,A (2688)-Ding,L (2805) chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 12.h5 Qh4

A2a) 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.f3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rd8 16.Qd2 Bb7 17.Rac1 Qe7 *(17...Be5 18.f4 Bg7 19.Rf3 Rac8 20.Rh3 Qg4 21.Qe1 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Rh4 Rxe4 25.Rxg4 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rxc4 27.Re3 Bd5 28.a3 Kg7 29.Rh4 b5 30.g3 a5 31.Rh2 Rc1+ 32.Kf2 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.g4 g5 35.fxg5 Kg6 36.Re5 Rc2+ 37.Kg3 Rxh2 38.Kxh2 b3 39.Re2 Bc4 40.Rd2 e5 41.Kg3 e4 42.Rd4 b2 43.Rd6+ Kxg5 44.Rb6 Be2 ½-½ (44) Dubov,D (2676)-Svidler,P (2719) Hamburg GER 2019)* 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qe3 Kg7 22.Kf2 Qh4+ *(22...Rh8 23.Rh1 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Kxh8 26.Qc3 Kg8 27.d5 Qxc3 28.Nxc3 Na5 29.Bd3 exd5 30.exd5 Kf8 31.Ke3 Ke7 32.Kd4 Bc8 33.Nb5 a6 34.Nc7 Kd6 35.Nxa6 Nb7 36.g4 g5 37.Nb4 Bd7 38.Nc2 Ke7 39.Ne3 Nd6 40.Nd1 Ba4 41.Nf2 f6 42.Be2 Be8 43.Nd1 Ba4 44.Nb2 Be8 45.Bd1 Nb5+ 46.Kc4 Nc7 47.Bb3 Kd6 48.Kd4 Nb5+ 49.Kd3 Nc7 50.Nc4+ Kc5 51.Nd2 Bb5+*

52.Ke4 Bd7 53.Nf1 Nb5 54.Ng3 Nd6+ 55.Ke3 f5 56.gxf5 Bxf5 57.Nxf5 Nxf5+ 58.Ke4 Nh4 59.Ba4 Kd6 60.Be8 Ng2 61.Bf7 Ne1 62.a4 Nc2 63.Be8 Ne1 64.Bb5 Ng2 65.Bc4 Nh4 66.Bf1 Kc5 67.Bh3 Kd6 68.Be6 Ng6 69.Bf7 Nh4 70.Be8 Ng2 71.Bb5 Nh4 72.Bd3 Kc5 73.Bf1 Kd6 74.Bh3 Ng6 75.Be6 Nh4 76.Bf7 Ke7 77.Bh5 Kd6 78.Bg4 Ng2 79.Kf5 Kxd5 80.Kxg5 Ke5 81.Kg6 Nf4+ 82.Kf7 Nd3 83.Ke7

½-½ (83) Wang,H (2762)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Yekaterinburg RUS 2020)

23.Ng3 f5 24.Bxe6 f4 25.Qa3 fxg3+ 26.Ke3 Qh6+ 27.f4 g5 28.Rxc6 gxf4+ 29.Kf3 Bxc6 30.Qe7+ Kh8 31.Rh1 Qxh1 32.Qf6+ Kh7 33.Bf5+ Kg8 34.Be6+ Kh7 35.Bf5+ Kg8 36.Be6+

½-½ (36) Xu,X (2603)-Wang,H (2722) Fuling CHN 2023;

A2b) 13.Qd2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxe4 15.h6 Bh8 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Ng3 Qh4 18.Rfd1 Qe7 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Qf4 f6 21.Qg4 Rae8 22.Bd2 f5 23.Qf4 Qxd4 24.Ne2 Qf6 25.Bc3 Ne5 26.Rd7 Rf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Rd1 g5 29.Qg3 f4 30.Qh3 f3 31.Rd7+ Re7 32.Rxb7 Rxb7 33.Bxe5 fxe2 34.Bxe2 Qxe5 35.Qf3+ Ke8 36.Qxb7 Qxe2 37.Qc8+ Kf7 38.Qxh8 Qd1+ 39.Kh2 Qh5+ 40.Kg1 Qg6 41.Qb8 Qb1+ 42.Kh2 Qb2 43.Qxa7+ Kg6 44.Qe7 Qe5+ 45.Kg1 Qa1+ 46.Kh2 Qe5+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qxf2 49.Qg7+ Kh5 50.Qxh7 Qf4+ 51.Kg1 g4 52.Qg8 Qe3+ 53.Kf1 Qxh6 54.Qe8+ Qg6 55.Qh8+ Kg5 56.Kg1 Qf6 57.Qg8+ Kf4 58.Qb8+ e5 59.Kf2 g3+ 60.Ke2 Qf7 61.Qxb6 Qxa2+ 62.Ke1 Qxg2 63.Qf6+ Kg4 64.Qg6+ Kf4

½-½ (64) Theodorou,N (2591)-Antipov,M (2588) Webster Groves USA 2023;

A2c) 13.Qc1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxh5 *(14...Bb7 15.h6 Bh8 16.f3 Qe7 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Qb4 19.Qxb4 Nxb4 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Bg5 Rd7 22.a3 Rdc7 23.Bxe6 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 fxe6 25.axb4 Bf6 26.Be3 Ba6 27.Nf4 Rc3 28.Bf2 Bc4 29.d5 Bb3 30.Rb1 Ba2 31.Ra1 Rc2 32.Rd1 Bb3 33.Rb1 Ba2 34.Rd1 Bb3 35.Rd3 Bc4 36.Ra3 Be5 37.g3 Bxf4 38.gxf4 Ra2 39.Rxa2 Bxa2 40.d6 Kf7 41.Kg2 Bc4 42.Kg3 Bb5 43.Kg4 Bd7 44.Be1 Bc6 45.Kg5 Bd7 46.Bc3 Bc8 47.Bf6 a5 48.bxa5 bxa5 49.Bb2 a4 50.Ba3 Bd7 51.Bc5 Bc8 52.Kg4 Bd7 53.Kg3 Bb5 54.Kf2 Ke8 55.Ke3 Kd7 56.Ba3 Bc4 57.Kd2 Bf1 58.Ke3 Bc4 59.Bb4 Bb5 60.Bc5 Bc4 61.Ba3 Bb5 62.Kf2 Ke8 63.Ke1 Kd7 64.Kd2 Bc4 65.Bc5 Bb5 66.Ke3 Bc4 67.Kd4 Be2 68.Ke3 Bc4 69.Bb4 Bb5*

70.Kd4 Be2 71.f5 gxf5 72.exf5 exf5 73.f4 Ke6 74.Kc5 Bf3 75.Ba3 Be4 76.Kd4 Bc6 77.Bb4 Be8 ½-½ (77) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Toronto CAN 2023*; 14...Qxe4 15.Rd1 Na5 16.Nc3 Qb7 17.Be2 Bd7 18.h6 Bh8 19.Bf3 Bc6 20.d5 exd5 21.Bd4 Rad8 22.Bxh8 Kxh8 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Qd2 Qe7 25.Qc3+ f6 26.Rxd5 Rc8 27.Re1 Qc7 28.Qa3 Nc4 29.Qe7 Ne5 30.Rexe5 fxe5 31.Rd7 Qc1+ 32.Bd1 Qxh6 33.Qxe5+* 1-0 (33) Praggnanandhaa,R (2642)-Giri,A (2761) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 15.Rb1 Bb7 16.Bb5 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Rac8 18.Qd1 Qh4 19.Bd3 Rfd8 20.Nf3 Qg4 21.Ng5 Qxd1 22.Rbxd1 h6 23.Nf3 g5 24.Bb1 Ba6 25.Rfe1 g4 26.Nd4 h5 27.a4 Rc4 28.Nb5 Ra8 29.Bd3 Rxa4 30.Nc7 Bxd3 31.Nxa8 Bxe4 32.Nc7 Be5 33.Nb5 Bf6 34.Bd4 Bxd4 35.Rxd4 Rxd4 36.Nxd4 Bd3 37.Rc1 b5 38.Rc8+ Kg7 39.Ra8 e5 40.Nb3 f5 41.Rxa7+ Kf6 42.Ra6+ Kg5 43.Nc5 Bc4 44.Ne6+ Kf6 45.Nc7+ Kg5 46.Rb6 h4 47.Nxb5 g3 48.Nd6 Ba2 49.Rb2 Be6 50.Rb5 Kf4 51.f3 e4 52.fxe4 fxe4 53.Rh5 h3 54.Rh4+ Kg5 55.Rxe4 h2+ 56.Kh1 Bd7 57.Rd4 Bc6 58.Nc4 Bb7 59.Ne3 1-0 (59) Theodorou,N (2600)-Wei,Y (2753) New York USA 2024;

B) 11.Rc1 Bb7

B1) 12.h4 e6 *(12...e5 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.dxc5 Bxg5 15.hxg5 Qxg5 16.Bd5 Rad8 17.Qa4 Qf6 18.f4 Na5 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.c6 Bxc6 21.Bxc6 Rd2 22.Rf2 Rxe2 23.Rxe2 Qc5+ 24.Qd4 Qxc6 25.Rf1 Nc4 26.e5 Re8 27.Rf6 Re6 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rf2+ Kg7 31.Qf8#* 1-0 (31) Korobov,A (2683)-Dubov,D (2714) chess.com INT 2021*)* 13.h5 Qh4 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.f3 Rad8 16.Bb5 a6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Qd2 Bf6 19.Bh6 Rfe8 20.Be3 Bb5 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.Bf2 Qh7 23.c4 Ba4 24.d5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rh8 26.Bg3 Qh5 27.Qe3 b5 28.e5 Bg5 29.Bf4 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Bh4+ 31.Bg3 Qxd1 32.Bxh4 Rxh4 33.Qg5 Rf8 34.Qxh4 exd5 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.e6 dxc4 37.exf7+ Rxf7 38.Qxg6+ Kf8 39.Qh6+ Ke7 40.Qxa6 Qd7 41.Qb6 Rf5 42.g4 Re5 43.f4 Rxe2+ 44.Kxe2 Qxg4+ 45.Ke3 Qe6+ 46.Qxe6+ Kxe6 47.Ke4 b4 0-1 (47) Korobov,A (2659)-Fedoseev,V (2688) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bb3 c4 14.Bc2 e6 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 e5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Qd2 Qd6 19.h3 Rae8 20.Nf4 Re7 21.Rf2 Bh6 22.Rcf1 Ba6 23.Qd1 Rfe8 24.Nh5 Nd7 25.Nf6+ Nxf6 26.Rxf6 Qd7 27.Ba4 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Qxb5 29.Qf3 Rf8 30.d6 Ree8 31.Rxf7 Qg5 32.d7 Rd8 33.g3 1-0 (33) Salem,A (2679)-Sevian,S (2684) chess.

com INT 2022;
B3) 12.Bb5
B3a) 12...Rc8
B3a1) 13.Bxc6
B3a11) 13...Bxc6 14.d5 Bb7 *(14...Bd7 15.Qd2 e6 16.Nf4 Re8 17.Rfe1 e5 18.Nd3 c4 19.Nb4 a5 20.Nc2 b5 21.Rb1 Bf8 22.f4 Bd6 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Bd4 Qh4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Nd4 b4 28.cxb4 c3 29.Qd3 f5 30.Nc6* ½-½ (30) Fedoseev,V (2686)-Erdos,V (2586) Biel SUI 2022*)* 15.c4 e6 16.Qa4 exd5 17.exd5 Ra8 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.a4 Re8 20.a5 Bd7 21.axb6 axb6 22.Rfe1 Ra4 23.Bd2 Qb8 24.Rb1 Qa7 25.h3 Ra2 26.Be3 Bf5 27.Qb5 Rxe3 28.fxe3 Bxb1 29.Qe8+ Bf8 30.Nc3 Rc2 31.Nxb1 Qa2 32.Qe4 Qxc4 33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.Na3 Rb4 35.e4 f6 36.Nc2 Rc4 37.Na3 Rc3 38.Nb5 Rb3 39.Nc7 c4 40.Rc1 b5 41.Ne6 Ba3 42.Rd1 c3 43.Nd4 Bc5 44.d6 c2 0-1 (44) Nesterov,A (2554)-Giri,A (2775) Baku AZE 2023;
B3a12) 13...Rxc6 14.d5 Rd6 15.c4 e6 16.Qa4 Qd7 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.Rfd1 Re8 19.Ng3 f5 20.dxe6 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 fxe4 22.Rd7 Bc8 23.Rxa7 Bxe6 24.Rb7 Bxc4 25.Rxb6 Bd4 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Rb4 Bxa2 28.Rxd4 e3 29.fxe3 Rxe3 30.Re4 Rxe4 31.Nxe4 ½-½ (31) Moroni,L (2571)-Navara,D (2674) Slovakia SVK 2025;
B3a2) 13.Qd2 cxd4 *(13...Na5 14.d5 e6 15.c4 a6 16.Ba4 exd5 17.exd5 Nxc4 18.Rxc4 b5 19.Bxb5 axb5 20.Rxc5 Qd7 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Qb4 Rc8 24.Qb3 Rd8 25.Nc3 Bxc3 26.Qxc3 Qc6 27.Qxc6 Bxc6 28.d6 f6 29.h4 Bd7 30.a3 Re8 31.Bc5 Re4 32.Bb4 Rxh4 33.Re1 Rd4 34.Re7 Bf5 35.Re8+ Kf7 36.Re7+ Kg8 37.f3 h5 38.Rb7 Rd5 39.g3 g5 40.Kf2 Be6 41.Re7 Bf5 42.Rb7 Be6 43.Re7 Bf5 44.Ra7 Be6 45.Re7* ½-½ (45) Giri,A (2779)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019 *)* 14.cxd4
B3a21) 14...Qd6 15.Rfd1 Qb4 16.Qd3 e6 17.h4 Rfd8 18.Bg5 *(18.a3 Qe7 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Qe3 h6 21.Bxh6 Nxd4 22.Rxc8 Nxe2+ 23.Bxe2 Bxc8 24.h5 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Qd8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.Bd1 Qd8 28.Bc2 Qc7 29.Bd1 Qd8* ½-½ (29) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd8 Rxd8

20.h5 Be5 21.a4 Kg7 22.Kf1 Nxe2 23.Qxe2 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 a6 25.Bxa6 Bxa6 26.Qxa6 Qxe4 27.Re1 Qd4 28.Qe2 Bf6 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Qe4 Qd2 31.Re2 Qd1+ 32.Re1 Qd2 33.g3 Bd4 34.Qe2 Qc3 35.Rd1 Qc6 36.Qg4 e5 37.Rxd4 exd4 38.Qxd4+ Kg8 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.Qd4+ Kg8 ½-½ (40) Ding,L (2806)-Rapport,R (2764) Madrid ESP 2022;

B3a22) 14...e6 15.Rfd1

B3a221) 15...Qd6

B3a2211) 16.Bf4

B3a22111) 16...e5 17.dxe5 *(17.d5 Na5 18.Be3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.h3 Bf8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Qc3 Bd7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe5 Nc4 25.Qd4 Nxe3 26.Qxe3 Qa4 27.Nc3 Qc2 28.e5 Bc5 29.Qf3 Bxf2+ 30.Qxf2 Qxc3 31.d6 Qxe5 32.Qd2 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Qc8 34.d7 Qd8 35.Qd6 f5 36.Kg1 Kf7 37.Kf1 b5 38.Kf2 a5 39.Qd5+ Ke7 40.Qxb5 Qxd7 41.Qxa5 Qd4+* ½ - ½ (4 1) Harikrishna,P (2731)-Ding,L (2801) Kolkata IND 2019 *)* 17...Qxd2 18.Rxd2 Nxe5 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.f3 h5 21.Kf2 a6 22.Ba4 b5 23.Bb3 Nc4 24.Rd7 Bc6 25.Ra7 a5 26.a4 Bf8 27.Kg3 Bc5 28.Rc7 Rxc7 29.Bxc7 Nd2 30.axb5 Bxb5 31.Bd1 Nf1+ 32.Kf4 Ne3 33.Nc3 Bd7 34.g4 hxg4 35.Bxa5 Nc4 36.Bc7 Bg1 37.Kg3 gxf3 38.Bxf3 Bd4 39.Nd5 Kg7 40.h4 Be5+ 41.Bxe5+ Nxe5 42.Be2 Be6 43.Nf4 Kf6 44.Ng2 Bc4 45.Bd1 Bd3 46.Kf4 Bf1 47.Ne3 Bc4 48.Bc2 Be6 49.Bb1 Nd7 50.Bc2 Ne5 51.Bb1 Nc6 52.Bd3 Ne5 53.Be2 Nd7 54.Bg4 Ne5 55.Be2 Bd7 56.h5 gxh5 57.Bxh5 Be6 58.Be2 Nd7 59.Bg4 Bxg4 60.Nxg4+ Ke6 61.Ne3 f6 62.Ng4 Nc5 63.Nxf6 Kxf6 64.e5+ Ke6 65.Ke3 Kxe5

½-½ (65) Sjugirov, S (2712)-Krysa,L (2538) chess.com INT 2023;

B3a22112) 16...Qa3 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Ne5 19.Bc6 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Rfe8 21.c7 Qe7 22.Qc2 Bf8 23.Qa4 Qh4 24.Rd4 Qg4 25.Ng3 Qe6 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Re4 Qb2 28.Qc6 Re7 29.Rxe7 Bxe7 30.Ne4 Kg7 31.g3 Qe5 32.Qd7 Qe6 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.a4 f5 35.Nd2 Qd6 36.Qc4+ Kg7 37.Nb3 Bf6 38.a5 b5 39.Qxb5 Rxc7 40.Rxc7+ Qxc7 41.Nc5 Kh6 42.Ne6 Qc2 43.Qd5 a6 44.h4 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Qe4+ 46.Qxe4 fxe4 47.Nc5 Bc3 48.Nxa6 Bxa5 49.Nc5 e3 50.fxe3 g5 51.hxg5+ Kxg5 52.Kf3 h5 53.Ne6+ Kf6 54.Nf4 Kg5 55.e4 Bc3 56.Nh3+ Kf6 57.g4 hxg4+ 58.Kxg4 ½-½ (58) Ivic,V (2585)-Sindarov,J (2654) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023;

B3a2212) 16.h4 a6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.e5 Qd5 19.f3 f6 20.Nf4 Qd7 21.d5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxd5+ Qxd5 25.Rxd5 fxe5 26.Bxb6 Rc4 27.Ra5 e4 28.fxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxa6 Bd4+ 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.g3 Kg7 32.Kf2 Rd3 33.a4 h5 34.a5 Ra3 35.Ra8 Kf6 36.a6 Kg7 37.Ra7+ Kf6 38.Ra8 Kg7 ½-½ (38) Yu Yangyi (2713)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Belgrade SRB 2022;

B3a222) 15...Na5

B3a2221) 16.f3 Rxc1 *(16...Qd6 17.h4 a6 18.Bd3 Nc6 19.Bc4 Na5 20.Bb3 h5 21.Bh6 Nxb3 22.axb3 a5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qg5 Qd8 25.Nc3 Qd6 26.Nb5 Qd7 27.Nc3 Qd6 28.d5 exd5 29.e5 Qd8 30.Qf4 Qe7 31.Nb5 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Rc8 33.Re1 Rc5 34.Nd6 Bc8 35.b4 axb4 36.Qxb4 Be6 37.Ra1 Kh7 38.Qxb6 Qc7 39.Qxc7 Rxc7*

40.Ra8 Rc1+ 41.Kh2 Re1 42.f4 d4 43.Rd8 d3 44.Ne8 Bf5 45.Nf6+ Kg7 46.Kg3 Re3+ 47.Kf2 Re2+ 48.Kf3 Bg4+ 49.Kg3 d2 50.Rg8+ Kh6 51.Rh8+ Kg7 52.Rg8+ Kh6 53.Ne8 Kh7 54.Nf6+ Kh6 ½ - ½ (5 4) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Saint Louis USA 2022; *16...Qe7 17.Bg5 Qa3 18.h4 a6 19.Bd3 Nc6 20.Bb1 Na5 21.Bd3 Nc6 22.e5 Nb4 23.Bc4 Rfe8 24.h5 b5 25.Rc3 Qa5 26.Bb3 Rxc3 27.Nxc3 Qb6 28.Be3 Nd5 29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Bxd5 exd5 31.h6 Bf8 32.Rc1 b4 33.Kf2 a5 34.Qc2 Ra8 35.Qa4 Qd8 36.Qc6 a4 37.e6 Ra7 38.exf7+ Kxf7 39.Bf4 Qd7 40.Qb6 Rb7 41.Qa6 b3 42.axb3 axb3 43.Be5 Be7 44.Rc6 Ra7 45.Qb6 Rb7 46.Qa6 Ra7 47.Qb6 Ra2+ 48.Ke3 Qf5 49.Rc7 Qg5+ 50.Bf4 Qh4 51.g3 Qf6 52.Qxb3 Ra5 53.Be5 Qa6 54.Qd3 Qb6 55.Kf4 Ra2 56.g4 Qb2 57.Qd1 Ke6 58.Qh1 Qd2+ 59.Kg3 Qf2+* 0-1 (59) Duda,J (2743)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 17.Rxc1 a6 18.Bd3 Nc6 19.Bb1 Qd7 20.h4 Rd8 21.Rd1 Na5 22.Bg5 Nc4 23.Qf4 e5 24.Qc1 Rc8 25.dxe5 Qe8 26.Bf6 Nxe5 27.Qf4 Qe6 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.h5 Qe7 30.h6+ Kg8 31.a4 Bc6 32.Ba2 Be8 33.Rd5 Rc5 34.Nc3 Bc6 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Bxf7+ Kh8 37.Nd5 Qg5 38.Qh2 Qc1+ 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Kf1 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qd4+ 42.Kf1 Bxa4 43.Qf4 Bb5+ 44.Ke1 Qg1+ 45.Kd2 Qd4+ 46.Ke1 Qg1+ 47.Kd2 Qd4+ 48.Ke1 Qg1+ ½ - ½ (4 8) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Saint Louis USA 2022; **B3a2222)** 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Bg5 Ba6

(17...Qc7 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Qc5 20.Qd3 Qd6 21.Bf4 Be5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.d6 Rd8 24.d7 Nc6 25.Nc3 a6 26.Bxa6 Bxa6 27.Qxa6 Qxc3 28.Qc8 Qc2 29.Re1 Qd2 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.h3 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Qd6+ 33.g3 Rxd7 0-1 (33) Giri,A (2764)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020*; 17...a6 18.Bd3 Qd7 19.Bh6 Rc8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.h4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.h5 f6 24.Qe3 Qa4 25.Rb1 Qc2 26.Rxb6 Qxe4 27.h6+ Kf7 28.Nf4 e5 29.dxe5 fxe5 30.Qxe4 Bxe4 31.Nh3 Bd5 32.Ng5+ Ke7 33.Nxh7 Rg4 34.g3 Rc4 35.Rb1 Rc8 36.Re1 Rh8 37.Rxe5+ Kd6 38.Rg5 Rxh7 39.Rxg6+ Ke5 40.Rxa6 Bf3 41.Kh2 Kf5 42.a4 Kg5 43.Rb6 Ra7 44.Rb3 Bc6 45.Rc3 Bxa4 46.Ra3 Kxh6 47.f3 ½-½ (47) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020)* 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.Qc2 Nc6 21.Qxc6 Qxe2 22.e5 Qb2 23.Qa4 f6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Be3 Bg5 26.Qc4 Bxe3 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Qe5+ Kg8 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Qxe3 Qxa2 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.f3 Qf7 33.Rc7 Re8 34.Rxf7 Rxe5 35.Rxa7 Re2 36.Ra4 Rb2 37.Ra8+ Kf7 38.Ra7+ Kg8 39.h4 b5 40.h5 gxh5 41.Rb7 b4 42.Kh2 b3 43.Kg3 Rd2 44.Rxb3 Rxd4 45.Rb5 Kg7 46.Rxh5 Rd2 47.Rg5+ Kf6 48.Kh4 Rd1 49.Ra5 Kg6 50.Ra6+ Kg7 51.f4 Rd5 52.Ra7+ Kg8 53.Ra6 Kg7 54.g4 h6 55.Ra7+ Kf6 56.Ra6+ Kg7 57.Kg3 Rd3+ 58.Kf2 Rb3 59.Re6 Ra3 60.Re3 Ra6 61.Kf3 Kf6 62.Rd3 Rb6 63.Rc3 Ra6 64.Rc4 Re6 65.Rb4 Ra6 66.Ke4 Re6+ 67.Kd5 Re1 68.Rb6+ Kg7 69.f5 Rd1+ 70.Ke6 Re1+ 71.Kd7 Re4 72.Re6 Rxg4 *(72...Ra4*

73.Rg6+ Kf7 74.Kc7 Rf4 75.Kd6 h5 76.Ke5 Rxg4 77.Ra6 Rb4 78.Ra7+ Kf8 79.Kf6 Rb6+ 80.Kg5 Rc6 81.Rh7 Rb6 82.Rxh5 Ra6 83.Rh7 Rb6 84.Rc7 Ra6 85.f6 Ra1 86.Rc8+ Kf7 87.Rc7+ Kf8 88.Rc8+ Kf7 89.Rc7+ Kf8 ½-½ (131) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 73.Ke7 Rf4 74.f6+ Kg6 75.Re1 Rxf6 76.Rg1+ Kf5 77.Rf1+ Kg5 78.Rxf6 h5 79.Ke6 h4 80.Rf2 h3 81.Ke5 Kg4 82.Ra2 Kg3 83.Ra3+ Kg2 84.Kf4 h2 85.Ra2+ Kh3 86.Rxh2+ Kxh2 87.Ke5 ½-½ (87) Karthikeyan,M (2610)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) Chartres FRA 2024;

B3b) 12...Qc7 13.Bf4 e5 14.Bg3 Na5 15.d5 c4 16.Kh1 Rad8 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Qe7 19.Ng3 Qa3 20.Qa4 Qxa4 21.Bxa4 f6 22.Bc7 Rc8 23.Bd6 Rf7 24.Bb4 Bf8 25.Ne2 f5 26.Nd4 fxe4 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Rf1+ Kg8 29.Bd7 Bxb4 30.cxb4 Rd8 31.Ne6 Rb8 32.bxa5 Bxd5 33.axb6 axb6 34.Nf4 Bf7 35.Kg1 b5 36.a3 Kg7 37.Ne2 b4 38.axb4 Rxb4 39.Kf2 Rb2 40.Bc6 c3 41.Bxe4 Bc4 42.Re1 Kf6 43.Ke3 c2 44.Nd4 Bb3 45.Rc1 1-0 (45) Giri,A (2754)-Gallego Alcaraz,A (2486) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B3c) 12...e6 13.Qd2 *(13.dxc5 Ne5 14.f3 a6 15.Ba4 b5 16.Bb3 Qc7 17.Nd4 Rfd8 18.Qe2 Bf8 19.f4 Nc4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.c6 Bxc6 22.Qxc4 Rac8 23.Qxc6 Qxc6 24.Nxc6 Rxc6 25.Kf2 Bc5 26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.Ke3 Rdc8 28.Kd3 Rd8+ 29.Ke3 Rdc8 30.Kd3 Rd8+ 31.Kc2 Ra5 32.Ra1 Ra4 33.Rfe1 Rb8 34.g3 h6 35.Re2 Kg7 36.Kd3 Rd8+ 37.Ke3 Rc8 38.Kd3 Rd8+ 39.Ke3 Rc8 40.Rc1 Kf6 41.Rcc2 g5 42.Kd3 gxf4 43.gxf4 Rd8+ 44.Ke3 Rc8 45.Kd3 Rd8+ 46.Ke3 Rc8* ½-½ (46) Korobov,A (2685)-Svidler,P (2701) Struga MKD 2021 *)* 13...Rc8 14.Rfd1 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Ba4 18.Re1 Re8 19.c4 Bd7 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Ng3 Qd4 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Rd1 d3 26.f3 Rc8 27.Ne4 Kf8 28.Rxd3 Rxc4 29.d6 Ke8 30.Nf6+ Kd8 31.Nxh7 Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Rc2+ 33.Kg3 Rxa2 34.Ng5 Be6 35.Nxe6+ fxe6 36.d7 b5 37.Rd6 b4 38.Rxe6 b3

39.Rb6 b2 40.Rb7 a5 41.h4 a4 42.Kf4 a3 43.Kg5 Ra1 0-1 (43) Vidit,S (2737)-Mamedyarov,S (2723) Baku AZE 2023;

C) 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Rb1 Na5 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nc4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rb4 Rfd8 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.g3 bxc5 20.Rxc4 fxg5 21.Rxc5 Rd2 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Ra5 Rxe4 25.Rxa7 Re1+ 26.Kg2 g4 ½-½ (26) Oparin,G (2687)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2747) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Nd4 Ne5 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Be2 *(14.Bd5 Ng4 15.g3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 a6 17.Nd4 bxc5 18.Rb1 Qa7 19.Nc6 Qc7 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Bxa8 Bh3 22.Bd5 Bxf1 23.Qxf1 Bxc3 24.Qxa6 Qg5 25.Qe2 Kh8 26.Kg2 f5 27.Qd3 Be5 28.Rf1 Kg7 29.exf5 Rxf5 30.a4 Rxf1 31.Kxf1 Bd4 32.Bc4 Bxe3 33.Qd7+ Kh6 34.Qh3+ Kg7 35.Qe6 Bd4 36.Qf7+ Kh6 37.a5 Bf6 38.Kg2 Qd2+ 39.Kh3 Qg5 40.Qf8+ Bg7 41.Qf3 Bd4 42.a6 Qe7 43.Qa8 Bf6 44.a7 Qd7+ 45.g4 Qe7 46.Qf3 Qxa7 47.Qxf6 Qa3+ 48.Bd3 Qxd3+ 49.Kh4 Qd4 50.Qf8+ Qg7 51.g5#* 1-0 (51) Karjakin,S (2750)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 14...bxc5 15.Bxc5 a6 16.Na3 Qc7 17.Bd4 Rd8 18.Qc1 Ng4 19.Bxg4 Bxg4 20.Qe3 Rac8 21.e5 Qc6 22.Nc2 Bf5 23.Nb4 Qe4 24.Qxe4 Bxe4 25.Rfe1 Bb7 26.Rab1 e6 27.Nd3 Bd5 28.Nc5 Bf8 29.Nxa6 Bxa2 30.Rb6 Bc4 31.h3 Bxa6 32.Rxa6 Bc5 33.Ra4 Bxd4 34.cxd4 Rc2 35.g3 Rd2 36.Re4 Rd7 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.h4 h6 39.Kf3 ½-½ (39) Duda,J (2743)-Giri,A (2764) Wijk aan Zee NED 2021;

E) 11.Qd2 Bb7

E1) 12.h4 Rc8 13.Rac1 Na5 *(13...e5 14.Bd5 exd4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 h5 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Rd1 Re8 21.Bb3 Bxe4 22.Qf6 Qb7 23.Re1 Rf8 24.f3 Bd5 25.Re7 Qc8 26.Bxd5 Qc5+ 27.Kh2 Qxd5 28.Rxa7 Re8 29.a4 Qe5+ 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.Rb7 Ra5 32.Rxb6 Rxa4* ½-½ (32) Korobov,A (2685)-Giri,A (2777) Yasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)* 14.Bd3 e5 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh6 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.h5 Qd6 20.Nf4 Qe5 21.Rfe1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Nd5 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1 gxh5 25.Nf4 Bc6 26.Be2 Be8 27.g3 Nb7 28.Qa3 Na5 29.Qc1 Nb7 30.Qa3 a5 31.Qb3 b5 32.Qc2 Bf7 33.Qc6 Nc5 34.Qxb5 h4 35.Bc4 hxg3 36.fxg3 Bxc4 37.Qxc4 Nxe4 38.Kg2 Ng5 39.Qc6 Kh6 40.Qc8 Qe4+ 41.Kh2 Nf3+ 42.Kh3 Ng5+ 43.Kh2 Qe7 44.Qg4 Qf7 45.Qe2 Kg7 46.a4 Qd7 47.Nh5+ Kg6 48.Nf4+ Kh6 49.Qb5 Qc7 50.Qf5 Qe7 51.Qxa5 Nf3+ 52.Kg2 Ne5 53.Qd5 Qb4 54.Qd8 Qb7+ 55.Kh2 Ng4+ 56.Kg1 Qb1+ 57.Kg2 Qc2+ 58.Kh3 f5 59.Qf8+ 1-0 (59) Caruana,F (2764)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

E2) 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bb3 Ba6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.f4 Bxe2

16.Qxe2 c4 17.Bc2 Nd3 18.Bxd3 cxd3 19.Qxd3 Rac8 20.Rac1 Rc5 21.f5 Qd6 22.Be3 Ra5 23.Rc2 Be5 24.g3 Rc8 25.Bd4 f6 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.Rcf2 Kg7 28.Qd1 Ra3 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Qd4 Qxd4 31.cxd4 Rd3 32.e5 f5 33.g4 Rxd4 34.gxf5 Rxd5 35.Re2 Rf8 36.Rg2 Rxe5 37.Rxg6+ Kf7 38.Rh6 Kg7 39.Rg6+ Kf7 40.Rh6 Kg7 ½-½ (40) Gukesh,D (2684)-Kamsky,G (2655) Biel SUI 2022;

E3) 12.Rfd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Rac1 Na5 15.Bd3 Qd7 16.h4 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Rc8 18.h5 Rxc1+ 19.Qxc1 Qc8 20.h6 Bf8 21.d5 e6 22.Nc3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Qd2 exd5 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 Qb4 27.Qd3 Qa3 28.Qc2 Qa5 29.Qd1 Bd6 30.g3 Kf8 31.Qf3 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 f5 33.g4 Qb1 34.Bd4 Kf7 35.Qe3 Qe4+ 36.Qxe4 fxe4 37.f3 exf3+ 38.Kxf3 Ke7 39.Ke4 Kd7 40.a4 Bc7 41.Be3 a6 42.Bd2 b5 43.axb5 axb5 44.Kd4 Bb6+ 45.Kd3 Bc5 46.Bc3 Ba3 47.Bg7 Bc5 48.Bc3 Bf8 49.Bg7 Be7 50.Kd4 Bd6 51.Bf6 Kc7 52.Bg5 Kb6 53.Bd8+ Ka6 54.Kd3 Bf8 55.Kd4 Bd6 ½-½ (55) Caruana,F (2842)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Yekaterinburg RUS 2020;

E4) 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bh6 Na5 15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Ng3 e6 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Re8 21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Qd6 23.Qe2 Rc7 24.Qb2+ Qf6 25.Qa3 Rd7 26.Qxa7 Rxd5 27.Rb1 Qc6 28.f3 Qc2 29.Qxb6 Rd2 30.Ne2 Ba6 31.Nf4 Qxa2 32.Qb4 Qc2 33.Ne6+ fxe6 34.Qe7+ Kh6 35.Qh4+ Kg7 36.Qe7+ Kh6 37.Qh4+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ ½-½ (38) Navara,D (2734)-Ding,L (2805) Prague CZE 2019;

E5) 12.Rac1 e6

E5a) 13.f3 Rc8 14.h4 cxd4 *(14...Na5 15.Bd3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qxh4 17.Bg5 Qh5 18.e5 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Be4 Rf7 24.Bxb7 Nxb7 25.Qe3 Qf5 26.Rc6 Nd8 27.Rd6 Qf6 28.Ng3 Qe7 29.Ne4 Rf5 30.Qb3 Kg7 31.Qc4 h5 32.Kf1 h4 33.Qc8 Rd5 34.Rxd5 exd5 35.Nc3 Qg5 36.Ne2 Nf7 37.Qb7 Qf5 38.Qxa7 h3 39.gxh3 Qxh3+ 40.Kf2 Qh4+ ½-½ (40) Praggnanandhaa,R (2684)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023)* 15.cxd4 Qd6 16.h5 Rfd8 17.h6 *(17.Rfd1 Na5 18.Bd3 Nc6 19.e5 Qb4 20.Be4 Qxd2 21.Rxd2 Na5 22.Bxb7 Rxc1+ 23.Nxc1 Nxb7 24.h6 Rc8 25.Ne2 Bf8 26.d5 Rd8 27.Nc3 Bb4 28.Rd3 Nc5 29.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 30.Kf1 exd5 31.Nxd5 Kh8 32.g4 g5 33.Ke2 Re8 34.Ne3 Kg8 35.Rd5 f6 36.Nc4 fxe5 37.Kd3 Bf8 38.Rd7 Bxh6 39.Rxa7 Rd8+ 40.Ke2 b5 41.Nd2 Bg7 ½-½ (41) Gukesh,D (2599)-Svidler,P (2701) Struga MKD 2021)* 17...Bxd4 18.Nxd4

Nxd4 19.Qf2 e5 20.f4 exf4 21.Bxf4 Qf6 22.e5 Qf5 23.e6 fxe6 24.Qe3 Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Qd5 26.Rf2 Qxc4 27.Qe5 Nf5 28.Kh2 Qe4 29.Qc7 Rc8 30.Qd7 Qd5 31.Rd2 Qxd7 32.Rxd7 Bd5 33.Bg5 Bc6 34.Rxa7 Ra8 35.Rc7 Bd5 36.Rd7 Bxg2 37.Kxg2 Rxa2+ 38.Kf3 Ra8 39.Ke4 b5 40.Ke5 Rb8 41.Bf4 b4 42.Kf6 Rf8+ 43.Kxe6 b3 44.Be5 Re8+ 45.Kf6 Nxh6 46.Bc3 Nf5 47.Rb7 Rc8 48.Rxb3 Rc6+ 49.Ke5 h5 50.Rb8+ Kh7 51.Rb7+ Kg8 52.Bd2 Nd6 53.Rb8+ Kf7 54.Bf4 Ra6 55.Rd8 Nc4+ 56.Kd4 Nb6 57.Ke4 Ra4+ 58.Kf3 Nc4 59.Rd7+ Ke6 60.Rg7 Kf6 61.Rg8 Ra7 62.Rf8+ Rf7 63.Rc8 Ne5+ 64.Ke4 Re7 65.Rf8+ Nf7+ 66.Kf3 g5 67.Bd2 Kf5 68.Bc1 h4 69.Bd2 g4+ 70.Kf2 Rd7 71.Be3 Ke4 72.Bc5 Ne5 73.Re8 Rd2+ 74.Ke1 Rd5 75.Bf2 g3 76.Rh8 Kf3 77.Rf8+ Kg2 78.Be3 Ng4 0-1 (78) Duda,J (2734)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

E5b) 13.Rfd1

E5b1) 13...Rc8 14.f3 *(14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 cxd4 16.cxd4 Na5 17.Bd3 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Nc6 19.Bb5 Na5 20.Qf4 f5 21.Qe5 fxe4 22.Qxe6+ Kg7 23.d5 a6 24.Ba4 Qf6 25.Qxe4 b5 26.Bb3 Nxb3 27.axb3 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf7 29.b4 Re8 30.Qd4+ Qf6 31.Qd3 Bxd5 32.Qxd5 Rxe2 33.h3 Re7 34.Qc5 h5 35.Kg1 Qe5 36.Qxe5+ Rxe5 37.Rd6 Re4 38.Rxa6 Rxb4 39.Rb6 h4 40.Kf2 Rb3 41.Ke2 Kh6 42.Kf2 Kg5 43.Rd6 Kf5 44.Rd5+ Ke4 45.Rg5 Rb2+ 46.Ke1 Kd3 47.Rxg6 b4 48.Rd6+ Kc3 49.Rc6+ Kb3 50.Rg6 Rc2 51.Kd1 Kb2 52.g3 hxg3 53.Rxg3 Rc4 54.Rg2+ Ka3 55.Rg8 b3 56.Ra8+ Kb2 57.Rh8 Rd4+ 58.Ke2 Ra4 59.Kd3* 0-1 (59) Eljanov,P (2706)-Moroni,L (2580) Vasto ITA 2024*)* 14...Na5 15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Bh6 Ba4 17.Re1 Qd7 18.h4 cxd4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.cxd4 Bb5 21.h5 Bxd3 22.h6+ Kg8 23.Qxd3 Qe7 24.d5 Nb7 25.Qd4 e5 26.Qe3 Nd6 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Qxc1 f5 30.Ng3 Kf7 31.Qc6 Kf6 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Nh5+ Kg6 34.Ng7 e4 35.Ne8 Qxe8 36.Qxd6+ Kg5 37.Qg3+ Kxh6 38.f4 Qg6 39.Qh4+ Kg7 40.Qe7+ Qf7 41.Qg5+ Qg6 42.Qe7+ Qf7 43.Qg5+ Qg6 44.Qe7+ ½-½ (44) Oparin,G (2676)-Duda,J (2734) chess.com INT 2024;

E5b2) 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Qe7 15.Bb5 Na5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Rfd8 18.d6 Qe4 19.f3 Qe5 20.Ba4 Rxd6 21.Qxd6 Qxe3+ 22.Kf1 Ba6 23.Rc2 Be5 24.Qd5 Bxh2 25.Bb5 Bxb5

26.Qxb5 Re8 27.Rd3 Qe6 28.Qd7 Qe5 29.Rd5 Qe3 30.Rd3 Qe5 31.Qd5 Qe7 32.Rd4 Qf6 33.Qd7 Re7 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Rd7 Rxd7 36.Qxd7 a6 37.Qe8 b5 38.Rc8 Bd6 1-0 (38) Cheparinov,I (2664)-Puranik,A (2604) Sitges ESP 2021;

E5b3) 13...Na5 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Bg5 *(15.h4 c4 16.Bc2 Qxh4 17.Bg5 Qh5 18.f3 f6 19.Be3 Qb5 20.Kf2 e5 21.g4 Rcd8 22.Rh1 Rf7 23.Rb1 Qe8 24.Ng3 exd4 25.cxd4 c3 26.Qxc3 Rc8 27.Qd3 Ba6 28.Qxa6 Rxc2+ 29.Ne2 Qa4 30.Rhc1 Rxa2 31.Qc8+ Bf8 32.Qe6 Nb7 33.Rc8 g5 34.Rbc1 Qa6 35.R1c2 Rxc2 36.Rxc2 Qa1 37.Ng3 Nd6 38.Kg2 Qa4 39.Rc7 Qe8 40.Qa2 a5 41.e5 fxe5 42.dxe5 Qxe5 43.Nf5 Qe8 44.Bxb6 Nxf5 45.gxf5 Bd6 46.Ra7 g4 47.Qxf7+ Qxf7 48.Rxf7 gxf3+ 49.Kxf3 Kxf7 50.Bxa5 Be7 51.Kg4 Bf6* ½-½ (51) Swiercz,D (2640)-Burke,J (2592) Saint Louis USA 2023 *)* 15...Qd7 16.h4 *(16.e5 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 20.h4 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.h5 Qc4 23.Ng3 Nc6 24.Be3 f5 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Ne2 Kf7 28.f3 b5 29.Kh2 b4 30.Bf2 a5 31.Qf4 e5 32.Qe4 exd4 33.Nf4 Ne7 34.Kh3 Qxa2 35.Bh4 g5 36.Qh7+ Ke8 37.Qh6 Qf7 38.Nh5 Ng8 39.Nxf6+ Qxf6 40.Qh5+ Kd7 41.Bxg5 Qf5+ 42.Kh2 b3 43.Qh4 Qd5 44.Qg4+ Kc6 45.Qc8+ Kb5 46.Qe8+ Kc4 47.Bc1 Nf6 48.Qe2+ d3 49.Qe1 Kb5 50.Qc3 Nd7 51.f4 Nc5 52.Bd2 Kc6 53.Qxa5 b2 54.Qa8+ Nb7 55.Qe8+ Kc7 56.Qe7+ Kc8 57.Qb4 Qh5+ 58.Kg3 Qg6+ 59.Kf2 Qf6 60.Ke3 Qe6+ 61.Kf3 Qe2+ 62.Kg3 b1Q 63.Qxb1 Qxd2 64.Kh3 Qe3+ 65.g3 d2 66.Qf5+ Kc7 67.Qc2+ Nc5 68.f5 Qd4 69.Qd1 Qd3 70.f6 Ne4 71.Qg1 Ng5+* 0-1 (71) Salem,A (2622)-Woodward,A (2530) New York USA 2024*)* 16...cxd4 17.cxd4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 *(19...Bxc8 20.h5 Nc6 21.h6 Bf8 22.Bb5 a6 23.Ba4 b5 24.Bb3 Bb7 25.d5 exd5 26.Bxd5 Ne5 27.Bxb7 Qxb7 28.Nc3 Ng4 29.Nd5 f6 30.Qd1 fxg5 31.Qxg4 Bxh6 32.Qe6+ Qf7 33.Qxa6 Bg7 34.Qxb5 Bd4 35.Qe2 g4 36.g3 h5 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.a4 Qa7 39.Qc2 Kh6 40.Qd2+ g5 41.a5 Bc5 42.Qc3* 1-0 (42) Caruana,F (2835)-So,W (2770) lichess.org INT 2020 *)* 20.h5 Nc6 *(20...Nc4 21.Qc1 b5 22.h6 Bf8 23.Qf4 a6 24.Ng3 Nd6 25.e5 Nf5 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Nh5 gxh5 28.Bf6 Bb4*

29.d5 Bxd5 30.Qxb4 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qc4 32.Qd2 Kf8 33.f3 Ke8 34.Qa5 Qc8 35.Qa3 Qc7 36.Qxa6 Bc6 37.Qa3 Kd7 38.Qf8 Bd5 39.Qg8 Qc4 40.Qd8+ Kc6 41.Qc8+ Kb6 42.Qxf5 Be6 43.Qxh5 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qe3+ 45.Kh1 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qf4+ 47.Kg1 Qe3+ 48.Kh2 Qf4+ ½-½ (48) Gelfand,B (2676)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 21.Bc2 Qd7 22.Be3 Qc8 23.Bf4 Na5 24.Bd3 Nc6 25.h6 Bf8 26.d5 exd5 27.exd5 Nb4 28.Be4 Qc4 29.Nc3 Nxa2 30.Nxa2 Qxe4 31.Nc3 Qf5 32.Qd4 g5 33.Bb8 Bxh6 34.Bxa7 Bf8 35.Qxb6 Bxd5 36.Nxd5 Qxd5 37.Qd4 Qxd4 38.Bxd4 h5 39.g3 Kh7 40.f3 ½-½ (40) LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631)-Stockfish Dev F7 (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[10...e6

A) 11.dxc5

A1) 11...Ne5 12.Qxd8 *(12.Bb3 Qa5 13.f4 Rd8 14.Qe1 Nd3 15.Qh4 Nxc5 16.f5 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qc7 18.Rad1 Re8 19.f6 Bf8 20.Kh1 a5 21.Rd3 e5 22.Bh6 Bc5 23.Bg7 Qc6 24.Rf5* 1-0 (24) Maghsoodloo,P (2707)-Ragger,M (2615) Viernheim GER 2023*)* 12...Rxd8 13.Rfd1 Bd7 14.Bb3 Bb5 *(14...Bc6 15.f3 Rdc8 16.Nf4 a5 17.a4 Be8 18.Bd4 Nc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nd3 Nb8 21.Bc4 Nd7 22.Bb5 Nxc5 23.Bxe8 Nxd3 24.Rxd3 Rxe8 25.Rd7 Red8 26.Rxb7 Rac8 27.Rb5 Rxc3 28.Rxa5 Rd2 29.Rg5 Rcc2 30.a5 h6 31.Rg3 Ra2 32.Rxa2 Rxa2 33.f4 Rxa5 34.Re3 Ra2 35.h4 Kf6 36.g3 h5 37.Kf1 e5 38.Re2 Ra3 39.Kg2 Ke6 40.Rb2 exf4 41.gxf4 Ra4 42.Kf3 Ra3+ 43.Kg2 Ra4 44.Kf3 Ra3+ 45.Kg2 Ra4 46.Kf3 Ra3+* ½-½ (46) Swiercz,D (2652)-Shankland,S (2712) Saint Louis USA 2022 *)* 15.Nd4 Ba6 16.f3 Rdc8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe6+ Kf8 19.Bxc8 Rxc8 20.Rab1 Nd3 21.Rxd3 Bxd3 22.Rxb7 Bxc3 23.Rb3 Bc4 24.Rxc3 Bxa2 25.Ra3 Be6 26.Rxa7 h5 27.h4 Rb8 28.Kf2 Rb2+ 29.Kg3 Rc2 30.Kf4 Rxg2 31.Ke5 Bh3 32.c6 Rc2 33.Bh6+ Kg8 34.Rg7+ Kh8 35.Rxg6 Kh7 36.Rf6 1-0 (36) Gukesh,D (2725)-Vidit,S (2730) Kolkata IND 2022;

A2) 11...Qa5 12.f4 Rd8 13.Qe1 Qa4 *(13...Bd7 14.Bb3 Qc7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb5 17.Qf2 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qc6 19.Qf3 Bxd4* 0-1 (19) Gelfand,B (2676)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 14.Bb3 Qxe4 15.Ng3 Qd3 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.Qf2 Be8 *(17...Na5 18.Bc2 Qa6 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Bb5 21.Rfd1 f5 22.h4 Rd7 23.Re1 Rad8 24.c6 Nxc6 25.Rxe6 Qxa2 26.Qe3 Nxd4 27.Re8+ Kf7 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bb1 Qd5 30.Qa3 Qd6 31.Ba2+ Kg7 32.Qe3 Re8 33.Rc7+ Kh6 34.Qc1 Bc6 35.Rf7 Re2*

36.Kh2 Rxg2+ 37.Kh3 Rxg3+ 0-1 (37) Praggnanandhaa,R (2624)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022 *)* 18.Rfd1 Qa6 19.Ne4 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8 Nxd8 22.Qd2 Qa5 23.Bd4 Nc6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qe3 Bd7 26.Nd6 b6 27.cxb6 Qxb6 28.Qxb6 axb6 29.Nc4 b5 30.Nd6 b4 31.cxb4 Nxb4 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.a3 Ke7 34.Ne4 Nd5 35.Bxd5 exd5 36.Nc5 Bc6 37.Nb3 Kd6 38.Nd4 Ba4 39.Ke3 f6 40.Kd3 g5 41.g3 gxf4 42.gxf4 Kc5 43.Kc3 Be8 44.Nb3+ Kd6 45.Nd4 Kc5 46.Nb3+ Kd6 47.Kb4 d4 48.Nxd4 Kd5 49.Nb5 Bg6 50.Nc3+ Kd4 51.a4 Bd3 52.a5 f5 53.Na4 Be2 54.Nc5 Kd5 55.Na4 Bf1 56.Nc5 Be2 57.a6 Bxa6 58.Nxa6 Ke4 59.Kc3 Kxf4 60.Kd2 ½-½ (60) Praggnanandhaa,R (2743)-Firouzja,A (2759) Wijk aan Zee NED 2024;

B) 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rfd1 b5 13.Bb3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Bb7 16.f3 a5 17.Rc1 a4 18.Bc2 Rfc8 19.Bd3 b4 20.Bb5 b3 21.axb3 axb3 22.Kf2 Na5 23.Rb1 Ba6 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Rd3 Rc2 26.d5 exd5 27.exd5 Bf8 28.Kf1 Nc4 29.Nd4 Rca2 30.Rdxb3 Nd2+ 31.Bxd2 Rxd2 32.Ne2 Raa2 33.Re3 Rxd5 34.Nc3 Raa5 35.Nxd5 Rxd5 36.Rb8 Kg7 37.Rb7 Bc5 38.Re4 Bd4 39.h4 h5 40.g4 hxg4 41.fxg4 Bf6 42.g5 Be5 43.Ke2 Ra5 44.Re7 Bd6 45.Rd7 Be5 46.Kf3 Ra3+ 47.Re3 Ra5 48.Re4 Ra3+ 49.Re3 Ra5 50.Re4 ½-½ (50) Adhiban,B (2659)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020;

C) 11.Rc1 Qe7 12.Qd2 *(12.Bb5 Rd8 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qa4 cxd4 15.cxd4 a5 16.Rfd1 Ba6 17.Nc3 Qb4 18.a3 Qxa4 19.Nxa4 Bb5 20.Nc5 a4 21.Nb7 Rd7 22.Nc5 Rdd8 23.Nb7 Rd7 24.Nc5 Rdd8* ½-½ (24) Volokitin,A (2674)-Vocaturo,D (2609) Baku AZE 2023 *)* 12...Rd8 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Qe3 Bb7 17.h3 Rac8 18.e5 Qh4 19.Nf4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Nxd4 21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 b5 23.Nxe6 Qxd4 24.Nxd4 bxc4 25.Rc3 Bd5 26.Ne2 Re8 27.Nf4 Rxe5 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxc4 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rd2 31.Ra4 Rxf2 32.Rxa7 ½-½ (32) Firouzja,A (2767)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2735) London ENG 2024]

[10...Bg4 11.f3

A) 11...Na5

A1) 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Be6 *(13...Bd7 14.Rc1 e6 15.Qd2 b6 16.e5 Rc8 17.Bg5 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.h4 Bc6 20.Qe3 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Qd6 22.Nc3 Rcd8 23.Ne2 e5 24.Rfd1 exd4 25.Qf2 Ba4 26.Re1 Qa3 27.Bb1 Qb2 28.Bd3 Qd2 29.Bc4+ Kh8 30.Qg3 Qe3+ 31.Kh2 d3 32.Nc3 Qf4 33.Qxf4 Rxf4 34.Bxd3 Rxd3 35.Nxa4 Rd7 36.Nc3 Rc4 37.Ne4 Kg7 38.Nf6 Rb7 39.Rcd1 Rc8 40.f4 Nc4 41.Ne8+ Kf8 42.Nf6 Kg7 43.g4 b5 44.f5 h6 45.Ne8+ Kf8 46.gxh6 gxf5 47.g5 Rxe8 48.Rxe8+ Kxe8 49.g6 Ne3 50.h7 Nxd1 51.h8Q+ Kd7 52.Qd4+ Kc6 53.Qxd1*

1-0 (53) Korobov,A (2667)-Jumabayev,R (2589) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 14.d5 Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6

A1a) 16.h4 Rc8 *(16...Bd7 17.h5 Rc8 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Nf4 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Nxg6 Rf7 22.Nf4 Qa5 23.Qb2 Qc3 24.Qf2 Qc2 25.Qh4 Rh7 26.Nh5 Kh8 27.d6 Be8 28.dxe7 Rxh5 29.Qxf6+ Kh7 30.Bd4 Rxd4 31.Qxd4 Qc5 32.Rd1 Kg8 33.g4 Qxd4+ 34.Rxd4 Ra5 35.Rd2 Kf7 36.Kf2 Kxe7 37.Kg3 Bf7 38.f4 Rxa2 39.Rd1 b5 40.f5 b4 41.e5 b3 42.g5 b2 43.Rb1 a5 44.g6 a4 45.Kf4 a3 46.f6+ Ke6 47.gxf7 Kxf7 48.Kf5 Ra1 49.e6+ Ke8 50.f7+ Ke7* 0-1 (50) Korobov,A (2672)-Paravyan,D (2589) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 17.h5 Bf7 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Qe1 Nc4 20.Bd4 Ne5 21.Bb1 Rc4 22.f4 Rxd4 23.Nxd4 Qb6 24.Qc3 Kg7 25.Rd1 Rh8 26.Qb3 Nd7 27.Qxb6 axb6 28.Rc1 Nc5 29.Nb3 Rc8 30.Bd3 Be8 31.Kf1 Bd7 32.Ke2 e5 33.fxe5 fxe5 34.Ke3 Kf6 35.Nxc5 bxc5 36.Rb1 c4 37.Rb6+ Kg5 38.Bb1 Ba4 39.d6 c3 40.Rxb7 c2 41.Bxc2 Rxc2 42.d7 Bxd7 43.Rxd7 Rxg2 44.a4 Rg3+ 45.Kf2 Ra3 46.Ra7 Kf4 47.a5 Ra2+ 48.Ke1 Kxe4 49.a6 Ke3 50.Kd1 e4 51.Ra8 Ra1+ 52.Kc2 Ke2 53.a7 e3 54.Kc3 g5 55.Kd4 g4 56.Ke4 Ra4+ 57.Kf5 g3 58.Rg8 Rxa7 59.Rxg3 Kf2 0-1 (59) Salem,A (2690)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022;

A1b) 16.Qd4 Bd7 17.e5 Rc8 18.h4 fxe5 19.Qxe5 Qc7 20.Qg5 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Qg4 Nc4 23.Bd4 Qd6 24.Ng3 Qxd5 25.h5 Rc6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Nxf5 Qxf5 28.Qh4 e5 29.Bxa7 b6 30.Rd1 Rc8 31.a4 Qf7 32.Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ Qf8 34.Bxb6 Nxb6 35.Qxb6 Kh7 36.a5 Qf4 37.a6 Qc1+ 38.Kf2 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qh6+ 41.Kg1 Qc1+ ½-½ (41) Wagner,D (2616)-Horvath,D (2542) New York USA 2024;

A2) 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.fxg4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 Qd6 *(14...Qd7 15.h3 Nc4 16.Qd3 b5 17.Bf2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rc8 19.Ng1 b4 20.Nf3 a5 21.Rc1 Na3 22.Qb3+ e6 23.Be3 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Qc6 25.Bxa3 bxa3 26.Qxa3 Qxe4 27.Qxa5 Qd3+ 28.Ke1 Qe3+ 29.Kd1 Qf2 30.Qa6 Qe3 31.Qe2 Bxd4 32.Qxe3 Bxe3 33.Ke2 Bb6 34.Ng5 e5 35.Kd3* 1-0 (35) Karjakin,S (2752)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) lichess.org INT 2020*; 14...Nc4 15.Bf2 b5 16.Kg1 cxd4 17.cxd4 Qd7 18.h3 Rf8 19.a4 Bh6 20.Qd3 a6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bg3 e5 23.d5 Be3+ 24.Kh2 Qe7 25.Ra6 Bb6 26.d6 Qb7 27.Qd5+ Qxd5 28.exd5 b4 29.Bh4 Bd8 30.Be7 Bxe7 31.dxe7 Rb8 32.Rc6 Kf7*

33.Rxc4 Kxe7 34.Rc6 b3 35.Nc3 b2 36.Nb1 Rb3 37.g5 Kd7 38.Re6 Kc7 39.h4 Kd7 40.h5 gxh5 41.Rh6 e4 42.Rxh7+ Kd6 43.g6 Rb8 44.Rxh5 e3 45.Kg1 Rg8 46.Rh3 Re8 47.Kf1 Kxd5 48.g7 e2+ 49.Ke1 Rg8 50.Rg3 Ke5 51.Kxe2 Kf4 52.Kf2 1-0 (52) Sjugirov,S (2663)-Paravyan,D (2647) Sochi RUS 2021; *14...cxd4 15.cxd4 e5 16.Kg1 Rc8 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rc1 Nc6 20.Nf4 Bxf4 21.Bxf4 Rd4 22.Bh6 Rxe4 23.Rf1 Re8 24.h3 Ne5 25.Kh2 Nf7 26.Bf4 Re2 27.a3 Re4 28.Bd2 Ne5 29.Bh6 Nf7 30.Bd2 Ne5 31.Bb4 Nc6 32.Bf8 Nd8 33.Bc5 b6 34.Bd6 Ne6 35.Rc1 Rd4 36.Rc8+ Kf7 37.Bb8 Rd7 38.Be5 Rd8 39.Rc6 Rd3 40.Bb2 Ke7 41.Rc8 Rd2 42.Bc1 Rd8 43.Rc4 Rd5 44.Be3 Kd7 45.h4 Rd3 46.Bc1 Rd4 47.Rxd4+ Nxd4 48.Bb2 Ne2 49.g3 Ke6 50.Kg2 Kd5 51.Kf3 Nd4+ 52.Ke3 Ne6 53.h5 a5 54.Kd3 Nc5+ 55.Ke3 Kc4 56.Bf6 b5 57.Kf4 b4 58.axb4 axb4 59.Ba1 b3 60.hxg6 hxg6 61.Kg5 Ne4+ 62.Kxg6 Nxg3 63.g5 Ne4 64.Kf5 Nxg5 65.Kxg5 b2 66.Bxb2* ½-½ (66) Gelfand,B (2676)-Ivanchuk,V (2678) chess24.com INT 2020 *)*

A2a) 15.e5

A2a1) 15...Qd5 16.Ng1 *(16.Kg1 Nc4 17.Bf2 Rf8 18.g5 Qf7 19.Qe1 Na3 20.Rc1 Qxa2 21.g3 Qc4 22.Nf4 Nb5 23.Qf1 Qxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Rc8 25.Nd5 Kf7 26.Rb1 Nc7 27.Nf4 b5 28.Ke2 c4 29.e6+ Ke8 30.Kf3 a5 31.Ke4 b4 32.cxb4 Nb5 33.Be1 a4 34.Ra1 a3 35.Ne2 Rd8 36.Bf2 Rd6 37.Nc1 Bxd4* 0-1 (37) L'Ami,E (2628)-Brunello,S (2511) Budapest HUN 2024 *)* 16...Nc4 17.Qe2 cxd4 18.cxd4 b5 19.Nf3 a5 20.Bg5 Rf8 21.Rd1 e6 22.h4 a4 23.Kg1 b4 24.h5 b3 25.axb3 axb3 26.hxg6 h6 27.Bf6 Bxf6 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Ne5 Nxe5 30.dxe5 Qc5+ 31.Kh1 Rf8 32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Qxf1 Qe7 34.Qb5 Kg7 35.Qxb3 Qh4+ 36.Kg1 Qxg4 37.Qd3 h5 38.Qd8 Qf5 39.Qd6 Kxg6 40.g3 Qb1+ 41.Kh2 Qc2+ 42.Kh3 Qc4 43.Qd1 Qe4 44.Qa1 Kf5 45.Qd1 Kg6 46.g4 Qe3+ 47.Kh4 Qf2+ 48.Kh3 Qe3+ 49.Kh4 Qg5+ 50.Kh3 Qxe5 51.Qd3+ Kh6 52.gxh5 Kxh5 53.Kg2 Kg4 54.Qf3+ Kg5 55.Qg3+ Kf5 56.Qf3+ Qf4 57.Qh5+ Ke4 58.Qe2+ Qe3 59.Qc4+ Kf5 60.Qb5+ Kf4 61.Qf1+ Kg5 62.Qc4 e5 63.Qg8+ Kf4 64.Qf7+ Ke4 65.Qb7+ Kd3 66.Qb3+ Ke2 67.Qb2+ Kd3 68.Qb3+ Ke4 69.Qb7+ Kd3 70.Qb3+ ½-½ (70) Giri,A (2764)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2a2) 15...Nc4 16.Bf4

Qd5 17.Kg1 Qe4 18.Qf1 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rd8 20.Qf3 Rxd4 21.Rc1 Nd2 22.Rc8+ Kf7 23.Qf2 Qb1+ 24.Rc1 Qxc1+ 25.Nxc1 1-0 (25) Navara,D (2681)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022;

A2b) 15.Kg1 Qe6 16.Qc2 *(16.Qd3 Qc4 17.Qxc4+ Nxc4 18.Bf2 cxd4 19.cxd4 e5 20.Rc1 Nd6 21.Bg3 Re8 22.Rc7 Nxe4 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Rxe5 25.Rxb7 Rd5 26.h3 Rd2 27.Nf4 Rxa2 28.Ne6 a5 29.g5 Ng3 30.Rg7+ Kh8 31.Ra7 Kg8 32.Rg7+ Kh8 33.Rd7 Kg8 34.Rg7+ ½-½ (34) Keymer,V (2630)-Oparin,G (2654) Riga LAT 2021)* 16...cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Qd3 Qxg4 19.Kh1 Qd7 *(19...Nc4 20.Bg1 a6 21.a4 Bh6 22.Rb1 Qd7 23.Rb4 Na5 24.d5 Bf8 25.Nd4 e5 26.dxe6 Qd6 27.Rb1 Bg7 28.Qf3 Rf8 29.Qc3 Qe5 30.h3 Re8 31.Qf3 Qf6 32.Qe2 Qe5 33.Rf1 Qd6 34.Qa2 Nc6 35.e7+ Kh8 36.Nxc6 bxc6 37.Qc4 Qxe7 38.Qxa6 Qxe4 39.a5 g5 40.Rc1 c5 41.Rxc5 g4 42.Qc6 Qe7 43.a6 gxh3 44.a7 hxg2+ 45.Kxg2 Qe2+ 46.Kh1 Qe7 47.Rh5 Qd8 48.Qd5 Qc8 49.Qg2 h6 50.Ra5 1-0 (50) Maghsoodloo,P (2707)-Salem,A (2632) Doha QAT 2023)* 20.Bg1 b6 21.a4 Kh8 22.Rf1 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Qf3 Kg8 25.Nf4 Bh6 26.d5 Bxf4 27.Qxf4 Qd6 28.Qg4 e6 29.h3 Nb7 30.Bh2 Qe7 31.Qg3 e5 32.Qc3 Nd6 33.Bxe5 Nxe4 34.Qc8+ Kf7 35.Bf4 Nf6 36.d6 Qe6 37.Qc7+ Nd7 38.Qxa7 g5 39.Bg3 h5 40.Qc7 h4 41.Bf2 g4 42.hxg4 Qxg4 43.Qd8 Qd1+ 44.Bg1 Qxa4 45.Qe7+ Kg6 46.Qe8+ Kf5 47.Bd4 Qd1+ 48.Kh2 Qxd4 49.Qxd7+ Kg5 50.Qe7+ Kf5 51.Qf7+ Kg5 52.Qg8+ Kf5 53.Qc8+ Kg5 54.Qd8+ Kf5 55.Qf8+ Kg5 56.Qe7+ Kf5 57.d7 Qf4+ 58.Kg1 Qc1+ 59.Kf2 Qd2+ 60.Kg1 Qc1+ 61.Kf2 Qd2+ 62.Kg1 Qc1+ 63.Kf2 ½-½ (63) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Wei,Y (2740) Wijk aan Zee NED 2024;

B) 11...Bd7

B1) 12.Rb1

B1a) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 a6 14.Rxb7 *(14.Bd5 e6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.Nc3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.h4 Ba4 20.Nxa4 Qxa4 21.Rb4 Qd7 22.h5 b5 23.h6 Bf8 24.Rb3 Rc4 25.Rd3 Rdc8 26.Qf2 Rc2 27.R3d2 Rc1 28.d5 exd5 29.Qe1 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Qe6 31.Rxd5 f5 32.e5 Rc3 33.Bf4 Rc4 34.Be3 Rc3 35.Bf4 Rc4 36.Be3 f4 37.Bf2 Bxh6 38.Bc5 Bf8 39.Bxf8 Kxf8 40.Rd6 Qxe5 41.Rxa6 Rd4 42.Qb3 Kg7 43.Re6 Qc5 44.Kf1 Rc4 45.Qb2+ Kh6 46.Qd2 Rc1+ 47.Re1 Rxe1+ 48.Qxe1 Kg5 49.Qd2 Qe5 50.g3 Qe3 51.Qd5+ Kh6*

52.gxf4 Qxf4 53.Kf2 b4 54.Ke2 g5 55.Qe6+ Kh5 56.Qh3+ Qh4 57.Qe6 Qh2+ 58.Kf1 Qh1+ 59.Kf2 Qh4+ 60.Kg2 Qf4 61.Qh3+ Kg6 62.Qe6+ Kg7 63.Qd7+ Qf7 64.Qd4+ Kh6 65.Qd6+ Qg6 66.Qxb4 Qc2+ 67.Kg3 Qxa2 68.f4 gxf4+ ½-½ (68) Oparin, G (2687)-Lagarde,M (2597) Chartres FRA 2023*; 14.h4 b5 15.Bb3 e5 16.d5 Na5 17.h5 Re8 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Nc1 Rc8 20.Nd3 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Qd2 Bf8 23.Rfc1 Qc8 24.Nb2 Bb4 25.Qf2 Rc3 26.Nd3 Ba3 27.Rxc3 Qxc3 28.Nc5 Bc8 29.Rd1 f6 30.Nb3 a5 31.Bc5 a4 32.Bxa3 axb3 33.Bb2 Qb4 34.axb3 Bd7 35.Qe3 g5 36.Ra1 Qd6 37.Ra7 b4 38.Bc1 Rc8 39.Bd2 Bb5 40.Rb7 Qc5 41.Qxc5 Rxc5 42.d6 Rc2 43.Bxb4* 1-0 (43) Artemiev,V (2705)-Suleymenov,A (2501) Dubai UAE 2024*; 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Bd3 Bb5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Rxb5 Nc4 18.Qd3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Rxa2 20.Rxb7 Qa8 21.Rfb1 Qa6 22.Ng3 Qc4 23.Qb3 Qxd4+ 24.Kh1 Qf2 25.Rg1 Bd4 26.Qb1 Qxg1+ 27.Qxg1 Bxg1 28.Kxg1 Rd8 29.h4 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rdd2 31.Kh3 Rxg2 32.h5 e6 33.h6 Rh2+ 34.Kg4 Rxh6 35.e5 Ra4+ 36.Kg5 Rh3 37.Ne4 Rh5+ 38.Kf6 Rf5+ 39.Ke7 Rxe4 40.fxe4 Rf4* 0-1 (40) Korobov,A (2688)-Cheparinov, I (2686) chess.com INT 2020*; 14.a4 Na5 15.Bd3 Qc7 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.d5 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Qd2 Qxa4 21.Bd4 Bb5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nc3 Qa5 24.Qd4+ Kg8 25.Nxb5 axb5 26.Qc5 Qa7 27.Qxa7 Rxa7 28.Rfc1 Rfa8 29.Rxb5 Ra1 30.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 31.Kf2 Ra7 32.Ke3 Kf8 33.Kd4 Ke8 34.e5 Kd7 35.Kc5 Kc7 36.d6+ exd6+ 37.exd6+ Kd7 38.Kd5 b6 39.Rxb6 Ra5+ 40.Ke4* ½-½ (40) Ter Sahakyan,S (2607)-Grandelius, N (2662) Riga LAT 2021*; 14.d5 Ne5 15.Bb6 Qb8 16.Bb3 a5 17.Ba4 Qe8 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Bd4 Nc4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.e5 Na3 24.Rbc1 b5 25.e6 fxe6 26.Nf4 Nc2 27.Qf2 e5 28.Nxg6 hxg6 29.Rxc2 Qxd5 30.Rd2 Qc6 31.Re1 b4 32.h4 Rd8 33.Rde2 Rd5 34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Rb8 36.Rxe7 b3 37.Re1 b2 38.Rb1 Qc1+ 39.Qf1 Rc8 40.Rxb2 Qxb2 41.Qd3 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 Qf4+ 43.g3 Qf5* 0-1 (43) Salem,A (2675)-Cheparinov,I (2687) Moscow RUS 2019 *)* 14...Na5 15.Rb4 Nxc4 16.Rxc4 Bb5 17.Rc1 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Bxd4 19.Rfd1 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qa5 21.Qd2 Qxd2 22.Rxd2 Rfd8 23.Rb2 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.h4 Rc4 26.Kf2 f5 27.Ke3 fxe4 28.fxe4 Kf7 29.Kf4 Ra4 30.g4 Kf6 ½-½ (30) Sjugirov, S (2651)-Lagarde,M (2615) Linares ESP 2024;

B1b) 12...Qc7 13.Qd2 *(13.h4 Rad8 14.h5 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Bb5 19.Rfc1 Qxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 gxh5 22.Bxa7 Bc6 23.Rc5 Rf8 24.Rxh5 Ra8 25.Bc5 Ra5 26.Rg5+ Kf7 27.Bxe7 Rxa2 28.Bb4 Rb2 29.Rg7+ Kxg7 30.Bc3+ Kg6 31.Bxb2 h5 32.g3 b5 33.Bc3 Bd7 34.Kf2 Bh3 35.Bb4 Kg5 36.Ke3 Bg2 37.Be7+ Kg6 38.f4 Kf7 39.Bb4 Kg6 40.f5+ Kg5 41.Be7+ Kh6 42.Kf4 Kg7 43.e5 Kf7 44.Bb4 Bh3 45.e6+ Kf6 46.Bc3+ Ke7 47.Ke5* 1-0 (47) Giri,A (2780)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021*; 13.Bd3 Rad8 14.Qd2 Bc8 15.d5 Ne5 16.c4 e6 17.Nc3 b6 18.Be2 f5 19.f4 Ng4 20.Bxg4 fxg4 21.e5 Bb7 22.Nb5 Qf7 23.Nd6 Rxd6 24.exd6 exd5 25.cxd5 Rd8 26.f5 Rxd6 27.fxg6 Qxg6 28.Bf4 Rxd5 29.Qe2 Rd7 30.Rbe1 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 h5 32.Be5 Re7 33.Qc4+ Qe6 34.Qxe6+ Rxe6 35.Bxd4 Rxe1 36.Rxe1 cxd4 37.Rd1 Kf7 38.Rxd4 Ke6 39.Kg1 Bd5 40.a3 a5 41.Kf2 Ke5 42.Rd1 b5 43.Rb1 Bc4 44.Ke3 Kd5 45.Kd2 h4 46.Ke3 Ke5 47.g3 hxg3 48.hxg3 Kd5 49.Rb2 Kc5 50.Rh2 b4 51.Rh5+ Bd5 52.axb4+ axb4 53.Kd3 Kc6 54.Kd4 Bf3 55.Rc5+ Kb6 56.Kc4 b3 57.Rb5+ Kc6 58.Rb8 Bd5+ 59.Kd4 Be6 60.Rb4 Kd6 61.Rb6+ Ke7 62.Ke5 Bc4 63.Rb4 Bf7 64.Rxg4 b2 65.Rb4* 1-0 (65) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

B1b1) 13...a6 14.dxc5 Na5 15.Bb3 Bb5 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Qf2 e5 20.Nb3 Bf8 21.h3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Qd2 Qc7 25.Bg5 Bxb3 26.axb3 Bxc5+ 27.Kf1 Be7 28.Bxe7 Qxe7 29.Qd5 Qg5 30.Qxb7 Qc1+ 31.Kf2 Qd2+ 32.Kg1 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kh1 ½-½ (34) Korobov,A (2690)-Jones,G (2657) Toledo ESP 2021;

B1b2) 13...Rfd8

B1b21) 14.Rfc1 Be8 *(14...a6 15.h4 b5 16.Bd5 Rac8 17.h5 Na5 18.Bg5 Bc6 19.Bb3 Nxb3 20.axb3 f6 21.Be3 e6 22.Nf4 Qf7 23.Nd3 Bf8 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Qe2 cxd4 26.cxd4 b4 27.Qe1 a5 28.e5 Bb5 29.Nf2 Bg7 30.Ng4 f5 31.Nh6+ Bxh6 32.Bxh6 Qd7 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.Qh4 Rc3 35.Kh2 Rd3 36.Rc1 Rxd4 37.Qf6 Kh7 38.Rc8 Rh4+ 39.Kg3 Qxc8 40.Qg7#* 1-0 (40) Giri,A (2763)-Grandelius,N (2651) chess.com INT 2020*)*

15.h4 *(15.Bf4 Qc8 16.d5 Ne5 17.Bb3 c4*

18.Bc2 e6 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.f4 Bg7 21.Qe3 e5 22.f5 b5 23.Rf1 a5 24.h4 Ra6 25.h5 Qc7 26.Kh2 Rb8 27.Ng1 b4 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Nf3 Qe7 30.g3 Rab6 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Nh4 b3 33.axb3 cxb3 34.c4 a4 35.c5 Rf6 36.Bd3 Rb4 37.c6 a3 38.Rxf6 Bxf6 39.Bc4 a2 40.Rf1 Rxc4 41.Qxb3 Qb4 42.Qxa2 Bxh4 43.gxh4 Rxe4 44.d6+ Kg7 45.d7 Rxh4+ 46.Kg1 Qg4+ 47.Qg2 Bxd7 48.cxd7 Qxd7 49.Qe2 Qd4+ 50.Kg2 Rg4+ 51.Kh1 Rg3 52.Rf7+ Kxf7 53.Qf2+ Qf4 54.Qxg3 Kf6 55.Qa3 Kf5 56.Kg2 e4 57.Qa8 Kg4 58.Qc8+ Qf5 59.Qc2 Qf3+ 60.Kh2 g5 61.Kg1 Qd3 62.Qc8+ Kf4 63.Qb8+ Kf3 64.Qf8+ Ke2 65.Qf2+ Kd1 66.Qa7 e3 67.Qa1+ Ke2 68.Qb2+ Ke1 69.Qc1+ Ke2 70.Qb2+ Qd2 71.Qb5+ Qd3 72.Qb2+

½-½ (72) Gelfand,B (2676)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 15...e5 16.Bd5 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Qe5 19.Ne2 b6 20.Bf4 Qe7 21.h5 Rac8 22.h6 Bf6 23.Be3 Ne5 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rd8 26.Qc2 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Rxd5 28.exd5 Qxe3+ 29.Kg2 Qg5+ 30.Kf2 Qxh6 31.Qc8 Bh4+ 32.Kg2 Qe3 33.Ng3 Qg5 34.Qxe8+ Kg7 35.Qe1 Bxg3 36.Qxg3 Qxc1 37.Qe5+ f6 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.d6 Qg5+ 40.Kh3 Qh5+

½-½ (40) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B1b22) 14.Bd3 Be8 15.d5 Ne5 16.c4 a6 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.f4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 b5 20.cxb5 Bxb5 21.Qd2 c4 22.Nc3 Rb8 23.e5 f6 24.d6 exd6 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Nd5 Qf7 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6 28.Bd4 Qf5 29.Ba1 Qd3 30.Qf2 Bc6 31.Qa7 Rb7 32.Rxb7 Bxb7 33.Qd4 Qxd4+ 34.Bxd4 Rc8 35.Kf2 Be4 36.g4 Kf7 37.Ke3 Bd3 38.Kd2 Ke6 39.Re1+ Kd5 40.Bf6 Rf8 41.g5 Rb8 42.Kc3 a5 43.h4 Rb7 44.Re7 Rb1 45.Ra7 Rc1+ 46.Kb2 Rc2+ 47.Ka3 Ke4 48.Rxa5 d5 49.Ra7 Kxf4 50.Rxh7 Kg4 51.Ra7 Be4 52.Kb4 Rc1 53.Rc7 Kxh4 54.a4 Rb1+ 55.Kc5 Rb3 56.Kd6 Ra3 57.Ke5 Kg4 58.Be7 Rxa4 59.Rc8 Ra7 60.Bf6 Ra3 61.Kd6 Kf3 62.Rh8 Ke2 63.Rh2+ Kd1 64.Kc5 Rb3 65.Rf2 c3 66.Rf1+ Ke2 67.Rc1 c2 0-1 (67) Gelfand,B (2676)-

Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B1b23) 14.Bd5 e6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Rb3 b5 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 b4 19.Rc1 Ba4 20.Rb2 cxd4 21.cxd4 Qb6 22.Qg5 a5 23.Rc5 Bd1 24.Qe5 Qd6 25.Qxd6 Rxd6 26.d5 exd5 27.e5 Rb6 28.Nf4 b3 29.Rc1 Bc2 30.Nxd5 Rb7 31.Ne3 a4 32.Nxc2 Rc8 33.axb3 axb3 34.f4 Rc3 35.Rcb1 Rxc2 36.Rxb3 Rxb3 37.Rxb3 h5 38.Re3 Kf8 39.g3 Ke7 40.Ra3 Rb2 41.Ra6 Rc2 42.Rd6 Rb2 43.Rc6 Ra2 44.Rd6 Rb2 45.h3 Ra2 46.Kf1 Rb2 47.Ke1 Rb3 48.Kf2 h4 49.g4 Rxh3 50.f5 gxf5 51.gxf5 Ra3 52.f6+ Ke8 53.Kg2 Ra5 54.e6 fxe6 55.Rxe6+ Kf7 56.Re4 Kxf6 57.Rxh4 Rg5+ 58.Kf3 Kg6 59.Rg4 Rxg4 60.Kxg4 ½-½ (60) Duda,J (2743)-Shankland,S (2691) chess24.com INT 2021;

B1b3) 13...Rad8 14.Rfc1 b6 *(14...Na5 15.Bd3 b6 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 e5 18.Ba6 Qd6 19.d5 f5 20.c4 f4 21.h4 Rf6 22.h5 Kh8 23.Qg5 gxh5 24.Kf2 Rg8 25.Qh4 Rfg6 26.Rg1 Rg5 27.g3 fxg3+ 28.Rxg3 Rxg3 29.Nxg3 Qh6 30.Rd1 Ba4 31.Nf5 Qg6 32.Qh2 Bxd1 33.Qxe5+ Rg7 34.Qb8+ Rg8 35.Qe5+ Rg7 36.Nxg7 Qxg7 37.Qe8+ Qg8 38.Qe5+ Qg7 39.Qe8+ Qg8 40.Qe5+ Qg7* ½-½ (40) Giri,A (2780)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 15.Bd3 *(15.Bg5 Bc8 16.Bb5 Na5 17.Qe3 f6 18.Bh4 e5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Bg3 Qe7 21.Rd1 Be6 22.a4 Nc4 23.Qf2 Na3 24.Ra1 Nxb5 25.axb5 Bc4 26.Nf4 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Bxb5 28.Nd5 Qf7 29.Bd6 Rd8 30.Qg3 Bc4 31.Ne3 Be6 32.h4 Bh6 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.exd5 a5 35.c4 a4 36.Bc7 Ra8 37.Qd6 a3 38.Qc6 Be3+ 39.Kh1 Re8 40.d6 Qe6 41.Qd5 Qxd5 42.cxd5 Bd4 43.d7 Kf7 44.dxe8Q+ Kxe8 45.Bxb6 a2 46.Bxc5 a1Q 47.Rxa1 Bxa1 48.h5 Kd7 49.g4 f5 50.gxf5 gxf5 51.Kg2 Be5 52.Kf2 Bf4 53.Ke2 Bg5 54.Kd3 Bf4 55.Kc4 Be5 56.Be3 Bf6 57.Bf4 Bh4 58.Be5 Bf6 59.Bxf6* 1-0 (59) Giri,A (2780)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021;

15.Bf4 Qb7 16.Bh6 Na5 17.Bd3 e5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qe3 Qc7 20.f4 f6 21.h3 Qd6 22.d5 Rde8 23.Rf1 f5 24.exf5 exf4 25.Qxf4 Qxf4 26.Nxf4 Bxf5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.g4 Rf7 29.Ne6+ Kg8 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Ng5+ Kg8 32.Rf1 Nc4 33.Rf6 Ne5 34.Kg2 b5

35.Ra6 Nc4 36.d6 Rd8 37.Ne4 b4 38.cxb4 cxb4 39.Rxa7 Nxd6 40.Nf6+ Kf8 41.Nxh7+ Kg8 42.Nf6+ Kf8 43.Rd7 Nf7 44.Rxd8+ Nxd8 45.Nd7+ Ke7 46.Ne5 Kf6 47.Nd3 Nc6 48.h4 Ke6 49.Kf3 Kd5 50.Nf4+ Kd4 51.Nxg6 Kc3 52.h5 Kb2 53.h6 Nd8 54.Ne5 Ne6 55.Nd3+ 1-0 (55) Kasimdzhanov,R (2662)-Grandelius,N (2670) Chalons en Champagne FRA 2021 *)* 15...Bc8 16.h4 Qd6 17.d5 Ne5 18.c4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 f5 20.Nc3 Qe5 21.Nb5 fxe4 22.Qxe4 Qb8 23.Bf2 a6 24.Nc3 Bf5 25.Qe1 Bxb1 26.Rxb1 Qe5 27.Ne4 b5 28.Nxc5 bxc4 29.Ne6 c3 30.Nxd8 Rxd8 31.Rc1 Rxd5 32.Qxe5 Bxe5 33.Kf1 Rd2 34.Be1 Rxa2 35.Bxc3 Bd6 36.Be1 a5 37.Rc4 Kf7 38.Re4 a4 39.Bb4 a3 40.Bxd6 exd6 41.Ra4 d5 42.Ra6 d4 43.g4 d3 44.Ke1 Re2+ 45.Kd1 a2 0-1 (45) Sriram Adarsh Uppala (2460)-Wang Hao (2701) Aktobe KAZ 2025;

B1c) 12...Rc8 13.Bd3 *(13.Qd2 e6 14.h4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qa5 16.Qb2 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Bf6 18.Bf2 b6 19.Be1 Qh5 20.g4 Qh6 21.g5 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Qxg5+ 23.Bg3 b5 24.Bb3 a5 25.Kf2 Be8 26.a3 b4 27.a4 h5 28.Rc5 Qf6 29.Rbc1 h4 30.Bf4 Qh8 31.Rh1 h3 32.Qc1 e5 33.dxe5 Rd3 34.Bd5 Qh5 35.Ng1 Nxe5 36.Rxh3 Rc3 37.Rxc8 Nd3+ 38.Kg3 Nxf4 39.Rxe8+ Kh7 40.Qxf4* 1-0 (40) Robson,R (2696)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Saint Louis USA 2023*)* 13...Qc7 *(13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Na5 15.d5 e6 16.Bxa7 exd5 17.Bb6 Qe7 18.exd5 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Kh1 Ba4 21.Qd3 Rfc8 22.Rbc1 Bb5 23.Rce1 Qd7 24.Qd1 Rc2 25.Rg1 Rxa2 26.Ng3 Ba4 27.Qd3 Bc2 28.Qe3 Qxd5 29.Rc1 Rca8 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.fxe4 Qd6 32.Rc7 Ra1 33.Rcc1 Rxc1 34.Rxc1 Be5 35.g3 Qd7 36.Rb1 Ra2 37.Qf3 h5 38.Bg1 Ra1 39.Rxa1 Bxa1 40.Qa3 Be5 41.Qc5 Qd3 42.Qd5 Qf3#* 0-1 (42) Santos Latasa,J (2650)-Duda,J (2726) chess.com INT 2023*)* 14.Qd2 Rfd8 15.Bf4 e5 16.Bg5 exd4 17.Bxd8 Rxd8 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 20.Kh1 Be6 21.f4 Kh8 22.Qc2 Qe7 23.Bc4 b6 24.a4 Kg7 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.a5 Qc6 27.f5 Rd7 28.axb6 axb6 29.Qc4 Qc7 30.h3 Rd6 31.Rf3 Qe7 32.Rbf1 g5 33.Re1 g4 34.Rg3 Qh4 35.Qd3 h5 36.e5 Bxe5 37.f6+ Qxf6 0-1 (37) So,W (2752)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Toronto CAN 2023;

B2) 12.Rc1 Qc7 13.Nf4 e6 14.dxc5 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Na5 16.Bb3 Bf8 17.Qf2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Nd3 Rd7

20.Bd4 Nc6 21.Nb4 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxc5 23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.f4 a5 25.h4 a4 26.Bxa4 Qxa4 27.Rxa4 Bxf2+ 0-1 (27) Akhmedov,D (2469)-Le,Q (2739) chess.com INT 2025;

B3) 12.Qd2

B3a) 12...Qa5 13.Rac1 *(13.Qb2 b5 14.Bd5 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rac8 16.a3 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Qb6 18.Bf2 Na5 19.Ba2 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Rxc4 bxc4 22.Qb4 e6 23.Rc1 Bf8 24.Qc3 Qb3 25.Qxc4 Qxc4 26.Rxc4 Bxa3 27.Rc7 Bb5 28.Rxa7 Bf8 29.Nc3 Rc8 30.Nxb5 Rc1+ 31.Be1 Rxe1+ 32.Kf2 Rb1 33.Rb7 Rb2+ 34.Kg3 Bb4 35.e5 Bc3 36.Nd6 Rxb7 37.Nxb7 Bxd4 38.Kf4 h5 39.Ke4 Bg1 40.h3 Kg7 41.g4 hxg4 42.fxg4 f5+ 43.exf6+ Kxf6 44.Nd6 Bh2 45.Nc4 Kg5 46.Kf3 Bc7 47.Nd2 Kh4 48.Kg2 Kg5 49.Ne4+ Kf4 50.Nc5 Ke5 51.Kf3 Kf6 52.Ne4+ Ke5 53.h4 Ba5 54.g5 Bd8 55.Nd2 Kf5 56.Nc4 e5 57.Nd6+ Ke6 58.Ne4 Kf5 59.Ng3+ Ke6 60.Kg4 Ba5 61.Ne4 Kf7 62.h5 gxh5+ 63.Kxh5 Bd8 64.g6+ Kg7 65.Nd6 e4 66.Nf5+ Kg8 67.g7 Bf6 68.Kg6 Bxg7 69.Ne3 Bd4 70.Kf5 Bxe3 71.Kxe4* ½-½ (71) Korobov,A (2685)-Grandelius,N (2673) chess.com INT 2020) 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd4 16.Be3 Nxe2+ 17.Bxe2 Bc6 18.Rfd1 a6 19.Bc5 Rfe8 20.Kf2 Be5 21.g3 e6 22.Bb6 Bf6 23.Rd2 Bg5 24.f4 Bd8 25.Bxd8 Rexd8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Bxa6 Ra8 28.Bc4 Bxe4 29.Ke3 Bc6 30.Kd4 Ra5 31.Bb3 Kg7 32.Rc2 h6 33.Rd2 Kf6 34.Rc2 g5 35.Ke3 e5 36.fxg5+ Kxg5 37.Bxf7 Ra3+ 38.Bb3 Bd5 39.Rc3 b5 40.Rd3 Bxb3 41.axb3 Kf5 42.h3 h5 43.Rc3 b4 44.Rd3 Ra2 45.g4+ hxg4 46.hxg4+ Kxg4 47.Rd5 Rb2 48.Rxe5 Rxb3+ 49.Kd4 Rf3 50.Kc4 Rf4+ 51.Kb3 Kf3 52.Rb5 Re4 53.Rxb4 Rxb4+ 54.Kxb4 ½-½ (54) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024;

B3b) 12...Rc8

B3b1) 13.Rac1 Qa5 *(13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Bd3 e6 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 b6 19.Ba6 Rce8 20.Bf4 b5 21.Nc3 Be5 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Rfd1 Rb8 24.Ne4 Rb6 25.Bc8 Bf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.d6 fxe4 28.d7 Nb7 29.Rc7 Kg7 30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.d8Q e3 32.Qd4 f6 33.Qg4+ Kf8 34.Rd8+ Ke7 35.Qg8 f5 36.Qf8+ Ke6 37.Rd6# 1-0 (37) Sjugirov,S (2663)-Swiercz,D (2647) chess.com INT 2021)* 14.Qb2 b5 15.Qxb5 Qxb5 16.Bxb5 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Bxb5 19.Rfe1 cxd4 20.Bxd4 a6 21.Kf2 Bc4 22.Rc2 Rc6 23.Rec1 Rfc8 24.a3 f6 25.Be3 Kf7 26.Rc3 Bb5

27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 ½-½ (28) L'Ami,E (2614)-Lagarde,M (2606) Asnieres-sur-Seine FRA 2024;

B3b2) 13.Rfc1 Na5 14.Bd3 b6 15.Rab1 e5 *(15...Qc7 16.h4 e5 17.h5 Nb7 18.h6 Bh8 19.Bc4 Nd6 20.Bd5 Be6 21.dxc5 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Bxc4 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Bxb6 Qc6 25.Ng3 Ra8 26.Rc2 Bf6 27.Nf1 Rfb8 28.Rcb2 Bxa2 29.Rxa2 Rxa2 30.Qxa2 Rxb6 31.Ne3 Bg5 32.Nd5 Rxb1+ 33.Qxb1 Qc5+ 34.Kh1 Qf8 35.Qb6 Qxh6+ 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.c4 Bh4 38.Qe3 Qxe3+ 39.Nxe3 Be7 40.Kf1 Bc5 41.Nc2 Kf6 42.Na1 Ke6 43.Nb3 Kd6 44.Ke2 h5 45.Kd3 h4 46.Ke2 f5 47.exf5 gxf5 48.Kd3 Bb6 49.Nd2 Kc5 50.Nb1 Ba5 51.Na3 Bb6 52.Nb5 Ba5 53.Na3 Bb6 54.Nb5 Ba5 55.Na3 Bb6* ½-½ (55) Korobov,A (2683)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2749) Zagreb CRO 2021*)* 16.Kh1 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bh6 Re8 21.Ng3 Be6 22.Nxf5 c4 23.Qf4 cxd3 24.Qg4+ Kf7 25.Qh5+ Kg8 26.Qg4+ Bg5 27.Bxg5 Bxf5 28.Qxf5 Qd6 29.Bf6 d2 30.Rd1 Nc4 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.Qg7+ Ke6 33.Bd4 Kd5 34.Qb7+ Qc6 35.Qxh7 Qe6 36.Qb7+ Kd6 37.Qxa7 Rc6 38.Bg1 Qe2 39.Qh7 Re7 40.Qg6+ Kc7 41.Qg3+ Kb7 42.Qh4 Rg7 43.Qh3 Rh6 44.Rxb6+ Nxb6 0-1 (44) Wagner,D (2614)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2753) chess.com INT 2025]

[10...Bd7 11.Rc1 *(11.Rb1 Rc8 12.Qd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxf7+ Rxf7 15.Bxd4 Bc6 16.Qe3 e5 17.Bxa7 Rd7 18.Bb6 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Ra8 20.Bc5 Qd8 21.Nc3 h5 22.h3 Kh7 23.a3 Bh6 24.Qe2 Rc8 25.Rxd7+ Qxd7 26.Rd1 Qf7 27.Bb4 Qb3 28.Qf3 Rc7 29.Nd5 Qxf3 30.gxf3 Rf7 31.Kg2 Bb5 32.Nc3 Bc4 33.Rd8 Bg5 34.Re8 Bf4 35.Bd6 Bd2 36.Bxe5 g5 37.Nd5 Be2 38.Nf6+ Kg6 39.Rg8+ Kh6 40.h4 gxh4 41.f4* 1-0 (41) Korobov,A (2683)-Fedoseev,V (2687) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 11...Rc8 12.Qd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa5 14.Qb2 Qb4 15.Qxb4 Nxb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Ba2 Na5 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rc1 Rxc1+ 20.Nxc1 e6 21.d5 exd5 22.Bxd5 b6 23.Nb3 Nc6 24.f4 Bb2 25.Bc1 Bxc1 26.Nxc1 Kf8 27.Kf2 Nd4 28.Bb3 Ke7 29.Ke3 Nb5 30.a4 Nc3 31.a5 bxa5 32.Kd4 Nb5+ 33.Kc5 Nd6 34.Bd5 a4 35.Na2 Be6 36.Nc3 Bxd5 37.exd5 a3 38.Kb4 a6 39.g4 Nb5 40.Na2 Kd6 41.Kc4 f5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Nb4 Nc7 44.Kb3 a5 45.Nc6 Kxd5 46.Nxa5 Nb5 47.Nb7 Ke4 0-1 (47) Eljanov,P (2706)-Le,Q (2731) chess.com INT 2024]

[10...Na5 11.Bd3 b6

A) 12.Rc1 e5 *(12...cxd4 13.cxd4 e6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.h4 Qd7 16.h5 Rfc8 17.h6 Bf8 18.Bg5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Ng3 Nc6 22.Bf6 Nb8 23.Bg5 Nc6 24.Bf6 Nb8 25.Bg5 Nc6* ½-½ (25) Giri,A (2769)-Wei,Y

(2725) Jerusalem ISR 2019) 13.dxe5 (13.dxc5 Be6 14.c4 Rc8 15.Qc2 bxc5 16.Rfd1 Qd6 17.Nc3 Nc6 18.Nd5 Nd4 19.Qa4 f5 20.Rb1 Rf7 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Re1 Kh8 24.Re2 Be5 25.h3 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Rg8 27.Qc6 Rfg7 28.f3 Bf4 29.Qxd6 Bxd6 30.Rbb2 Rc7 31.Rbc2 Rf8 32.Re6 Rd7 33.Kf1 Kg7 34.a4 Rf6 35.Re8 Re7 36.Rxe7+ Bxe7 37.a5 Bd6 38.Rb2 Rf7 39.a6 Kf6 40.Bc4 Ke5 41.Re2+ Kf4 42.Kf2 Kg5 43.g3 Rd7 44.h4+ Kf6 45.Re6+ Kf7 46.Bd3 f4 47.g4 Be7 48.Rc6 Kf8 49.g5 Rxd5 50.Rc7 h6 51.gxh6 Bxh4+ 52.Ke2 Re5+ 53.Kd1 1-0 (53) Korobov,A (2683)-Ponkratov,P (2625) chess.com INT 2020) 13...Bxe5 (13...Be6 14.c4 Qd7 15.Nf4 Bxe5 16.Nd5 Nc6 17.f4 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Bd4 19.Qd2 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Nd4 21.f5 Rfe8 22.e5 Qxd5 23.e6 Nxe6 24.fxe6 Qxe6 25.Qf2 Qe3 26.Bc4 Qxf2+ 27.Rxf2 Re7 28.Rcf1 Rf8 29.g4 h6 30.h4 Kg7 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rd7 33.Rf6 Re7 34.a4 Rd7 35.Kg2 Re7 36.R1f4 Rd7 37.Kg3 Re7 38.Kf3 Rd7 39.Kg3 Re7 40.Kf2 Rd7 41.Rf3 Re7 42.Kf1 Rd7 43.Ke2 Re8+ 44.Kf2 Ree7 45.R3f4 Rc7 46.Kf3 Rcd7 47.Kg4 Rc7 48.Kg3 Rcd7 49.Kf2 Rc7 50.Bb3 Rcd7 51.Rf3 Rc7 52.R6f4 Rcd7 53.Re3 Rc7 54.Ke2 Rcd7 55.Bc4 Rc7 56.Rxe7 Rxe7+ 57.Kd3 Rd7+ 58.Kc3 Re7 59.Bd5 a6 60.Kc4 Rc7 61.Rf6 b5+ 62.axb5 axb5+ 63.Kxb5 Re7 64.Kxc5 Re5 65.Rxf7+ Kh8 66.Kd6 Rxg5 67.Be6 Rh5 68.Ra7 Rh7 69.Ra4 Kg7 70.Ra3 Rh4 71.Rf3 Re4 72.Rf2 Re3 73.Bd5 Re1 74.Rf3 Re2 75.Bc4 Re1 76.Rf2 Re3 77.Bd5 Re1 78.Kc5 Re3 79.Kd4 Re7 80.Rf1 Re8 81.Bc6 Re7 82.Be4 Re8 83.Rg1 Re6 84.Kd5 Ra6 85.Ke5 Rf6 86.Rb1 Rf7 87.Rb6 Re7+ 88.Kf4 Rc7 89.Rxg6+ Kf7 90.Rh6 Rc5 91.Ke3 Rc1 92.Kd4 Re1 93.Ke5 Ke8 94.Rh7 Re2 95.Ra7 Re1 96.Kd5 Kf8 97.Rb7 Re2 98.Bf5 Re7 99.Rb6 Kg7 100.Be6 Ra7 101.Ke5 Ra5+ 102.Bd5 Rc5 103.Rb3 Ra5 104.Rg3+ Kh6 105.Rg1 Kh5 106.Rg8 Rb5 107.Rg7 Ra5 108.Rg2 Rb5 109.Ke6 Kh4 110.Rg8 Ra5 111.Be4 Rg5 112.Rf8 Kg3 113.Rf3+ Kg4 114.Rf1 Ra5 115.Bd5 Kg5 116.Ke5 Kh5 117.Rg1 Rb5 118.Ra1 Rc5 119.Rd1 Ra5 120.Kf5 Kh6 121.Kf6 Kh5 122.Rd4 Ra6+ 123.Be6 Rb6 124.Rd5+ Kh4 125.Rd3 1-0 (125) Salem,A (2682)-Kamsky,G (2665) Europe-Echecs INT 2020) 14.f4 Bg7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Qe2 Bxa2 17.f5 Bb3 18.Bf4 Bxc3 19.e5 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Rad8 21.Bb5 Bd2 22.Bxd2 Qxd2 23.Qg4 a6 24.Ne4 Qh6 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Bd7 Nc4 27.Rxc4 Bxc4 28.Qxc4 Qe3 29.Qh4 Qxe5 30.Ng4 Qd6 31.f6+ Kh8 32.Ba4 h5 33.h3 Qd2 34.Rf5 Rd5 35.Ne5 Kg8 36.Rxh5 gxh5 37.Qg3+ 1-0 (37) Matlakov,M (2670)-Bai,J (2585) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B) 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qd2 e6 14.h4 h5 15.Bh6 Bb7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qg5 Qd8 18.Qg3 cxd4

19.cxd4 Rc8 20.Rbd1 Nc4 21.e5 Nb2 22.Nf4 Nxd3 23.Nxh5+ Kh8 24.Qe3 gxh5 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Rxd3 Be4 27.Rg3+ Bg6 28.Rxg6+ fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg6+ ½-½ (33) Sargsyan,S (2645)-Li,C (2672) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 12.e5 Bb7 13.h4 Rc8 14.h5 Re8 15.h6 Bf8 16.e6 f5 17.Re1 Nc4 18.Bg5 Nb2 19.Qd2 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 cxd4 21.cxd4 Qd6 22.Nf4 Red8 23.Rad1 Qb4 24.d5 Rc4 25.a3 Qa4 26.g3 b5 27.Qe3 Re4 28.Qc5 Rc8 29.Qxc8 Bxc8 30.d6 Bxe6 31.dxe7 Bxe7 32.Bxe7 Kf7 33.Bc5 g5 34.Nd3 Kg6 35.Rc1 Bc4 36.Ne5+ Kxh6 37.Bf8+ Kh5 38.Rxe4 fxe4 39.g4+ Kh4 40.Kg2 1-0 (40) Matlakov,M (2699)-Mamedyarov,S (2772) Moscow RUS 2019;

D) 12.Qd2 e5 *(12...Bb7 13.d5 e6 14.c4 exd5 15.cxd5 f5 16.f3 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bxa1 18.Rxa1 Qf6 19.Re1 Rae8 20.h3 Bc8 21.Nc3 Nb7 22.Bb5 Nd6 23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Rf1 Qe5 25.Bf4 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Qxe4 27.d6 Bd7 28.Bh6 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4 cxd4 30.Rd1 Re4 31.Rf1 Re8 32.Rd1 Re4 33.Rf1 Re8 34.Rd1 Re4 35.Rf1 Re8 36.Rf4 d3 37.Rd4 Re1+ 38.Kh2 Kf7 39.Rxd3 Ke6 40.Rd2 Bb5 41.Bf8 Re2 42.Rxe2+ Bxe2 43.Kg3 b5 44.Kf2 Bc4 45.a3 a5 46.Ke3 b4 47.axb4 axb4 48.d7 Kxd7 ½-½ (48) Robson,R (2700)-Ansat,A (2479) New York USA 2024)* 13.dxc5 *(13.Rac1 exd4 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Bh6 Bb7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4 Rc8 18.f5 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Nc6 20.f6+ Kh8 21.Qh6 Rg8 22.Rf4 Qf8 23.Qg5 Qc5 24.Qh6 Qf8 25.Qg5 Qc5 26.Qh6 Qh5 27.Qxh5 gxh5 28.Ng3 Ne5 29.Bf1 d3 30.Rf5 d2 31.Be2 Nc4 32.Kf2 Rd8 33.Rg5 d1Q 34.Bxd1 Rxd1 35.Rg7 Nd6 36.e5 h4 37.exd6 hxg3+ 38.hxg3 Rxd6 39.Rxf7 Bd5 40.Rf8+ Bg8 41.f7 Rf6+* 0-1 (41) Navara,D (2719)-Howell,D (2663) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 13...Be6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Qb2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Ng3 h5 19.f3 b5 20.a3 Rfc8 21.Nf1 Bf8 22.Rdc1 Qb3 23.Qxb3 Bxb3 24.Rab1 Bc4 25.Nd2 Bxa3 26.Re1 Bd3 27.Rb3 Be7 28.f4 exf4 29.Bxf4 Ra3 30.Be5 Ra2 31.Nf3 Bc5+ 32.Bd4 Be7 33.Ne5 Bc4 34.Nxc4 bxc4 35.Rb5 Bf8 36.Rf1 Bg7 37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.Rb7 Rf8 39.Rc7 Re2 40.Rxc4 Kh6 41.Rd4 Rb8 42.Rd3 Rbb2 43.Rg3 Kg7 44.c4 Rbc2 45.c5 Rxe4 46.Rgf3 f5 47.R3f2 Rxc5 48.h3 h4 49.Rd2 Kf6 50.Ra2 Kg5 51.Rd2 Kh5 52.Rdf2 Rd4 53.Re2 g5 54.Re8 Rd2 55.Rh8+ Kg6 56.Rg8+ Kh6 57.Rf2 Rc1+ 58.Rf1 Rcc2 59.Rxf5 Rxg2+ 60.Kf1 Rh2 61.Kg1 Rhg2+ 62.Kf1 Rgd2 63.Rf6+ Kh7 64.Re8 Rd1+ 65.Re1 Rxe1+ 66.Kxe1 Rc3 0-1 (66) Gukesh,D (2732)-Mamedyarov,S (2738) Stavanger NOR 2023]

11.Rc1 a6

[11...Rd8 12.h4 *(12.Bf4 Qd7 13.d5 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.c4 b5 16.cxb5 exd5 17.Qa4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Qxc4 Qb7 20.Be3 Be6 21.Qxc5* ½-½ (23) Dubov,D (2676)-Svidler,P (2719) Hamburg GER 2019*)* 12...e6

13.h5 Qe7 14.h6 Bf8 15.f3 Bd7 16.Rb1 a6 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Bb3 Bb5 19.Rfd1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.e5 cxd4 22.cxd4 Bxe2 23.Bg5 Qd7 24.Qxe2 Rdc8 25.a4 Qxa4 26.Rxb7 Rab8 27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Rd2 a5 29.Kh2 Qb4 30.f4 Qb5 31.Qxb5 Rxb5 32.Ra2 Bb4 33.Kg3 Kf8 34.Kf3 Ke8 35.Ke4 Kd7 36.g4 Bc3 37.Ra3 Bb4 38.Ra2 Bc3 39.Ra3 Bb4 ½-½ (39) Esipenko,A (2695)-Rapport,R (2718) Rostov-on-Don RUS 2025]

[11...b6 12.Bf4 *(12.f4 Bg4 13.h3 Bxe2 14.Bxe2 Rad8 15.d5 e6 16.Bb5 exd5 17.exd5 Ne7 18.c4 Nf5 19.Bf2 Nd6 20.Bc6 Ne4 21.Be3 Ng3 22.Rf3 Nf5 23.Bf2 Bd4 24.Qd2 Rd6 25.Ba4 Bxf2+ 26.Rxf2 Nd4 27.Re1 a6 28.Qe3 b5 29.Bb3 Rd7 30.Qe5 f6 31.Qe4 Kg7 32.Qd3 Rff7 33.Rff1 Rfe7 34.Qd2 Rxe1 35.Rxe1 Re7 36.Rxe7+ Qxe7 37.Kf2 Qe4 38.Qe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kxe3 Nxb3 40.axb3 Kf7 41.g4 f5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Kd3 Ke7 44.Kc3 Kd6 45.h4 h5 46.Kd3 b4 47.Ke3 Kd7 48.Kd3 Kd6 49.Ke3 Kd7 50.Kd3 Kd6 ½-½ (50) Caruana,F (2803)-Garcia,J (2415) chess.com INT 2025)* 12...e5 13.Bg3 Na5 14.Bd5 Bb7 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.c4 Bxg3 17.Nxg3 Nc6 18.f4 Nd4 19.Ne2 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Rad8 21.Qf3 b5 22.e5 Ba6 23.Rfe1 Kh8 24.e6 fxe6 25.Rxe6 Bc8 26.Qc3+ Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Re7+ Kh6 29.g3 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Rd2 31.Be2 Rxa2 ½-½ (31) Yu Yangyi (2724)-Bu Xiangzhi (2684) Chengdu CHN 2024]

12.h4 h5

[12...b5 13.Bd5 Bb7 14.h5 e6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.f3 Qe7 17.h6 Bf6 18.Rc2 c4 19.Qc1 Bh4 20.g3 Bf6 21.Kg2 a5 22.a3 Rae8 23.Rd1 Qb7 24.Nf4 b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rb2 b3 27.d5 exd5 28.exd5 Bd7 29.Bc5 Bg5 30.Rh1 Be7 31.Bxe7 Rxe7 32.Re1 Ree8 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Qg1 f6 35.Qd4 Qa6 36.Nh3 Re5 37.Nf2 Kf7 38.Rd2 Qb5 39.Nd1 Bc8 40.Nb2 Qd7 41.g4 Bb7 42.d6 Qc6 43.Qxc4+ Qxc4 44.Nxc4 Rd5 45.Rb2 Rd3 46.Rxb3 Bxf3+ 47.Kf2 Bd5 ½-½ (47) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025]

13.Bb3 b5 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rfd1 c4 16.Bc2 Rd8 17.Qe1 e5 18.f3 Rb8 19.d5 Ne7 20.a4 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Kxh6 22.Ra1 Ng8 23.Ng3 Kg7 24.Nf1 f6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Qf2 Nh6 27.Ne3 Nf7 28.Rdb1 Nd6 29.Ra7 Rb7 30.Ra8 Rb8 31.Ra7 Rb7 32.Rba1 Qe7 33.Ra8 Rbd7 34.Kf1 Bb7 35.Rxd8 Rxd8 36.Ke2 Ra8 37.Rxa8 Bxa8 38.g4 hxg4 39.Nxg4 f5 40.exf5 gxf5 41.Ne3 f4 42.Nf5+ Nxf5 43.Bxf5 Bxd5 44.Qg1+ Kf8 45.Qb6 Bg8 46.Qh6+ Qg7 ½-½ (46) Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

7.Be3 c5

[7...0-0 8.Rc1 Nd7 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Bg5 Qd6 12.0-0 b6 13.Qc2 c5 14.Bd5 Rb8 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.f4 Bg7 18.Rcd1 Be6 19.e5 Qc7 20.c4 Rbe8 21.Bh4 f6 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Rde1 Qd7 25.Rxe6 Rexe6 26.f5 gxf5 27.Rxf5 Kg7 28.Bxe6 Rxe6 29.Qc3+ Qd4+ 30.Qxd4+ cxd4 31.Rd5 Re2 32.a3 Ra2 33.Rxd4 Rxa3 34.Rd7+ Kg6 35.Rb7 h5 36.Kf2 Ra4 37.Kf3 Kf5 38.Rf7+ Ke5

39.Rh7 Rxc4 40.Rxh5+ Kf6 41.Rh7 Ra4 42.Rb7 Ra3+ 43.Kf4 Ra4+ 44.Kf3 Ra3+ 45.Kg4 Ra4+ 46.Kh5 Ra2 47.h4 Rxg2 48.Rxa7 ½-½ (48) Navara,D (2697)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) Baku AZE 2021]

8.Qd2

[8.Nf3

A) 8...Qa5

A1) 9.Nd2

A1a) 9...0-0

A1a1) 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.d5 Nd4 13.Bc4 b5 14.Bb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 e6 16.0-0 exd5 17.exd5 Bf5 18.d6 Be6 19.Qd3 Rfd8 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.Ne4 Bf5 22.Qd5 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Rb8 24.Qc6 Rbb7 25.Qxb7 Rxb7 26.Rc8+ 1-0 (26) Duda,J (2756)-Giri,A (2774) chess.com INT 2021;

A1a2) 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Ba4 12.Qb1 *(12.Nb3 Qxc3 13.Rc1 Qb2 14.Rc2 Bxb3 15.axb3 Qxb3 16.Rxc5 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 a5 18.Rc7 a4 19.Rxe7 a3 20.Rxb7 Nc6 21.e5 a2 22.Ra1 Nxe5 23.Rb2 Nc6 24.Rbxa2 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Rxa2 26.Rxa2 Bxd4 27.Bf3 Rc8 28.Ra8 Rxa8 29.Bxa8 Bc5 30.Bb7 Bd4 31.Ba8 Bc5 32.Bb7 Bd4 33.Ba8* ½-½ (33) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Giri,A (2776) Zagreb CRO 2021 *)* 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Nb3 Bxb3 15.axb3 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Bd3 Qd7 18.Rd1 a5 19.Ra2 Nb5 20.Bxb5 Qxb5 21.Rc1 Rfc8 22.Rac2 Rxc2 23.Qxc2 h5 24.h3 Qd7 25.Bb6 a4 26.bxa4 Rxa4 27.f3 Rb4 28.Be3 Bf6 29.Bf4 Kh7 30.Kh2 Rb2 31.Qc4 b5 32.Qc7 Qxc7 33.Rxc7 g5 34.e5 gxf4 35.exf6 exf6 36.Rxf7+ Kg6 37.Rb7 Rb1 38.h4 Rb2 39.Rb8 Rb1 40.g4 fxg3+ 41.Kxg3 b4 42.Kf4 b3 43.Rg8+ Kf7 44.Rb8 Kg6 45.d6 Rd1 46.Rxb3 Rxd6 47.Kg3 Rd4 48.Ra3 Rc4 49.Rb3 Rd4 50.Ra3 Rc4 51.Rb3 Rd4 52.Ra3 ½-½ (52) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Giri,A (2776) Zagreb CRO 2021;

A1a3) 10.Nb3 Qxc3+ *(10...Qc7 11.Nxc5 Nd7 12.Na4 a6 13.Rc1 b5 14.Nb2 Bb7 15.f3 Qa5 16.Qb3 e5 17.d5 Rfc8 18.Be2 Bf8 19.0-0 Nc5 20.Bxc5 Rxc5 21.Nd3 Rc7 22.Nxe5 Rac8 23.c4 Qd2 24.Qd3 Qf4 25.d6 Rc5 26.d7 Rd8 27.Ng4 Rc7 28.Qc3 Bg7 29.e5 Rcxd7 30.cxb5 axb5 31.Bxb5 Rd2 32.a4 h5 33.Nf6+ Bxf6 34.exf6 Qg5 35.Rf2 Rxf2 36.Kxf2 Rd2+ 37.Be2 Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Qxg2+ 39.Kd3 Qxf3+ 40.Kc4 Qe2+ 41.Kb4 Qxh2 42.Qd4 Qb8 43.Ka3 Qg3+ 44.Rc3 Qe1 45.Re3 Qc1+ 46.Kb4 Bc6 47.Rc3 Qb2+ 48.Ka5 Kh7 49.Qc4 Bd5*

50.Qc5 Be6 51.Ka6 Qe2+ 52.Ka7 h4 53.Qd4 g5 54.a5 h3 55.Re3 Qg4 56.Qd3+ Kh6 57.Re1 Qf5 58.Qd2 Qc5+ 59.Kb8 Qc8+ 60.Ka7 Qc7+ 61.Ka8 Bd7 62.Rc1 Bc6+ 63.Rxc6 Qxc6+ 64.Kb8 Qg2 0-1 (64) Grischuk,A (2776)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 11.Bd2 Qb2 12.Bc1 Qc3+ 13.Bd2 Qb2 14.Bc1 Qc3+ 15.Bd2 ½-½ (15) Sindarov,J (2684)-Vakhidov,J (2599) Tashkent UZB 2024;

A1b) 9...Nd7 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.Be2 Nf6 13.f3 b6 14.dxc5 Nd7 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Qc2 Qa7 17.Ra1 Ba6 18.Bd4 Rfc8 19.0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 e5 21.Be3 Rxc3 22.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Qxa2 24.Qxa2 Rxa2 25.Rc7 Nf8 26.Bxb6 Rb2 27.Rc3 Ne6 28.Be3 Bf8 29.Rd3 Rb1+ 30.Kf2 Nf4 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.g3 Rb2+ 33.Kg1 Bd6 34.Rxd6 Rxb3 35.Kg2 Rb2+ 36.Kh3 fxg3 37.hxg3 h5 38.g4 hxg4+ 39.Kxg4 Kg7 40.Kf4 Rb5 41.Kg4 Ra5 42.Kf4 Rb5 43.Kg4 Ra5 44.Kf4 Rb5 ½-½ (44) So,W (2770)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) chess24.com INT 2021;

A1c) 9...cxd4 10.Nc4 Qa6 11.cxd4 ½-½ (11) Laurusas,T (2563)-Nyback,T (2571) Helsinki FIN 2024;

A1d) 9...Bd7 10.Nb3 *(10.Rc1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.d5 Nd4 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Qxa2 15.Rc7 Ba4 16.Qb1 Qxb1 17.Rxb1 b5 18.Rxe7 Rfc8 19.e5 Bc2 20.Bxc2 Rxc2 21.g4 Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Nc3 23.Rc7 Rxd2 24.Rxc3 Rxd5 25.Rc7 a5 26.f4 g5 27.Rbc1 gxf4 28.Rc8+ Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Bb6 Ra8 31.Rc5 a4 32.Rxb5 Rb8 33.Kf3 a3 34.Kxf4 Bh6+ 35.g5 Bf8 36.h4 a2 37.Ra5 Rxb6 38.Rxa2 Rb4+ 39.Kf5 Rxh4 40.e6 fxe6+ 41.Kxe6 Rb4 42.Ra7 Rb5 43.Kf6 Rb6+ 44.Kf5 Rc6 45.Rd7 Rc1 46.Rb7 Rf1+ 47.Kg4 Ra1 48.Kf5 Ra6 49.Rd7 Bg7 50.Rd8+ Kf7 51.Rd7+ Kf8 52.Rb7 Ra5+ 53.Kg4 Rd5 54.Kf4 Kg8 55.Kg4 Bf8 56.Kf4 Ba3 57.Rb8+ Kf7 58.Rb7+ Be7 59.Rc7 Ra5 60.Rb7 Rc5 61.Ra7 Rb5 62.Rd7 Ke6 63.Ra7 Bxg5+ 64.Kg4 h5+ 65.Kf3 Kf5 66.Rh7 Rb3+ 67.Ke2 Kg4 68.Rb7 Rxb7* 0-1 (72) Gareev,T (2590)-Tabatabaei,M (2683) chess.com INT 2023*)* 10...Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Qb2 12.Bc1 Qc3+ 13.Bd2 Qb2 14.Bc1 Qc3+ 15.Bd2 ½-½ (15) Mamedyarov,S (2726)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 9.Qd2

A2a) 9...0-0 10.Rb1 b6 *(10...a6 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.d5 e6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Bd3 exd5 16.exd5 c4 17.Bxc4 Be6 18.Rd1 Ne7*

19.dxe6 Rxd2 20.Rxd2 Qxc3 21.Bb3 a5 22.0-0 a4 23.Bxa4 Nf5 24.Bb3 Kh8 25.Rc2 Qd3 26.Rd2 Qc3 27.Bd4 Qb4 28.Rfd1 Re8 29.Bb2 h5 30.h3 Kh7 31.Rd7 Kh6 32.Nd4 Ne7 33.Bc1+ Kh7 34.Bf4 Nf5 35.Nxf5 gxf5 36.Bd6 Qb5 37.Ba3 Kg6 38.e7 Qe2 39.Bb4 Bh6 40.Re1 Qb5 41.Rd4 Qb6 42.Red1 Qc6 43.Rd8 Rxe7 44.Bxe7 h4 45.Rg8+ Kh7 46.Rgd8 Bf4 47.R8d5 Kg6 48.Bc5 Qb5 49.Bc2 Qc4 50.Bxf5+ Kh6 51.Bf8+ 1-0 (51) Andreikin,D (2729)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022*; 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 e6 13.Bc4 Nc6 14.Rhd1 Rd8 15.Ke1 b6 16.d5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Bd7 18.Ng5 Be8 19.Rbc1 Rac8 20.Bxf7+ Bxf7 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Rxc6 Rd7 24.f4 Bf8 25.Ke2 Re7 26.e5 Ke8 27.Rc8+ Kf7 28.Kf3 Bg7 29.Ke4 Rb7 30.g4 Re7 31.Bd4 Bh6 32.f5 gxf5+ 33.gxf5* 1-0 (33) Andreikin,D (2729)-Hansen,E (2606) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11.h4 Rd8 *(11...Bb7 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.h5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Rfd8 16.d5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bg7 19.h6 Bh8 20.Rhc1 Rac8 21.g4 e6 22.g5 f6 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.dxe6 fxg5 25.f5* 1-0 (25) Andreikin,D (2729)-Mekhitarian,K (2554) chess.com INT 2024*; 11...Ba6 12.h5 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 cxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.Be3 Nc6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Qd7 Qxa2 18.Re1 Qc4+ 19.Kg1 Rad8 20.Qg4 Rd6 21.Rh3 b5 22.Kh2 a5 23.Rh1 h5 24.Qh4 a4 25.g4 Qxe4 26.gxh5 Qxh4 27.Nxh4 gxh5 28.Bc5 Rd2 29.Bxf8 Rxf2+ 30.Ng2 Bxf8 31.Kg3 Rc2 32.Rxh5 Rxc3+ 33.Kg4 a3 34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Rf1+ Ke6 36.Rhxf8 a2 37.Ra8 Nb4 38.Rd1 Rb3 39.Re8+ Kf7 40.Rxe5 Rb1 41.Rd7+ Kf6 42.Rde7* 1-0 (42) Andreikin,D (2729)-Ivic,V (2623) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12.Rb5 Qa4 13.h5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Rb3 Bg4 17.Bb5 Nxd4 18.Bxa4 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxf3 20.Rd3 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Bxh1 22.Bc6 Rf8 23.Qd7 e6 24.Qxa7 Bf3 25.Qxb6 Bf6 26.e5 Bd8 27.Qb7 Ba5+ 28.Kf1 Bg4 29.Qb5 Bc3 30.Qc5 Bb2 31.Bd4 Bxd4 32.Qxd4 Bh3+ 33.Ke1 Rb8 34.a4 Rb1+ 35.Kd2 Bf1 36.a5 Ba6 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Be8 Rb7 40.Qd8 Kg7 41.Qa8 Rb2+ 42.Kc3 Bb7 43.Qb8 Rb1 44.a6 Be4 45.Qxb1 Bxb1 46.Bc6 Be4 47.Bxe4 1-0 (47) Andreikin,D (2729)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2023;

A2b) 9...Bg4 10.Rc1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.Rb1 a6 13.Rxb7 Nc6 14.f4 0-0 15.Bg2 Rab8 16.Rb3 Rxb3 17.axb3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qb5 19.e5 Rc8 20.d5 Nb4

21.Qe2 Nc2+ 22.Kf1 Qxb3 23.Kg1 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 Rc3 25.Qe2 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Qxd5 27.h4 Bh6 28.h5 Bxf4 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Qxa6 Qf3 0-1 (30) Duda,J (2743)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2c) 9...Nc6 10.Rb1

A2c1) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Bd3 Rd8 *(13...Bg4 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.gxf3 e6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Bf1 b6 18.Ba6 Rd6 19.Rbc1 Rad8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 h6 22.Bb5 f5 23.d5 g5 24.Bd2 fxe4 25.fxe4 a6 26.Ba4 exd5 27.Bb4 Re6 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.exd5 Re4 30.Rc8+ Kf7 31.a3 Be5 32.Be8+ Kg7 33.d6 Rd4 34.d7 Nb7 35.Be7 Re4 36.Rc6 Bd4 37.Rc7* 1-0 (37) Carlsen,M (2875)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Zagreb CRO 2019*)* 14.h3 e6 15.Ke2 Nc6 16.e5 b6 17.h4 h6 18.Rhc1 Bb7 19.Rc4 Rd7 20.Rbc1 Ne7 21.Rc7 Rad8 22.Bb5 Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Bxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Nf5 25.Ke4 Nxh4 26.g4 a5 27.f4 Ng2 28.Bd2 f5+ 29.gxf5 gxf5+ 30.Kd3 h5 31.Bc4 Re8 32.Bb5 Rd8 33.Bd7 Bh6 34.Bxe6+ Kh8 35.Bxf5 Bxf4 36.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 37.Ke4 Ne2 38.Bd7 1-0 (38) Andreikin,D (2729)-Mekhitarian,K (2554) chess.com INT 2024;

A2c2) 10...a6 11.Rc1

A2c21) 11...Bg4 12.d5 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Ne5 14.Be2 b5 *(14...c4 15.f4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 cxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc8 18.0-0 0-0 19.c4 Qxa2 20.c5 Rfd8 21.Qc4 Qa3 22.Rb1 Rd7 23.Rb6 Rdc7 24.Qb3 Qa5 25.Rxb7 Rxc5 26.Rxe7 Rb5 27.Qd3 Bf8 28.Ra7 Qd8 29.Rd1 Qh4 30.d6 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg4+ 33.Kf1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Rc3 35.Qe2 Rb2* 0-1 (35) Salemgareev,T (2453)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 15.c4 b4 16.f4 Nd7 17.e5 g5 18.e6 fxe6 19.dxe6 Nf6 20.fxg5 Rd8 21.gxf6 Rxd2 22.Bh5+ Kf8 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Rg1+ Kf6 25.Bxd2 Rd8 26.Bg5+ Kxe6 27.Kf1 Qxa2 28.Rg3 Rf8 29.Re3+ Kd7 30.Rxe7+ Kc6 31.Re6+ Kb7 32.Be3 b3 33.Re7+ Kb6 34.Rd1 b2 35.Rd6+ Ka5 36.Bd2+ Ka4 37.Rxa6+ Kb3 38.Rb7+ 1-0 (38) Andreikin,D (2729)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) chess.com INT 2022;

A2c22) 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 e6 *(13...0-0 14.d5 Rd8 15.Bc4 e6 16.Ke2 exd5 17.Bxd5 Nb4 18.Bb3 Bd7 19.Nd4 Bg4+*

20.Nf3 a5 21.a3 Nc6 22.Bd5 Rd7 23.Rhd1 Bb2 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rxc6 Bxa3 26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.Rb6 Bf8 28.Bd4 a4 29.Ne5 Be6 30.Rb7 a3 31.Nd7 Bxd7 32.Rxd7 a2 33.Ba1 Bg7 34.e5 g5 35.Rd2 Kf8 36.g3 g4 37.f3 gxf3+ 38.Kxf3 Ke7 39.Ke4 f6 40.exf6+ Bxf6 41.Rd1 Bxa1 42.Rxa1 Ke6 43.Kf4 Ra5 44.Kg4 Kf6 45.Kh4 Kg6 46.Kg4 Ra4+ 47.Kf3 Kf5 48.h3 Ra3+ 49.Kg2 Ke4 50.h4 h5 51.Kh2 Kf3 52.Kh3 Kf2 53.Kh2 Ra8 54.Kh3 Ra4 55.Kh2 Ra3 56.Kh1 Kxg3 57.Kg1 Kxh4 58.Kf2 Kg4 59.Ke2 h4 60.Kf2 h3 61.Kg1 Kf4 62.Kh2 Ke4 63.Re1+ Kd4 64.Ra1 Kc3 65.Rf1 Rb3 0-1 (65) Sarana,A (2668)-Puranik,A (2612) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A2c221) 14.h4 0-0 15.Bd3 h6 *(15...Rd8 16.Rc4 Bd7 17.h5 b5 18.Rcc1 Be8 19.e5 Ra7 20.d5 Rad7 21.Rxc6 Rxd5 22.Rd6 R5xd6 23.exd6 Rxd6 24.h6 Bf6 25.Rc1 Bd7 26.Rc7 b4 27.Ke2 a5 28.Ra7 Bc6 29.Rxa5 Rd8 30.Ra7 Bd5 31.Ng5 Rf8 32.Ne4 Be5 33.f4 Bb2 34.Bc5 Rb8 35.Bd6 Rc8 36.Be5 Bxe5 37.fxe5 Bxe4 38.Bxe4 Kf8 39.Ra8 Rxa8 40.Bxa8* 1-0 (40) Ding,L (2805)-Tomczak,J (2605) chess.com INT 2020 *)*

A2c2211) 16.Rc5 Bd7 *(16...Rd8 17.Rb1 Bf8 18.Rc4 Bd7 19.Rb6 Be8 20.Rc1 Bg7 21.e5 Bf8 22.Rxb7 Nb4 23.Bc4 Bc6 24.Rc7 Bb5 25.Bb3 Nd5 26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.Rc8 Rd8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Bf4 Kg7 30.Rc7 Bb4+ 31.Ke3 Rd8 32.g4 Rd7 33.Rc8 a5 34.Bg3 Ba6 35.Rc2 Bb7 36.Ng1 g5 37.f4 gxf4+ 38.Bxf4 Be7 39.h5 Ba6 40.Nf3 Bb4 41.g5 hxg5 42.Nxg5 Bb7 43.Ne4 Be7 44.Nd6 Bd5 45.h6+ Kg6 46.Rc1* 1-0 (46) Vidit,S (2721)-Ragger,M (2670) Prague CZE 2020 *)* 17.Rb1 b5 18.a4 bxa4 *(18...b4 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Bc3+ 21.Ke2 Ne5 22.Rxc3 bxc3 23.Nxe5 Bxa4 24.Rb4 Bb5 25.Bxb5 axb5 26.Rxb5 c2 27.Rc5 Rfc8 28.Nc6 Ra2 29.Kd3 Re8*

30.Rxc2 Ra1 31.Rd2 f5 32.d6 1-0 (32) Bok,B (2616)-Abdusattorov, N (2661) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 19.Rb7 Nb8 20.Ra5 Rc8 21.Rb1 Be8 22.Ke2 Nc6 23.Rxa4 a5 24.Rba1 Rab8 25.Bd2 Rb2 26.R4a2 Rcb8 27.e5 Rxa2 28.Rxa2 a4 29.Bc2 Nb4 30.Bxb4 Rxb4 31.Kd2 Bb5 32.Bd3 Bc6 33.Kc3 Rb3+ 34.Kc2 Bf8 35.Nd2 Rb4 36.Kc3 Bxg2 37.Be4 Bh3 38.Bc2 Be7 39.h5 gxh5 40.Ra1 Rb8 41.Rxa4 Bg2 42.Be4 Bxe4 43.Nxe4 h4 44.Ra7 Kf8 45.Ra1 Bg5 46.Rh1 Rc8+ 47.Kd3 Rc1 48.Rh2 Rd1+ 49.Kc4 Kg7 50.f4 Bxf4 51.Rxh4 Bg5 52.Rh3 Rc1+ 53.Kd3 Kg6 54.Rf3 Rg1 55.Nxg5 Rxg5 56.Rf6+ Kg7 57.Ke3 h5 58.Rf4 Rg6 59.Kf3 Rg1 60.Kf2 Rg5 61.Ke3 Kf8 62.Rf6 Rg3+ 63.Kf2 Rg4 64.Rh6 Rxd4 65.Rxh5 Rd5 66.Ke3 f5 67.Kf4 Rd4+ 68.Kg5 Kg7 69.Rh1 Rg4+ 70.Kh5 Re4 71.Kg5 Rxe5 72.Ra1 Re4 73.Ra7+ Kf8 74.Kf6 Ke8 75.Re7+ Kd8 76.Rh7 f4 77.Rf7 Re3 78.Kg5 e5 79.Kf5 f3 80.Ke6 e4 81.Kd6 Ke8 82.Re7+ Kf8 83.Ke6 Re2 84.Ra7 f2 0-1 (84) Grischuk, A (2776)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) chess24.com INT 2021;

A2c2212) 16.Rb1 Rd8 17.e5 b5 18.Rhc1 Bd7 19.Be4 Rac8 20.Ke1 Na5 21.Nd2 Bc6 22.f3 Bf8 23.Ke2 Kg7 24.Nb3 Nc4 25.Nd2 Na5 26.Kd1 Be7 27.g3 f6 28.Ke2 fxe5 29.dxe5 Ba3 30.Rd1 Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Rc2+ 32.Kf1 Rd5 33.Rxd5 exd5 34.Nf6 Nc4 35.Bf4 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Bxg5 Nxe5 38.Rb3 Bc5 39.f4 Rf2+ 40.Ke1 Nf3+ 41.Kd1 Nxg5 42.fxg5 Be7 43.Nxd5 Bxg5 44.Nb4 Rd2+ 45.Ke1 a5 46.Nc6 Rxa2 47.Rxb5 Bf6 48.Nxa5 Bc3+ 49.Kd1 Bxa5

50.Rb7+ Kf6 51.Ra7 Ke5 52.g4 Kd4 53.g5 Kd3 54.Rd7+ Kc4 55.Ra7 Kb5 56.g6 Rd2+ 57.Kc1 Rg2 58.g7 Bc3 59.g8Q Rxg8 60.Kc2 Bd4 61.Rc7 Rg3 62.Rc8 Bc5 63.Kd2 Kc4 64.Ke2 Ra3 65.Rc7 Kd5 66.Rc8 Kc4 67.Rc7 Kd4 68.Rc8 Be7 69.Rc2 Bf6 70.Rd2+ Ke4 71.Kf1 Bd4 72.Ke2 Bc3 73.Rc2 Be5 74.Rc4+ Bd4 75.Rc2 Bc3 76.Kd1 Kf3 77.Rc1 Ke3 78.Kc2 Kd4 79.Rd1+ Kc4 80.Rd8 Ra2+ 81.Kb1 Rh2 82.Kc1 Bd4 83.Kd1 Kd3 84.Re8 Rb2 85.Rc8 Bb6 86.Rc6 Be3 87.Rd6+ Bd4 88.Rc6 Rg2 89.Re6 Rd2+ 90.Ke1 Rb2 91.Kf1 Rf2+ 92.Ke1 Rf5 93.Rd6 Rg5 0-1 (93) Vidit,S (2726)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2c2213) 16.Rc4 Bd7 17.Rhc1 Rfc8 18.a3 Rd8 19.Ke2 Be8 20.g4 Bf8 21.R4c3 ½-½ (21) Gajewski,G (2623)-Ragger,M (2669) Berlin GER 2021;

A2c2214) 16.e5 Rd8

A2c22141) 17.h5 g5 18.Nxg5 Nxd4 19.Bh7+ *(19.Ne4 Bxe5 20.Bxh6 f5 21.Nc5 Nc6 22.g4 Bb2 23.Rc2 Ba3 24.gxf5 exf5 25.Rg1+ Kh7 26.Be3 Nb4 27.Rc3 Nxd3 28.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 29.Nxd3 Be6 30.Rg6 Re8 31.Bc5 Bxc5 32.Nxc5 Bxa2 33.Nxb7 Re6 34.Rxe6 Bxe6 35.Nc5 Bf7 36.Nxa6 Bxh5 37.f4 Kg7 38.Nc5 Kf6 39.Nd3 Be8 40.Ne5 Bb5 41.Ke3 ½-½ (41) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Svidler,P (2723) Moscow RUS 2020)* 19...Kf8 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.Rc7+ Kf8 22.Rd1 Nf5+ *(22...Nb5+ 23.Ke2 Rxd1 24.Bc5+ Ke8 25.Rxg7 Nc3+ 26.Kf3 Nd5 27.Bg6+ Kd8 28.Bd6* 1-0 (28) Andreikin,D (2729)-Sorokin,A (2541) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 23.Ke2

Rxd1 24.Bc5+ Ke8
25.Kxd1 Bd7
26.Bg6+ Kd8
27.Bb6 Rc8
(27...Ke7 28.f4 Rc8 29.Rxb7 Rc4 30.g4 Nh4 31.Bf2 Nxg6 32.hxg6 Kd8 33.Bb6+ Kc8 34.Ra7 Rc6 35.Be3 Rc3 36.Kd2 Ra3 37.Ra8+ Kc7 38.Rg8 Rxa2+ 39.Kc1 Ra1+ 40.Kb2 Re1 41.Rxg7 Re2+ 42.Ka1 Re1+ 43.Kb2 Re2+ 44.Bd2 Rxd2+ 45.Kc3 Rg2 46.f5 exf5 47.gxf5 Kd8 48.f6 Be6 49.f7 Ke7 50.Rg8 Bxf7 51.gxf7 Rf2 52.e6 1-0 (54) Drygalov,S (2541)-Vakhidov,J (2580) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 28.Rc6+ Ke7 29.Bc5+ Kd8 30.Bb6+ Ke7 31.Bc5+ Kd8 32.Bb6+ ½-½ (32) Andreikin, D (2724)-Grischuk, A (2764) Belgrade SRB 2022;

A2c22142) 17.Ke2 Nb4 18.Be4 Bd7 19.Rc7 Bb5+ 20.Kd2 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.Ke2 Nb4 23.Rxb7 Nxa2 24.Bd2 Rab8 25.Rhb1 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 Rc8 27.Ra7 Rc6 28.Ra8+ Kh7 29.Kd3 Nc1+ 30.Bxc1 Rxc1 31.Rxa6 Bf8 32.Nd2 Kg7 33.g3 Be7 34.Ra7 Kf8 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.Ne4 Rd1+ 37.Ke3 Re1+ 38.Kf3 Rd1 39.Ra4 Rd3+ 40.Ke2 Rb3 41.Ra7 Kf8 42.Ra8+ Kg7 43.Re8 Bf8 44.Nf6 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 Rb3+ 46.Ke4 Rb2 47.f4 h5 48.Kf3 Rb3+ 49.Kg2 Rb2+ 50.Kh3 Rb3 51.Rd8 Rd3 52.Rd7 Bb4 53.Ne4 Kf8 54.Rd8+ Ke7 55.Rb8 Rxd4 56.Nf6 1-0 (56) Andreikin,D (2695)-Ragger,M (2579) chess.com INT 2024;

A2c222) 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Rc4 *(15.Ke2 Rd8 16.Rc4 Bd7 17.Rhc1 Be8 18.g4 Rd7 19.h4 h6 20.e5 Bf8 21.Be4 Rdd8 22.Kf1 Nb4 23.Rc7 Rab8 24.Bxb7 Nxa2 25.Ra1 Nb4*

26.Be4 Rdc8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Kg2 Bb5 29.Bd2 Nd5 30.Rb1 Kg7 31.Ba5 Be7 32.Bd2 Bd8 33.Kg3 Nc3 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.Kf4 Bxh4 36.g5 hxg5+ 37.Kg4 Bxf2 38.Kxg5 Be2 39.Kf4 Be3+ 0-1 (39) Sevian, S (2696)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis USA 2023 *)* 15...Rd8 16.Bg5 f6 17.Be3 Bd7 18.h4 Be8 19.Rb1 b5 20.Rc3 Bf8 21.Rcb3 Na5 22.Rc3 Nc6 23.Rcb3 Na5 24.Rc3 Nc6 ½-½ (24) Sevian,S (2697)-Aronian,L (2722) Saint Louis USA 2024;

B) 8...0-0 9.Be2 b6 *(9...e6 10.0-0 b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.e5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Bh6 Ne7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h4 h5 18.Qf4 Nf5 19.Ng5 Re8 20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Nxh4 22.Qf4 Nf5 23.f3 h4 24.Ne4 Qe7 25.Nf6 Rd8 26.Qg5 Rxd4 27.Nh5+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Nxh6* 0-1 (28) Drygalov,S (2547)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023; *9...cxd4 10.cxd4 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.d5 Nd7 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Qa4 a6 15.Nd2 b5 16.Qb4 Re8 17.Rfd1 e6 18.d6 Bf8 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qd4 Qa5 21.Ne4 Rec8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bg5 Qxa2 24.Bf3 Rc4 25.Qxc4 bxc4 26.d7 h6 27.d8Q hxg5 28.Qd7 g4 29.Ng5* 1-0 (29) Ma Qun (2666)-Zhang Pengxiang (2564) Fuling CHN 2022*)* 10.Rc1 e6 *(10...Nd7 11.e5 Bb7 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nh3 e6 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Bd3 Rad8 17.Qe2 a6 18.Nf4 Kg8 19.Bxa6 Bxa6 20.Qxa6 Ra8 21.Qe2 Ra3 22.Rc2 Rfa8 23.Bc1 R3a4 24.Rd1 b5 25.a3 Rc4 26.d5 exd5 27.Nxd5 Qxe5 28.Qxe5 Bxe5 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.Rxd7 b4 31.Bxh6+ Ke8 32.Rd5 Bxc3 33.Nc6 f5* 1-0 (33) Esipenko,A (2642)-Duda,J (2758) Moscow RUS 2019 *)*

B1) 11.h4 Bb7 12.e5 Nc6 13.h5 Ne7 14.Bg5 *(14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Bg5 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Rh7 20.Bg4 Kf7 21.Bxe6+ Kxe6 22.Qg4+ Kf7 23.Rd1 Qc8 24.Rd7 Qc6 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Bg5+ Kf8 27.Rxh7 Qe4+ 28.Qxe4 Bxe4 29.Rh8+ Kf7 30.Rh7+ Ke6 31.f3 Bd5 32.Re7+ Kf5 33.Bh6 g5 34.g4+ Kf4 35.Kf2 Rh8 36.Rd7 Be6 37.Bxg5+ Kxg5 38.Rxa7 Kf4 39.Re7 Bd5 40.e6 Rh2+ 41.Kg1 Re2 42.Rd7 Kg3 43.Kf1 Bc4* 0-1 (43) Yilmaz,M (2630)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 14...f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Qd2 Nf5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.Bc4 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Bg5 Bg7 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Qe2 Nd6 24.Rd1 Bxc3+ 25.Kf1 Bd4 26.Be3 Nf5 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Kg1 Rd8 29.Qd3 e5 30.Ng5 Re7 31.Qh3 Kg7 32.g4 Kf6 33.Nh7+ Rxh7 34.Qxh7 Qf3 35.Rc1 Qxg4+ 36.Kf1 Qf3 37.Kg1 d3 38.Qc7 Rd6 39.Rh8

d2 40.Rf8+ Kg5 0-1 (40) Yilmaz,M (2626)-Svidler,P (2694) Riga LAT 2021;

B2) 11.0-0 Bb7 12.dxc5 Nd7 13.cxb6 axb6 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.f3 Be5 17.h3 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Ra5 19.Rb1 Rca8 20.Rb2 Na4 21.Rb3 Nc5 22.Rb2 Na4 23.Rb3 Nc5 24.Rb2 ½-½ (24) Radjabov,T (2765)-Dubov,D (2710) chess24.com INT 2021;

C) 8...Bg4 9.Qa4+ *(9.Qd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be2 Qa5 13.0-0 Rfc8 14.h3 Bd7 15.d5 Qxd2 16.Rxd2 Na5 17.Bd4 b5 18.Rb1 a6 19.Ne5 Be8 20.f4 Nb7 21.Nf3 Nd6 22.Bd3 a5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Kf2 b4 25.Ne5 Rc3 26.h4 Rac8 27.Re1 Ra3 28.Bb1 Bb5 29.Nf3 Rcc3 30.e5 Nc4 31.Rd4 Ne3 32.d6 exd6 33.exd6 Nc2 34.Bxc2 Rxc2+ 35.Kg3 Raxa2 36.d7 Bxd7 37.Rxd7 Rxg2+ 38.Kh3 Rgf2 39.Kg3 Rg2+ 40.Kh3 Rgf2 41.Ng5 Ra3+* 0-1 (41) Duda,J (2753)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*; 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qa5+ 14.Kf1 0-0 15.Rd1 Rac8 16.Nb3 Qa3 17.Bd4 a5 18.f4 a4 19.Na5 Ng4 20.e5 Nh6 21.Nc4 Qb4 22.Ne3 f6 23.e6 f5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.g3 Qe4 26.Rg1 Rc3 27.Ng2 Rf3+ 28.Ke1 Qb4+ 29.Rd2 Rc3 30.h3 Ng8 31.Ne3 Nf6 32.g4 fxg4 33.Nxg4 Rc1+ 34.Kf2 Qxf4+ 35.Kg2 Rxg1+ 36.Kxg1 Ne4 37.Rd4 Qg3+ 38.Qg2 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Ng5 40.Rd3 h5 41.Ne3 Rf2* 0-1 (41) Ponkratov,P (2650)-Chigaev,M (2643) Moscow RUS 2021 *)*

C1) 9...Nd7 10.Be2 0-0 11.Rd1 cxd4 *(11...Qc7 12.0-0 a6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 b5 15.Qb3 e5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rd5 Qc4 19.Qxc4 bxc4 20.Be2 Rfc8 21.Rb1 Rc7 22.Rb4 Rac8 23.Ra4 Rc6 24.Rda5 Bh6 25.Rxa6 Rxa6 26.Rxa6 Bd2 27.Ra4 Bxc3 28.Bxc4 Bd4 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.g4 g5 31.Ke2 Ke7 32.Rb4 Rc7 33.Bb3 Ba7 34.a4 Kd6 35.a5 f6 36.a6 Kc5 37.Ra4 Kb5 38.Ra2 Rc3 39.Bc2 Rc7 40.Bd3+ Kc5 41.Ra5+ Kd6 42.Rd5+ Ke7 43.Rb5 Kd6 44.Rd5+ Ke7 45.Rb5 Kd6 46.f3 Rc5 47.Rb7 Rc7 48.Rb1 Rc3 49.Kd2 Rc7 50.Rh1 Bf2 51.Ke2 Bd4 52.h4 h6 53.hxg5 hxg5 54.Rh6 Ke7 55.Rh8 Ke6 56.Ra8 Ke7 57.Rb8 Ba7 58.Rb4 Kd6 59.Bc4 Kc5 60.Rb1 Kd6 61.Kd3 Rh7 62.Bd5 Rc7 63.Rh1 Bd4 64.Bc4 Ra7 65.Rh8 Ke7 66.Rc8 Rd7 67.Bd5 Rd8 68.Rc4 Bf2 69.Rc2 Bd4 70.Rc4 Bf2 71.Rc2 Bd4 72.Rh2 Rd7 73.Kc4 Rc7+ 74.Kb5 Rc5+ 75.Kb4 Rc7 76.Rh8 Be3 77.Kb5 Rc5+ 78.Kb4 Rc7 79.Rg8 Bd4 80.Bc4 Be3 81.Bb5 Bd4 82.Re8+ Kf7 83.Rb8 Ke7 84.Ka5 Kd6 85.Rb6+ Ke7 86.Bc6 Be3 87.Kb5 Bf2 88.Rb8 Be3 89.Re8+ Kf7 90.Rd8 Ke7 91.Rh8 Bf2 92.Rh2 Be3 93.Re2 Bg1 94.Rd2 Be3 95.Rd3 Bf2 96.Ra3 Ba7 97.Ra2 Kd6 98.Rd2+ Ke7*

99.Rh2 Be3 100.Rh1 Bf2 101.Rh6 Be3 102.Rh8 Bf2 103.Rb8 Be3 104.Re8+ Kf7 ½-½ (104) Wagner,D (2617)-Zelbel,P (2490) Muelheim GER 2025 *)* 12.cxd4 Nf6 13.d5 b5 14.Qb4 a5 15.Qb1 b4 16.0-0 Nd7 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nb6 19.Qb3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Bc3 21.Bg4 a4 22.Qd1 Ra8 23.Rxc3 bxc3 24.Qd4 Re8 25.Rc1 Nd7 26.Rxc3 Nf6 27.Bf3 Qa5 28.e5 Nxd5 29.Bxd5 Rad8 30.Rc5 Qe1+ 31.Kh2 e6 32.Bh6 a3 33.Rc1 Rxd5 34.Qa4 Qxe5+ 35.Bf4 Qd4 36.Qxe8+ Kg7 37.Be3 Qe5+ 38.g3 Rd3 39.Bc5 Qd5 40.Bf8+ 1-0 (40) Donchenko,A (2664)-Ragger,M (2615) Austria AUT 2024;

C2) 9...Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Be2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qa5+ 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Rc1 b5 *(16...Nc6 17.e5 Be6 18.a3 Bd5 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nd2 a6 21.Rc3 Na7 22.Rfc1 Rxc3 23.Rxc3 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Nxc8 25.Bd3 Nb6 26.Ne4 e6 27.Nc5 Bf8 28.Nxa6 Bc4 29.Bxc4 Nxc4 30.Kf1 Bxa3 31.Ke2 b4 32.Kd3 b3 33.Nc7 Bb4 34.Nb5 Nb2+ 35.Ke2 Na4 36.Kd3 Kf8 37.Bd2 b2 38.Bxb4+* 1-0 (38) Moroni,L (2588)-Svidler,P (2683) chess.com INT 2022*)* 17.e5 a6 18.f4 Bc6 19.Rc5 e6 20.Bd3 Bf8 21.Rc2 Bd5 22.Ne4 Rxc2 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Bxc2 Rc8 25.Bb1 Bc4 26.Rd1 Be7 27.d5 exd5 28.Nxd5 Rd8 29.Nc3 Rxd1+ 30.Nxd1 Nc6 31.Nc3 b4 32.Ne4 a5 33.Nd6 Bd5 34.Nc8 Bd8 35.Nb6 Be6 36.Kf2 f6 37.exf6+ Bxf6 38.Na4 Nd4 39.Nc5 Bd5 40.Nd7 Nb5 41.Nxf6 Kxf6 42.Bb6 a4 43.Bd3 Nc3 44.a3 ½-½ (44) Radjabov,T (2700)-Svidler,P (2698) London ENG 2024]

[8.Rc1 0-0

A) 9.Qd2

A1) 9...e5 10.d5 Nd7 *(10...Qd6 11.f3 f5 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Nh3 f4 14.Bd2 Nb6 15.Nf2 c4 16.Be2 Bd7 17.0-0 Qc7 18.Rb1 Nc8 19.a4 Rf6 20.Rb4 Nd6 21.Rfb1 g5 22.Qa2 Rc8 23.a5 h5 24.h3 Rg6 25.Kf1 Bf6 26.Bd1 Bd8 27.Ra1 Rb8 28.Be1 b5 29.axb6 axb6 30.Qb1 Qb7 31.Rb2 b5 32.Rba2 Bb6 33.Ra6 Kf7 34.R1a2 Rgg8 35.Qa1 Qc7 36.Be2 Bc8 37.Ra8 Rxa8 38.Rxa8 Qc5 39.Qa3 Bd7 40.Qxc5 Bxc5 41.Ra6 Ke7 42.Nd1 Rb8 43.Bf2 Bxf2 44.Kxf2 g4 45.h4 b4 46.cxb4 Rxb4 47.Ke1 g3 48.Ra8 Bc8 49.Kd2 Rb6 50.Kc2 Rb7 51.Nb2 Rc7 52.Ra4 Bd7 53.Rb4 Ra7 54.Nxc4 Nxc4 55.Bxc4 Ra1 56.Rb6 Rg1 57.Rh6 Rxg2+ 58.Kc3 Rf2 59.d6+ Kf8 60.Rg6 Rxf3+ 61.Kb4* 1-0 (61) Firouzja,A (2728)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 11.Bb5 b6 12.Ne2 f5 13.f3 fxe4 14.fxe4 Nf6 15.Ng3 Bd7 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.0-0 Ne8 18.Bh6 Nd6 19.Bxg7 Qxg7 20.Qg5 h5 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Rf1 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Kf7 24.Ke2 Qf6

25.Qh6 h4 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Qh7+ Kd8 29.Qg8+ Kc7 30.Qh7+ Kb8 31.Nf1 Nxe4 32.Ne3 Qf2+ 33.Kd3 Nd6 34.Qh8+ Kb7 35.Qxe5 c4+ 36.Nxc4 Qf1+ 37.Kc2 Nxc4 38.Qg7+ Ka6 39.Qxg6 Qe2+ 40.Kb3 Na5+ 41.Ka3 Qd2 42.Qf6 Nc4+ 43.Kb4 Qxd5 44.a4 Nd2 0-1 (44) Sarana,A (2675)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 9...Nd7 10.Nf3 *(10.Bd3 e5 11.d5 f5 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.h4 f4 14.Nf3 Kg7 15.c4 h6 16.Bxf6+ Qxf6 17.Qc3 Re8 18.Bc2 Nb6 19.a4 Bd7 20.Rb1 Rab8 21.Nd2 Nc8 22.Qa3 b6 23.a5 Nd6 24.Ba4 b5 25.cxb5 Bxb5 26.Bxb5 Nxb5 27.Qh3 Nd4 28.0-0 h5 29.Nf3 Nxf3+ 30.gxf3 Kh6 31.Rfc1 Red8 32.Rxb8 Rxb8 33.Rxc5 Rb1+ 34.Kg2 Qa6 35.Kh2 Qf6 36.Rc6 Qd8 37.Kg2 a6 38.Qf5* 1-0 (38) Navara,D (2681)-Salem,A (2679) Prague CZE 2022*; 10.h4 e5 11.d5 f5 12.f3 fxe4 13.h5 gxh5 14.Nh3 exf3 15.gxf3 e4 16.f4 b6 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.d6 Qe8 19.f5 Bxf5 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.0-0 Qg6 22.Rxf5 Qxf5 23.Be6 Qg6 24.Rf1 Qe8 25.Bf5 Qe5 26.Kg2 Nd5 27.Be6 Nxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Bh6 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Nf7+ Rxf7 31.Qxh6 Qg7+ 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7* 0-1 (32) Sonis,F (2577)-Moroni,L (2587) Brescia ITA 2023 *)* 10...Nf6 *(10...Qc7 11.Bh6 e5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h4 h5 14.Bd3 Qd6 15.Bb5 exd4 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.Qxd4+ Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Nf6 19.e5 Ng4 20.0-0 Rd8 21.Rfd1 Nxe5 22.Rc7 a6 23.Ba4 b5 24.Bb3 Nc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4 26.Rxc4 Rd5* ½-½ (26) So, W (2767)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2019*)* 11.Bd3 b5 12.e5 Nd5 ½-½ (12) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Paravyan,D (2601) Sochi RUS 2023;

B) 9.Nf3 Bg4 *(9...Nd7 10.Be2 Qa5 11.0-0 Qxa2 12.Nd2 Qa5 13.h4 b5 14.h5 Bb7 15.h6 Bh8 16.e5 Qc7 17.Bxb5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qb7+ 19.Qf3 Qxb5 20.Rb1 Qa6 21.Ne4 cxd4 22.cxd4 f6 23.Ng5 e6 24.Ra1 Qb6 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Qe4 Bxg5 27.Bxg5 Qd6 28.Rfe1 Qd5 29.Qxd5 exd5 30.Ra5 Rf5 31.f4 Nf6 32.Re7 Ne4 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Raxa7 Rxa7 35.Rxa7 Kg8 36.Rg7+ Kf8 37.Be7+ Ke8 38.Rxh7 Rf7 39.Rxf7 Kxf7 40.Kf3 Kg8 41.Kg4 Kh7 42.Bf8 Nf6+ 43.Kh4 Ne4 44.Bg7 Nd6 45.Kg5 Ne4+ 46.Kg4 Nd6* ½-½ (46) Carlsen,M (2875)-Mamedyarov,S (2774) Stavanger NOR 2019 *)* 10.Be2 *(10.d5 Nd7 11.Be2 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 c4 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Be2 b5 15.f4 Rad8 16.Bf3 Nc5 17.e5 Nd3 18.Rb1 a6 19.a4 Qa5 20.Qd2 Rd7 21.Be4 Rc8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bd4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Qe3 Rc8 26.h4 Rb8 27.Ra1 Qd8 28.Rfb1 f6 29.e6 Rd6 30.f5 gxf5 31.Bf3 Qb6 32.Qxb6 Rdxb6 33.Ra7 Kf8 34.d6 Rxd6 35.Rxb5 Rbd8 36.Ra8 Bh6 37.Rxd8+ Rxd8 38.Bd5 Bd2 39.Bxc4 Bxc3 40.Rxf5 Rd4 41.Be2 Rxh4 42.g4 Rh3 43.Rf3 Rxf3 44.Bxf3* ½-½ (44) Nakamura, H (2736)-Giri,A (2777) chess24.

com INT 2021) 10...Qa5 11.Qd2 *(11.0-0 Qxa2 12.d5 Nd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qa5 15.Qd2 c4 16.Qb2 b5 17.Ra1 Qxc3 18.Qxb5 Nb6 19.Rac1 Qf6 20.Kg2 c3 21.f4 e5 22.dxe6 Qxe6 23.e5 Nd5 24.Bg4 Nxe3+ 25.fxe3 Qa2+ 26.Rf2 Qa3 27.Rfc2 Rab8 28.Qc4 Rb2 29.Kg3 h5 30.Bf3 h4+ 31.Kh2 Rd8 32.Bd5 Kh7 33.Kg1 Qa5 34.e4 Qb6+ 35.Kg2 Qe3 36.Qf1 Bh6 37.Kh1 Bxf4 38.Rxb2 cxb2 39.Rb1 Qg3 40.Rxb2 Rc8 41.e6 Rc1 42.Qxc1 Qxh3+ 43.Kg1 Bxc1* 0-1 (43) Praggnanandhaa,R (2619)-Carlsen, M (2864) chess24.com INT 2022) 11...Nd7 *(11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 f5 15.f3 fxe4 16.fxe4 Nc6 17.Nf3 e6 18.Rc4 Rad8 19.Rb1 Rd7 20.h4 h6 21.Rd1 Rfd8 22.a4 Na5 23.Rc2 Nc6 24.Rcd2 Nb4 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Rxd2+ 27.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 28.Kxd2 h5 29.Bxa7 Nc6 30.Be3 Nxe5 31.Kc3 Kf7 32.Bf4 Nd7 33.Bd6 e5 34.a5 Ke6 35.Bb4 Nf6 36.Kd3 Kd7 37.Bd2 Kc6 38.Bc3 Ng4 39.g3 Kb5 40.Be1 Nf6 41.Bc3 Nd7 42.Ba1 Kb4 43.Bc3+ Kb5 44.Ba1 Kb4 45.Bb2 Nc5+ 46.Ke3 Nd7 47.Kd3 Kb3 48.Ba1 Kb4 49.Bc3+ Kb5 50.Ba1 Kb4 51.Ke3 Kb5 52.Kd3 Kb4 53.Ke3 Kc4 54.Bb2 Kb3 55.Ba1 Kc2* ½-½ (55) Sarana,A (2666)-Puranik,A (2604) Warsaw POL 2021 *)* 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nb6 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 Bxd4 17.Rc7 Rfc8 18.Rxe7 Rc2 19.Bf4 Rxa2 20.e5 Kf8 21.Rxb7 Re8 22.Bd1 Rb2 23.Bc1 Rb1 24.Bc2 Rb5 25.Bh6+ Kg8 26.Ba4 Nxa4 27.Rxb5 Nc3 28.Rb7 a5 29.Re1 a4 30.Be3 Bxe3 31.Rxe3 Nd5 32.Rf3 1-0 (32) Carlsen,M (2859)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022]

8...Qa5

[8...0-0 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Ng5 *(10.Rb1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.Rd1 Qa5 13.Bg2 Nc6 14.f4 Rad8 15.e5 f6 16.0-0 fxe5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe2 Nc6 19.dxc5 Qxc3 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qa6 Be5 23.Qxc6 Qc4 24.a3 Qd5 25.Qa4 Qf3 26.Qh4 Rd5 27.h3 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kg2 Qd5+ 30.Kg1 Qd1+ 31.Kg2 Qd5+ 32.f3 Bc7 33.Qf6 a6 34.a4 Qe5 35.Qxe5 Bxe5 36.f4 Bc7 37.Kf3 Kf7 38.c6 Ke7 39.Bc5+ Kd8 40.Ke4 Kc8 41.Bb4 Kd8 42.Bc3 Bd6 43.Ba5+ Kc8 44.Bb6 h5 45.Ba5 Kb8 46.Bb6 Kc8 47.Ba5 Kb8 48.Bd8 Kc8 49.Bb6 Kb8 50.Ba5 Kc8 51.Bb6 Kb8* ½-½ (51) Quesada Perez,L (2578)-Fier,A (2551) Linares ESP 2024*; 10.Rc1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.h4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.e5 Qd5 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.Rd1 h5 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Kg2 Na5 19.Bd3 b6 20.Be4 Qb5 21.Bd3 Qa4 22.Qe2 Nc4 23.Be4 Nxe3+ 24.fxe3 Rc3 25.f4 b5 26.Rd2 b4 27.Bf3 Qa3 28.Re1 Bf8 29.d5 exd5 30.Bxd5 Qa5 31.Red1 Kg7 32.Bb3 Rxd2 33.Rxd2 Qb6 34.Qf3 Qc7 35.e6 fxe6 36.Bxe6 Rc2 37.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 38.Kh3 Qc5 39.Qe4 a5 40.Kg3 Be7 41.Bd5 Bf6 42.Qe6 Qe7 43.Qxe7+ Bxe7 44.Bc6 Kf6 45.e4 Bc5 46.e5+ Kf7 47.Bd5+ Kg7 48.Bb3 Bd4 49.Bc2 Bc3 50.Kh3 Be1 51.Bb3 Bd2 52.Kg3 Be1+ 53.Kh3 Kf8 54.Bc2 Kf7 55.Bb3+ Kg7 56.Bc2 Bf2 57.Bb3 Bd4 58.Bc2*

Bc3 59.Bb3 Bd2 60.Kg3 Be1+ 61.Kh3 ½-½ (61) Sjugirov,S (2680)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rb1 *(13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Nf3 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Bd3 Rxc1+ 17.Bxc1 Rc8 18.Bb2 Nc4 19.Ba1 Ne5 20.dxe5 Rc1+ 21.Ke2 Rxh1 22.Bb2 a6 23.Ne1 Bh6 24.Bd4 Kf8 25.Bb6 Ke8 26.Bc4 Bb5 27.Bxb5+ axb5 28.e6 fxe6 29.Bc5 Bg7 30.Bb4 Bd4 31.h4 e5 32.g3 h6 33.Kf3 Rf1 34.Nd3 Ra1 35.a3 h5 36.Nc5 Ra2 37.Nd3 Kd7 38.g4 b6 39.g5 Rc2 40.Kg3 Ke6 41.Kf3 Bc5 42.Kg2 Bxb4 43.Nxb4 Rc4 44.f3 Rc3 45.Nd5 Rxa3 46.Nc7+ Kd7 47.Nd5 Rd3 48.Nb4 Rd4 49.Na6 b4* 0-1 (49) Andreikin,D (2729)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 13...Rc8 14.Nf3 Na5 15.Bh6 Qc7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Bd3 Qc3 18.Ke2 b6 19.Ba6 Qc2 20.Bxc8 Qxe4+ 21.Qe3 Qc2+ 22.Nd2 Bxc8 23.Rhc1 Ba6+ 24.Ke1 Qxa2 25.Ra1 Qd5 26.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 27.dxe5 Rd8 28.Rc7 Rd5 29.f4 Rd4 30.Rxa7 Bc8 31.Rc1 Be6 32.g3 Rd3 33.Rxe7 Rxg3 34.Kf2 Rxh3 35.Nf3 Nb3 36.Rcc7 Nc5 37.Ng5 Nd3+ 38.Kg1 Rg3+ 39.Kh2 Rxg5 40.fxg5 Nc5 41.Kg3 Bb3 42.Rc6 Ne6 43.Rxb6 Bc4 44.Kh4 Nd4 45.Rc7 Be6 46.Kg3 Nf5+ 47.Kf4 Ba2 48.e6 1-0 (48) Andreikin,D (2729)-Paravyan,D (2620) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 10...Na6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Rb1 Qa5 13.Bd3 Bc6 14.Nf3 Rfd8 15.Rc1 e6 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Rfd1 Ba4 18.Re1 cxd4 19.cxd4 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 h6 21.Ba5 Re8 22.Rb1 Bc6 23.Rec1 Nb8 24.Bd2 Nd7 25.Be3 Nb6 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 Red8 28.Rb3 g5 29.h4 Nd7 30.hxg5 Nxe5 31.Be2 hxg5 32.Bxg5 Bxe4 33.Rg3 Rxc1+ 34.Bxc1+ Ng6 35.Rc3 Bc6 36.f3 Ne7 37.Bg5 Kf8 38.Kf2 Ke8 39.Rc1 Rd5 40.Bf6 Rd2 41.Ke1 Rxa2 42.Ra1 Rxa1+ 43.Bxa1 Nd5 44.Kd2 b5 45.Bd4 a5 46.Bc5 a4 47.Bd3 e5 48.Be4 f6 49.g3 Kf7 50.f4 exf4 51.Bxd5+ Bxd5 52.gxf4 Ke6 53.Ke3 Bc6 54.Kd4 Kf5 55.Ke3 Bd5 56.Bb4 Bf7 57.Ba3 Bc4 58.Bb4 Bb3 59.Ba3 Bc2 60.Bb4 Kg4 61.Be7 f5 62.Ba3 Kg3 63.Bc5 Be4 64.Ba3 Kg2 65.Ke2 Bd5 66.Bb4 Bb3 67.Ke3 Bc4 68.Ba3 Kf1 69.Bb4 Bd5 70.Ba3 Ke1 71.Kd4 Bc4 72.Ke5 Bd3 73.Kd4 Kd2 74.Kc5 Kc3 75.Bb4+ Kb3 76.Bd2 a3 77.Kd4 b4 78.Kxd3 a2 0-1 (78) Andreikin,D (2729)-Xiong,J (2691) chess.com INT 2022]

[8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Be2 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Nf3 Nxe2 14.Qxe2 f5 15.0-0 f4 16.Bc1 g5 17.Bb2 Re8 18.h3 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.d6 Re6 21.d7 Re7 22.Qb5 Bf6 23.Qxb7 Rg7 24.Nxe5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Qf8 26.Ba3 Qb8 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Nf7+ Kg8 29.d8Q+ Bxd8 30.Nxd8+ Kh8 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Nh6+ Kh8 33.Bb2 1-0 (33) Andreikin,D (2729)-Erigaisi,A (2675) chess.com INT 2022]

9.Rc1 0-0

[9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Qxd2+ 11.Bxd2 0-0 12.Nf3 Bg4 *(12...Bd7 13.Bc4 Nc6 14.d5 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4*

16.Ke2 Rfc8 17.Bd3 e6 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Kxe3 exd5 20.exd5 Kf8 21.Rhd1 Ba4 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Rb1 b6 24.Rb4 Bd7 25.Rc4 Ke7 26.Rxc8 Bxc8 27.Kd4 Kd6 28.h4 Bd7 29.a3 h6 30.Be2 b5 31.Bd3 a6 32.Bc2 Be8 33.f4 Bd7 34.g3 Bg4 35.Be4 Bd1 36.Bg2 f5 37.Bh1 h5 38.Bg2 Bc2 39.Bf1 Be4 40.a4 bxa4 41.Kc3 a3 42.Bxa6 Bxd5 0-1 (42) Fressinet,L (2635)-Mamedyarov,S (2764) Karlsruhe GER 2020 *)* 13.Be3

A) 13...Rd8 14.d5 Nd7 15.Nd4 Nb6 16.f3 Rac8 17.Rxc8 Bxc8 18.Nb5 Bd7 19.Nxa7 Na4 20.Bb5 Nc3 21.Bb6 Nxb5 22.Bxd8 Nxa7 23.Bxe7 Nb5 24.Kd2 f5 25.Rb1 Kf7 26.Bc5 fxe4 27.a4 exf3 28.gxf3 Bc3+ 29.Kc1 Nd4 30.Rxb7 Ke8 31.a5 Ne2+ 32.Kd1 Nf4 33.a6 Ba4+ 34.Kc1 Nd3+ 35.Kb1 Nxc5 36.a7 Nxb7 37.a8Q+ Ke7 38.Qxa4 Nd6 39.Qh4+ Kf7 40.Qxh7+ Bg7 41.Qh3 Nf5 42.Qg4 Bf6 43.Qe4 Be7 44.Qe6+ Kg7 45.Ka2 Bd6 46.h4 Kh6 1-0 (46) Pechac,J (2611)-Volokitin,A (2674) Poland POL 2023;

B) 13...Nc6 14.d5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nd4 16.Bh3 f5 17.Rc7 Nxf3+ 18.Ke2 Nd4+ 19.Kd3 *(19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Rg1+ Kh8 22.Rxe7 Rae8 23.Re6 Rxe6+ 24.dxe6 Rf6 25.Kd3 Bxf2 26.Rf1 Bc5 27.Bxf5 Kg7 28.Ke4 Rh6 29.h3 Rh4+ 30.Kd5 b6 31.Bg4 h5 32.Rf7+ Kg6 33.Bf5+ Kg5 34.Be4 Rxh3 35.e7 Bxe7 36.Rxe7 Ra3 37.Ke5 Rxa2 38.Rg7+ Kh4 39.Kf4 Kh3 40.Rg1 b5 41.Rh1+ Rh2 42.Rb1 a6 43.Rb3+ Kh4 44.Ra3 Rf2+ 45.Bf3 Kh3 46.Rxa6 Rf1 47.Ra2 h4 48.Rb2 b4 49.Rxb4 Rg1 50.Rb3 Rf1 51.Kg5 Rf2 52.Bd5+ Kh2 53.Kxh4 Rf4+ 54.Kg5 Rd4 55.Rb2+ Kg1 56.Kf5 Rxd5+ 57.Ke4 Rg5 58.Kf3 Rf5+ 59.Kg4 Rf8 60.Kg3 Rg8+ 61.Kf3 Rf8+ 62.Kg3 Rg8+ 63.Kf3 Rf8+ 64.Kg3* ½-½ (64) Carlsen,M (2863)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 19...fxe4+ 20.Kxe4 Nf5 21.Bxf5 gxf5+ 22.Kf3 Rf7 23.Rxb7 e6 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Rb1 exd5 26.Rb7+ Kg6 27.Rxa7 Rc8 28.Rd7 d4 29.Rd6+ Kh5 30.Bxd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc3+ 32.Kg2 Ra3 33.Rd2 Kg4 34.h3+ Kg5 ½-½ (34) Fressinet,L (2622)-Shirov,A (2666) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

C) 13...Bxf3 14.gxf3 e6 15.Bb5 a6 16.Ba4 b5 17.Bb3 a5 18.Rc5 Rd8 19.Ke2 a4 20.Bc2 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Na6 22.Rxb5 Rxd4 23.Rd1 Rb4 24.Rb1 Rc8 25.Bd3 Rd4 26.Rb6 Nc5 27.Rb8 Rxb8 28.Rxb8+ Kg7 29.Bc2 e5 30.Rb5 Ne6 31.Rxe5 ½-½ (31) Sarana,A (2717)-Navara,D (2674) Polanica Zdroj POL 2024]

10.Nf3

[10.d5 e6 11.c4 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 b6 13.Bd3 f5 14.f3 Nd7 15.Ne2 fxe4 16.fxe4 exd5 17.exd5 Ne5 18.Ng3 Nxd3 19.Kxd3 Ba6 20.Bg5 Rf2 21.d6 h6 22.Be7 Bf8 23.Ne4 Rf7 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Nd5 Bb7 26.Rhe1 Bxe7 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.dxe7 Re8 29.Re1 Kf7 30.Rf1+ Kg7 31.a4 Bc6 32.Re1 Kf7 33.Rf1+ Kg7 34.h4 Bxa4 35.Ra1 b5 36.Ke4 a6 37.Ke5 Bb3 38.Kd6 Bxc4 39.Nc7 Kf7 40.Nxe8 Kxe8 41.Rxa6 1-0 (41)

Sarana,A (2685)-Zherebukh,Y (2623) chess.com INT 2023]

10...cxd4

[10...e6 11.Bh6 cxd4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.cxd4 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bd7 15.Ke3 *(15.Bd3 Nc6 16.Rb1 Rab8 17.Ke3 h6 18.h4 f6 19.Rb3 Ne7 20.Rhb1 Bc6 21.Ng1 Rbe8 22.f3 g5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.a4 Rh8 25.Nh3 Rd8 26.Bc4 Rd6 27.Ng1 f5 28.Ne2 Rh2 29.g3 Kf7 30.Rc1 Rd8 31.Bb5 Rd7 32.Rcb1 Bxb5 33.Rxb5 b6 34.Rc1 Kf6 35.Rbb1 g4 36.e5+ Kf7 37.fxg4 fxg4 38.Rf1+ Ke8 39.Kd3 Nc6 40.Ke3 Ne7 41.Rh1 Nd5+ 42.Kd3 Rxe2 43.Kxe2 Nc3+ 44.Kd3 Nxb1 45.Rxb1 Rf7 46.Ke4 Rf3* ½-½ (46) Berserk13 (3540)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 15...Nc6 16.Bb5 Rac8 17.g4 Nb8 18.Bd3 Ba4 19.h4 Nd7 20.g5 h6 21.Rb1 hxg5 22.hxg5 Rfd8 23.Rhc1 Nb6 24.Kd2 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Rb1 Kf8 27.Ne5 Rd8 28.Rb4 Rc8 29.f3 Ke7 30.Rb1 Rd8 31.Ke3 Rc8 32.Kf4 Rc3 33.Rb2 Rc1 34.Rh2 Nd7 35.Nxd7 Bxd7 36.Ke5 Rg1 37.f4 b5 38.Rc2 Rg3 39.Bf1 Rg1 40.Rf2 ½-½ (40) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628)-Berserk13 (3540) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[10...Nd7

A) 11.Bd3 e5 12.Bh6 *(12.d5 f5 13.Qc2 f4 14.Bd2 b5 15.c4 b4 16.0-0 Qc7 17.a3 a5 18.axb4 axb4 19.Ra1 Ra7 20.Rxa7 Qxa7 21.Bc1 Nb6 22.Bb2 Qe7 23.Ra1 g5 24.Ne1 g4 25.Bf1 Bd7 26.Nd3 Ra8 27.Rxa8+ Nxa8 28.Qc1 Nb6 29.Qa1 Nxc4 30.Nxb4 cxb4 31.Bxc4 Qc5 32.Bb3 g3 33.Qe1 Bf6 34.hxg3 fxg3 35.Qe2 Bh4 36.Bc4 Qxf2+ 37.Qxf2 gxf2+ 38.Kh2 Ba4 39.g3 Bb3 40.Bf1 Bd8 41.Kg2 Bc2 42.Kf3 Bc7 43.Kxf2 Bxe4 44.Bc4 Kg7 45.Bb3 Kf6 46.Bc1 Bb6+ 47.Ke2 Bc5 48.g4 Bb1 49.Bd2 Bg6 50.Bh6 Be8 51.Kf3 Kg6 52.Bd2 Bd6 53.Bc1 Bb5 54.Bc2+ Kg7 55.Ke4 Be8 56.Kf3 Bg6 57.Bb3 Kf6 58.Be3 Bd3 59.Bb6 Kg5 60.Bd8+ Kg6 61.Ke3 Bb1 62.Kf3 e4+ 63.Ke3 Bc5+ 64.Kf4 e3 65.Bh4 e2 66.d6 Bxd6+ 67.Ke3 Be7 68.Be1 Kg5 69.Be6 Bc2 70.Bd2 Bd1 71.Kf2+ Kf6 72.Bc4 b3 73.Bxe2 Bc5+ 74.Ke1 Bxe2 75.Kxe2 Bd4 76.Kd3 b2 77.Kc2 Ke5 78.Bg5 Ke4 79.Bd8 Kf3 80.g5 Kg4 81.Bf6 Be3 82.Bxb2 Bxg5 83.Kd3 Kf3 84.Bc3 h5 85.Be1 Bf6 86.Kd2 Bg5+ 87.Kd3 Bd8 88.Kd4 Bb6+ 89.Ke5 Bc7+ 90.Kf5 Bg3 91.Bc3 h4 92.Bd4 h3 93.Bg1 Bf2* 0-1 (93) Nakamura,H (2754)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Paris FRA 2019*)* 12...cxd4 *(12...exd4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.cxd4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 b6 16.d5 Bb7 17.a4 Rfe8 18.a5 Rad8 19.Rhe1 f5 20.exf5 Bxd5 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.axb6 axb6 24.Ra1 Kf6 25.Bb5 Rd8 26.Ne1 Nf8 27.Kc3 Ne6 28.Bf1 Rb8 29.Nc2 b5 30.Ne3 Ke5 31.Ra6 b4+ 32.Kb2 Ra8 33.Rxa8 Bxa8 34.h4 Be4 35.f3 Bc6 36.Bc4 Nf4 37.Bf7 Ba4 38.g3 Nd3+ 39.Kb1 Kd4 40.Ng4 Kc3 41.Ne3 Ne5 42.Be6 Nxf3 43.Nd5+ Kd4 44.Nf4 c4 45.Nxg6 c3 46.Nf4 Nd2+ 47.Kc1 b3 48.Ne2+ Kd3 49.Nf4+ Kd4 50.Ne2+ Kd3 51.Nf4+ Ke3 52.Bxb3 Bxb3 53.h5 Ne4 54.h6*

Nf6 55.Ng2+ Kf2 56.Nf4 Ke3 57.Ng2+ Kf3 58.Nf4 Nh7 59.Nd3 Ke3 60.Nc5 Bf7 61.Kc2 Kd4 62.Na4 Bg6+ 63.Kb3 Bf7+ 64.Kc2 Bg6+ 65.Kb3 c2 66.Kb2 Ng5 67.Nb6 Nf3 68.Nd7 Ng1 0-1 (68) Ding,L (2805)-Wei,Y (2736) Abidjan CIV 2019*)* 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.cxd4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 exd4 16.Nxd4 b6 17.Ke3 Nc5 18.Rhd1 Bb7 19.f3 Rad8 20.Bb5 Rc8 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.axb3 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 ½-½ (23) Ding,L (2811)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) chess.com INT 2019;

B) 11.Bh6 Nf6 12.Bxg7 *(12.Bd3 Rd8 13.d5 e6 14.0-0 c4 15.Bb1 exd5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.e5 Ne4 18.Qf4 Re8 19.h4 h6 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.f3 Nc5 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Bxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Qxh6+ Qg7 26.Qd6+ Qe7 27.Qxd5 Be6 28.Nxe6+ Nxe6 29.Qxc4 Rac8 30.Qe4 Nc5 31.Qf5+ Kg7 32.Qg4+ Kh6 33.Rce1 Ne6 34.f4 Rg8 35.Qh3 Rc4 36.Rd1 Nxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxf4 38.Rd6+ Kh5 39.Qd3 Qg7 40.Qd5 Rgf8 41.Rf6 Kxh4 42.Rxf4+ Rxf4 43.e6* 0-1 (43) Shirov,A (2662)-Zherebukh,Y (2620) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)* 12...Kxg7 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.Ne5 Rad8 *(14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb6 16.h3 Bd7 17.d5 Rac8 18.0-0 Ba4 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.Nf3 b6 21.Rbc1 Qd7 22.Qb4 b5 23.Qd4 a5 24.e5* 1-0 (24) Vidit,S (2726)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 15.d5 Bc8 16.c4 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 e6 18.Rhe1 Ne8 19.f4 Nd6 20.Nf3 f5 21.exf5 Nxf5 22.dxe6 Ne7 23.g3 Rd6 24.Kc3 h6 25.Be4 b6 26.Rcd1 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Bxe6 28.Rd6 Rf6 29.Rd8 Rf8 30.Rd6 Rf6 31.Rd8 Rf8 32.Rd6 ½-½ (32) Navara,D (2674)-Shankland,S (2669) Polanica Zdroj POL 2024]

[10...Rd8

A) 11.h4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2

A1) 13...Bg4 14.d5 Rc8 *(14...Nd7 15.Nh2 Ne5 16.f4 Bf6 17.Be3 Rac8 18.fxe5 Bxh4+ 19.Kd2 Rxc1 20.Kxc1 Bd7 21.Nf3 Bg3 22.Bd3 f6 23.exf6 exf6 24.Kd2 b6 25.Nd4 Bd6 26.Bb5 Bg4 27.Nc6 Re8 28.Bd3 f5 29.exf5 Bxf5 30.Bxf5 gxf5 31.Rf1 f4 32.Bxf4 Rf8 33.Ke3 Re8+ 34.Kd3 Rf8 35.g3 h5 36.Rg1 Bc5 37.Rh1 Re8 38.Rxh5 Re1 39.Nxa7 Ra1 40.d6 Bxd6 41.Bxd6 Rd1+ 42.Kc4 Rxd6 43.Rg5+ Kf7 44.Nb5 Rd1 45.Nc3 Rc1 46.a4* 1-0 (46) Vidit,S (2726)-Tari,A (2633) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 15.Rxc8+ Bxc8 16.Bb4 e6 17.Bc4 exd5 18.Bxd5 Nc6 19.Bc5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Ke2 Rc8 22.Rd1 b6 23.Be3 Na5 24.Rd7 Rc2+ 25.Kd3 Rc3+ 26.Ke2 Rc2+ 27.Kd1 Rxa2 28.Rxa7 Ra1+ 29.Kc2 Ra2+ 30.Kd3 Ra3+ 31.Ke2 Ra2+ 32.Nd2 Bc3 33.Kd3 Bb4 34.Nf3 Ra3+ 35.Kc2 Rc3+ 36.Kd1 Nc4 37.Bd4 Nb2+ 38.Ke2 Rc2+ 39.Ke3 Bc5 40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Rxh7 Bxd4+ 42.Nxd4 Nd1+ 43.Kd3 Rxf2 44.Nxe6+ Ke8 45.g4 Rg2 46.g5 b5 47.Kd4 Rd2+ 48.Ke5 Nc3 49.h5 gxh5 50.g6 Re2

51.g7 Rxe4+ 52.Kf6 1-0 (52) Vidit,S (2726)-Sevian,S (2660) chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 13...Nd7 14.Bc4 *(14.Be3 Nb6 15.Bb5 f5 16.Bd3 Be6 17.h5 Rac8 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.h6 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Bf6 21.Bxb7 Rc7 22.Ba6 Bxa2 23.0-0 Nd5 24.Bd2 Bc4 25.Ra1 Bxa6 26.Rxa6 Kf7 27.Kf1 Rb7 28.Ke2 Nc7 29.Ra5 Nb5 30.Be3 Rb6 31.d5 Nc3+ 32.Kd3 Rb5 33.Rxa7 Rxd5+ 34.Kc4 Rd8 35.Ng5+ Bxg5 36.Bxg5 Nd5 37.Kd4 Ke6 38.Ke4 Rb8 39.Ra6+ Kf7 40.f4 Nc3+ 41.Kd3 Nb5 42.g4 Nd6 43.Ra7 Rb3+ 44.Ke2 Rb7 45.Rxb7 Nxb7 46.Ke3 Nd6 47.Kf3 Ke6 48.Bh4 Kd7 49.Be1 Nf7 50.g5 Ke6 51.Bb4 Nd6 52.Ba3 Nf5 53.Ke4 Kd7 54.Ke5 Ng3 55.Bb4 Ke8 56.Ke6 Ne2 57.Ke5 Ng3 58.Ke6 Ne2 59.Ke5 Kf7 60.f5 gxf5 61.Kxf5 Nd4+ 62.Ke4 Ne6 63.Kf5 Nf8 64.Ke5 Nd7+ 65.Kf4 e6 66.Ke4 Kg6 67.Be7 Kf7 68.Bd8 Nb8 69.Bc7 Nc6 70.Bf4 Kg6 71.Bc1 Ne7 72.Ke5 Kf7 73.Bd2 Nc6+ 74.Ke4 Nb8 75.Ke5 Nd7+ 76.Kd6 Nf8 77.Bc1 Ng6 78.Bd2 Nh4 79.Bc1 ½-½ (79) Vidit,S (2726)-Duda,J (2743) chess24.com INT 2020)* 14...Nb6 15.Bb3 a5 16.a3 a4 17.Ba2 Bxd4 18.h5 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Rh6 Kg7 22.Rh3 e5 23.Ng5 Rdc8 24.Rh7+ Kg8 25.Rxe7 Rxc1+ 26.Bxc1 Rc8 27.Kd1 Nc4 28.Rxb7 Bxf2 29.Ne6 Be3 30.Bxe3 Nxe3+ 31.Ke2 Nxg2 ½-½ (31) Vidit,S (2727)-Shankland,S (2708) Kolkata IND 2021;

B) 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.d5 e6 *(12...b6 13.h4 e6 14.Bg5 f6 15.Be3 exd5 16.exd5 Ne7 17.c4 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Nf5 19.Bf4 Bf8 20.Rhe1 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.Re7 Bg4 23.Rce1 Re8 24.a4 a6 25.Rc7 Rxe1 26.Nxe1 b5 27.Rc6 Nxc4+ 28.Bxc4 bxc4 29.Rxc5 Rd8 30.Nc2 Bd7 31.a5 Kf8 32.Kc3 Ke7 33.Ne3 Rb8 34.Nxc4 Rb1 35.Rc7 Kd8 36.Ra7 Bb5 37.Nd6 Bf1 38.Nf7+ Ke8 39.d6 Rd1 40.g3 Bb5 41.Kb4 Rd5 42.Nh6 Rxd6 43.Rxh7 Rc6 44.Rg7 Bd3 45.Ng4 Rc4+ 46.Kb3 Rxg4 47.Kc3 Bf5 48.Ra7 Bc8 49.Rc7 Kd8 50.Rc6 f5 51.Kd2 Kd7 52.Rb6 f4 53.gxf4 Rxf4 54.Rxg6 Rxh4 55.Rg5 Rb4 56.Ke3 Rb5 57.Rg7+ Kd6 58.Rg6+ Be6 59.f4 Rxa5 60.Rg5 Rb5 61.Rg6 Ke7 62.Rg7+ Kf6 63.Ra7 a5 64.Ra8 Bb3 65.Kd4 a4 66.Rf8+ Ke7 67.Ra8 Rd5+ 68.Kc3 Rf5 69.Ra7+ Kf6 70.Ra6+ Kf7 71.Ra7+ Kg6 72.Ra6+ Kh5 73.Rb6 Rxf4 74.Rb5+ Kg6 75.Rb6+ Kf7 76.Rd6 Ke7 77.Rd3 Rf6 78.Kb2 Rb6 79.Ka3 Ke6 80.Rd2 Ke5 81.Rd3 Ke4 82.Rd2 Ke3 83.Rd8 Bc2 84.Rd7 Rb3+ 85.Ka2 Rb6 86.Ka3 Rc6 87.Rd8 Bb3 88.Rd7 Rc2 89.Re7+ Kd2 90.Rd7+ Kc1 91.Kb4 Rb2 0-1 (91) Sarana,A (2670)-Timofeev,A (2571) chess.com INT 2022)* 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh6 exd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16.c4 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 Bd7 18.0-0 Nf5 19.h3 Nd6 20.Bf4 Bf8 21.Nd2 Kf7 22.g4 b6 23.Kg2 Re8

24.f3 a6 25.Ne4 Nc8 26.Rf2 h6 27.Rb2 Ra7 28.Rcb1 b5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Bxb5 Bxb5 31.Rxb5 Rxa2+ 32.Kg3 Ra7 33.Rb7+ Re7 34.Rb8 Re8 35.R1b7+ Rxb7 36.Rxb7+ Re7 37.Rb8 Re8 38.d6 Rxe4 39.d7 1-0 (39) Robson,R (2676)-Gledura,B (2652) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 11.Be2 b6 *(11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Na6 14.Be3 Bg4 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 f5 17.Kf3 Rac8 18.h4 Nb4 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rb1 a5 22.a3 Nd5 23.Rb5 e6 24.Rxa5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Rc3 26.Ke2 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rb3 28.Kf3 Kg7 29.g3 Kg6 30.a4 Rb4 31.Ra7 h6 32.Ra8 Re4 33.Ra5 Rb4 34.Ra7 Kh5 35.Ra8 Re4 36.Ra5 Rc4 37.Ra7 ½-½* (37) Carlsen,M (2872)-Artemiev,V (2731) Wijk aan Zee NED 2020 *)* 12.d5 e6 13.0-0 exd5 14.exd5 Ba6 15.Rfd1 Bxc3 16.Qc2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd7 18.d6 Bf6 19.Ng5 Qa4 20.Qf3 Re8 21.Nxh7 Kxh7 22.Qh3+ Kg8 0-1 (22) Vidit,S (2726)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020;

D) 11.d5 e6

D1) 12.c4 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 *(13.Nxd2 Na6 14.a3 Bb2 15.Rb1 Bxa3 16.h4 f6 17.Be2 Bb4 18.0-0 Nc7 19.h5 a5 20.Bf4 e5 21.Be3 g5 22.g3 a4 23.f4 a3 24.fxe5 a2 25.Ra1 Ra3 26.Kf2 fxe5 27.Bxg5 Rf8+ 28.Nf3 Bg4 29.Kg2 Bc3 30.Be7 Bxf3+ 31.Bxf3 Bxa1 32.Bxf8 Bd4 33.Bg4 a1Q 34.Rxa1 Rxa1 35.d6 Ra2+ 36.Kh3 Bg1 37.Bd7 Ne8 38.Be7 Kf7 39.Bf5 Nf6 40.g4 Rd2 41.g5 Nxh5 42.Bxh7 Nf4+ 43.Kg4 Ng6 44.Bf6 Rxd6 45.Kf5 Ne7+ 46.Bxe7 Kxe7 47.g6 Kf8* 0-1 (47) Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 13...b6 14.Bd3 exd5 15.cxd5 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Nxa6 17.0-0 f5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Rcd1 Nb4 21.d6 Nxa2 22.Bf4 Nc3 23.Rde1 Nd5 24.Be5 Re8 25.Rd1 Nc3 26.Bxc3 Bxc3 27.Rd5 Re6 28.Rfd1 Bf6 29.h3 a5 30.g4 fxg4 31.hxg4 a4 32.g5 Bb2 0-1 (32) Shirov,A (2673)-Svidler,P (2683) chess.com INT 2022;

D2) 12.Bg5 f6 *(12...Re8 13.d6 Nd7 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.h4 b5 16.h5 Bb7 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bd3 b4 19.Qf4 c4 20.Bxc4 Rac8 21.Ng5 Bf6 22.Bb3 bxc3 23.Kf1 Qe5 24.Qxe5 Nxe5 25.Rh3 Red8 26.f4 Ba6+ 27.Ke1 Nd3+ 28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.e5 c2 30.Kd2 Bf5 31.g4 Bxg4 32.Ne4 Bh4 33.Bg5 Bxg5 34.fxg5 Bf5 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.d7 Rc5 37.Rh1 c1Q+ 38.Rxc1 Rxc1 39.Kxc1 Kf8 40.Kd2 Ke7 41.Kc3 a6 42.Ba4 Bh3 43.Ne4 Bf1 44.Nd6 Bb5 45.Nxb5 axb5 46.Bxb5 Rh8 47.a4 Rh3+ 48.Kb4 Kd8 49.a5 Kc7 50.a6 Rh4+ 51.Kc5 Rh1 52.d8Q+ Kxd8 53.a7 Ra1 54.Kb6* 1-0 (54) Ding,L (2806)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) chess24.com INT 2022*; 12...Rd6 13.Bf4 Rd8 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nc6 16.Bd3 Nb4 17.Bb1 f5 18.a3 fxe4 19.Ng5 exd5 20.axb4 h6 21.Bc7 Rf8 22.cxd5 Rxf2+*

23.Ke1 Rb2 24.Nxe4 Bf5 25.bxc5 Re8 26.d6 Bc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rxb1+ 28.Kd2 Rxh1 29.Ng3 Ree1 30.Nxh1 Rxh1 31.Rb3 Rxh2 32.Rxb7 Rxg2+ 33.Ke3 Rc2 34.Kd4 Rd2+ 35.Ke5 Re2+ 36.Kd4 Rd2+ 37.Kc4 Rc2+ ½-½ (37) So,W (2770)-Firouzja,A (2728) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 13.Bf4 *(13.Be3 Nc6 14.Be2 b6 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Rfd1 exd5 17.exd5 Ne7 18.Bxa6 Qxa6 19.d6 Rd7 20.Bf4 Qc4 21.h3 Nf5 22.g4 Nxd6 23.Bxd6 Rad8 24.Qe1 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Qe7 Bf8 27.Qxa7 Qf4* 0-1 (27) Bok,B (2624)-Svidler,P (2683) chess.com INT 2022*)* 13...Nc6 14.Bc4 b5 15.Bb3 c4 16.Bc2 f5 17.0-0 Bxc3 18.Qe3 Ne7 19.d6 Nc6 20.exf5 exf5 21.Bg5 Rf8 22.Rfd1 Bd7 23.Be7 f4 24.Qc5 b4 25.Qxc4+ Kg7 26.Bxf8+ Rxf8 27.Be4 Ne5 28.Qc7 Nxf3+ 29.Bxf3 Qf5 30.h3 Rf7 31.Bd5 f3 32.Bxf7 Qg5 33.g3 Qf5 34.Be8 1-0 (34) Andreikin,D (2729)-Tari,A (2629) chess.com INT 2023]

[10...Bg4

A) 11.Ng5

A1) 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 h6 14.h3 Bd7 15.Nf3 Rd8 *(15...Rc8 16.Rxc8+ Bxc8 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Bxd7 Nxd7 19.Rc1 Nf6 20.Kd3 Ne8 21.d5 Kf8 22.Nd4 Rd8 23.f4 e6 24.dxe6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 fxe6 26.Ke3 b6 27.g4 Ke7 28.h4 Rd7 29.g5 h5 30.Be5 Nd6 31.Rc6 Nb7 32.f5 gxf5 33.exf5 exf5 34.Kf4 Nd8 35.Bf6+ Kf7 36.g6+ Kxg6 37.Bxd8+ Kf7 38.Rc7 Rxc7 39.Bxc7 Kf6 40.a4 Ke6 41.Kg5 Kd5 42.Kxh5 Ke4 43.Kg5* 1-0 (43) Andreikin,D (2724)-Zubov,A (2598) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 16.Rc7 Bc6 17.Bd3 e6 18.Bf4 Nd7 19.Ke3 Nf6 20.Ne5 g5 21.Bg3 Ne8 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Rxc6 Rxd4 24.Rc4 Rad8 25.Rxd4 Bxd4+ 26.Ke2 Nf6 27.Rd1 Nh5 28.Bh2 Nf4+ 29.Bxf4 gxf4 30.Bc4 Bb6 31.Rxd8+ Bxd8 32.a4 Kg7 33.Bb5 Bc7 34.f3 Kf6 35.Be8 Ke7 36.Bc6 Kd6 37.Bb5 Bb6 38.Kd3 a5 39.Be8 Ke7 40.Bb5 Kd6 ½-½ (40) Andreikin,D (2728)-Chigaev,M (2639) Ufa RUS 2021;

A2) 11...h6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Nf3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd2+ 15.Bxd2 e6 16.h4 Nc6 17.e5 Rfd8 18.Bd3 Be8 19.Be3 Rac8 20.Kd2 Nb4 21.Be4 Bc6 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Rc3 Bf8 24.a3 Rd5 25.Rb1 Rc7 26.g4 Ra5 27.Rbb3 Rd7 28.Ke2 Kg7 29.Rd3 Ra4 30.Rbc3 Be7 31.Kd1 Bd8 32.Kc2 Bb6 33.Kb3 Ra5 34.Kc2 Rad5 35.Rc4 Rc7 36.Kd2 Rb5 37.Ke2 Rd7 38.Rc2 Rbd5 39.Rc4 a6 40.Kd2 Ba7 41.Ke2 Rd8 42.Kd2 Na5 43.Rcc3 b5 44.Ke2 Nc4 45.a4 Nb2 46.Rd2 Nxa4 47.Rc6 a5 48.Ra2 Rb8 49.Kd3 Bb6 50.Ke4 Rb7 51.h5 g5 52.Ne1 Rc7 53.Rxc7 Bxc7 54.Bd2 Bb6 55.Nc2 Rd7 56.Ra3 Rd8 57.f4 gxf4 58.Bxf4 Rc8 59.g5 hxg5 60.Bxg5 Rxc2 61.Rg3 Rh2 62.Bf6+ Kf8 63.h6

b4 64.Rg4 Nc3+ 65.Kf3 Nd5 66.Bh4 Bxd4 67.h7 Rxh4 68.Rxh4 Bxe5 69.h8Q+ Bxh8 70.Rxh8+ Ke7 71.Ra8 Kd6 72.Rxa5 f5 73.Ke2 Ke5 74.Kd3 f4 75.Ra8 Ne7 76.Rb8 Nc6 77.Rb5+ Kd6 78.Ke4 e5 79.Rd5+ Ke6 80.Rb5 Kd6 81.Rd5+ Kc7 82.Rb5 f3 83.Ke3 Kd6 84.Kf2 e4 85.Ke3 Ne7 86.Rxb4 Nd5+ 87.Kxe4 f2 88.Rb1 Nc3+ 89.Kf3 Nxb1 90.Kxf2 ½-½ (90) Firouzja,A (2759)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 11.d5 b5 *(11...Nd7 12.c4 Qa3 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.0-0 Nd6 16.Bf4 Rad8 17.Rfd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 b6 19.h4 Rfe8 20.h5 Qb2 21.Qd3 b5 22.cxb5 c4 23.Qe3 Be5 24.a4 Rc8 25.Bg4 Rc7 26.Re1 Bxf4 27.Qxf4 c3 28.Qe5 Rc4 29.h6 f6 30.Qe6+ Kf8 31.e5 Re4 32.Qd7 Rxe5 33.Qxa7 Rxe1+ 34.Rxe1 Qd2 35.Qe3 f5 36.Bd1 Nc4 37.Qe6 Qxh6 38.d6 Nxd6 39.Bb3 Kg7 40.Qe5+* 1-0 (40) Sarana,A (2643)-Chigaev,M (2643) Moscow RUS 2021 *)*

B1) 12.Bxc5 Rc8 13.Bb4 *(13.Bd4 Bxf3 14.Bxg7 Bxe4 15.Bh6 Qb6 16.f3 Bf5 17.g4 Bd7 18.h4 Be8 19.h5 f6 20.hxg6 Bxg6 21.Be3 Qd6 22.Bxb5 Nd7 23.Kf2 Rab8 24.Be2 Qa3 25.Bd4 Rb2 26.Qe3 Ne5 27.Bxe5 fxe5 28.Qxe5 Qd6 29.Qxd6 exd6 30.Rhe1 Re8 31.Rcd1 Rc8 32.Kg3 Rxc3 33.a4 a5 34.Bf1 Rb4 35.Re6 Rxa4 36.Rxd6 Raa3 37.Rf6 Kg7 38.d6 Rc8 39.d7 Rd8 40.Re6 Rb3 41.Re5 Rb7 42.Bb5 Bc2 43.Rd2 Bg6 44.Re8 Rbb8 45.Rde2* 1-0 (45) Ding,L (2791)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020*)* 13...Qc7 14.Nd4 a5 15.Ba3 b4 16.Bb2 Qb6

B1a) 17.c4 Na6 18.Nc6 *(18.f4 e5 19.h3 Nc5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.hxg4 Nxe4 22.Qe3 Re8 23.Kd1 Bg7 24.Qg1 Nc3+ 25.Bxc3 bxc3 26.Nc2 Qf6 27.Rh2 Rad8 28.Rb1 Rb8 29.Rc1 Bh6 30.Ra1 Rb2 31.g3 Qf3+ 32.Be2 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Rxc2* 0-1 (33) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Rxc6 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.Bd3 Nc5 22.Bc2 Nxe4 23.Qd4 Bf5 24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.f3 Bf5 26.0-0 a4 27.Rfe1 b3 28.axb3 axb3 29.Re2 Qc7 30.c5 Rd8 31.Qc3 Bc2 32.Rexc2 bxc2 33.Qxc2 Qc6 34.Qc3 h5 35.Qe3 Rd7 36.h3 Kh7 37.Qe5 Rc7 38.Qf4 Kg7 39.Qe5+ Kh7 40.Qf4 Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kh7 ½-½ (41) Giri,A (2764)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B1b) 17.Bb5 e5 18.dxe6 Bxe6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.c4 Rd8 *(20...Bxb2 21.Qxb2 Nc6 22.Qf6 Nd4 23.Bd7 Rf8 24.Qe5 Rxf2 25.Kxf2 Rf8+ 26.Ke3 Nf5+ 27.Kd3 Qe3+ 28.Kc2 Nd4+ 29.Kb1 Qd3+ 30.Ka1 Rf2 31.Bxe6+ Kf8 32.Qd6+ Kg7 33.Qe7+ Kh8*

34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kh8 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ ½-½ (37) Vidit,S (2726)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020*)* 21.c5 Rxd2 22.cxb6 Rxb2 23.Rc8+ Kf7 24.Rc7+ Kf8 25.Ra7 Rb1+ 26.Ke2 Rxh1 27.f4 Rc1 28.Rxa8 Rc8 29.e5 g5 30.g3 gxf4 31.gxf4 Bh6 32.Kf3 Kg7 33.Ra7+ Kg8 34.Rc7 Rf8 35.Rc4 Bg5 36.Kg4 Bd8 37.b7 Bb6 38.Rc8 Kg7 39.Kf3 Ba7 40.Be8 Na6 41.Bb5 Nb8 42.Be8 Na6 43.Bb5 Nb8 ½-½ (43) Vidit,S (2726)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B2) 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.c4 b4 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Ne1 Nb6 16.f4 Bd7 17.f5 Na4 18.Nf3 Nc3 19.Bh6 a5 20.e5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Rce1 Qd4+ 23.Be3 Qg7 24.Bh6 Qd4+ 25.Be3 Qg7 26.Bxc5 Rfc8 27.Bxe7 Qd4+ 28.Kh1 Bxf5 29.Rxf5 gxf5 30.Qg5+ Qg7 31.Qxf5 Re8 32.d6 Rad8 33.c5 a4 34.Re3 Ne2 35.Bxe2 1-0 (35) So,W (2770)-Swiercz,D (2649) lichess.org INT 2020;

B3) 12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 Rac8 *(13...Bxf3 14.Bxf3 c4 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.f4 Nb6 17.Bf3 Qa3 18.h4 e6 19.h5 Na4 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.f5 exf5 22.exf5 Qd6 23.Bf4 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 gxf5 25.d6 Rab8 26.Bd5 Nc5 27.Bg3 Ne6 28.Rxf5 Rxd6 29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.Qe3 Qb6 31.Qf3 Rf8 32.Rf1 Nd8 33.Rh5 Qc7 34.Qe4* 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2875)-Grischuk,A (2775) Stavanger NOR 2019*; 13...Rad8 14.Rfe1 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 c4 16.h4 e6 17.Bg5 Ne5 18.Be2 Rd7 19.f4 h6 20.fxe5 hxg5 21.Qxg5 Qd8 22.Qxd8 Rdxd8 23.a4 a6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rb1 Rb8 26.Rb4 Bxe5 27.Reb1 Bxc3 28.Rxb5 Bd4+ 29.Kf1 Rbc8 30.d6 c3 31.Bd3 Rcd8 32.e5 f6 33.exf6 Bxf6 34.h5 Rxd6 35.Ke2 gxh5 36.Rxh5 Rfd8 37.Rh3 Rd5 38.Rb7 R8d7 39.Rb8+ Kf7 40.Rc8 Re5+ 41.Kf2 Rg5 42.Rh7+ Rg7 43.Rxg7+ Bxg7 44.Ke2 Be5 45.Rc6 Ke7 46.g4 Kf6 47.g5+ Kxg5 48.Rxe6 Kf4 49.Re8 Rd6 50.Rf8+ Bf6 51.Re8 Bg5 52.Rf8+ Kg4 53.Rg8 c2 54.Rxg5+ Kxg5 55.Bxc2 Kf4 56.Bh7 Ke5 57.Bb1 Kd4 58.Kf3 Rf6+ 59.Ke2 Rf8 60.Bh7 Rh8 61.Bg6 Rh3 62.Bf5 Re3+ 63.Kf2 Re7 64.Kf3 Rf7 65.Kf4 Rf8 66.Kg4 Ke5 67.Bh7 Rf2 68.Bd3 Rd2 69.Bh7 Rd8 70.Kf3 Rh8 71.Bg6 Rh3+ 72.Ke2 Kd4 73.Bf5 Re3+ 74.Kf2 Re5 75.Bc2 Rc5 76.Bh7 Rh5 77.Bg6 Rh6 78.Bb1 Rh4 79.Kf3 Rh3+ 80.Ke2 Re3+ 81.Kf2 Re7 82.Kf3 Rb7 83.Bf5 Rf7 84.Kf4 Rf8 85.Kg4 Rxf5 86.Kxf5* ½-½ (86) Shankland,S (2717)-Jones,G (2709) Saint Louis USA 2019*)* 14.h3 *(14.Rfd1 Nb6 15.Bh6 Bxf3 16.gxf3 b4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.cxb4 cxb4 19.Rc6 Rxc6 20.dxc6 Rc8 21.Rc1 Na4 22.Rc4 Nc3 23.Bf1 Qb6 24.a3 Rxc6 25.Rxc6 Qxc6 26.axb4*

Nb5 27.Bxb5 Qxb5 28.Qd4+ e5 29.Qxa7 Qxb4 30.Qc7 Qd4 31.Qe7 h5 32.h4 Qc3 33.Kg2 Qd4 34.Kg1 Qc3 35.Kg2 Qd4 36.Kg1 Qc3 ½-½ (36) Carlsen,M (2863)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 c4 16.f4 Nc5 17.e5 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Bg4 Rb8 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Bf3 Bh6 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rd4 a6 24.Kg2 Qa3 25.Rc2 Qc5 26.h4 a5 27.h5 Rc7 28.Qe4 Qb6 29.Rcd2 Rcd7 30.Bg4 Ra7 31.d6 e6 32.a4 bxa4 33.Rxc4 a3 34.Qe3 Qa6 35.Be2 Rb7 36.Rc7 Qb6 37.Qxb6 Rxb6 38.c4 Bxf4 39.Rc2 Bxe5 40.c5 Rb2 41.Rxb2 Bxb2 42.Bc4 Kg7 43.Bxe6 Kf6 44.Ba2 gxh5 45.Rxf7+ Ke5 46.Re7+ Kd4 47.c6 Rxd6 48.Rd7 1-0 (48) Drygalov,S (2560)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025]

11.cxd4 Qxd2+

[11...Nc6 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Bb5 f5 14.e5 Be6 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Ng5 Bxa2 17.Ra1 Rc2 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.Bxc2 Rxc2 20.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 21.Bxc1 Nb3 22.Rxa2 Nxc1 23.Rc2 Bh6 24.Rc8+ Kg7 25.Ne6+ Kf7 26.Nd8+ Ke8 27.e6 Kf8 28.Nf7+ Kg7 29.Nxh6 Ne2+ 30.Kf1 Nxd4 31.Nf7 Nxe6 32.Ne5 a6 33.Nd7 Kf7 34.Nc5 1-0 (34) Drygalov,S (2547)-Durarbayli,V (2627) chess.com INT 2024]

12.Nxd2

[12.Kxd2 Rd8 *(12...Nc6 13.d5 Rd8 14.Ke1 Na5 15.Bg5 Bd7 16.Bd3 Rdc8 17.Ke2 e6 18.Bd2 exd5 19.exd5 b6 20.Ba6 Re8+ 21.Be3 Ba4 22.Rc7 Rad8 23.Rxa7 Rxd5 24.Rc1 Nc6 25.Bc4 Bb5 26.Rc7 Nd4+ 27.Kf1 Nxf3 28.gxf3 Bxc4+ 29.R1xc4 b5 30.Rc8 Rdd8 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Rb4 Ra8 33.Rxb5 h5* ½-½ (33) So,W (2770)-Giri,A (2764) chess.com INT 2020*)* 13.Bb5 a6 *(13...Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Rc5 f5 16.Rhc1 Be6 17.Ne5 fxe4 18.Nxc6 Rd7 19.Ra5 Bf6 20.Rcc5 Bf7 21.g4 Rb7 22.a3 Rb2+ 23.Kc3 Rb7 24.Kc2 Be8 25.g5 Bg7 26.d5 a6 27.Rc4 Bf8 28.Rxe4 Bd7 29.Rb4 Rc7 30.Rc5 Bf5+ 31.Kb3 e6 32.Kc4 exd5+ 33.Kxd5 Rd7+ 34.Kc4 Be6+ 35.Kc3 Bxc5 36.Bxc5 Rc8 37.Rb8 Rdc7 38.Ne7+ Kf7 39.Nxc8 Rxc5+ 40.Kd4 Rxc8 41.Rb7+ Kg8 42.Ra7 Rc6 43.Ke5 Bf7* 0-1 (43) Deac,B (2679)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Terme Catez SLO 2022*)* 14.Ba4 b5 15.Bb3 a5 16.Bd5 Ra7 17.Bf4 Na6 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Nb4 20.Bc7 Rxd5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Bb8 Rb7 23.Rxc8+ Kg7 24.Rhc1 b4 25.Rd8 Nc3 26.Rxc3 bxc3+ 27.Kxc3 a4 28.Bg3 Rb1 29.Ra8 Ra1 30.Rxa4 1-0 (30) Andreikin,D (2729)-Le,Q (2731) chess.com INT 2024]

12...e6

[12...Rd8 13.Be2 *(13.Nb3 Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.Bd2 Na6 16.Na5 Kf8 17.Be2 f5 18.f3 b6 19.Nc6 Rd7 20.Be3 Bb7 21.0-0 Rc7 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Rac8 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Bd3 Rd7 27.Rd1 Rxd5 28.Bxa6 Bxa6 29.Bg7+ Kxg7 30.Rxd5 Bc4 31.Rd7 a5 32.Rxe7+ Kf6 33.Rb7 b5 34.a3 Ke5 35.Rd7 b4 36.axb4 axb4 37.Kf2 b3 38.Ke3 Ba6 39.Kd2 f4 40.Rxh7 Bf1 41.Rg7 Kf6 42.Rg4 Kf5 43.Kc3* 1-0 (43) Vidit,S (2726)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) chess.

com INT 2020; *13.Nf3 Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.Bd2 Na6 16.Bg5 Kf8 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.0-0 Rb8 19.Rc7 Rd7 20.Rc6 Rdb7 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rfc1 Bd7 23.Rc7 Rxc7 24.Rxc7 Ke8 25.h3 h6 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.Bxe5 f5 28.exf5 Bxf5 29.a3 Rd8 30.d6 exd6 31.Bf4 g5 32.Be3 Rd7 33.Rc6 Kf7 34.Rxa6 Bd3 35.Ra4 a6 36.h4 d5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Rd4 Bc4 39.Bxg5 Rb7 40.Rf4+ Ke6 41.g4 Rb3 42.Bh4 Rxa3 43.g5 Ra1+ 44.Kh2 d4 45.g6 Bd5 46.f3 d3 47.g7 Ke5 48.Bg3 Ra2+ 49.Kh3 d2 50.Rf7+ Kd4 51.g8Q d1Q 52.Qg7+ Kd3 53.Qg6+ Kd4 54.Qf6+ Kd3 55.Qf5+ Kc4 56.Rc7+ Kb5 57.Qd7+ Kb4 58.Qd6+* 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2875)-Mamedyarov,S (2774) Stavanger NOR 2019) 13...Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.a3 Na2 16.Rc7 Nc3 17.Rxe7 Bd7 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Bg3 Bf6 21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Bg4 Re7 23.d6 Ree8 24.d7 Re7 25.Bd6 Rxe4+ 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.Bg3 a5 28.Ke2 Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 b5 30.Rc1 Rd8 31.Rc5 b4 32.Rxa5 bxa3 33.Rxa3 Kf8 34.Re3 Rb8 35.f4 Be7 36.Kf3 Rb4 37.Bf5 Rd4 38.Kg4 gxf4 39.gxf4 Rd5 40.Re5 Rxe5 41.fxe5 Bd8 42.Kh5 Kg7 43.g4 Be7 44.Bd3 Bd8 45.Bc4 Bg5 46.Bb3 Kf8 47.Bd5 Kg7 48.Bxf7 Kxf7 49.d8Q Bxd8 50.Kxh6 Ke6 51.g5 Bxg5+ 52.Kxg5 Kxe5 ½-½ (52) Carlsen,M (2862)-Artemiev,V (2708) chess.com INT 2020]

13.h4

[13.Bb5 a6 14.Ba4 b5 15.Bb3 a5 16.a4 *(16.0-0 Na6 17.a4 Bd7 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Bc4 Rfb8 20.Bxb5 Rxb5 21.Rc4 Nb4 22.Ra1 Nd3 23.Kf1 f5 24.f3 f4 25.Bg1 Rb2 26.Ke2 Nb4 27.Ra4 Bf8 28.g3 g5 29.gxf4 gxf4 30.Bf2 Na2 31.Kd3 Bb4 32.Rc2 Nc1+ 33.Rxc1 Rxd2+ 34.Kc4 Rc8+* 0-1 (34) Bok,B (2618)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2022) 16...Bd7 17.axb5 Bxb5 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Nd7 20.Ke2 Rfc8 21.Ra4 Nb6 22.Ra2 Nc4 23.Rha1 Nxd2 24.Kxd2 Rd8 25.Rxa5 Rxa5 26.Rxa5 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Rxd4+ 28.Ke3 Rd8 29.h4 h5 30.g3 Kg7 31.Rb5 Rd7 32.Ra5 Rd8 33.Rb5 Rd7 34.Ra5 Rd8 ½-½ (34) Giri,A (2773)-Duda,J (2750) Oslo NOR 2022]

13...Nc6 14.e5 Rd8 15.Nb3 h6 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Bc4 Rac8 18.Ke2 Nb4 19.Nd2 b5 20.Bb3 Bc6 21.f3 a5 22.a3 Nd5 23.Ne4 Nxe3 24.Kxe3 a4 25.Ba2 Bxe4 26.Kxe4 Bf8 27.d5 exd5+ 28.Bxd5 Bxa3 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.e6 f5+ 31.Ke5 Kg7 32.Rb1 b4 33.Kd6 Rd8+ 34.Kc6 b3 35.Bxb3 axb3 36.Rxb3 Be7 37.h5 Rd6+ 38.Kc7 gxh5 39.f4 h4 40.Re3 Kf6 0-1 (40) Navara,D (2665)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025

7.Bb5+ c6

[7...Bd7 8.Bc4 b5 9.Bb3 a5 10.a3 c5 11.Nf3 0-0 12.h3 Bc6 13.Bc2 b4 14.axb4 axb4 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.cxb4 cxd4 17.0-0 Nc6 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Qb1 Rb8 20.Qb3 Na7 21.Bd3 Nb5 22.Ra1 Nc3 23.Bxc3 dxc3 24.Ra6 Qc7 25.Ng5 Qf4 26.Nxf7 Kf8 27.Bc4 Bd4 28.Ra2 Bxe4 29.Qd1 c2 30.Rxc2 Bxc2 31.Qxc2 Rxb4 32.Ba2 Qxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 34.Kh2 Be3 35.Kg3 Bf4+ 36.Kf3 Ke8 37.Be6 Rb6 38.Ba2 Rf6 39.Ke4 Rxf7 40.Bxf7+ Kxf7 41.Kxf4 Kf6 42.Ke4 e5 43.g3 Ke6 44.g4 g5 45.Kd3 Kd5 46.Ke3

e4 47.Ke2 Kd4 0-1 (47) Moroni,L (2588)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

8.Ba4 b5

[8...0-0

A) 9.Ne2

A1) 9...c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 *(11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ba3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Ba6 14.Bc5 Re8 15.e5 Qa5 16.f4 Rab8 17.Qc2 e6 18.Rf2 Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Red8 20.Rd1 Qa6 21.Re3 Rb5 22.Rc3 Qb7 23.Qa4 Bf8 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Qc4 c5 26.a4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Rb1+ 28.Kf2 Rb2+ 29.Ke3 Qxg2 0-1 (29) Bernadskiy,V (2592)-Salem,A (2677) Sharjah UAE 2023)* 11...Na5 *(11...Bg4 12.d5 Ne5 13.f3 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Nxd7 15.Rb1 Qc7 16.c4 e6 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.Rfc1 Ne5 19.h3 b6 20.Rb3 Qd7 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bh4 Rde8 23.Rc2 Qa4 24.Qc1 f5 25.f4 Nf7 26.dxe6 Rxe6 27.e5 g5 28.Bg3 gxf4 29.Nxf4 Rxe5 30.Nh5 Re6 31.Nxg7 Kxg7 32.Rf2 Nh8 33.Bf4 Qe8 34.Kh2 Rf7 35.Rg3+ Ng6 36.h4 h5 37.Rg5 Re4 38.Qc3+ Rf6 39.Rxf5 Rd4 40.Rxf6 Kxf6 41.Be5+ Ke6 42.Bxd4 Qb8+ 43.g3 cxd4 44.Qxd4 Ne5 45.Re2 Kf5 46.Qf4+ Ke6 47.Qe4 1-0 (47) Ma Qun (2645)-Mikhalevski,V (2506) chess.com INT 2025)* 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Bb3 b6 14.Bd5 Bb7 15.Rb1 Bxd5 16.cxb6 axb6 17.Bxb6 Qd6 18.exd5 Nc4 19.Bd4 Qxd5 20.Bxg7 ½-½ (20) Moroni,L (2580)-Chigaev,M (2621) Orosei ITA 2024;

A2) 9...e5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Bc2 Nb6 13.f4 exd4 14.Bxd4 Rd8 15.f5 Bxd4+ 16.cxd4 c5 17.Qd2 Nc4 18.Qd3 Ne5 19.Qa3 Nc4 20.Qc3 b5 21.f6 Qd6 22.d5 Re8 23.Bd3 Ne3 24.Bxb5 Rxe4 25.Ng3 Ng4 26.Rac1 c4 27.h3 Bb7 28.hxg4 Rxg4 29.Bc6 Rxg3 30.Qxc4 Ba6 31.Qf4 Rd8 32.Rce1 Qc5+ 33.Rf2 Rc3 34.Re7 Rc1+ 35.Kh2 Rc3 36.Qh6 1-0 (36) Radjabov,T (2758)-Xiong,J (2707) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019;

A3) 9...b5 10.Bb3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Bc2 c5 13.Rb1 Ba6 14.d5 Nd7 15.h4 Qa5 16.h5 b4 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Bc3 19.Bxc3 bxc3 20.Bd3 Rfc8 21.Rc1 Nc5 22.Bxa6 Qxa6 23.h6 Nxe4 24.Qd4 Nf6 25.Nxc3 Qc4 26.Qe5 Qh4 27.Qxe7 Re8 28.Qd6 Rad8 29.Qg3 Qxh6 30.Rcd1 Nh5 31.Qf3 Qf4 32.Rd3 Rd6 33.Rfd1 Rc8 34.Ne4 Rdd8 35.g4 f5 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.Nxh5 Qxf3 38.Rxf3 fxg4 39.Rf7 gxh5 40.d6 Rc6 41.d7 Re6 42.Rd5 Kg8 43.Rf4 Re7 44.Rfd4 Rg7 45.Kg2 h4 46.Rxa4 h3+ 47.Kg3 Rgxd7 48.Rxg4+ Kh8 49.Rxd7 Rxd7 50.a4 Rd3+ 51.Kh2 Rf3 52.Kg1 h2+ 53.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 54.Rg2 Rf5 55.Ra2 Ra5 56.Kg3 Kg7 57.Kf4 Kf6 58.Ke4 Ke6 59.Kd4 Kd6 60.Kc4 Kc6 61.Kb4 Rg5 62.a5 Rg4+ 63.Kc3 Kb7 64.Rh2 Ka6 65.Rxh7 Kxa5 ½-½ (65) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Duda,J (2731) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 9.Nf3 c5 10.0-0

B1) 10...Bg4 11.Rb1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Bxc6 *(13.d5 Na5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 a6 16.Bf4 b5 17.Bc2 Rc8 18.Qe2 Nc4 19.Rbd1 Qb6 20.h4 Rfd8 21.h5 Be5 22.Bc1 Bb2 23.Bf4 Be5 24.Bc1 Bb2 25.Bf4 Be5* ½-½ (25) Nakamura,H (2754)-Mamedyarov,S (2774) Zagreb CRO 2019 *)* 13...bxc6 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Bxd4 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Rb7 Qd6 18.h4 h5 19.g4 hxg4 20.Qxg4 Qc6 ½-½ (20) Fedoseev,V (2688)-Giri,A (2764) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B2) 10...Qa5 11.Rb1 a6 12.Bb3 Bg4 13.Bd5 cxd4 14.Bxb7 Ra7 15.cxd4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Bd2 Bxf3 18.Bxa5 Bxd1 19.Rfxd1 Nc4 20.Be1 Na3 21.Rb3 Nb5 22.Bd5 Nxd4 23.Rb7 Rxb7 24.Bxb7 Rd8 25.Kf1 Rd6 26.Rc1 Be5 27.Ba5 Ne6 28.g3 g5 29.Bd5 Rd7 30.Rc6 Nd4 31.Rxa6 e6 32.Bc4 Nf3 33.Be2 Nd2+ 34.Kg2 Nxe4 35.Bf3 Nf6 36.a4 g4 37.Bc6 Rd1 38.Bb6 Bd4 39.Ra8+ Kg7 40.Rd8 e5 41.a5 Ra1 42.Bb7 Bxb6 43.axb6 Rb1 44.Rd6 e4 45.Ba6 e3 46.fxe3 Ne4 47.Rc6 Rb2+ 48.Kf1 Nd2+ 49.Ke1 Nf3+ 50.Kd1 Nxh2 51.Kc1 Rb4 52.b7 Nf1 53.Rc4 Rb6 54.Rxg4+ Kf8 55.Bxf1 1-0 (55) Nakamura,H (2754)-Mamedyarov,S (2765) Paris FRA 2019;

B3) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rc1

B3a) 14...Qa5 15.Qd2 Qxd2 16.Nxd2 Rfd8 17.Nb3 a5 18.Rxc6 a4 19.Nc5 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.f3 Rc8 *(21...Be6 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rxe6 Kf7 24.Rc6 Rd2 25.Rf2 Rd1+ 26.Rf1 Rd2 27.Rf2 Rd1+ 28.Rf1* ½-½ (27) Riazantsev,A (2626)-Timofeev,A (2567) Sochi RUS 2023 *)* 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Rc1 Be6 24.Rc2 *(24.a3 Bb3 25.Nxb3 axb3 26.Rb1 Rd3 27.Rb2 f5 28.Kf2 f4 29.a4 Rd4 30.Rxb3 Rxa4 31.Rb2 Kf7* ½-½ (30) Warmerdam,M (2617)-Shirov,A (2666) Jerusalem ISR 2022*)* 24...Rc4 25.Rxc4 Bxc4 26.a3 Bb5 27.f4 f6 28.Kf2 e5 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.Ke3 Kf7 31.h4 Ke7 32.g4 Kd6 33.Nd3 Bxd3 34.Kxd3 Kc5 35.g5 Kb5 36.Kc3 Kc5 37.Kd3 ½-½ (37) Narayanan,S (2673)-Shirov,A (2666) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

B3b) 14...Qd7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Rab8 17.e5 Rb2 18.Qxc6 Qxc6 19.Rxc6 Rxa2 20.Rfc1 h6 21.Rc8 e6 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8 23.Rc8 Kg7 24.Bxh6+ Kxh6 25.Rxf8 Kg7 26.Ra8 g5 27.g4 Ra4 28.Kg2 Rxd4 29.Rxa7 Rd5 30.Kg3 Rxe5 31.h4 gxh4+ 32.Kxh4 Re4 ½-½ (31) Liu,Y (2548)-Li,C (2666) Hangzhou CHN 2023;

B3c) 14...Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Bxd4 16.Rxc6 *(16.Rfd1 e5 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Rxc6 Qa5 19.h4 Qxa2 20.h5 Rac8*

21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Qf6 Qe2 23.Ra1 Qxh5 24.Qxd4 a5 25.e5 Qf5 26.Rxa5 Rc1+ 27.Kh2 h5 28.Ra8+ Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Qd6 Qf5 31.Kg1 g5 32.Qh6 h4 33.Qd6 Kg7 34.f3 Qe6 35.Qd4 Kg6 36.Qe4+ Qf5 37.Qc6+ Kg7 38.Qd6 Qb1+ 39.Kh2 Qf5 40.Qd5 Qf4+ 41.Kg1 h3 42.gxh3 Qg3+ 43.Kf1 Qxh3+ 44.Kf2 Qf5 45.Qd4 Kg6 46.Qd6+ Kh5 47.Kg3 Qf4+ 48.Kg2 Qf5 49.Qe7 Kh4 50.Qd6 Qc2+ 51.Kf1 Qc1+ 52.Ke2 Qc2+ 53.Kf1 Qb1+ 54.Ke2 Qb2+ 55.Kf1 Qc1+ 56.Ke2 Qf4 57.Qd5 Kg3 0-1 (56) Mikaelyan,A (2508)-Mamedyarov,S (2722) chess.com INT 2024) 16...Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qd7 18.Ra6 Rfd8 19.h4 Qd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4 21.f3 Rb8 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.Rc2 Rb6 24.Ra5 h5 25.Kf2 Kg7 26.Ke3 a6 27.g3 Rbd6 28.Rc3 Rb6 29.Rb3 Rxb3+ 30.axb3 Rb7 31.Ra3 Rb6 32.Kd4 Rd6+ 33.Kc4 Rc6+ 34.Kd4 Rd6+ 35.Kc4 Rc6+ 36.Kd4 Rd6+ ½-½ (36) Najer,E (2663)-Paravyan,D (2610) chess.com INT 2024]

[8...Be6 9.Ne2 Bc4 10.Bb3 Bxb3 11.axb3 Nd7 12.Be3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 14.e5 c5 15.Qd3 e6 16.f4 Rfd8 17.c4 cxd4 18.Nxd4 a6 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Qc2 Qa5 21.h4 Rac8 22.h5 b5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.b4 Qa4 25.bxc5 Qa3 26.Rd3 1-0 (26) Fedoseev,V (2688)-Kamsky, G (2666) chess.com INT 2022]

9.Bb3

[9.Bc2 c5 10.Ne2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.Be3 Qa5+ ½-½ (12) Adhiban,B (2659)-So,W (2770) chess.com INT 2020]

9...a5 10.Nf3

[10.Ne2 Na6 11.h4 a4 12.Bc2 e5 13.h5 Be6 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Qf6 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Qe2 Bc4 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rhe8 21.f4 Kb7 22.e5 Qe7 23.Rab1 Nc7 24.Qc4 Qd7 25.Qxa4 Qd5 26.Qc2 Qc5 27.Rf2 f6 28.exf6 Re3 29.Nb3 Qxc3 30.Nc5+ Kc8 31.Qxc3 Rxc3 32.Ne4 Re3 33.Ng5 gxh5 34.Nxh7 Rh8 35.f7 Ne6 36.f5 Nf8 37.Ng5 Rg3 38.Ne6 Kd7 39.Re2 Nh7 40.Rd1+ 1-0 (40) Van Foreest,J (2694)-Maghsoodloo,P (2721) Munich GER 2023]

[10.a4 b4 11.Bb2 0-0 12.cxb4 Na6 13.b5 cxb5 14.axb5 Qb6 15.Ne2 Qxb5 16.Nc3 Qb7 17.Rxa5 Rd8 18.Rb5 Qa7 19.Rd5 Rxd5 20.Nxd5 e6 21.Ne3 Rb8 22.Bc3 Nc5 23.Bc2 Qc7 24.Ba1 Qa5+ 25.Ke2 Ba6+ 26.Kf3 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Qh5+ 28.Kg3 Be2 29.Qc2 Qg5+ 30.Kh3 Qh5+ 31.Kg3 Qg5+ 32.Kh3 Qh5+ ½-½ (32) Petrosyan,M (2605)-Ponkratov,P (2659) Riga LAT 2021]

10...0-0 11.0-0 a4

[11...c5 12.a4 b4 13.cxb4 cxd4 14.b5 Bb7 15.e5 e6 16.Bg5 Qb6 17.Qxd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxe5 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Rfe1 Bg7 21.Nxe6 1-0 (21) Nakamura,H (2736)-So,W (2770) lichess.org INT 2020]

12.Bc2 c5 13.Rb1 Nc6

[13...Bg4 14.e5 *(14.Rxb5 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nc6 17.Be3 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Qxd4 19.a3 Rfd8*

20.Rb4 Qd2 21.Rc4 Rd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.e5 Ra5 24.e6 fxe6 25.Bd3 Bf6 26.Bc4 Kg7 27.Bxe6 Re5 28.Bc4 Qc2 29.Qd3 Qxd3 30.Bxd3 Rc5 31.g3 Rc3 32.Bb5 Rxa3 33.Re1 Ra2 34.Re4 a3 35.Ra4 Ra1+ 36.Kg2 Bb2 37.Bc4 Rc1 38.Bd5 h5 39.Ra7 Kf6 40.Ra6+ Kg7 41.Ra7 Re1 42.h4 Re5 43.Bc4 Re1 44.Bd3 Kf6 45.Ra6+ e6 46.Bc4 Re4 47.Ba2 Re2 48.Bc4 Re4 49.Ba2 Re5 50.Bb3 Re1 51.Ba2 Bc1 52.Bb3 Bb2 53.Ba2 Re4 54.Bb3 Re5 55.Ba2 Re1 56.Bb3 Kf5 57.Bc2+ Kf6 58.Bb3 Re5 59.Ba2 Ke7 60.Bb3 Kd7 61.Ba2 Ke7 62.Bb3 Kf7 63.Ba2 Kf6 64.Bb3 Bd4 65.Rxa3 Rf5 66.Ra2 g5 67.Re2 e5 68.hxg5+ Kxg5 69.Bc2 Rf6 70.Be4 h4 71.gxh4+ Kxh4 72.Rd2 Kg4 73.Re2 Kf4 74.Bd3 Kg5 75.f3 Rf7 76.Re4 Rf4 77.Rxf4 Kxf4 78.Be4 Be3 79.Kf1 Bd4 80.Ke2 Be3 81.Kf1 Bd4 82.Ke2 Be3 83.Kf1 ½-½ (83) Moroni,L (2588)-Deac,B (2679) chess.com INT 2022*)*
14...Nc6 15.Be4 Rc8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bd3 cxd4 19.Bxb5 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Qd5 21.Bxa4 Qxa2 22.Ra1 Nxe5 23.Rxa2 Rxc3 24.Bd2 Rcc8 25.Bb5 Rc5 26.Be2 Nc6 27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Rb8 29.Be3 Bd4 30.Bh6 Bg7 31.Be3 h5 32.g3 e6 33.Kg2 Nb4 34.Rd2 Nd5 35.Rd3 Nxe3+ 36.Rxe3 Bd4 37.Rd3 e5 38.Rd2 Kg7 39.h4 Kh6 40.f4 Be3 41.Rd7 exf4 42.gxf4 f5 43.Kf3 Bc1 44.Bc4 Rc8 45.Bf7 Rc3+ 46.Kg2 Bxf4 47.Bg8 g5 48.Be6 Kg6 49.Rd5 g4 50.Bxf5+ Kf6 51.Bh7 Be5 52.Bg6 g3 53.Ra5 Rc4 54.Ra6+ Kg7 55.Bxh5 Rxh4 56.Rg6+ Kh7 57.Rg5 Rh2+ 58.Kf3 Rf2+ 59.Kg4 Bf4 60.Rg6 Rf1 61.Kf5 Bg5+ 62.Ke4 Rf4+ 63.Kd3 Rf5 64.Ke4 Rf4+ 65.Kd3 Bh4 66.Re6 g2 67.Rg6 Rf5 68.Rxg2 Rxh5 69.Ke4 Bf6 70.Kf4 Bg7 71.Ke4 Kg8 72.Rg6 Kf7 73.Ra6 Bf6 74.Ra8 Rh4+ 75.Kf5 Rh5+ 76.Ke4 Rb5 77.Kf4 Be5+ 78.Ke4 Bd6 79.Rh8 ½-½ (79) Carlsen,M (2864)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Stavanger NOR 2022]

14.e5

[14.d5 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bh6 Ba6 *(16...Re8 17.Qd2 Qa5 18.Qd3 Qxc3 19.Qe2 b4 20.Bd3 Bg7 21.Be3 b3 22.Rfc1 Qf6 23.Bxc5 Ba6 24.a3 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Rac8 26.Bb4 Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1 b2 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.Bd2 Qd4 30.Qxd4 Bxd4 31.Kf1 Rc2 32.Ke2 Bc3 33.Kd3 Rxd2+ 34.Kxc3 Rxf2 35.Rxb2 Rxb2 36.Kxb2 Kg7 37.Kc3 Kf6 38.Kd4 g5 39.e5+ Kf5 40.g4+ Kxg4 41.d6* 1-0 (41) Zemlyanskii,I (2543)-Horvath,D (2542) New York USA 2024*)*
17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.f4 Bxc3 19.Rf3 Qa5 20.e5 Kg8 21.Kh1 Rd8 22.e6 fxe6 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.Qc2 Bg7 25.Rg3 g5 26.Qg6 Qd2 27.Rxg5 Qc3 28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Re1 Qxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Bf6 31.Qh4 Rd6 32.Qh7 Ke8 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qa8 Bxg5 35.fxg5 c4 36.h4 b4 37.Qa7+ Ke8 38.Qb8+ Kf7 39.Qxb4 Rxd5 40.Qxa4 1-0 (40) Dubov,D (2702)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Moscow RUS 2020]

[14.Be3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bg4 16.d5 *(16.Rxb5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Bxd4 18.Rd5 Bxe3 19.Rxd8 Rfxd8 20.Qe2 Bf4 21.Bxa4 Nd4 22.Qd1 Ra5 23.h4 Rh5 24.Kg2 Ne6 25.Qc2 Be5 26.Rd1 Rb8 27.Bb3 Nf4+ 28.Kg1*

Rxh4 29.Qc5 Ne2+ 30.Kf1 Nf4 31.Kg1 Ne2+ 32.Kf1 Nf4 33.Kg1 ½-½ (33) Nakamura,H (2754)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2775) Paris FRA 2019 *)* 16...Ne5 17.Bd3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qd7 19.Bxb5 Qh3 20.Be2 g5 21.Kh1 Nxf3 22.Bf4 Nh4 23.Rg1 gxf4 24.Qd4 Ng6 0-1 (24) Zakhartsov,V (2509)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) chess.com INT 2024]

14...cxd4

[14...Rb8 15.Be4 Bf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Qd3 Qd7 18.Rd1 Rfd8 19.Bf4 cxd4 20.cxd4 e6 21.Bg5 Rdc8 22.Qe3 Ne7 23.Bf6 h6 24.Qf4 Ng6 25.Qg3 Kh7 26.d5 exd5 27.Rb4 Rc4 28.Rxc4 bxc4 29.e6 Qxe6 30.Qxb8 Bxf6 31.Re1 Qd7 32.Qb6 Kg7 33.g3 f4 34.Qc5 fxg3 35.hxg3 Nf4 36.Qe3 Nd3 37.Rb1 Qe6 38.Rb7 Qxe3 39.fxe3 c3 40.Rc7 Nb4 41.Ne1 Be5 42.Rc8 Bxg3 43.Kf1 Bxe1 44.Kxe1 Nxa2 45.Kd1 a3 46.Rb8 h5 47.Kc2 h4 48.Rb1 Kf6 49.Kb3 Nb4 50.Kxb4 a2 51.Ra1 c2 52.Kc3 h3 53.Kxc2 Kg5 54.Kd3 1-0 (54) Carlsen,M (2864)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Stavanger NOR 2022]

15.Be4 Bf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Nxd4 Qd7 18.Nxb5 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Bxe5 20.Ba3 Rfd8 21.Kf1 f6 22.g3 f4 23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Bxd4 26.gxf4 Rc8 27.Bxe7 Rc2 28.Rb4 Rxf2+ 29.Ke1 Rxf4 30.Ke2 Be5 31.Rxf4 Bxf4 32.Bxf6 Bxh2 33.Kf3 Kf7 34.Bd8 h5 35.Ke4 Ke6 36.Bh4 Bd6 37.Be1 Be7 38.Bg3 h4 39.Bxh4 Bxh4 40.Kd4 Be7 41.Kc4 a3 42.Kd3 Kd5 43.Kc2 Kc4 44.Kb1 Kc3 45.Kc1 Bg5+ 46.Kb1 Kd2 47.Ka1 Kd1 48.Kb1 Bc1 49.Ka1 Bh6 50.Kb1 Bg7 ½-½ (50) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) chess.com INT 2024

7.Qa4+ Nd7

[7...c6 8.Nf3

A) 8...0-0 9.Be3 *(9.Be2 b5 10.Qa3 Nd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Bg5 Nb6 13.Rad1 Qd6 14.Qc1 Be6 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.Ne5 Qc8 17.Qc2 f6 18.Nd3 Bf7 19.e5 Na4 20.Rfe1 a5 21.Bg3 Qe6 22.Rd2 g5 23.Bf1 Qd5 24.h4 h6 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Qc1 Bg6 27.f4 Bh6 28.fxg5 fxg5 29.e6 Rf8 30.Ne5 Bf5 31.Nf7 Rxf7 32.c4 Qxe6 33.Rxe6 Bxe6 34.cxb5 g4 35.Qxc6 Be3+ 36.Bf2* 1-0 (36) Praggnanandhaa,R (2624)-Hansen,E (2606) Oslo NOR 2022 *)* 9...c5 10.Rc1 Bg4 11.Be2 e6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Rfd8 16.Qb3 Rac8 17.e5 Rb8 18.a4 c4 19.Qc2 Nb6 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.h4 Nd5 22.Rb1 a6 23.h5 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rb2 Qa5 26.Bd2 Qc7 27.Qb1 Qc6 28.g3 Rdb7 29.Kg2 Qd7 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qc1 b4 32.Rh1 bxc3 33.Rxb7 Qxb7 34.Bh6 Qb2 35.Qg5 Qd2 36.Qxd2 cxd2 37.Bxd2 c3 38.Bg5 Rb4 39.Bxd5 exd5 40.Be3 c2 41.Rc1 Rc4 42.Kf3 f6 43.exf6 Bxf6 44.Ke2 Bxd4 45.Bxd4 Rxd4 46.Rxc2 Kf7 47.Rc6 Re4+ 48.Kf3 Rd4 49.Ke3 Re4+ 50.Kd3 Ra4 51.Rd6 Ra2 52.Ke3 Ra3+ 53.Kf4 Ra2 54.f3 Rd2 55.Kg5 d4 56.Rxg6 Rf2 57.Rf6+ Ke7 58.Rf4 d3 59.Re4+ Kf7 60.Kf4 d2 61.Rd4 Re2 62.g4 Ke6 63.Rd3 Ke7 64.Kf5 Kf7 65.f4 Ke7 66.g5 Kf7 67.Rd7+ Ke8 68.Rd4 Rg2 69.Kg6 1-0 (69) Rakhmanov,A (2620)-Jumabayev,R (2589) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8...Nd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b5 11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Bf4 Bg4 13.Ne5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Nc4 16.Bf4 Qa5 17.Rac1 f6 18.h4 Rad8 19.Rfd1 e5 20.Bh6 Rfe8 21.Qg4 Qc7 22.Rd3 Qd7 23.Qg3 Qe6 24.Re1 Rd7 25.f4 Kh8 26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Rf1 Rf7 28.Rxf7 Qxf7 29.Rf3 Qe7 30.h5 Qd6 31.Qf2 gxh5 32.Bg5 1-0 (32) Carlsen,M (2864)-Hansen,E (2606) Oslo NOR 2022]

[7...Qd7

A) 8.Qa3 b6 9.Nf3

A1) 9...0-0 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Bd3 Qd6 12.Qa4 c5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Rad1 cxd4 15.cxd4 e6 16.h4 Rfc8 17.Rb1 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Ba6 Bxa6 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxa6 Bf6 22.Rbc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Qf4 24.Rc8+ Rxc8 25.Qxc8+ Kg7 26.Qb7 Bxh4 27.Nxh4 Qxh4 28.Qxa7 Qxe4 29.Qxb6 Qe1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5+ 31.g3 Qh5+ 32.Kg1 Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Qh5+ 34.Kg1 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qh5+ ½-½ (35) Sargissian,G (2711)-Wagner,D (2570) Mayrhofen AUT 2022;

A2) 9...Bb7 10.Bd3 c5 *(10...0-0 11.0-0 c5 12.Bf4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.d5 Na5 15.Rac1 Rfc8 16.h3 e6 17.d6 f6 18.e5 Bxf3 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.gxf3 e5 21.Bd2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.Kg2 Bd8 25.Be4 Qe6 26.Qd3 Kg7 27.Bc3 Qf6 28.Kf1* 1-0 (28) Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Riga LAT 2019 *)* 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Rd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 0-0 14.d5 Na5 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Bd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Rc5 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Ra5 20.Qb2 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.Rc1 Ra5 23.b4 Ra4 24.Rc6 a5 25.Rxb6 axb4 26.Rxb4 Rxb4 27.Qxb4 Ra8 28.Rc1 Ra4 29.Qb8+ Kg7 30.f3 Ra2 31.Qe5+ f6 32.Rc7 fxe5 33.Rxd7 Kf6 34.Rc7 Ra6 35.h4 h6 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.h5 g5 38.Kg3 Ke8 39.Kg4 Rf6 40.Rc8+ Kd7 41.Rg8 Rf4+ 42.Kg3 Rh4 43.Rg6 Rxh5 44.Re6 Rh1 45.Rxe5 Kd6 46.Re6+ Kd7 47.Kg4 Rh4+ 48.Kg3 Rh1 49.Ra6 Ke8 50.Kg4 Kf7 51.Kf5 Rh2 52.g3 Rh3 53.Kg4 Rh1 54.f4 gxf4 55.gxf4 h5+ 56.Kf5 h4 57.Ra7 Kf8 58.Ke6 Re1 59.e5 h3 60.Ra3 h2 0-1 (60) Nenezic,M (2504)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2739) chess.com INT 2023;

A3) 9...c5

A3a) 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Bb5 a6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.d5 *(14.Re1 f5 15.dxc5 fxe4 16.Nd4 bxc5 17.Qxc5 Bd5 18.Ba3 Rc8 19.Qa5 0-0 20.Bxe7 Rfe8 21.Bg5 Bc4 22.Be3 Bd3 23.Rac1 Rc4 24.Nb3 Qb5 25.Qxb5 axb5 26.Bd4 Bh6 27.Ra1 Rec8 28.h3 Bg7 29.Rac1 Bh6 30.Ra1 Bg7 31.a3 Bxd4 32.cxd4 b4 33.axb4 Rxb4 34.Ra3 Rcb8 35.Nc5 Rxd4 36.Ra7 Rc8 37.Ne6 Rd5 38.Rea1 Re5 39.Nd4 Rd5 40.R1a4 Rd6 41.Re7 Rcd8 42.Ne6 R6d7 43.Rxd7 Rxd7 44.Ra8+ Kf7 45.Nf8 Re7 46.Nxh7 e3 47.fxe3 Rxe3*

48.Ng5+ Kf6 49.Nf3 Re2 50.Rf8+ Kg7 51.Rf4 Re4 52.Rxe4 Bxe4 53.Kf2 Kf6 54.Ke3 Bd5 55.Kf4 g5+ 56.Kg4 Kg6 ½-½ (56) Mamedyarov,S (2765)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Riga LAT 2019 *)* 14...Bb5 15.Re1 0-0 16.Bb2 c4 17.Bc1 e6 18.Be3 exd5 19.Rad1 Rfe8 20.exd5 Ba4 21.Rc1 Bf8 22.Qb2 b5 23.Qd2 ½-½ (23) Mamedyarov, S (2765)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Riga LAT 2019;

A3b) 10.Be3 0-0 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qd6 13.Qxd6 exd6 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Bd3 Nc6 16.Kd2 Rac8 17.h4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Rce8 19.a3 Nc6 20.Ba2 Rxe4 21.Bd5 Na5 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Rc7 a6 24.h5 b5 25.h6 Bf6 26.Bg5 Bh8 27.Rh4 Bd5 28.Kc3 Nc4 29.Nd2 Nxa3 30.Kb4 Nc4 31.Nxc4 Bxc4 32.Be7 Re8 33.Rf4 f5 34.g4 Kf7 35.Bxd6+ Ke6 36.Bc5 Bf6 37.gxf5+ gxf5 38.Rc6+ Kf7 39.Rxf5 Re6 40.d5 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) Wijk aan Zee NED 2021;

B) 8.Qxd7+ Bxd7 9.Rb1 b6 10.f4 c5 11.Nf3 Bc6 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Ke2 e6 14.Be3 c4 15.Bc2 Nf6 16.Nd2 b5 17.a4 a6 18.d5 exd5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Rhd1 0-0 22.Rd6 Rac8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rxc6 Rxc6 25.Bxe4 Ra6 26.Rxb5 Rd8 27.Rc5 Ra4 28.Kf3 Bf8 29.Rc7 Ba3 30.f5 gxf5 31.Bxf5 Bb2 32.e6 fxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh8 34.Bd4+ Rxd4 35.cxd4 Bxd4 36.Bf5 Ra7 37.Rxc4 Bf6 38.h4 Kg7 39.Kg4 Be7 40.Kh5 Ra5 41.g4 Ra7 42.Rc6 Bf8 43.g5 Rb7 44.Bc2 Bb4 45.Kg4 Bd2 46.Rh6 Kg8 47.Rd6 Bc1 48.Be4 Rc7 49.Rd8+ Kf7 50.Bxh7 1-0 (50) Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2784) chess24.com INT 2021]

[7...Bd7 8.Qa3 0-0 9.Nf3 Bc6 10.d5 Bd7 11.Rb1 e6 12.Bg5 Qc8 13.c4 exd5 14.cxd5 c6 15.Bc4 Re8 16.Nd2 b5 17.Bb3 Bh3 18.gxh3 Qxh3 19.dxc6 Qg2 20.Rf1 Qxg5 21.Bd5 Qxd5 22.c7 Na6 23.Qxa6 Bc3 24.Rb2 Qxe4+ 25.Kd1 Qe2+ 26.Kc1 Bxb2+ 27.Kc2 Rac8 0-1 (27) Diaz Perez,M (2488)-Andreikin,D (2695) chess.com INT 2025]

8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bg5

[9.Qa3

A) 9...e5 10.Bg5 Bf6 11.Bxf6 *(11.h4 Re8 12.d5 Be7 13.Qb2 Nc5 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Be2 Ba4 16.Qb1 b6 17.Be3 h5 18.Ng5 Kg7 19.c4 Bd6 20.g4 hxg4 21.Bxg4 Bd7 22.Qd1 Nd3+ 23.Kf1 Nf4 24.Qf3 Rh8 25.Bxd7 Qxd7 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Qc3+ f6 28.Ne6+ Kf7 29.Qf3 Qa4 30.Qb3 Qd7 31.Kg2 Rh5 32.Rh3 Rah8 33.Rah1 Be5 34.Qf3 Qd6 35.Qg4 R8h6 36.Qe2 Qe7 37.Qf3 Qd6 38.Qg4 a6 39.Rc1 c5 40.a4 a5 41.Rb1 Ke7 42.Rbh1 Kf7 43.Qf3 Ke7 44.Qb3 Kf7 45.Qb5 f5 46.Ng5+ Kg7 47.Qe8 Qf6 48.Ne6+ Kh7 49.Qd7+ Kh8 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Ng5+ Rxg5+ 52.hxg5 Qxg5+ 53.Kf1 Bg7 54.Rxh6+ Bxh6 55.Qf7+ Kh8 56.Qf8+ Kh7 57.d6 f3 58.Rxh6+* 1-0 (58) Hakobyan,A (2612)-

Paravyan,D (2597) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...Qxf6 12.Bd3 exd4 13.cxd4 c5 14.e5 Qe7 15.0-0 Re8 16.e6 fxe6 17.Rac1 cxd4 18.Qa4 e5 19.Rc7 Qd6 20.Qc4+ Kg7 21.Ng5 Qe7 22.f4 exf4 23.Qxd4+ Qe5 24.Rxf4 Qxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Kf6 26.Nxh7+ Ke5 27.Re4+ Kd6 28.Rxe8 Kxc7 29.Bxg6 b5 30.h4 a5 31.h5 Ra6 32.Bf5 b4 33.Nf8 Rf6 34.g4 Rxf8 35.Bxd7 Rxe8 36.Bxe8 Bxg4 37.Bg6 Bxh5 38.Bxh5 Kc6 39.Kf2 Kb5 40.Ke3 Ka4 41.Kd3 Ka3 42.Bf7 a4 43.Kc2 b3+ 44.Bxb3 axb3+ 45.axb3 Kb4 46.Kb2 Kb5 47.Kc3 Kc5 48.b4+ Kb5 49.Kb3 Kb6 50.Ka4 Ka6 51.b5+ Kb6 52.Kb4 Kb7 53.Kc5 Kc7 54.Kd5 Kb6 55.Kc4 Kb7 56.Kc5 Kc7 57.b6+ Kb7 58.Kb5 Kb8 59.Ka6 Ka8 60.Ka5 Kb7 61.Kb5 Kb8 62.Kc5 Kb7 63.Kb5 ½-½ (63) Hakobyan,A (2612)-Paravyan,D (2597) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9...c5

B1) 10.h4 e5 *(10...b5 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb7 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.e5 Bxf3 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.gxf3 Qxd4 17.Rb1 Bxh4 18.0-0 Rad8 19.Rb4 Bxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Qxd3 21.Re4 Qb5 22.Qxe7 Rfe8 23.Qg5 Qc6 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Kg2 Rd6 26.Bb2 Re6 27.Rd2 Re2+ 28.Kf1 Rxd2 29.Qxd2 h5 30.Qd4 Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qe5+ Kd7 33.Qb5+ Ke7 34.Ba3+ Kd8 35.Qb8+ Kd7 36.Qxa7+ Ke6 37.Qe3+ Kd7 38.Qxe8+ Kxe8 39.Bb2 Ke7 40.Kf2 g5 41.a4 Kd6 42.Bf6 g4 43.f4 Kc5 44.Kg3 Kb4 45.Kh4 Kxa4 46.Kxh5* 1-0 (46) Shevchenko,K (2652)-Jones,G (2672) Berlin GER 2022*)* 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.d5 Nf6 13.Nd2 b6 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qa4 Bg4 17.Bc6 Rab8 18.Nc4 Be7 19.f3 Bc8 20.Rd1 Qd8 21.Qxa7 Bxh4+ 22.Kf1 Qg5 23.Kg1 b5 24.Qxb8 Bh3 25.Qxf8+ Kxf8 26.Rxh3 bxc4 27.Rxh4 Qxh4 28.d6 h5 29.d7 Qd8 30.a4 h4 31.a5 Kg7 32.a6 h3 33.g3 Qg5 34.Kh2 Qe3 35.d8Q 1-0 (35) Narayanan,S (2662)-Navara,D (2682) Prague CZE 2022;

B2) 10.Be2 cxd4 *(10...b6 11.h4 e5 12.d5 Nf6 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.h5 Bg4 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.c4 Qe7 18.Qc3 Bg7 19.Qe3 f5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.a4 Bf6 22.a5 Bg5 23.Qh3 Qg7 24.Qc3 Qf6 25.Bd3 Qe7 26.Nf3 Bf6 27.Qc2 Rac8 28.axb6 axb6 29.0-0 f4 30.Ra7 Qd6 31.Be2 Bd8 32.Nh2 Bc7 33.Rfa1 Kg7 34.Bg4 Bxg4 35.Nxg4 Rf7 36.f3 Rh8 37.Qb2 Rh5 38.Rb7 Qd8 39.Raa7 Kg8 40.Kf2 Rh1 41.Ra1 Rh4 42.Rxc7 Rxc7 43.Qxe5 Rf7 44.Qe6 Rxg4 45.Qxg4 Kg7 46.Qe6 Qh4+ 47.Ke2 Qg5 48.Kf1 Qh4 49.Kg1 Qf6 50.Qxf6+ Kxf6 51.Kf2 Ke5 52.Ke2 Kd4 53.Rd1+ Ke5 54.Ra1 Kd4 55.Rd1+ Ke5 56.Kd3 Ra7 57.Kc3 g5 58.Kb3 g4 59.d6 gxf3 60.gxf3 Ke6 61.d7 Rxd7 62.Rxd7 Kxd7 63.Ka4 Kc6 64.e5* 1-0 (64) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Grandelius,N (2672) Wijk aan

Zee NED 2022; *10...Qc7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.e5 Nd5 13.dxc5 a5 14.Bd2 Bd7 15.Bc4 e6 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Rab1 Bf5 18.Rb6 Be4 19.Nd4 Bxe5 20.h3 Rfc8 21.Be3 Qe7 22.Rd1 Bc7 23.Rxb7 Bh2+ 24.Kxh2 Qxb7 25.Bf4 Qd7 26.f3 Bf5 27.Rd2 Ra6 28.Re2 h6 29.c6 Raxc6 30.Nxc6 Qxc6 31.Bxh6 Qc7+ 32.Kg1 Qxc3 33.Qxc3 Rxc3 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Bd2 Ra3 36.Ra8 Bb1 37.Bg5 Kg7 38.Ra6 f5 39.Ra7+ Kg8 40.Ra6* ½-½ (40) Gajewski,G (2623)-Tomczak,J (2625) Berlin GER 2021 *)* 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Qe3

B2a) 12...b5 13.0-0 *(13.h3 Qb6 14.0-0 a5 15.Bd2 b4 16.Rfb1 Ba6 17.a3 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Qb7 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qe4 Rfb8 21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 f5 23.Qf3 Bh6 24.Qg3 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Ra6 26.axb4 axb4 27.Rxa6 Qxa6 28.Rb3 Rb6 29.Kh2 Qc4 30.Rg3 Kf7 31.Qh6 Qxd4 32.Qh7+ Ke6 33.Rxg6+ Kxe5 34.f4+ Ke4 35.Rxb6 Qxb6 36.Qxh5 Qf2 37.Qd1 b3 38.Qc1 Kd3 39.Qc6 Kxd2 40.Qxd5+ Kc3 41.Qa5+ Kc2 42.Qxf5+ Kc1 43.Qc8+ Qc2 44.Qe6 b2 45.Qe1+ Qd1 46.Qc3+ Kb1 47.Qc4 Qc2 48.Qe6 Qa4 49.Qe5 Qc4 50.h5 Ka2 51.Qa5+ Kb3 52.Qb6+ Kc3 53.h6 Qxf4+ 54.g3 Qf5 55.Qe3+ Kc2 56.Qe2+ Kb3 57.Qe3+ Ka2 58.Qa7+ Kb1 59.Qxe7 Qh5+ 60.Qh4 Qe2+ 61.Kh3 Qe6+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+* ½-½ (62) Piorun, K (2599)-Horvath,D (2559) Budapest HUN 2024*)* 13...Bb7 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Qe2 Bxd4 16.Rb1 *(16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Bb2 Qd6 18.e5 Qd5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Bxb5 a6 21.Ba4 Qa5 22.Rad1 Qxa4 23.fxg4 Qxa2 24.e6 Qxe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rd7 Bd5 28.Rxe7 Rc8 29.g5 Rc2 30.Bf6 Rxg2+ 31.Kf1 Rxh2 32.Rd7 Bc6 33.Rd6 Bb5+ 34.Kg1 Re2 35.Rd8+ Kf7 36.Rh8 e5 37.Rxh7+ Ke6 38.Rh8 Kf5 39.Rh2 Rxh2 40.Kxh2 a5 41.Kg3 a4 42.Be7 Ke4 43.Kf2 Kd3 44.Ke1 e4 45.Bd6 e3 46.Bc5 e2 47.Be7 Kc2 48.Bf8 Kb3 49.Kd2 a3 50.Bg7 Ka2 51.Bf8 Kb2 52.Bg7+ Kb1* 0-1 (52) Hakobyan,A (2617)-Puranik,A (2634) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 16...a6 17.a4 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxb5 ½-½ (22) Shevchenko,K (2671)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) Baden Baden GER 2024;

B2b) 12...Bd7 13.0-0 Bc6 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Qe2 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Bb2 Qd6 18.e5 Qd5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Rad1 Bb5 21.Bxb5 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Rxd1 23.fxg4 Rxf1+ 24.Qxf1 Qb4 25.Ba1 Rc8 26.e6 f6 27.Bd7 Rc2 28.Bxf6 exf6 29.h3 Rb2 30.Kh2 Qd6+ 31.Kg1 Qd4+ 32.Kh2 Qe5+ 33.Kg1 Kg7 34.g5 Qxg5 35.Qf3 Rb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc5+ 37.Kg3 Qe5+ 38.Kf2

Qe1# 0-1 (38) Aronian,L (2782)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) chess24.com INT 2021;

B2c) 12...b6 13.h3 *(13.0-0 Bb7 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Bb2 Qd7 16.a4 Rfd8 17.a5 Ne8 18.Qe2 e6 19.h4 Qc7 20.Rfd1 bxa5 21.Ne5 Nf6 22.Rdc1 Qb6 23.Nc4 Rxc4 24.Rxc4 Nh5 25.Bc3 Nf4 26.Qd2 Nxd3 27.Bxa5 Qb2 28.Qxb2 Nxb2 29.Rb4 Rd7 30.Rxb2 Bxd4 31.Rd2 Bxa1 32.Rxd7 Bxe4 33.g4 h5 34.g5 a6 35.Rd1 Bb2 36.Rd2 Ba1 37.Ra2 Bg7 38.Bd8 Bd3 39.Bf6 Bb5 40.Rc2 Bd3 41.Rc8+ Kh7 42.f4 Be4 43.Kf2 Bd5 44.Ke3 a5 45.Rc7 Kg8 46.Ra7 Bf8 47.Rxa5 Bd6 48.Ra6 Bc5+ 49.Bd4 Bb7 50.Ra5 Bd6 51.Be5* 1-0 (51) Aronian,L (2782)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 13...Bb7 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Bd2 *(15.Bb2 Qd7 16.a4 Qe6 17.Nd2 Rc7 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.Rfb1 Rc2 20.Bxc2 Rxc2 21.f3 Nd5 22.Qf2 Nf4 23.d5 Qd6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rc1 Ne2+ 26.Qxe2 Qc5+ 27.Kh2 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qxc1 29.Qe3 Qa1 30.f4 Kg8 31.f5 Qe5+ 32.Kg1 gxf5 33.Nc4 Qxe4 34.Qg3+ Kf8 35.Qb8+ Kg7 36.Qxb7 Qxc4 37.Qxa7 Qd4+ 38.Kh1 Kf6 39.Qa8 Qa1+ 40.Kh2 Qe5+ 41.Kh1 Kg7 42.Qc6 Qa1+ 43.Kh2 Qf6 44.Qd7 h5 45.Qc7 f4 46.Kg1 f3 47.Qg3+ Kh6 48.Qf2 Kg7 49.gxf3 Qg5+ 50.Kh2 Qxd5 51.Qg1+ Kh7 52.Qb1+ f5 53.Qxb6 Qa2+ 54.Kg1 Qxa4 55.Qe6 Qd1+ 56.Kg2 Qd2+ 57.Kf1 Qc1+ 58.Ke2 Qg5 59.h4 Qxh4 60.Qxf5+ Kg7 61.Kf1 Qc4+ 62.Kf2 Qd4+ 63.Kg2 Kh6 64.Kh3 Qf6 65.Qe4 Kg5 66.Kg2 e5 67.Qe3+ Qf4 68.Qa7 Qd2+ 69.Kh3 Qd3 70.Qg7+ Kf4 71.Qg3+ Kf5 72.Qf2 Qb1 73.Kg2 Qd3 74.Qe1 Qc4 75.Qd2 Qg8+ 76.Kf2 h4 77.Qd7+ Kf6 78.Qd6+ Kf5 79.Qd3+ Kf6 80.Qd6+ Qe6 81.Qd8+ Qe7 82.Qg8 Qg7 83.Qd8+ Qe7 84.Qg8 Qc5+ 85.Kg2 Qc2+ 86.Kh3 Qf5+ 87.Qg4 Qxg4+ 88.Kxg4 e4 89.fxe4 Ke5 90.Kxh4 Kxe4 ½-½ (90) Sadhwani,R (2624)-Burke,J (2592) Saint Louis USA 2023*)* 15...e6 16.0-0 Re8 17.Rab1 Re7 18.Rfd1 Rec7 19.a4 Bc6 20.a5 Nd7 21.Re1 bxa5 22.Bxa5 Nb6 23.Rxb6 axb6 24.Bxb6 Bb7 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.Rb1 Ba8 27.Qd2 Rd8 28.Rb4 Qa5 29.Qb2 Rc8 30.Rb8 Qc7 31.Rxc8+ Qxc8 32.h4 Qd8 33.Kf1 h5 34.Ke2 Bc6 35.g3 Qa8 36.Nd2 Qd8 37.Qc3 Bb7 38.Qb4 Qc7 39.f4 Bf8 40.Qb2 Qc6 41.Nf3 Ba6 42.Bxa6 Qxa6+ 43.Kf2 Qd3 44.Qe2 Qb3 45.Kg2 Bb4 46.Kh3 Qb1 47.Kh2 Qb3 48.Ng5 Be7 49.Kg2 Kg7 50.Nf3 Kf8 51.Ne5 Qc3 52.d5 exd5

53.exd5 Bd6 54.Nc4 Qd4 55.Nxd6 Qxd5+ 56.Ne4 f5 57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Qc2 Qxe4+ 59.Qxe4 fxe4+ 60.Kxe4 Ke6 61.Ke3 Kf5 62.Kf3 Kf6 63.g4 hxg4+ 64.Kxg4 ½-½ (64) Fedoseev,V (2687)-Duda,J (2733) Polanica Zdroj POL 2024]

[9.Be2

A) 9...c5 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Qa3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Rd1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 *(14.Bxf3 Bxd4 15.e5 Nc4 16.Qb4 Rc8 17.Bh6 Bxa1 18.Rxd8 Rfxd8 19.e6 Ne5 20.exf7+ Nxf7 21.Be3 Bd4 22.Qxe7 Re8 23.Qa3 b6 24.Bd5 Rc5 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Qxa7+ Re7 27.Qa6 b5 28.h3 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Rce5 30.Qb6 R7e6 31.Qb7+ Re7 32.Qb6 R7e6 33.Qb7+ Re7 34.Qb6 ½-½ (34) Carlsen,M (2882)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Saint Louis USA 2019)* 14...Bxd4 15.Bg5 Bxa1 16.Rxd8 Rfxd8 17.Qxe7 Rd7 18.Qa3 Rc8 19.Kf1 Kg7 20.f4 h6 21.Bh4 Rd4 22.Qe7 Rd7 23.Qa3 Rd4 24.Qe7 Rc1+ 25.Kg2 Rd7 26.Qa3 Re1 27.Bf3 Nc4 28.Qa4 Rd4 29.Qe8 Rdxe4 30.Bxe4 Nd6 31.Qd8 Nxe4 32.Be7 Kh7 33.Qf8 f5 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.Qxg6 Bg7 36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Qd7 Kh8 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qxf5+ Kh8 40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Qc2 1-0 (41) Wang,Y (2669)-Zeng,C (2585) Hangzhou CHN 2023;

B) 9...Nb6

B1) 10.Qb4 Qd6 11.Be3 *(11.0-0 Bd7 12.Be3 Qxb4 13.cxb4 Bc6 14.Nd2 f5 15.f3 Rfd8 16.b5 Be8 17.Nb3 Bf7 18.Rac1 fxe4 19.fxe4 Bxb3 20.axb3 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxc7 Rxe4 23.Bf3 Re3 24.b4 Rf8 25.Rxb7 Rf4 26.Rb1 Nc4 27.Rxa7 Nd2 28.Rb2 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 Rexf3 30.Kg2 Rf8 31.Re2 Rb3 32.Rexe7 Rb2+ 33.Kg3 Rb3+ 34.Kg2 Rb2+ 35.Kg3 Rb3+ 36.Kg2* ½-½ (36) Yu Yangyi (2763)-Wei,Y (2721) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019) 11...Qxb4 12.cxb4 Bd7 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.0-0 a6 15.Rfe1 Bb5 16.Nd2 c6 17.Nb3 Rd8 18.d5 Nd7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.h3 e6 21.Nd4 Ne5 22.Bxb5 cxb5 23.Nc6 Nxc6 24.Rxc6 Bf8 25.a3 Rd3 26.Rec1 Rxa3 27.Rc8 Rxc8 28.Rxc8 Kg7 29.Bd4+ f6 30.Rc7+ Kg8 31.Rc8 Kf7 32.Rc7+ Kg8 ½-½ (32) Harikrishna,P (2701)-Shankland,S (2718) Prague CZE 2022;

B2) 10.Qa5 c6 11.h4 h5 12.Rb1 Bg4 13.0-0 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 e5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Rfd1 Bxg5 17.hxg5 Qxg5 18.a4 Nc4 19.Qc5 Nd2 20.Rxd2 Qxd2 21.dxe5 Qg5 22.Rxb7 Rab8 23.Qxa7 Qxe5 24.g3 Rxb7 25.Qxb7 Qxc3 26.Kg2 Rd8 27.e5 Qxe5 28.Qxc6 Rd2 29.Qb6 Qd4 30.Qxd4 Rxd4 31.Bc6 Rd2 32.Kf3 Kf8 33.Ke3 Rc2 34.Bb5 Ke7 35.f4 Rc3+ 36.Kf2 Ra3 37.Kg2 Kd6 38.Be8 Ke6 39.Kh3 Rc3 40.Bb5 Kf5 41.Be8 Rc7 42.a5 Ra7 43.a6 Rxa6 44.Bxf7 Ra1 45.Be8 Ra6 46.Bb5 Rd6 47.Ba4 Ke4 48.Bc2+ Kf3 49.Kh4 Rc6 50.Bb1 Rb6 51.Bc2 Rc6

52.Bb1 Kf2 53.f5 Rc4+ 54.Kg5 Rg4+ 55.Kh6 Kxg3 56.fxg6 h4 57.g7 h3 58.Be4 Rh4+ 0-1 (58) Van Foreest,J (2680)-Vakhidov,J (2607) Tashkent UZB 2023;

B3) 10.Qd1 c5 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Rb1 cxd4 14.cxd4 e6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Rc7 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Qd6 19.Rc1 Nc4 20.Bxa7 Bh6 21.Rc2 b6 22.Qe2 Ne5 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Qa6 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Qd7 26.Qxb6 Qxh3 27.Qf6 Bg7 28.Qf4 Qd7 29.Bc5 Rc8 30.Bd6 h5 31.Rb1 g5 32.Qb4 Rc3 33.Kg2 h4 34.Rd1 h3+ 35.Kg1 Rxf3 36.Qe4 Rxf2 37.Kxf2 Qxd6 38.Kg1 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Be5 40.Qe2 Bd6 41.Rg1 Qf4 42.Rf1 Qa4 43.Qe3 Bf4 44.Rxf4 gxf4 45.Qxh3 Qxa2 46.Qg2+ Qxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Kf8 48.Kf3 Ke7 49.Kxf4 Kd6 50.Ke4 f6 51.Kf5 Kxd5 52.Kxf6 ½-½ (52) Erigaisi,A (2634)-Navara,D (2691) Riga LAT 2021;

B4) 10.Qa3 Qd6 11.0-0 Be6 12.d5 *(12.Qb2 Qc6 13.Qc2 Bc4 14.Bg5 Rfe8 15.Rab1 Rab8 16.h4 e5 17.d5 Qd7 18.Be3 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Qg4 20.Qd3 Nc8 21.c4 Nd6 22.Nd2 b6 23.g3 f5 24.c5 Nf7 25.d6 f4 26.dxc7 Rb7 27.Nc4 Rxc7 28.cxb6 Rd7 29.Qa3 fxg3 30.f3 Qxh4 31.Rb2 axb6 32.Nxb6 Rb7 33.Qa6 Reb8 34.Rc2 Rc7 35.Rfc1 Rxc2 36.Rxc2 Bh6 37.Qd3 Bxe3+ 38.Qxe3 Ng5 39.Qb3+ Kg7 40.Qc3 Kh6 41.Qe3 Rxb6* 0-1 (41) Ernst,S (2512)-Tomczak,J (2584) Germany GER 2025*)* 12...Bg4 13.Rb1 f5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Qe5 17.Bc2 Nxd5 18.Rxb7 Nxc3 19.Bd3 Kh8 20.Bb2 Rad8 21.Bc4 Rd2 22.Bxc3 Qxc3 23.Qxc3 Bxc3 24.Rxc7 Bd4 25.Rxe7 Rdxf2 26.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 27.Kf1 Bc5+ 28.Rf7 Rxf7+ 29.Bxf7 Kg7 30.Bb3 Kf6 ½-½ (30) Bu Xiangzhi (2698)-Li,C (2672) Nanjing CHN 2023]

9...c5 10.Rc1

[10.Rd1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.d5 Bd7 13.Qb4 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.e5 Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.Bc4 Ba4 18.Rc1 b5 19.Be2 exd5 20.Bxe7 Rfe8 21.Bg5 b4 22.Kf1 Rxe2 23.Kxe2 Bb5+ 24.Ke1 Bc3+ 0-1 (24) Yu Yangyi (2763)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2774) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019]

10...h6 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Bd3 Ng4 13.Bd2 e5 14.d5 f5 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Nxe5 fxe4 17.Be2 Qe8 18.Qxe8 Rxe8 19.Nxg6 Nxd5 20.Nf4 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Be6 22.a4 b6 23.Bb5 Rf8 24.g3 Rad8 25.Rfe1 Bf5 26.Bc6 Rd3 27.c4 Rd4 28.Be3 Rd3 29.Bf4 Rd4 30.Be3 Rd3 ½-½ (30) Mendonca,L (2639)-Van Foreest,J (2680) Wijk aan Zee NED 2025

7.Bg5 c5 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Nd7 11.Be2 c4 12.d6 Bf6 13.Bxf6 exf6

[13...Nxf6 14.e5 Nd7 15.Qd4 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 exd6 17.exd6 Re8+ 18.Kf1 Ne5 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20.Be4 Rb6 21.g3 Rxd6 22.Qxa7 Rd2 23.h3 f5 24.Bc2 Qd5 25.Rg1 Nf3 0-1 (25) Shankland,S (2705)-Ding,L (2811) chess.com INT 2019]

14.0-0 Rc8 15.Qd4 Ne5 16.Rfd1 Rc6 17.Rb1 b6 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Qd5 Rc5 20.Qxc5 bxc5 21.Bxg4 Qa5 22.Be2 Qxa2 23.Kf1 Rd8 24.Ra1 Qc2 25.Bxc4 Qxc3 26.Rac1 Qb2 27.Rb1 Qc2 28.Bd3 Qa2 29.Bb5 Rxd6 0-1 (29) Shankland,S (2705)-Ding,L (2811) chess.com INT 2019

[74] **7...Bg4** 8.Be2

[8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 c5 10.d5 0-0 11.Be2 Qa5 12.Bd2 Nd7 13.0-0 b5 14.h4 h5 15.Qe3 Rab8 16.g4 hxg4 17.Bxg4 Ne5 18.Be2 Qa4 19.Kh2 Rb6 20.h5 f5 21.f4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.Rae1 fxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Rf5 26.Rxe7 Rxh5+ 27.Kg2 Rxd5 28.Rf2 Ra6 29.Be1 Bf6 30.Rb7 Re6 31.Kf1 Rh5 32.Bd2 a6 33.Rc7 c4 34.a4 bxa4 35.Rxc4 a3 36.Ra4 Be7 37.f5 gxf5 38.Ra5 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Rb1 40.Bf4 Rg6+ 41.Kf3 Bh4 42.Ra2 Rf1+ 43.Ke3 Re6+ 44.Re5 Re1+ 45.Kd4 Bf6 0-1 (45) Koelle,T (2464)-Mamedyarov,S (2726) Ankara TUR 2024]

8...c5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6

[10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qxd4 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Rxb7 Nc6 14.Be3 Qc4 15.Qd5 Qa6 16.Qb5 Qxb5 17.Rxb5 Rac8 18.Rfb1 Rfd8 19.Rb7 e6 20.h4 h5 21.Rc1 a5 22.a4 Nd4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Ra7 Nc6 25.Ra6 Bc3 26.Be2 Bb4 27.f4 Bc3 28.e5 Nd4 29.Kf2 Nf5 30.g3 Nxe3 31.Kxe3 Be1 32.Bb5 Rc3+ 33.Ke2 Bxg3 34.Rxa5 Bxf4 35.Be8 Re3+ 36.Kf2 Rxe5 37.Rxe5 Bxe5 38.a5 Bc7 39.a6 Bb6+ 40.Kf3 Kf8 41.Bb5 Ke7 42.Ke4 Kd6 43.Be8 Ke7 44.Bb5 Ba7 45.Ba4 Bb8 46.Bb5 f5+ 47.Kd4 Kf6 48.Be8 g5 49.hxg5+ Kxg5 50.Kc5 h4 51.Kc6 Ba7 52.Kd6 Kf6 53.Bd7 e5 54.Kc6 h3 0-1 (54) Predke,A (2689)-Mamedyarov,S (2723) Samarkand UZB 2023]

11.e5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nxd4 13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Be4 Bxe5 15.Bh6 f5 16.Bd3 Kf7 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.f4 Bg7 19.Bc4+ Kf8 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bh6+ Bg7 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bh4 Bf6 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.Re1 Kg7 26.Qa4 Rb7 27.Kh1 Rd8 28.h3 Qd6 29.Qa5 Rc8 30.Qd2 Rbc7 31.Bb3 Nxb3 32.Qxd6 exd6 33.Rxc7+ Rxc7 34.axb3 Kf6 35.Kg1 Rb7 36.Ra1 Ke6 37.Kf2 Kd5 38.Ra4 h5 39.g4 Rxb3 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.Rxa7 Rxh3 42.Re7 Rd3 43.Kg2 Kd4 44.Re6 Kc5 45.Rf6 Rd5 46.Kf3 Kd4 47.Rh6 Kc4 48.Rxh5 Ra5 49.Rh6 d5 50.Rc6+ Kd4 51.Re6 Ra3+ 52.Kf2 Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Rh3 55.Re5 Rh5 56.Kf3 Kc4 57.Re8 d4 58.Ke2 Rh2+ 59.Kf3 Rh3+ 60.Ke2 d3+ 61.Kd2 Rh2+ 62.Kd1 Kc3 63.Rc8+ Kd4 64.Re8 Rf2 65.Rd8+ Ke3 66.Re8+ Kxf4 67.Re7 Kf3 68.Re5 f4 69.Rf5 Ke4 70.Rf8 Rh2 71.Re8+ Kd4 72.Rf8 Ke3 73.Re8+ Kd4 74.Rf8 f3 75.Rf7 Rh1+ 76.Kd2 Rh2+ 77.Ke1 f2+ 78.Kf1 d2 79.Rd7+ Kc3 80.Rc7+ Kb4 81.Rb7+ Ka5 82.Rd7 Rh1+ 83.Kg2 d1Q 84.Ra7+ Kb6 85.Rb7+ Kxb7 0-1 (85) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Mamedyarov,S (2733) chess.com INT 2024

7...0-0 8.Be3

[8.Be2

A) 8...c5 9.0-0

A1) 9...b6 10.Bg5 *(10.Qb3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.Be3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rad1 e5 15.Nxe5 Be6 16.Qa4 Bxe5 17.Rxd8 Rfxd8 18.Rd1 Rdc8 19.g3 Rc5 20.Rd2 g5 21.Kg2 Kg7 22.Qa3 h6 23.Qe3 Rc3 24.Rd3 Rc2 25.Rd2 Rc3*

26.Rd3 Rc2 27.f4 Bf6 28.Rd2 Rc3 29.Qf2 gxf4 30.gxf4 Rg8 31.e5 Kh8+ 32.Kf1 Be7 33.f5 Bc5 34.fxe6 Bxf2 35.exf7 Rf8 36.Kxf2 Rxf7+ 37.Kg2 Re7 38.Rd5 Rc5 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Rd6 Rcxe5 41.Bc4 Rg5+ 42.Kf3 Rf5+ 43.Kg3 Rf6 44.Rd5 Rg6+ 45.Kf3 Rf6+ 46.Kg3 Re3+ 47.Kg4 Re4+ 48.Kg3 Rxc4 0-1 (48) Zemlyanskii,I (2541)-Zubov,A (2598) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10...Bb7 11.Qd3 Nd7 *(11...Ba6 12.Qe3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.Rad1 Qd7 16.d5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bg7 19.e5 f6 20.Bh4 fxe5 21.fxe5 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Qf5+ 23.Kg1 Qxe5 24.Qxe5 Bxe5 25.Bxe7 Kf7 26.d6 Ke8 27.Rf1 Rc8 28.Rf8+ Kd7 29.Rf7 Bxd6 30.Bxd6+ Kxd6 31.Rxa7 Rc7 32.Ra8 Rc2 33.h4 Ke6 34.Kh2 Kf6 35.Kh3 h5 36.Ra6 Rb2 37.a4 Kf5 38.a5 bxa5 39.Rxa5+ Kf6 40.Ra6+ Kf5 41.Ra5+ Kf6 42.Ra6+ Kf5 43.Ra5+* ½-½ (43) Andreikin,D (2726)-Artemiev,V (2716) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.Qe3 Qc7 13.e5 f6 14.exf6 exf6 15.Bf4 Qc6 16.d5 Qxd5 17.Rad1 Qf7 18.Bb5 Ne5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Ng5 Qf4 21.Rd7 Bc8 22.Rc7 h6 23.Qd3 Bf5 24.Qd5+ Kh8 25.Qb7 hxg5 26.Rxg7 Qh4 27.Qe7 a6 28.Qxe5 Qf4 29.Qe7 Qh4 30.Bc6 Rac8 31.Qe5 Qf4 32.Qe7 Qh4 33.Qe5 Qf4 34.Qe7 Qh4 ½-½ (34) Lobanov,S (2506)-Mamedyarov,S (2734) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 9...Bg4 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.d5 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Na5 14.Rc1 Qd6 15.Qa4 b6 16.Bg4 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bf4 b5 19.Qxa5 Qxf4 20.Bh3 Be5 21.g3 Qa4 22.Qe1 Qd4 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Qxb5 Rab8 25.Qd7 f4 26.Rcd1 Qg7 27.Qxa7 Ra8 28.Be6+ Kh8 29.Qd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Rxa2 31.g4 f3 32.h3 Kg7 33.Bf5 Ra3 34.Rfd1 Rb8 35.R4d3 Rxd3 36.Bxd3 Rb2 37.Be4 Bc5 38.Rf1 Kf6 39.Bxf3 Kg5 40.Kg2 Kf4 41.h4 Rd2 42.g5 Rb2 43.Bh5 Rd2 44.Bf3 Bd4 45.Bh5 Bc5 46.g6 Rxd5 47.g7 1-0 (47) Andreikin,D (2724)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 8...b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 e6 13.Rfe1 Re8 14.Qe3 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Bb5 c6 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bc4 Qf8 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.Rd7 R5e7 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.h4 Bc8 24.h5 gxh5 25.Qg3+ Qg7 26.Qd6 Bh3 27.Bf1 Re8 28.Re3 Bg4 29.e5 Qg6 30.Qc7 h4 31.Qxa7 c5 32.Bd3 Qe6 33.Qa4 Rd8 34.Qe4 Bh5 35.Qxh4 1-0 (35) Tomashevsky,E (2694)-Radjabov,T (2745) chess.com INT 2023]

8...b6 9.h4 h5 10.Be2 c5 11.Rc1 Bg4 12.0-0 e6

[12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nc6 14.d5 Ne5 15.Be2 f5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.c4 Qd6 18.f4 Nf7 19.Bd3 Nh6 20.Qc2 Rf6 21.Rce1 Raf8 22.Rf3 Nf5 23.Bf2 e6 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Rd1 Rg6 26.Qe2 Re8 27.dxe6 Bd4 28.Bxd4 cxd4

29.Qf2 Qxe6 30.Rxd4 Qe1+ 31.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Kf2 Rc1 33.Rfd3 Rc2+ 34.Rd2 Rxd2+ 35.Rxd2 Rc6 36.Rc2 ½-½ (36) Igel (3502)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]
13.Ng5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nc6 15.Rcd1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qd7 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Ne7 19.d6 Nf5 20.Bf4 Rae8 21.Qd3 Nxh4 22.Qd5 Nf5 23.Ne4 Re6 24.Ng5 Ree8 25.Ne4 Re6 26.Rc1 Nd4 27.Rfe1 Ree8 28.Rcd1 Nc6 29.Bg3 Re6 30.Rc1 Ne7 31.Qd3 Nc6 32.Qc4 Nb8 33.Red1 Bh6 34.Rc2 Qd8 35.Qd5 Nd7 36.Rc7 h4 37.Bh2 a6 38.f3 b5 39.Qb3 Qe8 40.Kf1 Qd8 41.Rxd7 Qxd7 42.Nc5 Qc6 43.Nxe6 fxe6 44.Qxe6+ Rf7 45.Qxg6+ Bg7 46.Kg1 h3 47.Qe4 Qxe4 48.fxe4 Rd7 49.gxh3 Kf7 50.Rd5 Ke6 51.Kg2 b4 52.h4 Ra7 53.Rc5 Bf6 54.Bg3 Ra8 55.h5 a5 56.Rb5 Rg8 57.Kf3 Bd8 58.Bf4 Rf8 59.Rb8 Rh8 60.e5 Kf5 61.h6 Rf8 62.Rb7 Rh8 63.Ra7 Bh4 64.Rxa5 Ke6 65.Ke4 Rc8 66.h7 Rc4+ 67.Kf3 Rc8 68.Kg4 Bf2 69.Ra6 Kd7 70.e6+ Kxe6 71.d7+ Kxd7 72.Be5 b3 73.h8Q Rxh8 74.Bxh8 b2 75.Bxb2 1-0 (75) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

[75] **8.Bb5+** Nc6
[8...Bd7
A) 9.Bxd7+
A1) 9...Nxd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a4 *(11.Qe2 Qa5 12.Bd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa4 14.Qe3 b5 15.Rab1 Rfc8 16.Qg5 Nf6 17.Rfe1 a6 18.Bb4 Qxa2 19.Ra1 Qe6 20.d5 Qg4 21.Bxe7 Qxg5 22.Nxg5 h6 23.Nf3 Nxe4 24.Rad1 Nc5 25.Bd6 Nd7 26.Re7 Nb6 27.Rb7 Nxd5 28.h4 Nc3 29.Re1 Re8 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Ra7 Re6 32.Bc5 Ne4 33.Be3 h5 34.g3 Bf6 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Nd4 Rd6 37.Ne2 Nc3 38.Nf4 Rc6 39.Nd3 Nd5 40.Bc5 Bc3 41.Ra8 b4 42.Bf8+ Kh7 43.Ra7 Kg8 44.Bc5 b3 45.Rb7 b2 46.Ba3 Rb6 47.Rxb6 Nxb6 48.Nxb2 a5 49.Nd1 Bd4 50.Kf3 Nc4 51.Bc1 a4 52.Ke4 Bf6 53.Kd3 a3 54.Nc3 Nb2+ 55.Kc2 Bxc3 56.Kxc3 Nd1+ 57.Kb3 Nxf2 58.Kxa3 f6 59.Kb3 Kf7 60.Kc4 Ke6 61.Kd4 Nh1 62.Bf4 Kf5 63.Bd6 Kg4 64.Kd5 Nxg3 65.Ke6 Ne4* 0-1 (65) Muradli,M (2550)-Nihal,S (2688) Samarkand UZB 2023; *11.Rb1 b6 12.e5 e6 13.h4 h6 14.Qe2 Nb8 15.Qe4 Qd5 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.dxc5 Nd7 18.Rd1 Nxc5 19.Rxd5 Na4 20.Bd2 Rac8 21.Rd7 Nxc3 22.Bxc3 Rxc3 23.Rxa7 Re8 24.Rxb6 Bxe5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Rf6 Rf5 27.Raxf7 Rxf6 28.Rxf6 Kg7 29.Rf3 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Rc2 31.a3 Ra2 32.g3 g5 33.h5 Ra1 34.Kg2 Ra2 35.Rb3 Kf6 36.Rb6+ Kg7 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.Ra6 g4 39.Ra7+ Kh8 40.Ra4 Kh7 41.Rxg4 Rxa3 42.Rb4 Ra5 43.g4 Rc5 44.f3 Rc1 45.Kg3 Rc5 46.Kf4 Kg7 47.Rb7+ Kg8 48.Rb6 Kg7 49.Rg6+ Kh7 50.Re6 Kg7 51.Re7+ Kg8 52.Re5 Rc3 53.Ke4 Kg7 54.f4 Rc7 55.Re6 Rc4+ 56.Kf5 Rc5+ 57.Re5 Rc7 58.g5 Rf7+ 59.Kg4 hxg5*

60.fxg5 Rf1 61.Re7+ Kf8 62.Ra7 Kg8 63.h6 1-0 (63) Sargissian,G (2681)-Thybo,J (2590) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 11...Rc8 12.Rb1 b6 13.Qe2 e6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Ba3 Rfd8 16.a5 bxa5 17.Qa6 Rb8 18.h4 Nf6 19.Qe2 Qc6 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Qe4 Nb4 24.Qf4 Re8 25.cxb4 axb4 26.Bc1 c4 27.Ng5 Bf6 28.Rf1 b3 29.h5 c3 30.hxg6 fxg6 31.Ba3 b2 32.Nf3 c2 0-1 (32) Muradli,M (2550)-Duda,J (2732) Samarkand UZB 2023;

A2) 9...Qxd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 *(11.Rb1 Nc6 12.Be3 Na5 13.Qe2 Rac8 14.d5 Qa4 15.Bg5 e6 16.Be7 Rfe8 17.d6 b6 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Rxb5 Nc6 20.d7 Nxe7 21.Rd1 Bxc3 22.Rb3 Bg7 23.Rbd3 Nc6 24.Rd6 Red8 25.dxc8Q Rxc8 26.Rc1 Rc7 27.Kf1 Kf8 28.a3 Bb2 29.Rc2 Bxa3 30.e5 Ke7 31.Rd1 b5 32.Re1 Bb4 33.Re4 a5 34.Ng5 h6 35.Nf3 a4 36.Ne1 Rd7 37.Ke2 Nd4+ 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.Nd3 a3 40.Nxc5 Rc4 41.Rxc4 bxc4 42.Na6 a2* 0-1 (42) Hakobyan,A (2619)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11...Rc8 *(11...cxd4 12.cxd4 e6 13.h4 Nc6 14.h5 Rfd8 15.e5 Rac8 16.Rc1 Qd5 17.h6 Bf8 18.Nh2 Be7 19.Qd2 Qe4 20.f3 Qd5 21.Ng4 Rc7 22.Rfd1 Rdc8 23.Bg5 Qd8 24.Bxe7 Nxe7 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Qg5 Rc8 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Ne4 Nf5 29.Qxd8+ Rxd8 30.g4 Nxh6 31.Rc1 Kg7 32.Rc7 Rxd4 33.Rxb7 Rd5 34.Nd6 Rxe5 35.Rxa7 Rd5 36.Ne8+ Kf8 37.Nf6 Rd3 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Nf6 Kg7 41.Ne8+ Kf8 42.Nf6* ½-½ (42) Paravyan,D (2653)-Sevian,S (2660) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 12.Rc1 Nc6 13.d5 Na5 14.c4 b5 15.cxb5 Qxb5 16.Qc2 c4 17.Bd4 c3 18.Rfd1 Rab8 19.h4 Qb2 20.Qd3 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qxa2 22.Ra1 Qb2 23.Rxa5 c2 24.Nxc2 Rxc2 25.Qg3 Rb7 26.h5 Rc1 27.Qg4 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Rc7 29.Qf3 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5+ 31.g3 Rc3 32.Qf4 Qxf4 33.gxf4 Rf3 34.Rxa7 Rxf4 35.Rxe7 Kf8 36.d6 Rxf2+ 37.Kg3 Rd2 38.hxg6 hxg6 39.e5 f6 40.Rh7 fxe5 41.d7 Rd4 42.Kf3 g5 43.Ke3 g4 44.Kf2 Rd3 45.Rh4 Rxd7 46.Rxg4 Ke7 47.Ke3 Ke6 48.Rg6+ Kf5 49.Ra6 Rb7 50.Ra4 Rb3+ 51.Ke2 e4 52.Ra8 Kf4 53.Rf8+ Ke5 54.Re8+ Kf4 55.Rf8+ Ke5 56.Re8+ Kf4 57.Rf8+ ½-½ (57) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Shankland,S (2683) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9.Rb1 Qa5 *(9...0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Be2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.d5 Na5 14.Be3 Qd6 15.Nd4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 a6 17.a4 Rac8 18.Nb3 Nc4 19.Bd4 e6 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.dxe6 Qxe6 22.Rfc1 Rfd8 23.h3 h5 24.Rc3 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Rbc1 Qe5 27.Na5 Rd2 28.Nxc4 Qxc3 29.Nxd2 Qxc1+ 30.Kh2 Rc2* 0-1 (30) Lobanov,S (2507)-Duda,J (2734) chess.com

INT 2024) 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Be3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxa2 14.d5 0-0 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Rxb6 Qc4 17.Rxb7 Ra1 18.Rb1 Rfa8 19.e5 Rxb1 20.Qxb1 Qxd5 21.Rd1 Qc6 22.Rc1 Qa4 23.g3 e6 24.Qb7 Rf8 25.Kg2 h6 26.h4 Qa8 27.Rc7 Qa5 28.Qa7 Qxa7 29.Rxa7 Rc8 30.Ra5 Rc4 31.Nh2 Bf8 ½-½ (31) Galperin,P (2554)-Narayanan,S (2648) Ankara TUR 2024;

C) 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bc6 12.Qd3 Nd7 13.Rb1 Rc8 14.d5 Ba4 15.Qa3 Bc2 16.Rxb7 Bxe4 17.Bg5 Nf6 18.Rxe7 Bxd5 19.Rxa7 Rc2 20.Qd3 Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Bxa2 22.Qxd8 Rxd8 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 h6 25.Be3 Nd5 26.Bd4 Nc3 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Bc2 Bb1 29.Bxb1 Nxb1 30.Kf1 Nc3 31.Ke1 Nd5 32.g3 Kf6 33.Ke2 Nc3+ 34.Kd3 Nd1 35.Ke2 Nc3+ 36.Kd3 Nd1 37.Ke2 Nc3+ 38.Kd3 ½-½ (38) Giri,A (2745)-Duda,J (2734) Warsaw POL 2024]

[8...Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 *(10.Rb1 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Bb2 cxd4 14.cxd4 a5 15.Qe2 Qb6 16.Rbc1 Ba6 17.Nd2 Bh6 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Rac8 20.e5 e6 21.Rd1 Rfd8 22.h4 Nb8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.h5 Nd7 25.Qg4 Rd8 26.Bc4 Nf8 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.d5 Bg7 29.Rd3 exd5 30.Bxd5 Qc7 31.Qe4 Re8 32.Rf3 Ne6 33.Bxe6 Rxe6 34.Qa8+ Bf8 35.Rh3 Qd7 36.Bd4 Qxd4 37.Rh8+ Kxh8 38.Qxf8+ Kh7 39.Qxf7+ Kh6 40.Qxe6 Qd1+ 41.Kh2 b3 42.Qf6 Qh5+ 43.Kg3 Qg5+* 0-1 (43) Le,Q (2731)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Saint Louis USA 2023*; 10.h3 a6 11.Bxd7 Bxd7 12.Ba3 Bb5 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Bxc5 b6 15.Ba3 Rxc3 16.Bb2 Rd3 17.Qc1 Qd7 18.Qf4 f6 19.Rac1 e5 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Qg4 Qe7 22.Rc8 Bd7 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Qg3 Bg7 25.Rc1 Bf6 26.Rc7 Qe6 27.Ra7 a5 28.h4 Bc6 29.Ng5 Qd6 30.Qg4 Bd7 31.Qe2 h6 32.Nf3 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Qc2 g4 35.Ne1 Rd1 36.Bc3 Kg7 37.Qb3 Kg6 38.Qg8+ Bg7 39.Qb3 Be6 40.Qb5 Bd7 41.Qb3 a4 42.Qc2 b5 43.a3 g3 44.fxg3 Qc5+ 45.Qf2 Qxc3 46.Kf1 Qd3+ 47.Kg1 Qxe4 48.Ra6+ Kh7 49.Kh2 Qxe1* 0-1 (49) Vidit,S (2716)-Wei,Y (2726) Hangzhou CHN 2023*; 10.e5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.h3 Bf5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Bd2 Be4 17.exf6 exf6 18.Rfe1 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 f5 20.Bc4 Nb6 21.Bb3 Qd7 22.d5 Rfe8 23.Rad1 Rac8 24.Re6 Nc4 25.Bf4 b5 26.Rde1 a5 27.a4 Nb6 28.d6 bxa4 29.Qe3 Red8 30.Ba2* 1-0 (30) Sargissian,G (2681)-Salem,A (2690) Dubai UAE 2021*; 10.Bg5 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.Re1 Bb7 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rab1 Nb6 15.dxc5 Na4 16.Qe3 Rc8 17.c4 Nxc5 18.Red1 b4 19.Rxb4 Bxe4 20.Be2 Qa5 21.a3 Ba8 22.Bh6 Bf6 23.Ng5 Red8 24.Rbb1 Qc7 25.Bg4 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Rb8 27.Qh3 Qe5 28.Nxh7 Bg7 29.Ng5 Ne4 30.Bxg7 Qxg7 31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.Bf3 Bc2 33.Rf1 Qc3 34.Bd5 Qxh3 35.gxh3 e6 36.Rc1 Bd3 37.Bf3 Kf8 38.c5 Ke7 39.c6 Rb1 40.Rxb1 Bxb1 41.Be2 a5 42.h4 Kd6 43.h5 gxh5 44.Bxh5 f6 45.Bf3 Ba2 46.h4 Bb1 47.h5 Bh7 48.h6 e5 49.Bd5 Bf5 50.Kf1 Kxd5 51.c7 Kd6 52.h7 Kxc7 53.h8Q*

Bd3+ 54.Ke1 f5 55.Qxe5+ 1-0 (55) Lobanov,S (2506)-Le,Q (2731) chess.com INT 2024*; 10.Bf4 Nf6 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Be3 Ne8 14.Be2 Nd6 15.Nd2 Bd7 16.f3 Rc8 17.Qb3 Qa5 18.Rac1 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Qxd2 20.Qe3 Qxe3+ 21.Bxe3 b6 22.Ba6 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Bc8 24.Bf1 Rd8 25.a4 Be6 26.Ba6 f6 27.Kf2 Kf7 28.g4 Bb3 29.Rc7 Ra8 30.a5 bxa5 31.Bc5 Ke6 32.Ke3 g5 33.h4 h6 34.h5 a4 35.Ba3 Rb8 36.Rxa7 Rb6 37.Bd3 Rc6 38.Kd2 Nc8 39.Ra5 Rc7 40.e5 fxe5 41.Bf5+ Kf6 42.Ra8 e6 43.Bd3 Bd5 44.Rxa4 Bxf3 45.Bf8 Nb6 46.Ra6 Nc4+ 47.Bxc4 Rxc4 48.Ra7 Bxg4 49.Bg7+ Kf5 50.Rf7+ Ke4 51.Bxh6 Bxh5 52.Rf6 g4 53.Rxe6 g3 54.Re7 Rd4+ 55.Kc2 Rd6 56.Bg7 Rd5 57.Bf6 Bg6 58.Rg7 Kf5 59.Bh4 g2* 0-1 (59) Shtembuliak,E (2620)-Fedoseev,V (2687) lichess.org INT 2021 *)*

A) 10...Qc7 11.Bg5 *(11.a4 b6 12.e5 e6 13.h4 Bb7 14.h5 gxh5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Ne4 f5 17.Nd6 cxd4 18.cxd4 Bd5 19.Qxh5 f4 20.Ra3 Rad8 21.Qg6 Nf6 22.Bxf4 Rxd6 23.exd6 Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7 25.Be5 Rd8 26.Rc1* 1-0 (26) Deac,B (2700)-Timofeev,A (2567) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...Nb6 12.a4 Bg4 13.a5 Nc8 14.e5 a6 15.Bf1 e6 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Na7 18.Bf6 Nc6 19.Rad1 cxd4 20.cxd4 Qxa5 21.h4 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Qxe1 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.h5 gxh5 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Rd3 Rfc8 29.Rg3+ Kf8 30.Rg7 Rc7 31.Rxh7 Ke8 32.Rh8+ Kd7 33.Qxf7+ Kc6 34.Qxe6+ 1-0 (34) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Hansen,E (2609) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 10...a6 11.Bf1 b5 12.a4 b4 *(12...bxa4 13.Qxa4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb7 15.Rb1 Ra7 16.d5 Bc8 17.Be3 Rc7 18.Rec1 Nf6 19.Ne5 Nxd5 20.Nc6 Rxc6 21.Qxc6 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Bh6 23.Qc3 Be6 24.Bxa6 Qa8 25.Bb7 Qa7 26.Re1 Rb8 27.Bd5 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 Qxe3+ 29.Qxe3 Bxe3+ 30.Kf1 Bxd5 31.exd5 Bc5 32.Ke2 Bd6 33.h3 Kg7 34.Ke3 f5 35.Kd4 Kf6 36.Re1 Kg5 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.Kf3 Be5 39.Re2 h5 40.g3 g5 41.g4 hxg4+ 42.hxg4 e6 43.dxe6 Kxe6 44.Ra2 fxg4+ 45.Kxg4 Bf4 46.Ra5 Kd6 47.Kf5 Kd7 48.Ra6 Ke7 49.Rg6 Kf7 50.Re6 Bc1 51.Rc6 Bf4 52.Re6 Bc1 53.Re4 Bf4 54.Re1 Bg3 55.Rb1 Ke7 56.Kxg5 Bd6 57.Kf5 Kd7 58.Rc1 Bc7 59.Rc2 Kc8 60.Ke6 Kb7 61.Kd7 Bb8 62.Rb2+ Ka8 63.Kc6 Ba7 64.Kc7 Bg1 65.Ra2+ Ba7 66.Rb2 Bg1 67.Rb1 Ba7 68.Rb3 Bg1 69.Rb8+ Ka7 70.Rb2 Ka8* ½-½ (70) Bluebaum,M (2661)-Bernadskiy,V (2609) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 13.cxb4 cxb4 14.a5 Bb7 15.Qb3 Nc5 16.Qxb4 Bxe4 17.Qxc5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Bxd4 19.Qa3 Bxa1 20.Qxa1 e5 21.Bh6 f6 22.Qa2+ Kh8 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Rb1 Qh6 25.Qf7 Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Qf5 27.Rb3 h5 28.h3 Rg8 29.Rb7 g5 30.Qxh5+ 1-0 (30) Giri,A (2752)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Saint Louis USA 2023]

9.Rb1

[9.0-0 0-0

A) 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Bxc6 bxc6
A1) 12.Rc1
A1a) 12...Qa5 13.Qc2 *(13.Qe2 Rab8 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxc6 Bxe3 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Qxe3 Qd1+ 21.Kg2 Rb1 22.Kg3 Qg1+ 23.Kh4 Rb2 24.Rc7 h6 25.Rxe7 Rb5 26.Re8+ Kh7 27.e5 Rb4+* 0-1 (27) Wang,Y (2669)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) chess.com INT 2020 *)*
A1a1) 13...Bxf3 14.gxf3
A1a11) 14...Rfd8 15.dxc5 e6 16.Qb3 *(16.Rfd1 Bf8 17.Bd4 Bxc5 18.Bf6 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Qc7 20.Qa4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxc6 Qg5+ 23.Kf1 Rf8 24.Qc7 Kg7 25.Qxa7 Rc8 26.Qd4+ e5 27.Qd3 Qh5 28.Kg2 Qg5+ 29.Kh1 Qh4 30.Qe3 Qe7 31.Rd5 Qa3 32.Rxe5 Rxc3 33.Qd4 Kh6 34.Qd2+ Kg7 35.Qd4 Kh6 36.Qd2+ Kg7 37.Kg2 Rxf3 38.Ra5 Qc3 39.Qxc3+ Rxc3 40.e5 g5 41.e6 fxe6 42.Rxg5+ Kf6 43.Rg3 Rc2 44.a4 Ra2 45.Rg4 Kf5 46.Rh4 e5 47.Kg3 e4 48.a5 Ra3+ 49.Kg2 Kg5 50.Rxh7 Rxa5 51.Rf7 Ra3 52.Rf8 e3 53.f4+ Kg4 54.h3+ Kh5 55.Rh8+ Kg6 56.Re8 Kf5 57.Kf3 e2+ 58.Kxe2 Kxf4 59.Rf8+ Kg5 60.Re8 Rxh3 61.Re3 Rxe3+ 62.Kxe3* ½-½ (62) Paravyan,D (2647)-Aronian,L (2781) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 16...Rdb8 17.Qc4 Qb5 18.Qxb5 Rxb5 19.Rfd1 Bf8 20.Rb1 Ra5 21.Rb7 Bxc5 22.Rdd7 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Rxa2 24.Rxf7 Rd8 25.Rg7+ Kf8 26.Rbf7+ Ke8 27.Re7+ Kf8 28.Ref7+ Ke8 29.Re7+ Kf8 30.Ref7+ ½-½ (30) Paravyan,D (2647)-Aronian,L (2781) lichess.org INT 2020;
A1a12) 14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Qh5 *(15...Rab8 16.Qxc6 Qxa2 17.e5 Qb3 18.Rc3 Qb7 19.Ra1 e6 20.Qxb7 Rxb7 21.f4 Ra8 22.Ra6 Bf8 23.Kg2 Be7 24.Kf3* ½-½ (24) Martinovic,S (2551)-Antal,G (2544) Germany GER 2025*)* 16.Kg2 Rad8 17.Rfd1 f5 18.Qxc6 f4 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.Bd2 Rxd4 21.Be1 Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Qh5 23.Qb3 Qh3 24.Kg1 Rxe4 25.Bc3 h5 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rc5 Re2 28.Qd3 Rxa2 29.Re1 Qh4 30.Qd4+ Kh6 31.Rd5 Rc8 32.Rd7 e5 33.Rxe5 Rc1+ 34.Kg2 Rcc2 35.Rxh5+ Qxh5 36.Qh8+ Kg5 37.Rd5+ Kh4 38.Rxh5+ gxh5 39.Qf6# 1-0 (40) Nakamura,H

(2736)-Tari,A (2639) chess24.com INT 2021;

A1a2) 13...Be6 14.a4 *(14.c4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Rfd8 17.Be3 Rab8 18.h3 Qa6 19.Bc5 Rb7 20.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Qa5 22.Qd4 Rd7 23.Qe5 Qc7 24.Qg5 Qb7 25.Be3 Qb2 26.Qc5 Qxa2 27.Qxc6 a5 28.Bh6 Rd8 29.Qc7* 1-0 (29) Piorun,K (2608)-Ragger,M (2680) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021*)* 14...Rab8 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Rfc1 Rxb1 17.Rxb1 Bc4 18.Ne1 Rd8 19.h3 Qc8 20.Nf3 Qa6 21.dxc5 Be2 22.Re1 Bxf3 23.gxf3 h5 24.Kg2 Bf6 25.Rd1 Rxd1 26.Qxd1 Qc8 27.Qd3 Be5 28.f4 Bc7 29.f5 gxf5 30.exf5 Be5 31.Qe4 Bxc3 32.Qxe7 Qxf5 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Qxc6 Bf6 35.Qb7 Qg6+ 36.Kf3 Qf5+ 37.Kg2 Qg6+ 38.Kh1 Be5 39.Qd5 Qf5 40.Kg2 Qg6+ 41.Kf3 Qf5+ 42.Ke2 Kg7 43.Bd2 Qf6 44.c6 Bf4 45.Bxf4 Qxf4 46.Qc5 Qxa4 47.c7 Qe4+ 48.Kd2 Qf4+ 49.Kc2 Qe4+ 50.Kc3 Qe1+ 51.Kc4 Qe2+ 52.Kb4 Qb2+ 53.Ka5 Qa2+ 54.Kb5 Qe2+ 55.Kc6 Qa6+ 56.Kd5 Qe6+ 57.Kd4 Qd7+ 58.Kc3 Qxh3+ 59.Kd2 Qd7+ 60.Kc1 Qc8 61.Qg5+ Kh7 62.Qxh5+ Kg8 63.Qg5+ Kh7 64.Qd8 1-0 (64) Svane,R (2615)-Jones,G (2626) Hamburg GER 2023;

A1b) 12...Rb8 13.Qa4 Bxf3 14.gxf3 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Rc5 Re8 18.Kg2 Qh4 19.Rh1 Bf4 20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.Qxc6 Qd2 22.Qa4 Red8 23.Rhc1 a6 24.Qxa6 Rb2 25.Rf1 Kg7 26.Qc4 Rd3 27.Rd5 Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Qxd5 29.exd5 Rxa2 30.Rd1 Kf6 31.d6 Ra8 32.Kg3 Ke6 33.Kf4 f6 34.Ke4 ½-½ (34) Deac,B (2680)-Erigaisi,A (2761) Jermuk ARM 2024;

A2) 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Rac1 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Rxc6 Rfb8 19.Rb1 Rxa2 20.Rcxb6 Rxb6 21.Rxb6 e6 ½-½ (21) Nakamura,H (2794)-Firouzja,A (2737) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 10.d5 Bxc3 *(10...Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Rc1 b6 15.f4 Bg7 16.c4 e6 17.Qd3 Rad8 18.Rcd1 Rfe8 19.d6 Qc6 20.Bf2 e5 21.f5 Bf8 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Bh4 Rxd6 24.Qf3 Qd7 25.Rd5 Rxd5 26.cxd5 c4 27.Bf6 Qc7 28.Kh1 c3 29.Rc1 c2 30.Qb3 Qd6 31.Bh4 Rc8 32.Rxc2 Rxc2 33.Qxc2 Qb4 34.g4 Bc5 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Bg3 Qd4 37.Bf2 Qb4 38.Bg3 Qd4 39.Bf2 Qb4* ½-½ (39) Vitiugov,N (2724)-Svidler, P (2714) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)*

B1) 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxa1 14.Bxa1 Bd7 15.Bc4 Rc8 16.Bb3 Bb5

17.Qd4 f6 18.Rb1 e5 19.dxe6 *(19.Qxa7 Bc4 20.Bd1 Rf7 21.Bg4 Bd3 22.Rd1 Bxe4 23.Be6 Bxd5 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qe3 Rc6 26.Bb2 Rd6 27.Ba3 Rd7 28.Qh6 Kg8 29.h4 Bc6 30.Rxd7 Bxd7 31.Qd2 Qe8 32.Qd5+ Be6 33.Qxb7 Bxa2 34.Be7 Qf7 35.g4 Bd5 36.Qc7 h6 37.Kh2 g5 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Kg3 Be6 40.h5 Bc4 41.f3 Be6 42.Kf2 Bc4 43.Ke3 Ba2 44.Kf2 Be6* ½-½ (44) Vitiugov,N (2724)-Svidler,P (2714) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)* 19...Qxd4 20.e7+ Qc4 21.exf8Q+ Kxf8 22.Bxc4 Bxc4 23.Rc1 Kf7 24.f3 Be6 25.Rxc8 Bxc8 26.a3 f5 27.Kf2 fxe4 28.fxe4 Bd7 29.Bd4 Bc6 30.Bxa7 Bxe4 31.g3 Bc6 32.Bb6 Bd5 33.Ba7 Bc6 34.Bb6 Bd5 35.Ba7 Bc6 ½-½ (35) Vitiugov,N (2727)-Matlakov,M (2682) Ufa RUS 2021;

B2) 11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Bxc3 Nxb5 13.Bb2 Bg4 14.a4 Nd6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 f6 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.e5 Nf5 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Qc4 fxe5 21.Bxe5 b6 22.Bb2 Qd6 23.a5 Nd4 24.axb6 axb6 25.Bxd4 Rf4 26.Rab1 cxd4 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.Qxd4 Qc5 29.Qb4 Rxd5 30.Qxb6 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Qxb6 32.Rxb6 Kf7 33.g3 ½-½ (33) Lysyj,I (2606)-Paravyan,D (2601) chess.com INT 2023;

B3) 11.Bh6 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bc4 Qd6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Rb1 b6 16.Kh1 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Qc2 Re8 20.Rfe1 Qc6 21.a4 a6 22.Qc4 Rxe4 23.Qxa6 c4 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 Rf4 26.f3 c3 27.Rec1 Rf5 28.Rb4 Bf6 29.Kg1 Ke7 30.Rd1 Bg5 31.Re4+ Kf8 32.Re2 Rxb5 33.Rc2 Rb3 34.Kf2 b5 35.Ke2 b4 36.Kd3 Ra3 37.Kc4 Be7 38.Rb1 Ra4 39.Kb3 Ra3+ 40.Kc4 Ra4 41.Kb3 ½-½ (41) Dubov,D (2710)-Svidler,P (2689) Amsterdam NED 2023;

C) 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc2 *(11.Ba3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Bc5 Re8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Bxd4 17.Rfd1 e5 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Rc4 Rad8 20.Qd3 Qe6 21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 Qxa2 23.Ra1 Qe2 24.f3 a5 25.Qa7 Rd8 26.Rxa5 Qb2 27.Qc5 h6 28.Qe5 Qb6+ 29.Kh2 Rc8 30.Rc5 Qd8 31.Qc3 Qd6+ 32.e5 Qe6 33.f4 h5 34.Qc4 Qxc4 35.Rxc4 c5 36.g4 hxg4 37.hxg4 Kf8 38.Kg3 Ke7 39.f5 g5 40.Kf3 Kd7 41.Ke4 Kc6 42.e6 f6 43.Ra4 Kb5 44.Ra7 c4 45.e7 c3 46.Rc7 Rxc7 47.e8Q+ Kc5 48.Kd3 Kb6 49.Qb8+* 1-0 (49) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Paravyan,D (2601) chess.com INT 2023*; 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Qd2* ½-½ (12) Wang,H (2756)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Moscow RUS 2019 *)*

C1) 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 *(12...Ba6 13.Rd1 c5 14.dxc5 Bxa1 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.Rxd8 Rfxd8 17.h4 Bd3 18.Qa4 a6 19.Bg5 Rac8 20.Bxe7 Re8 21.Bd6 Bxe4 22.Qxa6 Ra8 23.Qc4 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Be5 25.Qd5 Rad8 26.h5 Re6 27.h6 Bf4 28.Qb7 Bxh6 29.c6 Rexd6*

30.c7 Bg5 31.a4 Kg7 32.a5 Re8 33.c8Q Rxc8 34.Qxc8 Bd8 35.a6 Bb6 36.Qb7 Rf6 37.Kg2 h6 38.a7 Bxa7 39.Qxa7 Rf5 40.Qd4+ ½-½ (40) Nihal,S (2652)-Navara,D (2691) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 13.Ne5 Qxd4 14.Bb2

C1a) 14...Qb4 15.Rab1 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qa5 17.Bc3 *(17.Bf4 Be6 18.a4 Rfd8 19.Rb7 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Rd1 Be6 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rb1 c5 24.Rb7 Rd7 25.Rb8+ Rd8 26.Rb7 Rd7 27.Rb8+ Rd8 28.Rb7* ½-½ (28) Lobanov,S (2516)-Xiong,J (2681) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

C1a1) 17...Qa6

C1a11) 18.Ba1 Rab8 *(18...Rad8 19.Rfe1 Be6 20.a4 Qc4 21.Qxc4 Bxc4 22.Rb7 Rfe8 23.Rxa7 Ra8 24.Bd4 Rxa7 25.Bxa7 Ra8 26.Bc5 Rxa4 27.Bxe7 f5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.f3 Ra2 30.Rb1 Kf7 31.Rb7 Kg6 32.h3 Rd2 33.Rc7 Bb5 34.Bb4 Rc2 35.Bf8 h5 36.h4 Rc4 37.Be7 Rd4 38.Bg5 Rd6 39.Kh2 Re6 40.Kg3 Re2 41.Rc8 Rc2 42.Rg8+ Kh7 43.Rf8 Bf1 44.Rxf5 Rxg2+ 45.Kf4 Bc4 46.Rf6 Bd5 47.Ke5 Re2+ 48.Kd6 Kg7 49.f4 Bf3 50.f5 Bg4 51.Rg6+ Kf7 52.Rf6+ Kg7 53.Rg6+ Kf7 54.Kxc6 Rf2 55.Rf6+ Kg7 56.Kd6 Rxf5 57.Rxf5 Bxf5 58.Ke5 Bg4 59.Kf4 Kg6* ½-½ (59) Deac,B (2679)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*; 18...Be6 19.a4 Qc4 20.Qxc4 Bxc4 21.Rfc1 Rfb8 22.f3 Bd3 23.Rxb8+ Rxb8 24.Bd4 Rb4 25.Bc5 Rc4 26.Rxc4 Bxc4 27.Bxa7 f5 28.Kf2 Kf7 29.Ke3 e5 30.Bc5 Ke6 31.g3 h5 32.a5 Bf1 33.Kd2 Kd7 34.Ba3 Kc7 35.Ke3 Kd7 36.f4 exf4+ 37.Kxf4 fxe4 38.Kxe4 Kc7 39.Kd4* ½-½ (39) Moiseenko,A (2602)-Grandelius,N (2663) Muelheim GER 2022*)* 19.Rbc1 Qa5 20.h4 Rfd8 21.f3 Be6 22.Rf2 f6 23.Qxc6 Kf7 24.Qc3 Qh5 25.g3 Qb5 26.Qe3 Rbc8 27.Re1 Rd3 28.Qh6 Qh5 29.Qxh5 gxh5 30.Kg2 Rc4 31.Bb2 a5 32.Rc1 a4 33.a3 Rb3 34.Rxc4 Bxc4 35.Rd2 e5 36.Kf2 Ke6 37.Bc1 Rc3 38.Bb2 Rb3 39.Bc1 Rc3 40.Bb2 Rb3 ½-½ (40) Nguyen,N (2645)-Paravyan,D (2601) chess.com INT 2023;

C1a12) 18.f3 Be6 19.a4 Rfd8 20.Rfc1 Rd7 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 c5 23.h4 Qd6 24.Qxd6 exd6 25.Rb7 a5 26.Rb5 Bd7 27.Rxa5 Rxa5 28.Bxa5 Bxa4 29.Bc7 ½-½ (29) Michalik,P (2558)-Tari,A (2656) Czech Republic CZE

2023;

C1a13) 18.Rfc1 c5 *(18...Rfd8 19.Bb4 Rd7 20.a3 Rad8 21.f3 Be6 22.h4 h5 23.Kh2 Rc7 24.Qc5 Rdd7 25.Qe5 c5 26.Bxc5 f6 27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Bxe7 Bc4 29.Bb4 Qe6 30.Ba5 Rc5 31.Bc3 Rdc7 32.Rd1 R5c6 33.Ba5 Rf7 34.Rb8 Rc8 35.Rxc8 Qxc8 36.Rd8 Qc5 37.Bb4 Qc7 38.Rd6 Kh7 39.Bc3 Be6 40.Bd2 Qe7 41.Rc6 Kg8 42.Bb4 Qd7 43.Rd6 Qc7 44.Qg3 Bd7 45.Qxg6+ Rg7 46.Qxf6 Qc2 47.Rd2 Qc7+ 48.Bd6 Qc1 49.Be5 Rh7 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Bd6+ Re7 52.Bxe7+ Kxe7 53.Qg7+* 1-0 (53) Bluebaum,M (2637)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*)* 19.Qb2 Be6 20.a3 f6 21.Qb7 Qxb7 22.Rxb7 Kf7 23.Ba5 Rfb8 24.Rc7 Rb3 25.h4 Rxa3 26.R1xc5 Rb3 27.f3 h5 28.R5c6 Rbb8 29.Ra6 Rc8 30.Rcxa7 Rxa7 31.Rxa7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Ra1 33.Bb6 Rxa7 34.Bxa7 ½-½ (34) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Tari,A (2642) chess.com INT 2024;

C1a2) 17...Qc7 18.f4 Be6 19.f5 Bc4 20.Rf3 Rab8 21.Re1 e5 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Bf6 Qa5 24.Rc1 Bxa2 25.h3 e5 26.Kh2 Be6 27.Qxc6 Qb6 28.Qxb6 Rxb6 29.Bxe5 Rb7 30.Rc6 Bd7 31.Rc5 ½-½ (31) Dreev,A (2623)-Chigaev,M (2631) Sochi RUS 2022;

C1a3) 17...Qc5

C1a31) 18.h3 Be6

C1a311) 19.Rfd1 Qc4 *(19...Rab8 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.Qb2 Re8 22.a4 Qc4 23.Rd4 Qb3 24.Qxb3 Bxb3 25.a5 c5 26.Rd7 a6 27.Rc7 Be6 28.Bd2 Rd8 29.Bg5 c4 30.Bxe7 Rc8 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8* ½-½ (31) Pultinevicius,P (2546)-Shevchenko,K (2668) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2023*)* 20.a3 Rfb8 21.Rxb8+ Rxb8 22.Rd4 Qa6 23.Qd2 Qc8 24.Qh6 Qf8 25.Qf4 f6 26.Qc7 Kf7 27.Qxa7 Rb1+ 28.Kh2 Qb8+ 29.Qxb8 Rxb8 30.Bb4 Rb5 31.a4 c5 32.axb5 cxd4 33.b6 Bc8 ½-½ (33) Vidit,S (2723)-Giri,A (2761) chess.com INT 2022;

C1a312) 19.Kh2 Rab8 20.Rbc1

C1a3121) 20...Qc4 21.f4 *(21.a3 Rfd8 22.Bb4 c5 23.Bxc5 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Rdc8 25.Rfc1 Rb7 26.Bb4 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 f6 28.g4*

Kf7 29.Kg3 Rd7 30.Rc3 Ba2 31.Kf3 g5 32.Kg3 Kg6 33.h4 h5 34.gxh5+ Kxh5 35.Rc5 e5 36.hxg5 Rd3+ 37.f3 Kxg5 38.Rc6 Rd7 39.Bc5 Kg6 40.f4 exf4+ 41.Kxf4 Kg7 42.Bb4 Rd4 43.Kf5 Rc4 44.Rxf6 Bb1 45.Re6 Rxe4 46.Rxe4 Kf7 47.Bd6 1-0 (47) Grischuk,A (2708)-Siddharth,J (2516) Almaty KAZ 2024*)*
21...Qxa2 22.Qd1 Bc4 23.Rf3 f6 24.Qe1 Qe2 25.Qh4 Bd3 26.e5 Be4 27.Rg3 Rb1 28.Rxb1 Bxb1 29.exf6 exf6 30.Bxf6 Qe6 31.Be5 Be4 32.Ra3 Qd7 33.Qf2 Qe7 34.Qe3 Rf7 35.Bb2 Qb4 36.Rb3 Qc4 37.Rb8+ Rf8 38.Qxa7 Qf7 39.Qd4 Qxf4+ 40.g3 1-0 (40) Dubov,D (2708)-Giri, A (2762) Shenzhen CHN 2024;

C1a3122) 20...f6 21.f4 Bf7 22.Rf3 Qc4 23.f5 Qxa2 24.Qd1 g5 25.Rg3 Qf2 26.Rf3 Qb6 27.Qe1 Qc7+ 28.Rg3 Qf4 29.Rc2 Rb3 30.Rf2 Qb8 31.e5 Rd8 32.Rd2 Rd5 33.Rxd5 Bxd5 34.h4 h6 35.Qe2 Bf7 36.Qf3 Qb6 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Qg4 Qf2 39.e6 Be8 40.Rd3 Rb1 41.Rd8 Kf8 42.Qd4 Qxd4 43.Rxd4 Rc1 44.Bd2 Ra1 45.Be3 a5 46.Rd3 a4 47.Bc5 Rc1 48.Ba3 Rc2 49.Rh3 Kg7 50.Bxe7 c5 51.Rd3 Bc6 52.Rd7 Rxg2+ 53.Kh3 1-0 (53) Sindarov,J (2677)-Areshchenko,A (2613) St. Pauli GER 2025;

C1a32) 18.Rfc1 a5 *(18...Rfd8 19.h3 Be6 20.Qb2 Qg5 21.Kh1 Qf4 22.f3 Rab8 23.Qf2 f6 24.Qxa7 Kf7 25.e5 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 Rd7 27.Qf2 Qc4 28.Rc1 f5 29.a3 Qf4 30.Re1 Rd3 31.Bb4 Qd4 32.Qg3 c5 33.Ba5 Rxa3 34.Bb6 Rb3 35.Ba5 Rb5 36.Bc7 Qd7 37.Qh4 Kg8 38.Qa4 Kf7 39.Ba5 c4 40.Bc3 Rb3 41.Qa5 Qd5 42.Qa1 Qd3 43.Rc1 g5 44.Qa5 Qe3 45.Bd2 Qf2 46.Bxg5 Rb2 47.Rg1 Qg3 48.Qa3 Rb7 49.Qc1 Qxe5 50.Re1 Qd5 51.Qc3 Kg6 52.Bh4 Rd7 53.Qh8 Bf7 54.Bxe7*

Rxe7 55.Rxe7 Qd1+ 56.Kh2 Qd6+ 57.Qe5 Qb6 58.Rc7 h5 59.Rc8 h4 60.Rh8 Qe6 1-0 (60) Andreikin,D (2729)-Madaminov,M (2494) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 19.Qd2 Qd6 20.Qh6 f6 21.h3 Be2 22.e5 Qd7 23.Re1 Bc4 24.exf6 exf6 25.Qh4 Bxa2 26.Ra1 Qf7 27.Rec1 a4 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxf6 Rxf6 30.Rxa2 Rf4 31.Rxc6 Rb4 32.g3 Kf7 33.Rc7+ Kf6 34.Kg2 h5 35.Rc6+ Kg7 36.Rd2 Rb7 37.Rdd6 a3 38.Rxg6+ Kf8 39.Rh6 Raa7 40.Rhf6+ Ke8 41.Rfe6+ Kd8 42.Red6+ Ke7 43.Re6+ Kd7 44.Red6+ Ke8 45.Re6+ ½-½ (45) Riazantsev,A (2616)-Duda,J (2732) Samarkand UZB 2023;

C1a33) 18.Qb2

C1a331) 18...a5

C1a3311) 19.Rbc1 Rfb8 *(19...Qd6 20.f4 f6 21.e5 Qc5+ 22.Bd4 Qb4 23.exf6 Qxb2 24.Bxb2 exf6 25.Rxc6 Rac8 26.Rfc1 Rfe8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rxc8+ Bxc8 29.Bxf6 Be6 30.a4 Bd7* ½-½ (30) Ragger,M (2624)-Sindarov,J (2659) Baku AZE 2023*)* 20.Qd2 Qh5 21.Ba1 Qb5 22.h3 Be6 23.f4 Rd8 24.Qf2 f6 25.f5 Bc4 26.Rfe1 Rd7 27.e5 Rf8 28.Qg3 Bd3 29.exf6 exf6 30.fxg6 hxg6 31.Qf2 Bc4 32.Re4 Bd5 33.Rf4 Rdf7 34.Qg3 g5 35.Rxf6 Rxf6 36.Qxg5+ Kf7 37.Qxf6+ Ke8 38.Re1+ 1-0 (38) Hakobyan,A (2616)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2023;

C1a3312) 19.Rfc1 Qd6 20.Be5 Qd7 21.h3 *(21.Qc3 Rfd8 22.Qxc6 Rac8 23.Qxd7 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bxd7 25.Bc7 Rc8 26.Bf4 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 f6 28.f3 Kf7 29.a4 Bxa4 30.Bd2 Bb5* ½-½ (30) Andreikin, D (2724)-Shankland, S (2708) Belgrade SRB 2022 *)* 21...Be6 22.Rd1 Qa7 23.a3 Rfd8 24.Qc3 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qb6 26.Rc1 Rc8 27.Bd4 Qd8 28.Bc5 f6 29.Rb1 Kf7 30.e5 Rb8 31.Rxb8 Qxb8 32.exf6 exf6 33.Qxa5 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Qb8+

35.Kg1 Qb1+ 36.Kh2 Qb8+ 37.g3 Bd5 38.a4 h5 39.Qe1 Qe8 40.Qxe8+ Kxe8 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Kd7 43.Kg3 Kc7 44.Kf4 Be6 45.Be7 g5+ 46.Ke4 Bxg4 47.Bxf6 Kb7 48.Bxg5 c5 49.Bd2 Bd7 50.a5 Ka8 51.f4 Bc8 52.f5 Bxf5+ 53.Kxf5 c4 54.Ke5 c3 55.Bxc3 Kb7 ½-½ (55) Andreikin,D (2729)-Antipov,M (2600) chess.com INT 2023;

C1a3313) 19.Bd4

C1a33131)

19...Qd6 20.Qc3 Be2 *(20...Rfd8 21.Bb6 Qd3 22.Qe5 Re8 23.f3 f6 24.Qc5 Be6 25.a3 a4 26.Rfd1 Qe2 27.Qxc6 Kf7 28.Re1 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Bxc4 30.Rbc1 Rec8* ½-½ (30) Radjabov,T (2753)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2750) Stavanger NOR 2022 *)* 21.Rfe1 Bb5 22.a4 *(22.Bc5 Qe6 23.Rbd1 a4 24.Rd2 Rfd8 25.h3 Rxd2 26.Qxd2 Bc4 27.a3 Bb3 28.Qd4 Re8 29.Re2 f6 30.Rd2 g5 31.Qe3 Qe5 32.Bd4 Qf4 33.Qxf4 gxf4 34.Bb6 Kf7 35.Rd8 Rxd8 36.Bxd8 e5 37.f3 Ke6 38.Kf2 Bc2 39.g3 fxg3+ 40.Kxg3 f5 41.exf5+ Bxf5 42.h4 Kd5 43.Kf2 Kd4 44.Ke2 c5 45.Kd2 Bg6 46.Ba5 Bh5 47.Bc3+ Kd5 48.Ke3 Kc4 49.Bxe5 Kb3 50.Kd2 Bxf3 51.Bd6 Kxa3 52.Kc3* ½-½ (52) Harikrishna,P (2701)-Navara,D (2681) Prague CZE 2022*; 22.h4 Rfd8 23.Bb6 Rdb8 24.Bxa5 Qd3 25.Qe5 Qd6 26.Qxd6 exd6 27.Bc7 Re8 28.Bxd6 Rxa2 29.e5 h5 30.Ra1 Bc4 31.Rec1 Rxa1 32.Rxa1 Kg7 33.Ra7 g5 34.hxg5 Kg6 35.Be7 Be6 36.Kh2 Kf5 37.Kg3 Kxe5 38.Bc5 Kf5 39.Be3 Bd5 40.Ra4 Re4 41.Rxe4* ½ - ½ (4 1) Grandelius,N

(2645)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Paris FRA 2022)
22...Bxa4 23.Bh8 f6 24.e5 Qd8 25.exf6 exf6 26.Rb7 Rf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.h4 Qxh8 *(28...Qd6 29.Qc4+ Kf8 30.Re6 Qd5 31.Rxf6+ Ke7 32.Qe2+ Kd7 33.Qg4+ Ke7 34.Qxa4 Rxh8 35.Rf3 Rd8 36.Qa3+ Ke6 37.Qe3+ Qe5 38.Qb3+ Qd5 39.Qc3 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Qd4 41.Qb3+ Rd5 42.g3 Qd1 43.Qc3 Rf5 44.Qxc6+ Kf7 45.Qc7+ Kf6 46.Qb6+ Kg7 47.Rxf5 gxf5 48.Qxa5 Qf3 49.Qe5+ Kf7 50.Kg1 h5 51.Kf1 Qd1+ 52.Kg2 Qd3 53.Qf4 Qc2 54.Qf3 Kg6 55.Qd5 Kf6 56.Qd6+ Kf7 57.Qd7+ Kf6 58.Qe8 Qd1 59.Qf8+ Ke6 60.Qg8+ Ke5 61.Qg7+ Ke6 62.Qg6+ Ke7 63.Qxf5*
1-0 (64) Bluebaum, M (2642)-Ivic,V (2610) Terme Catez SLO 2022)
29.Qc4+ Kf8 30.Qc5+ Kg8 31.Qc4+ Kf8 32.Qc5+ Kg8 33.Qc4+ Kf8
½ - ½ (33) Bluebaum,M (2661)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2736) chess.com INT 2023 34.Qxa4 Re8 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.Qxc6+ Kf7 37.Qb7+ Kg8 38.Qa8+ Kg7 39.Qa7+ Kg8 40.Qxa5 Qg7 41.h5 gxh5 42.Qxh5 Qg6 43.Qd5+ Qf7 44.Qf5 Kg7 45.g3 Qg6 46.Qd7+ Qf7 47.Qd4 Qe6 48.Kg2 h5 49.Qa7+ Kg6 50.Qa8 Kg7 51.Qa5 Kg6 52.Qc5 h4 53.Qc2+ Qf5 54.Qc4 hxg3 55.Qg8+ Kh6 56.Qh8+ Kg6 57.Qg8+ Kh6 58.fxg3 Qe4+ 59.Kh2 Qe2+ 60.Kh3 Qh5+ 61.Kg2 Qe2+ 62.Kh3 Qh5+ 63.Kg2 Qe2+ 64.Kh3 ½-½ (63) Bluebaum, M

(2661)-Navara,D (2685) chess.com INT 2023;

C1a33132) 19...Qb4 20.Qa1 Qa4 21.Bc5 Rfe8 22.a3 *(22.Rfe1 Rad8 23.Qe5 f6 24.Qg3 Be6 25.a3 Rd7 26.h4 Red8 27.h5 Rd1 28.Qc7 R1d7 29.Qg3 Rd1 30.Qc7 R1d7 31.Qg3* ½-½ (31) Sevian,S (2684)-Antipov,M (2615) Saint Louis USA 2022 *)* 22...Be6 23.Qe5 Rad8 24.h4 Qc4 25.Rfc1 f6 26.Qf4 Qd3 27.Re1 Bf7 28.e5 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Bxc4 30.Rb7 fxe5 31.Bxe7 Rd5 32.Bf6 e4 33.Rg7+ Kf8 34.Rxh7 Rf5 35.Bg5 Rf7 36.Rh8+ 1-0 (36) Bluebaum,M (2662)-Mekhitarian,K (2564) chess.com INT 2025;

C1a332) 18...Rfd8 19.Bb4 Qg5 20.Qc1 Qxc1 21.Rfxc1 Rd7 22.Ba5 Rc8 23.Rc5 f6 24.f3 Be6 25.a3 Kf7 26.Rbc1 Rd3 27.Bb4 g5 28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Rxc6 a5 30.Bxa5 Rxa3 ½-½ (30) Sarana,A (2685)-So,W (2769) Baku AZE 2023;

C1a333) 18...Qd6 19.Be5 Qd7 *(19...Qd3 20.Bf4 f6 21.f3 Be6 22.Qb7 Kf7 23.Rfd1 Qc4 24.Bd6 Rfe8 25.Bxe7 Rab8 26.Qxa7 Ra8 27.Qb7 Rab8 28.Qa7 Ra8 29.Qb7 Rab8 30.Qa7* ½-½ (30) Andreikin,D (2729)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 20.h3 Be6 21.Rfd1 Qc8 22.Qa3 c5 23.Rbc1 Qc6 24.Bd4 Qxe4 25.Bxc5 Rfe8 26.Rd4 Qe2 27.Ra4 a6 28.Be3 f6 29.Rc7 Bf7 30.Kh2 Qb5 31.Re4 e5 32.Rb4 Qd5 33.Rbb7 Rf8 34.Bh6 Rab8 35.Rxf7 1-0 (35) Bluebaum,M (2657)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Almaty KAZ 2022;

C1a334) 18...Be6 19.Bb4 Qg5 20.f4 Qh4 21.g3 Qh6 22.Bxe7 Rfe8 23.Bc5 Rad8 24.Qf6 Rd2 25.Rf2 Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.a4 a6 29.Bd4+ Kh6 30.Kf2 Bc4 31.Be5 g5 32.Rc1 Bb3 33.Rxc6+ Re6 34.Bd6 gxf4 35.gxf4 Rxe4 36.Bf8+ Kh5

37.Kf3 Re6 38.Rxe6 fxe6 39.a5 Kg6 40.Bd6 Kf5 ½-½ (40) Dragun,K (2553)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

C1a335) 18...Qc4

C1a3351) 19.Rfc1 Qxe4 20.Re1 Qf4 21.Rxe7 Rab8 22.Rb7 Rxb7 23.Qxb7 Be6 24.Qxa7 Bd5 25.f3 Bxa2 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Qe7 f6 28.Qc5 Rf7 29.Qf2 Kg7 30.Bd2 Qa4 31.h4 h6 32.Bc3 Qf4 33.Bd2 Qc4 34.Rc1 Qa4 35.Bc3 Qf4 36.Bd2 Qa4 37.Bc3 g5 38.hxg5 hxg5 39.Qe3 Qh4 40.Ra1 Qf4 41.Qxf4 gxf4 ½-½ (41) Matviishen,V (2566)-Salem,A (2622) New York USA 2024;

C1a3352) 19.f3 Be6 20.a3 *(20.Rfc1 Qxa2 21.Qb4 Rfe8 22.Ra1 Qc4 23.Qa3 Qe2 24.Qc5 Qb5 25.Qe3 f6 26.Ra5 Qb6 27.Rc5 a5 28.Bd4 Red8 29.h4 Qb4 30.Bc3 Rd3 31.Qf2 Qb6 32.h5 Rad8 33.Bxa5 Rd1+ 34.Kh2 Qb8+ 35.f4 Rxc1 36.Rxc1 Rc8 37.Rc2 Kf7 38.Rb2 Qd6 39.Rd2 Qa3 40.Bb6 Qb4 41.f5 gxf5 42.exf5 Bd5 43.Bc5 Qg4 44.Rd4 Qg5 45.Qe2 Re8 46.Qf2 Rg8 47.g4 Qc1 48.Rxd5 cxd5 49.Bd4 Qg5 50.Qe2 Qxg4 51.Qe6+ Kf8 52.Qc8+ Kg7 53.Bxf6+ Kxf6 54.Qe6+ Kg5 55.Qxg8+ Kh4 56.Qxd5 Qg3+ 57.Kh1 Qe1+ 58.Kg2 Qe2+ 59.Kg1 Qxh5 60.Qe4+ Qg4+ 61.Qxg4+ Kxg4 62.Kg2 Kxf5 63.Kf3 e5 64.Ke3 e4 65.Ke2 Kf4 66.Kf2 e3+ 67.Ke1 Kf3 68.Kf1 e2+ 69.Ke1 h5 70.Kd2 Kf2 71.Kd3 e1Q 72.Kd4 Qe3+ 73.Kd5 Qf4 74.Kc6 Qe5 75.Kb7 Qd6 76.Kc8 Qe7 77.Kb8 Ke3 78.Ka8 Kd4 79.Kb8 Kc5 80.Ka8 Kb6 81.Kb8 Qd8#* 0-1 (81) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 20...Rfd8 21.Rfc1 Qd3 22.Qf2 f6 23.h4 Kf7 24.Rb7 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Rb1 c5 27.Qxc5 Rc8 28.Qd4 Qxd4+

29.Bxd4 a6 30.Rb7 Rd8 31.Bc5 Rd7 32.Rb6 Bc4 33.Bb4 h5 34.Kf2 Bb5 35.Rb8 Rc7 36.Ke3 Bd7 37.Rh8 Kg7 38.Ra8 Bb5 39.g4 hxg4 40.fxg4 Kf7 41.g5 fxg5 42.hxg5 Ke6 43.Kf4 Kf7 44.Ke5 Bc6 45.Rh8 Kg7 46.Rb8 Rb7 47.Rc8 Bd7 48.Ra8 Bb5 49.Ke6 Bc4+ 50.Ke5 Bb5 51.Kd5 Kf7 52.Kd4 Rd7+ 53.Ke5 Rb7 54.Rc8 Rd7 55.Rh8 Kg7 56.Rh2 Rc7 57.Rf2 Bd3 58.Kd4 Bb5 59.Kd5 Bc4+ 60.Ke5 Bb5 61.Rf3 Rd7 62.Ke6 Rd3 63.Rf7+ Kg8 64.Rxe7 Bc4+ 65.Kf6 Rf3+ 66.Ke5 Rf7 67.Re8+ Kg7 68.Bc3 Rd7 69.Rc8 Bb3 70.Rb8 Ba2 71.Rb6 Bc4 72.a4 Kf7 73.Rf6+ Kg7 74.Kf4 Kh7 75.Ke5 Bg8 76.Rf2 Re7+ 77.Kd6 Re6+ 78.Kd7 1-0 (78) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Mekhitarian,K (2559) chess.com INT 2023;

C1a3353) 19.Rbc1 Qa4 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.Bxb4 Rfe8 22.Rxc6 a5 23.Bc5 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.Rb1 f6 26.Rb5 a4 27.Ra5 Bd7 28.f3 Kf7 29.Ra7 Rc8 30.Bb4 Ke8 31.h4 h5 32.a3 Rc2 33.Kh2 Rb2 34.Kg3 Rc2 35.Ra8+ Kf7 36.Rh8 Kg7 37.Rd8 Bb5 38.Bxe7 Bf1 39.Rd6 Rxg2+ 40.Kf4 Kf7 41.Bxf6 Ra2 42.Ke5 Rxa3 43.Rd7+ Ke8 44.Re7+ Kf8 45.f4 Rb3 46.Ra7 Rb5+ 47.Kd4 Rb4+ 48.Kd5 Ke8 49.e5 Bg2+ 50.Kc5 Re4 51.Bg5 Bh3 52.Kd5 Bf5 53.Kc5 Kf8 54.Kb5 Ke8 55.Kc6 Kf8 56.Kd6 Rd4+ 57.Kc5 Re4 58.Kd5 Ke8 59.Kd6 Rd4+ 60.Kc5 Re4 61.Kd5 Kf8 62.Rc7 Ke8 63.Re7+ Kf8 64.Ra7 Ke8 ½-½ (64) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Salem,A (2631) chess.com INT 2025;

C1b) 14...Qb6

C1b1) 15.Rfb1 Rfb8

(15...Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qa5 17.Bc3 Qc5 18.Qd3 Rfd8 19.Qg3 Qc4 20.h3 Be6 21.Rb7 Rd3 22.Rb8+ Bc8 23.Rxa8 Qxc3 24.Rxc8+ Kg7 25.Qb8 Qxa1+ 26.Kh2 Qf6 27.f4 Rd2

28.a4 Kh6 29.Rh8 Re2 30.Qf8+ Qg7 31.e5 Qxf8 32.Rxf8 Kg7 33.Ra8 e6 34.Rxa7 g5 35.fxg5 Rxe5 36.h4 Re2 37.a5 Ra2 38.a6 c5 39.Kh3 c4 40.Rc7 Rxa6 41.Rxc4 Ra3+ 42.Kg4 h6 43.gxh6+ Kxh6 44.Kf4 Kg6 45.g4 Ra1 46.h5+ Kh6 47.Rc8 Rf1+ 48.Kg3 f5 49.gxf5 exf5 50.Rh8+ Kg7 51.Ra8 Kh6 52.Rh8+ Kg5 53.h6 Kg6 54.Kg2 Rf4 55.Kg3 Rg4+ 56.Kf3 Rh4 57.Rg8+ Kf6 58.Rh8 Rh3+ 59.Kf4 Rh4+ 60.Kf3 Ra4 61.h7 Kg7 62.Rg8+ Kxh7 63.Rg5 Kh6 64.Rxf5 Kg6 65.Rf4 Rxf4+ 66.Kxf4 ½-½ (66) Sarana,A (2685)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com INT 2022*)*
16.Nd7 *(16.h3 Be6 17.Nd7 Qxb2 18.Rxb2 Rxb2 19.Qxc6 Rd8 20.Rd1 Rbb8 21.Qa4 Rbc8 22.f4 h5 23.Ne5 Rxd1+ 24.Qxd1 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Bxa2 26.Qd7 Be6 27.Qxe7 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Rc2+ 29.Kf3 Ra2 30.g4 hxg4+ 31.hxg4 a5 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qd8+ Kg7* ½-½ (36) Xiong,J (2690)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Saint Louis USA 2022*)* 16...Bxd7 17.Bxg7 Qc7 18.Bd4 c5 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxc5 Rc8 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Bc5 Rxe4 23.Rb7 Be6 24.Rxa7 Rxa7 25.Bxa7 Ra4 26.Be3 Rxa2 27.Rxa2 Bxa2 28.Bd2 Bb3 29.Be3 Ba2 30.Bd2 Bb3 31.Be3 Ba2 32.Bd2 ½-½ (32) Xiong,J (2681)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis USA 2023;

C1b2) 15.Rab1 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qa6

C1b21) 17.Rfc1 f6 *(17...Be6 18.Qc5 Rfe8 19.a3 f6 20.Bd4 Kf7 21.f4 Red8 22.f5 gxf5 23.exf5 Ba2 24.Re1 Rd7 25.Rb2 Qd3 26.Bxf6 exf6 27.Rxa2 Qd4+ 28.Qxd4 Rxd4 29.Rc2 Rc8 30.Rec1 Ra4 31.Rc3 c5 32.Rxc5 Rxc5 33.Rxc5 Rxa3 34.Rc7+ Kg8 35.Kf2 h5 36.h3 a5 37.Ra7 a4 38.h4 Kf8 39.g3 Kg8 40.Kg2 Kf8 41.Kf2 Kg8 42.Kg2 Kf8 43.Kf2* ½-½ (43) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023*)* 18.Bd4 Be6 19.a4 Rfb8 20.h4 Kf7 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.Qxc6 Qxc6 23.Rxc6 Rb1+ 24.Kh2 Rb4 25.Bxa7 Rxa4 26.Rc7 Rxe4 27.Bc5 Bd5 28.f3 Re2 29.Kg1 h6 30.Kf1 Re6 31.Kf2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Bb4 f5 34.Ba3 Kf6 35.Bb2+ Kg6 36.Ba3 Ra6 37.Bxe7 Ra2+ 38.Kg1 g4 39.Bd6 gxf3 40.gxf3 Bxf3 41.Bf4 Kh5 42.Rg7 Kh4 43.Kf1 Ra4 44.Bg3+ Kh3

45.Kf2 Bh5 46.Bd6 f4 47.Bxf4 Rxf4+ 48.Ke3 Ra4 49.Rg1 Bg4 50.Rh1+ Kg2 51.Rh8 Kg3 52.Rg8 Ra7 53.Ke4 Re7+ 54.Kd4 Kf4 55.Rh8 Rd7+ 56.Kc4 Ke5 57.Rh4 Bf5 58.Rh5 Rc7+ 59.Kb5 Rc1 60.Rg5 Ke4 61.Rh5 Bd7+ 62.Kb4 Kd4 63.Rh4+ Kd3 64.Rh5 Be6 65.Rc5 Rb1+ 66.Ka5 Bc4 67.Rh5 Kd4 68.Rg5 Bd5 69.Ka6 Kc5 70.Ka7 Rb7+ 71.Ka6 Rf7 72.Rh5 Rg7 73.Rf5 Rg8 74.Ka7 Ra8# 0-1 (74) Bluebaum,M (2655)-Navara,D (2679) chess.com INT 2024;

C1b22) 17.Qc5 Rfe8 18.Ba1 *(18.Bc3 Qxa2 19.Rb2 Qa4 20.f3 Bc8 21.Rc1 f6 22.e5 Qf4 23.Re1 Qf5 24.g4 Qxf3 25.exf6 Be6 26.Rf2 Qxg4+ 27.Rg2 Qf4 28.Rxe6 exf6 29.Rxf6 Qc1+ 30.Rf1 Qe3+ 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Rc2 Rd8 33.Ra1 Rd7 34.Ra6 Re6 35.Rd2 Rxd2 36.Bxd2 g5 37.Rxa7 h6 38.Rc7 Re2 39.Bc3 Re6 40.Kf2 Rd6 41.Ke3 Re6+ 42.Kf3 c5 43.Kg4 Re2 44.h3 Re3 45.Bg7 Re6 46.Kf5 Ra6 47.Bf6 Kf8 48.Rxc5 Ra3 49.Rc3 Ra4 50.Re3 Rc4 51.Kg6 Rc6 52.Rd3 Rc8 53.Rd8+ Rxd8 54.Bxd8 Kg8 55.Kxh6* 1-0 (55) Praggnanandhaa,R (2618)-Adhiban,B (2672) Riga LAT 2021*)* 18...Rad8 19.Rfe1 Qxa2 20.Qc3 f6 21.e5 Qf7 22.Rb4 Be6 23.exf6 exf6 24.h3 Bd5 25.Reb1 Re6 26.Rb7 Re7 27.Rxe7 Qxe7 28.Re1 Qf7 29.Qd4 h5 30.Bc3 Rd6 31.Ra1 Rd7 32.Qc5 Qe7 33.Qxe7 Rxe7 34.Bxf6 Rd7 35.Ra6 c5 36.Bg5 Be4 37.Be3 c4 38.Rxa7 Rxa7 39.Bxa7 c3 40.f3 ½-½ (40) Vaibhav,S (2610)-Tari,A (2656) Chiang Mai THA 2022;

C1b23) 17.Rbe1 Be6 18.f4 Qxa2 19.Qc5 f6 20.Ba1 Rf7 21.Rf2 Qc4 22.Qe3 Qb5 23.f5 gxf5 24.e5 f4 25.Qxf4 f5 26.Qh6 Qd5 27.Rd2 Qb3 28.Red1 Raf8 29.Rd3 Qa2 30.R3d2 Qb3 31.Rd3 Qa2 32.R3d2 Qb3 ½-½ (32) Grischuk,A (2708)-Firouzja,A (2744) chess.com INT 2024;

C2) 11...Bg4 12.Ne5 Be6 *(12...Bxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.f4 Be6 15.Qa4 c4 16.Qc2 Kh8 17.Be3 Rad8 18.Rad1 Bg4 19.Rd4 Qa5 20.Rxc4 Be6 21.Rxc6 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bd4 Bc4 24.Rf2 Kg8 25.f5 Rb8 26.h3 a6 27.e6 fxe6 28.fxg6 e5 29.gxh7+ Kh8 30.Be3 Qb5 31.Kh2 Bd3*

32.Qd2 Bxe4 33.Bh6 Qc6 34.Qg5 Qg6 35.Qxe5+ Kxh7 36.Qxb8 Qxh6 37.Qf4 Qg6 38.Qf7+ Qg7 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Re2 Bd5 41.Rxe7+ Kf6 42.Ra7 Bc4 43.a4 Ke5 44.h4 Kf4 45.h5 Kg5 46.Rc7 Bd3 47.Rc5+ Kh4 48.h6 Kg4 49.Rc7 Kg5 50.h7 Bxh7 51.Rxh7 1-0 (51) Deac,B (2692)-Fedoseev,V (2686) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 13.Nxc6 Qe8 14.d5 Bd7 15.Na5 Ba4 16.Qd2 Qb5 17.Nc6 Qc4 18.Nxe7+ Kh8 19.d6 Rad8 20.Re1 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Bxc3 22.Bh6 Rfe8 23.e5 f6 24.f4 fxe5 25.fxe5 c4 26.Bg5 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Kg7 28.Nd5 Bxa1 29.Rxa1 Rb8 30.Bf6+ Kh6 31.Rc1 c3 32.h4 Bd7 33.Rxc3 Bf5 34.Rc7 Kh5 35.Ne3 h6 36.Nxf5 gxf5 37.d7 Rg8 38.e6 Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Rb2 40.Bxb2 1-0 (40) Andreikin,D (2729)-Dubov,D (2710) chess.com INT 2023;

C3) 11...Qc7 12.Ba3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rb8 *(13...Bg4 14.Ne5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.h3 Be6 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Ba3 Rab8 19.Rad1 Qa5 20.Rd3 c5 21.Qc1 c4 22.Rg3 Qe5 23.f4 Qxe4 24.Bb2 Qe2 25.Ba1 Rf8 26.f5 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Rfd8 28.Qc3 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Rxa1 30.Qxa1 Rb2 31.Qf1* 1-0 (31) Bluebaum,M (2663)-Bernadskiy,V (2612) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 14.Rac1 Rb6 15.Bc5 Rb7 16.h3 Be6 17.Qa4 Qf4 18.Qxc6 Rc7 19.Bd6 Qxc1 20.Qxc7 Qxc7 21.Bxc7 Rc8 22.Be5 Bxa2 23.Ra1 Rc2 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.d5 a5 26.Nd4 Rb2 27.Nc6 a4 28.Kh2 Kf8 29.f3 Ke8 30.h4 f6 31.Kg3 Kd7 32.Nb4 Bb3 33.Nd3 Rc2 34.Kf4 Kd6 35.g4 h6 36.g5 hxg5+ 37.hxg5 fxg5+ 38.Kxg5 Rc3 39.Nb2 Rxf3 40.Nxa4 Bc2 41.Kxg6 Bxe4+ 42.Kg5 Bxd5 43.Nb6 e6 44.Rd1 Kc6 45.Nc8 Kc5 46.Ne7 Rf7 47.Ng6 Rf5+ 48.Kh4 Kd6 49.Kh3 Rf6 50.Nh4 e5 51.Kg3 e4 52.Ng2 Ke5 53.Re1 Rf3+ 54.Kh2 Be6 55.Re3 Rf8 56.Kg3 Kd4 57.Ra3 Bc4 58.Ra4 Rf3+ 59.Kh2 Rc3 60.Ra8 Bd5 61.Re8 Rf3 62.Kg1 Rf5 63.Kh2 Kd3 64.Kg3 Rf3+ 65.Kg4 Kd4 66.Nf4 Bc4 67.Rd8+ Ke3 68.Ng6 Be6+ 69.Kg5 Rf5+ 70.Kh4 Kf2 71.Re8 Bd5 72.Kg4 Rf6 73.Nf4 Bc6 74.Re7 e3 75.Nh3+ Ke2 76.Nf4+ Kd2 77.Kg5 Rd6 78.Re5 Rd4 79.Kg4 Be4 80.Kg3 Bd3 81.Re7 e2 82.Nxe2 Bxe2 83.Rg7 Re4 84.Rg8 Ke3 85.Rg7 Bc4 86.Ra7 Re8 87.Ra3+ Bd3 88.Kg4 Rg8+ 89.Kh5 Ke4 90.Ra4+ *(90.Kh6 Rg3 91.Ra5 Kf4 92.Rg5 Re3 93.Rd5 Be4 94.Ra5 Rg3 95.Rg5 Ra3 96.Rg1 Ra7 97.Rf1+ Kg4 98.Rg1+ Kh4 99.Rg4+ Kxg4* ½-½ (115) Sjugirov,S (2680)-Ivic,V (2610) Belgrade SRB 2022*)* 90...Kf5 91.Ra5+ Kf4 92.Kh6 Rg6+ 93.Kh5 Rb6 94.Ra4+ Be4 95.Rc4 Rb7 0-1 (95) Riazantsev,A (2626)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Almaty KAZ 2022;

C4) 11...Ba6 12.Re1 Qa5

13.a4 *(13.Bd2 Rab8 14.a4 Bc4 15.Reb1 Qa6 16.Rxb8 Rxb8 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Bd3 19.Qd1 Bxe4 20.Bg5 Qc4 21.Bxe7 Qxc3 22.Bf6 c4 23.h4 Qxa1 24.Qxa1 Rb1+ 25.Qxb1 Bxb1 26.Kf1 Kf8 27.Ke1 Ke8 28.Kd2 c5 29.Kc3 Bd3 30.Bg5 Kd7 31.Be3 Kc6 32.g3 a6 33.Kd2 Kd5 34.Kc3 Bf1 35.a5 Bd3 36.Kd2 h5 37.Kc3 Bf5 38.Kd2 Kc6 39.Kc3 Kb5 40.f3 Be6 41.Bf2 Bd5 42.f4 Be6 43.Be3 Kxa5 44.Bxc5 Kb5 45.Ba3 a5 46.Bd6 a4 47.Ba3 Kc6 48.Kd4 Kb5 49.Kc3 Bf5 50.Kd4 Bc2 51.Kc3 Bd1 52.Kd4 Bb3 53.Kc3 Kc6 54.Kd4 Kd7 55.Bc1 Ke6 56.Ba3 Kf5 57.Ke3 c3 58.Bc1 Bc4 59.Ba3 Be6 60.Bb4 c2 61.Ba3 Kg4 62.Kf2 Bd5 63.Bb2 Bh1 64.Ba3 Bd5 65.Bb2 Be6 66.Bc1 Bd7 67.Bb2 Bb5 68.Bc1 Kf5 69.Ke3 Bc6 70.Bb2 Bd5 71.Bc1 Kg4 72.Kf2 Bb3 73.Bb2 Kf5 74.Ke3 Ke6 75.Kd4 Ba2 76.Bc1 Bd5 77.Bb2 Bb7 78.Bc1 Kf5 79.Ke3 Bd5 80.Bb2 Bh1 81.Bc1 Ke6 82.Kd4 Kd7 83.Kc5 Be4 84.Bb2 Bf5 85.Bc1 Be6 86.Bb2 Kc7 87.Bc1 Kb7 88.Bb2 Ka6 89.Bc1 Ka5 90.Bd2+ Ka6 91.Bc1 Bb3 92.Bb2 Kb7 93.Bc1 Kc7 94.Bb2 Kd7 95.Bc1 Ke6 96.Kd4 Kf5 97.Ke3 f6 98.exf6 Kxf6 99.Bb2+ Ke6 100.Kd4 Kd6 101.Ba3+ Kc6 102.Bb2 Be6 103.Bc1 Kb5 104.Ba3 c1Q 105.Bxc1 Kb4 106.Ke5 Bf5 107.Kf6 a3 108.g4 hxg4 109.h5 gxh5 110.Kxf5 a2 111.Bb2 g3* 0-1 (111) Bluebaum,M (2637)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

C4a) 13...Rfd8 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bb2 *(17.Rac1 c5 18.Bb2 Rc8 19.Red1 e5 20.Bc3 Qd8 21.Qb2 Qh4 22.Re1 Bd3 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Qb7 Qd8 25.Qxa7 c4 26.Red1 Ra8 27.Qc5 Rxa4 28.h3 Ra2 29.Qe5 Ra5 30.Qf4 Qg5 31.Qxg5 Rxg5 32.Rxd3 cxd3 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Rd8 Ra5 35.Rxd4 Ra1+ 36.Kh2 Ra2 37.Kg3 d2 38.Kf3 Kf6 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Rd5+ Ke6 41.Rxd2 Ra3+ 42.Kf4 f6 43.h4 h6 44.f3 g5+ 45.Kg4 Ra1 46.g3 Rh1 47.Ra2 gxh4 48.gxh4 Kf7 49.Kf5 Rxh4 50.Ra7+ Kf8 51.Ra6 Kg7 52.Rxf6 Rh5+ 53.Ke6 Ra5 54.Rf4 Ra6+ 55.Ke5 Ra5+ 56.Kd4 Ra4+ 57.Ke3 Ra3+ 58.Kf2 Ra2+ 59.Kg3 Kg6 60.Rf5 Ra6 61.Rb5 h5 62.Kh4 Rf6 63.Rg5+ Kf7 64.Kg3 Rh6 65.f4 Rh8 66.Kh4 Re8 67.e5 Ke6 68.Kxh5 Kd5 69.Kg4 Ke4 70.Rg6 Rf8 71.Rf6 Rg8+ 72.Kh5 Kd5 73.e6 Kd6 74.f5 Ke7 75.Rf7+ Kd6 76.e7 Rh8+ 77.Kg6 Rg8+ 78.Kf6 Rh8 79.Rf8 Rh6+ 80.Kg7 Kxe7 81.f6+* 1-0 (81) Bluebaum,M (2650)-Troff,K (2484) chess.com INT 2024*)*

17...c5 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Red1 d3 20.Qb2 Rd8 21.h3 h5 22.Rac1 Kh7 23.Qa3 Qe5 24.Qc5 Qxe4

25.Qxa7 d2 26.Qxa6 dxc1Q 27.Rxc1 Rd2 28.Qa7 Ra2 29.a5 h4 30.Qc5 e6 31.Qg5 Kg7 32.Qc5 Qf5 33.Qc3+ Qf6 34.Qxf6+ Kxf6 35.Rc5 Ra1+ 36.Kh2 e5 37.Rc6+ Kf5 38.a6 Ra2 39.f3 f6 40.Rb6 Kg5 41.Rc6 f5 42.Re6 Ra5 43.Rb6 e4 44.fxe4 fxe4 45.Rc6 Ra1 46.Rb6 Kf5 47.Rb5+ Kf4 48.Rb6 g5 49.Re6 Kf5 50.Re8 Rxa6 51.Kg1 Ra2 52.Rf8+ Ke5 53.Rf7 e3 54.Kf1 Ke4 55.Re7+ Kf4 56.Rf7+ Kg3 57.Rf3+ Kh2 58.Rxe3 Rxg2 59.Rd3 Rg3 60.Rd5 Kxh3 61.Kf2 Rg4 62.Rd3+ Rg3 63.Rd1 Kg4 64.Rd4+ Kh5 65.Ra4 Rg4 66.Ra8 Rf4+ 67.Kg2 Kg4 68.Ra3 h3+ 69.Kh2 Rf2+ 70.Kg1 Rb2 71.Rc3 Kh4 72.Rd3 g4 73.Rd4 Rb1+ 74.Kh2 Rb2+ 75.Kh1 Kg3 0-1 (75) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Troff,K (2484) chess.com INT 2025;

C4b) 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Bd2 Qc5 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Be3 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Bxc4 19.Rec1 ½-½ (19) Bluebaum,M (2673)-Xiong,J (2688) chess.com INT 2022;

C5) 11...Qa5

C5a) 12.Be3 Rb8 *(12...Be6 13.Nd2 Rfb8 14.Nb3 Qa4 15.Rfc1 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qxb3 17.Qxb3 Rxb3 18.Ra6 Rb6 19.Rca1 Rxa6 20.Rxa6 cxd4 21.cxd4 Rd8 22.d5 cxd5 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.g3 g5 25.Rxa7 Bf6 26.Kg2 h5 27.Rc7 Kg7 28.Rc5 Rxc5 29.Bxc5 g4 30.h3 Kg6 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.Kf1 Kf5 33.Ke2 Ke4 34.Ba3 Bg5 35.Bc5 e6 36.Bb6 f5 37.Bc5 Bf6 38.Bb6 Bd4 39.Bc7 Kd5 40.Bf4 Bc5 41.Bc7 e5 42.Ba5 Bd6 43.Bd2 Ke4 44.Ba5 Bc5 45.Bd2 Kd5 46.Ba5 e4 47.Bd2 Bd6 48.Be3 Be5 49.Bd2 Ke6 50.Be3 Bd6 51.Bd2 Bc5 52.Bc1 Kd5 53.Bd2 e3 54.Bxe3 Bxe3 55.Kxe3 Ke5 56.Kd3 f4 57.gxf4+ Kxf4 58.Ke2 g3 59.fxg3+ Kxg3* ½-½ (59) Heimann,A (2573)-Tari,A (2656) Mayrhofen AUT 2022 *)* 13.h3 Be6 14.dxc5 Qxc3 15.Qxc3 Bxc3 16.Rac1 Bg7 17.Bd4 Rb4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ne5 Rc8 20.f3 f6 21.Nd3 Ra4 22.Rf2 Rd8 23.Nf4 Bf7 24.Rb1 e5 25.Ne2 Rxa2 26.Ng3 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 a5 28.Ke3 Bc4 29.Rb7+ Kh6 30.Ra7 Rd3+ 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Kg1 Ra2 33.h4 a4 34.Nh1 a3 35.Nf2 Be6 36.g4 Ra1+ 37.Kg2 a2 38.f4 exf4 39.e5 f3+ 40.Kxf3 Rf1 41.exf6 g5 42.hxg5+ Kxg5 43.Kg3 Rg1+ 44.Kf3 Bd5+ 45.Ke3 a1Q 46.Ne4+ Bxe4 47.Rxa1 Rxa1 48.f7 Ra8 49.f8Q Rxf8 50.Kxe4 Kxg4 0-1 (50) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022;

C5b) 12.Rb1 Ba6 13.Re1 Bc4 14.Ne5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Rfb8 16.Bg5 Kf8 17.Qd2 Rxb1 18.Rxb1 Rd8 19.Qe3

Bxa2 20.Rc1 Be6 21.h3 c4 22.Qg3 h5 23.Rb1 Qc7 24.Be3 Rb8 25.Ra1 c5 26.f4 Rd8 27.Qf2 Rd3 28.Bxc5 a5 29.Bd4 Qb7 30.f5 gxf5 31.exf5 Bd5 32.Rxa5 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Rb1 34.Ra2 Qb3 35.Qd2 Qd1 36.Qxd1 Rxd1 37.Kg3 Rf1 38.f6 exf6 39.exf6 Kg8 40.Kh4 Rf5 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Rf1 43.Kg5 Be6 44.Re2 Rf3 45.Re4 Rg3 46.Be5 Rg1 47.Bd4 Kh7 48.Bxg1 1-0 (48) Tomashevsky,E (2696)-Shomoev,A (2555) Sochi RUS 2022;

C5c) 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Rab1 Bg4 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Be3 Qa5 18.a4 Be6 19.h3 Qa6 20.Rb4 Rab8 21.Rfb1 Rxb4 22.Rxb4 f6 23.Qc5 Kf7 24.Qxa7 Qxa7 25.Bxa7 Rd8 26.Bd4 c5 27.Bxc5 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Rc1 29.Be3 Rc4 30.Rb7 Rxa4 31.Bc5 Rxe4 32.Rxe7+ Kg8 33.f3 Re2 34.Bd4 Bc4 35.Rc7 Bd5 36.Kg3 Re6 37.h4 h5 38.Kf2 Rd6 39.Bc3 Rc6 40.Rxc6 ½-½ (40) Lenic,L (2633)-Erdos,V (2615) Terme Catez SLO 2021;

C5d) 12.a4

C5d1) 12...Bg4 13.Ne5 Bxe5 *(13...Bc8 14.Nxc6 Qc7 15.d5 Bb7 16.Bg5 Bxc6 17.dxc6 h6 18.Bh4 Qxc6 19.Rab1 c4 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Bb4 a5 23.Bd6 Rxe4 24.Rb5 Qxd6 25.f3 Qa3 26.Qxe4 Rc8 27.Rb7 Bxc3 28.Rxf7 Qc5+ 29.Kf1 Kxf7 30.Rd7+ Kf6 31.g4* 1-0 (31) Sarana,A (2656)-Antipov,M (2607) chess.com INT 2021*)* 14.dxe5 Rfd8 15.Bg5 *(15.h3 Be6 16.Bg5 Rd7 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Rxd7 Rxd7 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Qxc3 21.Bxe7 Qd4 22.Qc1 c4 23.Qh6 Qa1+ 24.Kh2 Qxe5+ 25.f4 Qg7 26.Qh4 h6 27.Bf6 Qf8 28.Qf2 Qd6 29.Be5 Qe7 30.Qb2 Kh7 31.Qb8 f6 32.Bc3 a6 33.a5 h5 34.Qb6 g5 35.Qxa6 Qc7 36.e5 gxf4 37.Qb6 Qg7 38.Qb1+ Kh6 39.Qe1 Bd5 40.Qf2 fxe5 41.a6 c5 42.a7 Ba8 43.Bb2 Qg5 44.Qd2 Qg3+ 45.Kg1 Qd3 46.Qxd3 cxd3 47.Bxe5 Kg5 48.Kf2 Kf5 49.Bc3 h4 50.Kf1 Ke4 51.Kf2 c4 52.Bf6 Kf5 53.Bc3 Ke6 54.Kf1 Kd6 55.Ke1 Bxg2 56.Kd2 Ke6 57.Ba5 Kd7 58.Kc3 Bd5 59.a8Q Bxa8 60.Kxc4 Be4 61.Be1 Ke6 62.Kc3 Bf5 63.Bxh4 Kd5 64.Kd2 Ke4 65.Bf2 Kf3 66.Bb6 Kg2 67.Ke1 Kxh3 68.Ba7 Kg2 69.Bb6 f3 70.Ba7 f2+ 71.Bxf2 d2+ 72.Kxd2* ½-½ (72) Chigaev,M (2628)-Bernadskiy,V (2592) Dubai UAE 2023*)* 15...Qc7 16.h3 Be6 17.f4 Bc4 18.Rf3 Kg7 19.Qf2 f6 20.exf6+ exf6 21.Bh4 Rd3 22.Rxd3 Bxd3 23.Re1 Rf8 24.Qd2 c4 25.e5 f5

26.Bf6+ Kf7 27.Kh2 Ke6 28.Qf2 Qb6 29.Qh4 Rf7 30.Be7 Be4 31.Bd6 Qb2 32.Rxe4 fxe4 33.Qd8 Qb7 34.Qe8+ Kd5 35.e6 Rg7 36.e7 Ke6 37.Kg3 h5 38.a5 Qd7 39.Qd8 Rxe7 40.Bxe7 Qxe7 41.Qxe7+ Kxe7 42.Kf2 Ke6 43.g4 a6 44.Ke3 hxg4 45.hxg4 Kd5 46.Kf2 Ke6 47.Ke2 Kd6 48.Kf2 Ke6 49.Kg3 Kf6 50.Kf2 Ke6 ½-½ (50) Dubov,D (2707)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

C5d2) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Ne5 *(14.Bd2 Qh5 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Bc3 Qc5 18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.h3 Be6 20.Qb2 Rab8 21.Qa1 Qh5 22.Be5 Rb3 23.Rxc6 Bxh3 24.Rc3 Qg5 25.Bg3 Rxc3 26.Qxc3 Be6 27.Qc7 Rc8 28.Qxa7 h5 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.fxe3 Rc4 31.a5 Rxe4 32.Ra1 Rxe3 33.Bf2 Rc3 34.a6 Bd5 35.a7 Rc8 36.Rb1 Ra8 37.Rb8+ Kg7 38.Bc5 e6 39.Bd4+ f6 40.g3 g5 41.Kf2 Kg6 42.Rb4 Rc8 43.Rb8 Rc2+ 44.Ke3 Ra2 45.Rf8 e5 46.Bc5 Ra5 47.Rd8 Bg2 48.Bb6 Ra3+ 49.Kf2 Be4 50.Rd2 h4 51.gxh4 gxh4 52.Rd7 h3 53.Kg1 Ra2 54.Bf2 h2+ 55.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 56.Kg3 Ra2* 0-1 (56) So,W (2757)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024*)*

14...Bxe5 15.dxe5

C5d21) 15...Qxe5 16.Bb2 Qf4 *(16...Qa5 17.f4 Rfd8 18.Rf2 Rab8 19.f5 gxf5 20.h3 Bh5 21.exf5 f6 22.Qxc6 Qd5 23.Qc7 Qe4 24.Kh2 Qe3 25.Raf1* ½-½ (25) Moiseenko,A (2582)-Ragger,M (2632) Muelheim GER 2022*)* 17.Qc5 Qd6 *(17...Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Qd2 19.Bc3 Qd6 20.Qg5 Bc8 21.Rad1 Qe6 22.h4 f6 23.Qc5 Ba6 24.h5 Kf7 25.Re3 Qc4 26.Qa5 Bc8 27.e5 Be6 28.exf6 exf6 29.Rf3 Bf5 30.Rd6 Re6 31.Qc7+ Kf8 32.h6 Rae8 33.Qg7#* 1-0 (33) Andreikin,D (2729)-Zubov,A (2598) chess.com INT 2024*)* 18.Qc3 f6 19.f3 Be6 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Qc5 Rad8 22.h4 Kf7 23.Ba3 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rb8 25.Bb4 Qb6 26.Rd4 Qxc5 27.Bxc5 a5 28.Kh2 h6 29.Kg3 g5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Rd2 Rb7 32.Rd8 Bb3 33.Ra8 Bxa4 34.Rxa5 Rb5 35.Rxb5 cxb5 36.Kf2 Bc2 37.Ke3 e5 38.g3 Ke6 39.Bb4 Bd1 40.g4 Bb3 41.Ba3 Bc4 42.Bb4 Bb3 43.Ba3 Bc4 44.Bb4 Bb3 ½-½ (44) Bluebaum,M (2658)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

C5d22) 15...Rfd8 16.h3

Be6 17.Be3 Rab8 18.Qc5 Qxc5 19.Bxc5 Rd7 20.Rfd1 Rbd8 21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Rb1 f6 23.exf6 exf6 24.Rb8+ Kf7 25.Rf8+ Kg7 26.Ra8 g5 27.Rxa7 Rxa7 28.Bxa7 h5 29.a5 Bc4 30.f3 h4 31.Kf2 Kf7 32.Bc5 Ke6 33.Ke3 f5 34.Kd4 Bf1 35.e5 Ba6 36.Bb6 Kd7 37.Kc5 Bf1 38.e6+ Ke7 39.Bc7 f4 40.Be5 Kxe6 41.Bc7 Kf5 42.Bd8 Kg6 43.Be7 Kf5 44.Bd8 Kg6 45.Bc7 Kf5 46.Bd6 Kg6 47.Be5 Kf5 48.Bc3 Kg6 49.Be5 Kf5 50.Bb8 Kg6 51.Bc7 Kf5 ½-½ (51) Dubov,D (2707)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

C5d3) 12...Ba6 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.cxd4 c5 15.Bd2 Qd8 16.Bc3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Rc8 18.Qb2 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Qa5 20.Rd5 Qc7 21.Rad1 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.h3 Qd1+ 25.Kh2 Qd6+ 26.Kg1 Bd3 27.Qb7 Qc5 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Qb2+ f6 30.e5 Be4 31.exf6+ exf6 32.Nd4 Kf7 33.Qb3+ Bd5 34.Qd1 a6 35.Nc2 Bc6 36.Ne3 Qb4 37.Qd8 Qxa4 38.Qh8 Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kg1 Qa1+ 41.Kh2 Qe5+ 42.Kg1 h5 43.Qh7+ Ke6 44.Qxg6 a5 45.Qg8+ Kd7 46.Nc4 Qc5 47.Nxa5 Qxa5 48.Qf7+ Kc8 ½-½ (48) Svane,R (2646)-Mamedyarov,S (2734) Deizisau GER 2023;

C5d4) 12...Rd8 13.Ba3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bg4 15.Ne5 *(15.Bxe7 Re8 16.Bc5 Qd8 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.f3 Be6 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Rab1 Rg5 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Be7 Rh5 24.g4 Rh3 25.Kg2 Rh6 26.h4 g5 27.hxg5 Rg6 28.Bf6 h6 29.Rh1 Kh7 30.e5* 1-0 (30) Andreikin,D (2729)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com INT 2022*)* 15...Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5

C5d41) 17.f3 Bc8 *(17...Be6 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Qc5 Qb6 20.a5 Qxc5+ 21.Bxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Kf8 23.a6 Ke8 24.h4 Bc4 25.Kf2 Bxa6 26.Ra1 Bb5 27.Rxa7 Rxa7 28.Bxa7 Kd7 29.Bc5 f5 30.Ke3 e5 31.f4 Ke6 32.fxe5 Kxe5 33.Bd4+ Ke6 34.Kf4 fxe4 35.Kxe4 Bf1 36.g3 Bg2+ 37.Ke3 Kd5 38.Bf6 Bh3 39.Kd3 Bf5+ 40.Kc3 Ke4 41.Bd8 Be6 42.Bc7 Bd5 43.Bd6 Kf3 44.Bc7 Kg4 45.Bd6 g5 46.hxg5 Kxg5 47.Bf4+ Kg4 48.Bc7 h5 49.Bd6 h4 50.gxh4 Kxh4 51.Bc5 Kg4* ½-½ (51) Wagner,D (2613)-Ragger,M (2603) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 18.h4 Rb8 19.Rfd1 Be6 20.Qc5 Qxc5+ 21.Bxc5 Rxd1+

22.Rxd1 f5 23.Bxe7 fxe4 24.fxe4 Re8 25.Bc5 Bb3 26.Rd4 Bc2 27.Bxa7 Rxe4 28.Rxe4 Bxe4 29.Kf2 Kf7 ½-½ (29) Adhiban,B (2518)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2723) Belfort FRA 2025;

C5d42) 17.h3

C5d421) 17...Bc8 18.Bb2 Qe6 19.Qc3 f6 20.f4 Ba6 21.Rfd1 Qc4 22.Qxc4+ Bxc4 23.Rdc1 Bd3 24.Rxc6 Bxe4 25.Re6 f5 26.Rxe7 Rd2 27.Rg7+ Kf8 28.Be5 Rc8 29.Rc7 Rxc7 30.Bxc7 Rxg2+ 31.Kf1 Rg3 32.Ra3 Bg2+ 33.Kf2 Rxa3 34.Bd6+ Kf7 35.Bxa3 Bxh3 36.Ke3 h6 37.Bc5 a6 38.Bb6 g5 39.Bd8 Kg6 40.Be7 Bf1 41.a5 Bb5 42.Kf3 Bd3 43.Kg3 Be4 44.Bd8 Bc6 45.Be7 Bb5 46.Bd8 Bd7 47.Be7 Kf7 48.Bd8 gxf4+ 49.Kxf4 Ke6 50.Bb6 Kd5 51.Bf2 Kc4 52.Ke3 h5 53.Be1 Kb5 54.Kf4 h4 55.Bxh4 Kxa5 56.Ke3 Kb4 57.Kd2 Kb3 58.Kc1 Ka2 59.Bg5 Bc6 60.Bf4 Be4 61.Be5 Kb3 62.Bc7 Bd3 63.Kd2 Bc2 64.Kc1 Be4 65.Kd2 Kb4 66.Kc1 Ka3 67.Kd2 Kb3 68.Kc1 Kc3 69.Kd1 Kd3 70.Kc1 Ke3 71.Kb2 f4 72.Bxf4+ Kxf4 73.Ka1 Ke5 74.Kb2 Kd4 75.Ka1 Kc4 76.Kb2 Kb4 77.Ka1 Kb3 ½-½ (77) Bluebaum,M (2654)-Ragger,M (2579) chess.com INT 2024;

C5d422) 17...Bd7 18.f4 Qd4+ 19.Kh2 c5 20.Bxc5 Rac8 21.Bxd4 *(21.Rfc1 Qf6 22.Qf2 Bc6 23.Qe3 Qe6 24.Re1 a6 25.Bd4 Rd7 26.Bb2 Rcd8 27.f5 Qd6+ 28.Kh1 Qd2 29.Ba3 Qxe3 30.Rxe3 f6 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Ra2 Kf7 33.e5 Rd1+ 34.Kh2 R8d2 35.Re2 Rxa2 36.e6+ Kf8 37.Rxa2 Re1 38.Rb2 Rxe6 39.Rb6 Bd5 40.Rxe6 Bxe6 41.a5 Kf7 42.g4 Bd5 43.Kg3 e5 44.Bb2 Ke6 45.h4 Bb3 46.h5 gxh5 47.gxh5 Kf5 48.Bc1 Bd1 49.Kh4 Bb3 50.Bd2 Bf7 51.h6 Bg6 52.Kg3 Ke4 53.Bc1 f5 54.Kh4 f4 55.Bd2 Kf5 56.Be1 e4 57.Bb4 e3 58.Bc5 Ke4 59.Kg5 Bh7 60.Kg4 Bf5+ 61.Kg5 f3 62.Bxe3 Kxe3 63.Kxf5 f2 64.Kg6 f1Q 65.Kg7 Qa1+*

66.Kg8 Qg1+ 67.Kf7 Qf2+ 68.Kg7 Qg3+ 69.Kf7 Qf4+ 70.Kg7 Qg5+ 71.Kh7 Qxa5 72.Kg6 Qb6+ 73.Kg5 Qxh6+ 74.Kg4 a5 75.Kf5 a4 76.Ke5 a3 77.Kd5 a2 78.Kc4 a1Q 79.Kd5 Qd4# 0-1 (79) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Rasulov,V (2540) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 21...Rxc2 22.Bxa7 Ra8 23.Bd4 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 Bxa4 25.Rf2 Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Bc6 27.e5 f6 28.exf6 exf6 29.g4 Kf7 30.Kg3 Be4 ½-½ (30) Abbasov,N (2632)-Svidler,P (2688) Baku AZE 2023;

C5d423) 17...Be6 18.Bxe7 Bb3 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Bxc5 a5 *(20...Rd3 21.Rfc1 Rad8 22.a5 a6 23.Be7 Rd1+ 24.Kh2 R8d2 25.Bg5 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rc2 27.Rb1 Ba4 28.Bf6 Bb5 29.Rd1 h5 30.Rd8+ Kh7 31.Rh8#* 1-0 (31) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Ragger,M (2603) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 21.Rfc1 Rd2 22.Be3 Rc2 23.Rcb1 Be6 24.Rb7 Rc4 25.f3 Kg7 26.h4 h5 27.Bf4 Rb4 28.Rc7 Bb3 29.Be5+ Kg8 30.Ra3 Bxa4 31.Bf6 Bb5 32.Rxa5 Ra4 33.Rxa4 Bxa4 34.Kh2 Bb5 35.Kg3 Re8 36.Kf4 Ba6 37.Kg5 Rc8 38.Ra7 Bc4 39.Kh6 Be6 40.Bg7 c5 41.Ra6 Bc4 42.Rd6 Be6 43.Rd2 Re8 44.Bf6 Kf8 45.Kg5 Kg8 46.Kh6 Kf8 47.Kg5 Kg8 48.g4 hxg4 49.fxg4 Kh7 50.Rh2 Rg8 51.Kf4 Kh6 52.Rh1 c4 53.Rh2 Bd7 54.Rd2 Be6 55.Rh2 Bd7 56.Rd2 Be6 57.Rh2 ½-½ (57) Sindarov,J (2668)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2735) London ENG 2024]

[9.d5 Qa5 *(9...a6 10.Be2 Bxc3+ 11.Bd2 Bxa1 12.Qxa1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 f6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bh6 e5 17.Qb4 Rf7 18.f4 b5 19.h3 Bd7 20.Kh2 Qe7 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Rf3 Re8 23.Rg3 f5 24.fxe5 Rxe5 25.Bf4 fxe4 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Bd1 Re7 28.Qe3 Kg7 29.Kg1 b4 30.Be2 Bf5 31.a3 a5 32.h4 Rc7 33.Qg5 Rc3 34.Rxc3 bxc3 35.Qe3 c2 36.Qa7+ Bd7 37.Qxd7+ Kh6 38.Qc8 Qa1+ 39.Bf1 c1Q 40.Qf8+ Kh5 41.d6 Kg4* 0-1 (41) Ivanisevic,I (2601)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) Belgrade SRB 2022 *)* 10.Rb1

A) 10...Bxc3+ 11.Bd2 a6 12.Bxc6+ *(12.Ba4 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 b5 14.dxc6 Be6 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Nb3 Qxa4 17.Nxc5 Rxd1 18.Nxa4 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Kd8*

20.Nc5 Bc4+ 21.Ke1 Kc7 22.Nxa6+ Kxc6 23.a3 Ra8 24.Nb4+ Kc5 25.Ra1 Kd4 26.Kd2 Kxe4 27.Kc3 Be6 28.Re1+ Kf5 29.Nc2 Kf6 30.Kb2 Rd8 31.Kc3 Bc4 32.Re3 e5 33.a4 Bf1 34.a5 Bxg2 35.Nb4 Bf1 36.Re1 Bc4 37.a6 Ra8 38.Ra1 Ke6 39.Nc2 Kd6 40.Kb4 Kc6 41.Ka5 Rd8 42.Na3 Kc7 43.Rc1 Kb8 44.Rb1 Bd3 45.Rd1 Rd4 46.Kb6 b4 47.Nb1 Bxb1 48.Rxb1 Rd6+ 49.Kc5 Rxa6 50.Rxb4+ Kc7 51.Rb5 Rf6 52.Kd5 Rxf2 53.Ra5 Kd7 54.Ra7+ Ke8 55.h4 Rf5 56.Ra8+ Ke7 57.Ra7+ Kf6 0-1 (57) Gupta,A (2628)-Puranik,A (2618) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 12...bxc6 13.dxc6 Be6 14.Rc1 Bb4 15.0-0 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 0-0-0 18.Nb3 Bxb3 19.axb3 Rd6 20.Rxc5 Kc7 21.Ra1 Rb8 22.e5 Rxc6 23.Rxc6+ Kxc6 24.Rxa6+ Kd5 25.Ra7 Rxb3 26.f4 Ke6 27.Ra6+ Kf5 28.Ra7 Kxf4 29.Rxe7 Rb1+ 30.Kf2 Rb2+ 31.Kg1 Rb1+ 32.Kf2 Rb2+ 33.Kg1 Rb1+ 34.Kf2 Rb2+ 35.Kg1 Rb1+ ½-½ (35) Andreikin,D (2726)-Vitiugov,N (2722) Sochi RUS 2020;

B) 10...a6 11.Ba4 *(11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.dxc6 Be6 14.Bf4 Qxa2 15.c7 Rac8 16.Rb8 h6 17.Rxc8 Rxc8 18.Qd8+ Kh7 19.Qxe7 Qc4 20.Be5 Qxe4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qxc5 Qc4 23.Qe5+ Kh7 24.Ra1 Rxc7 25.h4 Rc5 26.Qd6 Rc6 27.Qe5 Rc5 28.Qf6 a5 29.Nd2 Qd3 30.Qd4 Rxc3 31.Qxd3 Rxd3 32.Ne4 Rd4 33.Nc5 Bf5 34.h5 g5 35.Rxa5 Bg4 36.f3 Bxh5 37.Ne4 Bg6 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Nf6 Rd8 41.Ra7 Kg7 42.Nd7 Re8 43.Kf2 Re7 44.Rb7 h5 45.Nc5 Re5 46.Nb3 Rd5 47.Ke3 Re5+ 48.Kf2 Re8 49.Nd2 Ra8 50.Nc4 Ra2+ 51.Kg1 Ra1+ 52.Kf2 Ra2+ 53.Kg1 Re2 54.Rb5 Kh6 55.Ne5 Ra2 56.Rb6 Ra4 57.Nxf7+ Kg7 58.Nxg5 h4 59.Kh2 Bf5 60.Ne4 Ra2 61.Rb5 Be6 62.Rg5+ Kh6 63.Re5 Bf7 64.Kh3 Rb2 65.Nf6 Kg6 66.Ng4 Bc4 67.Kxh4 Rxg2 68.Rg5+* 1-0 (68) Navara,D (2719)-Howell,D (2663) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 11...b5 12.dxc6 Bxc3+ 13.Bd2 Be6 *(13...bxa4 14.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Qd2 Qc4 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rc1 Qb4+ 18.Rc3 Bg4 19.Ne5 Be6 20.0-0 c4 21.Rfc1 Rac8 22.Qh6 Rfd8 23.h4 Qc5 24.Nxc4 Rxc6 25.Ne5 Qxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Nf3 f6 28.h5 Bf7 29.e5 Rc6 30.a3 Rd5 31.Qf4 g5 32.Qxa4 Rb5 33.h6 Kf8 34.Qd4 Bd5 35.exf6 exf6 36.Nxg5 fxg5 37.Qg7+ Ke8 38.Qxh7 Rbb6 39.Qh8+ Kd7 40.Qg7+ Ke6 41.h7 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 Rbb1 43.h8Q Rh1+ 44.Kg3 Rxh8 45.Qxh8 Rb3+ 46.f3 Rxa3 47.Qd8 Ra2 48.Qxg5 a5 49.Qg6+ Ke5 50.Qg7+ Kd6 51.Kf4 a4 52.g4 Rf2 53.Qe5+ Kc6 54.Qc3+ Kb5 55.Qd3+ Bc4 56.Qd4 Rf1 57.Qc3 Rb1 58.g5 Rb3 59.Qe5+ Kb4 60.Qd6+ Kc3 61.Qe5+ Kb4 62.g6 a3 63.g7 a2 64.Qd4 Ra3 65.g8Q* 1-0 (65) Sarana,A (2649)-Svidler,P (2714) chess.com INT 2021*)* 14.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 bxa4 17.Rhc1 0-0-0+ *(17...Bxa2 18.Rb7 f6 19.Rxc5 Kf7 20.Nd4 Be6 21.Ra5 Rhc8 22.Rxa4 a5*

23.Rb5 Rcb8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Rxa5 Bc8 26.Ra7 Ke8 27.f4 e5 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Nf3 1-0 (29) Vocaturo,D (2617)-Cheparinov,I (2667) Chalons en Champagne FRA 2021*)* 18.Ke3 Kc7 19.Rb7+ Kxc6 20.Rcb1 Bb3 21.Rxe7 Bxa2 22.Ne5+ Kd6 23.Rbb7 Rhe8 24.Nxf7+ Bxf7 25.Rxf7 c4 26.f3 a3 27.Rb1 Rb8 28.Ra1 Rb3+ 29.Kd4 Rc8 30.e5+ Ke6 31.Rf6+ Ke7 32.Ra2 c3 33.Rc2 Rb4+ 34.Kd3 Ra4 35.Rb6 a2 36.Rb7+ Kf8 37.Rxa2 Rxa2 38.Rb1 Rd2+ 39.Ke3 c2 40.Rc1 Rd1 41.Rxc2 Rxc2 42.h4 Rxg2 43.h5 gxh5 44.Kf4 h4 45.Kf5 h3 46.f4 h2 47.Ke6 h1Q 48.f5 Rf2 49.f6 Qh3# 0-1 (49) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Antipov,M (2588) chess.com INT 2023]

9...0-0

[9...Qa5 10.0-0 a6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 c4 15.f4 Rd8 16.Be3 Rd3 17.Qf2 Qxc3 18.Rbc1 Qa5 19.f5 Qxe5 20.fxg6 f6 21.gxh7+ Kh8 22.Rxc4 Bd7 23.Qe2 Ra3 24.Bd4 Qb5 25.Qc2 Be6 26.Rxf6 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Bxc4 28.Rh6+ e5 29.Bxe5# 1-0 (29) Hakobyan,A (2608)-Antipov,M (2588) Webster Groves USA 2023]

10.d5 Ne5

[10...a6 11.Bd3 *(11.Be2 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.Bb2 Rd8 15.c4 Qxa2 16.0-0 Rd6 17.Qc1 Rb6 18.Bxe5 Rxb1 19.Qxb1 Qxe2 20.Qb6 f6 21.Qd8+ Kf7 22.d6 fxe5 23.dxe7 Bd7 24.Qxa8 Kxe7 25.Qxb7 Qxc4 26.Rd1 Qb5 27.Qc7* 1-0 (27) Harsha,B (2538)-Can,I (2532) Saint Louis USA 2025*)* 11...Bxc3+ 12.Bd2 Bg7 13.0-0 b5 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 e5 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.a4 Bc4 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qe2 Ra2 23.Qd1 Ra3 24.Bxc4 bxc4 25.Rb4 Rc3 26.Qa4 Qc8 27.Bd6 d3 28.Bxf8 Bxf8 29.Rb5 Ra3 30.Qd1 c3 31.Qxd3 c2 32.Qd2 Qc4 33.Rb8 Qxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Ra1+ 35.Ke2 c1Q 36.Rd8 Qf1+ 37.Ke3 Ra3+ 38.Kd4 Qb5 0-1 (38) Dubov,D (2710)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]

11.0-0

[11.Nxe5 Bxe5

A) 12.0-0 a6 *(12...Bxc3 13.Be3 b6 14.Qc2 Bg7 15.Bc6 Rb8 16.Bf4 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxb8 Qxb8 19.f4 Qd6 20.Bb5 a6 21.Bxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 b5 23.Bxb5 Rxa2 24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.Bxd3 Bd4+ 26.Kh1 c4 27.Rb4 Bc5 28.Rxc4 Bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rf2 30.Rxf2 Bxf2 31.g3 Kg7 32.Kg2 Bd4 33.e5 h5 34.Kf3* ½-½ (34) Akobian,V (2614)-Grandelius,N (2661) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)* 13.Be2 Bxc3 14.Be3 Qa5 15.h4 Rb8 16.h5 Bd7 17.f4 Qxa2 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bg4 f5 20.Bh3 Qa4 21.Qxa4 Bxa4 22.Bxc5 Rf7 23.Rb6 Kh7 24.Rf3 Ba5 25.Re6 fxe4 26.Rg3 Rg8 27.f5 g5 28.Bxe7 Bc7 29.d6 Bb6+ 30.Kh2 Bd7 31.Rg6 e3 32.R3xg5 Rgg7 33.Rxg7+ Rxg7 34.Rh5+ Kg8 35.f6 Bg4 36.Rh8+ Kxh8 37.fxg7+ Kxg7 38.Bxg4 Bc5 39.Kg3 a5 40.Kf3 a4 41.Bd7 a3 42.Be6 b6 43.Bb3 1-0 (43) Yu Yangyi (2763)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019;

B) 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bc7 14.Bc4 a6 15.a4 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bxb5 exd5 18.Bc6 Qh4+ 19.g3

Qh5 20.Bxd5 Rd8 21.0-0 Ra4 22.Qc2 Bh3 23.Be3 Ra3 24.Bxc5 Ra5 25.Bd4 Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Raxd5 27.exd5 Qxd5 28.Re1 Bd6 29.Qe4 Qb5 30.f5 Bc5 31.Qe5 Bxd4+ ½-½ (31) Gledura,B (2633)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) Douglas IOM 2023]

11...a6 12.Bd3

[12.Be2 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 b5 14.Be3 Qd6 15.Qd2 Be5 16.g3 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Rbd1 Bh3 19.Bg2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rad8 21.Qc2 c4 22.a4 Qf6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bd4 Rxd5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Rfe1 Rf5 27.Re2 Rf3 28.Rc1 Rd3 29.Kg1 Rfd8 30.Qb1 Qf3 31.Rce1 Qxe2 32.Rxe2 Rd1+ 33.Re1 Rxb1 34.Rxb1 Rd5 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.h4 Kd6 38.Ra1 Rd3 39.Rc1 Kc5 40.g4 Rh3 41.f3 Rxh4 42.Ke3 Rh2 43.g5 e5 44.Rd1 Rc2 45.Rd7 Rxc3+ 46.Ke4 Rc1 47.Kxe5 Rh1 48.Rc7+ Kb4 49.f4 Kb3 0-1 (49) Akobian,V (2614)-Grandelius,N (2661) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021]

12...e6 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.c4 Qd6 15.a4 b5 16.Bh6 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Be5 18.f4 Bd4 19.Qf3 Qd8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bh6 b4 22.Rbd1 f5 23.Qg3 exd5 24.cxd5 fxe4 25.Bxe4 Bf5 26.Bxf8 Bxe4 27.Bh6 Qxd5 28.f5 Bxf5 29.Rf4 b3 30.Rdf1 Kh8 31.Rxd4 Qxd4 32.Rf4 Qf6 33.Qxb3 g5 34.Rxf5 Qxh6+ 35.Kg1 Qg7 36.Qd5 Rc8 37.Rxg5 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qf6 39.Qd7 Rd8 40.Qg4 c4 41.Rh5 c3 42.Qe4 Qg7 43.Qc6 Rg8 44.Rh3 Qe5+ 45.Kg1 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qe5+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qe5+ ½-½ (48) Aronian,L (2747)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) Bucharest ROU 2025

8.Rb1 0-0

[8...b6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Be2 0-0

A) 11.0-0 Bg4 *(11...Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.c4 e5 14.Bb2 Qe7 15.Re1 Nb7 16.h3 Nd6 17.Bd3 Rae8 18.a4 f5 19.Nd2 Qh4 20.Qc2 f4 21.Be2 a5 22.Bc3 Rb8 23.Rb2 Rb7 24.Reb1 Rfb8 25.Qd1 h5 26.Ra2 Qe7 27.Rb3 Kh7 28.Qa1 Kh6 29.Rab2 g5 30.Qb1 Qd8 31.Bxa5 bxa5 32.Rxb7 Nxb7 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Qxb7 Bxa4 35.Qa6+ Bf6 36.Nf3 Kg7 37.Ne1 Be8 38.Nd3 Qc7 39.d6 Qc6 40.Qxa5 Qxe4 41.Qc7+ Kh6 42.Bf1 Qd4 43.Nxc5 e4 44.d7 Bf7 45.Nb7 e3 46.d8Q exf2+ 47.Kh2 Bxd8 48.Qxd8 Qe3 49.Qf6+ Bg6 50.Qh8+ Bh7 51.Qf6+ Bg6 52.Nd8 Kh7 53.Ne6* 1-0 (53) Dominguez Perez,L (2758)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nc6 14.d5 Na5 15.Qd3 e6 16.Rd1 exd5 17.exd5 Qd6 18.g3 c4 19.Qc2 Rad8 20.Bd2 h5 21.Bf4 Be5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Rd4 Nb7 24.Rxc4 Rc8 25.Rbb4 Na5 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Re4 Qf6 28.Kg2 Nb7 29.c4 Nd6 30.Rf4 Qe5 31.Qd3 a6 32.Bd1 b5 33.cxb5 axb5 34.Qd4 Qe7 35.Qa1 Nf5 36.Qb1 Qe5 37.Qe4 Qxe4+ 38.Rxe4 Rc3 39.Rb4 Rd3 40.Bb3 Nd4 41.d6 Nxb3 42.axb3 Rxd6 43.Rxb5 Rd3 44.h4 Kg7 45.b4 Rb3 46.Rb7 Kf6 47.Rb8 Kf5 48.b5 Kf6 49.Kf1 Rb2 50.f3 g5 51.hxg5+ Kxg5 52.b6 h4 53.b7 Kf5 54.Rh8 Rxb7 55.Rxh4 Kg6 56.Rg4+ ½-½ (56) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.

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B) 11.h3 Bc8 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Bf1 Nd7 15.Bg5 e6 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Bf4 Qd7 18.Bb5 Qd8 19.Bd3 Nh5 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.h4 Rac8 22.a4 f6 23.Be3 f5 24.Bg5 Rce8 25.a5 Bc6 26.exf5 Bxf3 27.gxf3 c4 28.Bc2 exf5 29.Ba4 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 bxa5 31.Re6 Bf6 32.Qe3 Bxg5 33.hxg5 Qf4 34.Bb5 Qxe3 35.fxe3 Rb8 36.Bxc4 Kf8 37.d5 Rb6 38.d6 Rb1+ 39.Kf2 Rb2+ 40.Be2 Ng7 41.Rf6+ Ke8 42.d7+ Kxd7 43.Rf7+ Kc6 44.Rxg7 Kb6 45.e4 f4 46.e5 Kc6 47.e6 a4 48.Rxa7 Rb8 49.Bc4 Kc5 50.Rxa4 Rb2+ 51.Ke1 Rb7 52.Kd2 h5 53.gxh6 g5 54.Bd3 Kd6 55.h7 Rb2+ 56.Bc2 Rb8 57.Bb3 g4 58.fxg4 f3 59.Rd4+ Kc7 60.e7 f2 61.Ke2 Re8 62.Kxf2 Rb8 63.Rd8 Rxd8 64.exd8Q+ Kxd8 1-0 (64) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

9.Be2

[9.h3 Nc6 *(9...b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Bd3 e6 12.0-0 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.e5 Ne7 15.Bg5 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Ng5 Nf5 19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Rf7 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rc4 b5 23.Rc5 Nxd4 24.Qa1 Rf4 25.Re1 b4 26.Qb2 Rb8 27.Ng5 Qf6 28.Qd2 Rd8 29.Qe3 Rf5 30.Ne4 Qe7 31.Rc4 Rfd5 32.Qf4 Rf8 33.Qe3 e5 34.Rec1 Rfd8 35.Rc7 R5d7 36.R7c5 a4 37.Ra5 b3 38.Rxa4 b2 39.Rb1 Rb7 40.Nd2 Qe6 41.Ra5 Nc6 42.Rc5 Qxa2 43.Rxc6 Rbd7 44.Qb6 Rxd2 45.Rxb2 Qxb2 46.Rxg6+ hxg6 47.Qxg6+ Kf8 48.Qf6+ Ke8 49.Qe6+* ½-½ (49) Mendonca,L (2558)-Narayanan,S (2663) Delhi IND 2022*)* 10.d5 Bxc3+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bc4 e5 15.0-0 Qd6 16.f4 Rb8 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Rxf4 Re8 20.Bb5 Rd8 21.Rbf1 Bd7 22.Bc4 Rbc8 23.Bb3 Bb5 24.R1f2 a5 25.d6 Bc4 26.Rxf7 Bxb3 27.axb3 Rxd6 28.e5 Rb6 29.Rd7 Rf8 30.Ra2 Rxb3 31.Rxa5 Re3 32.Rb5 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Rf7 34.Rbxb7 Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Rxe5 36.Rxd4 Re7 37.Kg1 Kg7 38.Kh2 Rf7 39.Kg1 Re7 40.Kh2 Rf7 ½-½ (40) Grischuk,A (2777)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Yekaterinburg RUS 2021]

9...cxd4

[9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 *(10...Qc7 11.Re1 Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 13.c4 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rb3 Rad8 16.Bb2 e6 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Bf3 Qf6 20.g4 b5 21.gxf5 bxc4 22.Rbe3 Qxf5 23.d6 Qf4 24.d7 Rf7 25.Bc6 Qxf2+ 26.Kh1 c3 27.Rxe6 c2 28.Re8+ Kg7 29.Qa1+* 1-0 (29) So,W (2770)-Grandelius,N (2670) chess24.com INT 2021*; 10...Qd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe2 Nc7 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Qc4 Rfd8 17.Qxc5 g5 18.Bg3 Ne6 19.Qf5 Rac8 20.h4 Rc5 21.e5 Nf4 22.Qxd7 Ne2+ 23.Kh2 Rxd7 24.hxg5 Nxg3 25.Kxg3 hxg5 26.Rb8+ Kh7 27.Nxg5+ Kg6 28.f4 Rxe5 29.Rg8 Re2 30.Nf3 Rd3 31.f5+ Kf6 32.Rh1 Rxc3 33.Rh7 Rcc2 34.Nh4 Rc3+ 35.Kh2 Re4 36.g3 Rg4 37.Rh6+ Bxh6 38.Rxg4 Ra3 39.Rc4 Bg5 40.Rc6+ Ke5 41.Rc5+ Kd6 42.Rc2 Ke5 43.Re2+ Kf6 44.Kh3 Bf4 45.Rg2 Kg5 46.Rg1 a5 47.Rg2 a4 48.Rg1 Be5 49.Rg2*

Bd6 50.f6 exf6 51.Kh2 Kg4 0-1 (51) Lautier,J (2658)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 11.d5 Bxc3 12.h4 *(12.Bc4 Bg7 13.h4 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.h5 Qd7 16.Qe2 Nc7 17.Bf4 Nb5 18.Qxb5* 1-0 (18) Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Svidler,P (2723) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12...Bg7 13.h5 Qd7 *(13...Nd7 14.Qb3 Nf6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Ng5 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Qxd5 18.Bf3 Qxb3 19.axb3 Ba6 20.Rd1 Rad8 21.Bg5 f6 22.Be3 Bd3 23.Rbc1 e5 24.Nc3 Bf5 25.Bd5+ Kh7 26.Bc4 Bh6 27.Bxh6 Kxh6 28.f3 g5 29.Kf2 g4 30.Nb5 gxf3 31.gxf3 Kg5 32.Ke3* 1-0 (32) Grischuk,A (2764)-Svidler,P (2683) lichess.org INT 2022*)* 14.Rb3 Ba6 15.Ng5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 h6 17.Nh3 g5 18.Rd1 e5 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 Kh7 21.Rg3 Rg8 22.Qf3 Bh8 23.Bc1 Na6 24.Rxg8 Rxg8 25.a3 Qg4 26.Qxf7+ Rg7 27.Qf5+ Qxf5 28.exf5 Rd7 29.g4 Nc7 30.d6 Nb5 31.g5 Rxd6 32.g6+ Kg8 33.Re1 Nd4 34.Kg2 Nxf5 35.Bb2 Rd5 36.Kf3 Nd6 37.Kg4 Bg7 38.Kg5 e4+ 0-1 (38) Paravyan,D (2596)-Le,Q (2729) chess.com INT 2025]

[9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.Rb3 e6 14.f4 Bg7 15.c4 Qd8 16.Bb2 Bxb2 17.Rxb2 e5 18.0-0 Qd6 19.f5 gxf5 20.exf5 f6 21.Rb3 Bd7 22.Qh6 Rf7 23.Rxb7 Rg7 24.Bf3 Kh8 25.Be4 Rag8 26.Rxa7 Qb6 27.Ra3 Qb2 28.Rg3 Qd4+ 29.Kh1 Qxe4 30.Qxf6 Qxc4 31.Rb1 Be8 32.Rxg7 Rxg7 33.Qf8+ Rg8 34.Qf6+ Rg7 35.Qf8+ Rg8 36.Qf6+ Rg7 ½-½ (36) Giri,A (2780)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) chess24.com INT 2021]

[9...Bg4 10.Rxb7 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Qa4 Rc8 *(14...Qc8 15.Rb3 Qe6 16.e5 Rac8 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxd4 Qxc1 19.e6 f6 20.Rb7 Rfe8 21.Rxa7 Qc6 22.Qe3 Ra8 23.h3 Rxa7 24.Qxa7 Qxe6 25.a4 Rd8 26.a5 Rd6 27.Qb8+ Kg7 28.Qb4 Kf7 29.Re1 Rd4 30.Qc3 Rd3 31.Qc1 Qd6 32.Qc8 Rd1 33.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 34.Kh2 Qd6+ 35.g3 Qd4 36.Qc2 Ke8 37.a6 Kd7 38.Qa2 Qa7 39.Kg1 Kc6 40.Qf7 Qxa6 41.Qxh7 Qd3 42.Qxe7 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 Qd5+ 44.Kf1 Qd1+ 45.Qe1 Qd3+ 46.Qe2 Qb1+ 47.Kg2 Kd6 48.h4 Kd7 49.Qe3 Qc2 50.g4 Qc4 51.Kg3 Qd5 52.f3 Qd6+ 53.Kg2 Qd5 54.Qf4 Qa2+ 55.Kg3 Qa7 56.Qxf6 Qg1+ 57.Kf4 Qc1+ 58.Ke4 Qe1+ 59.Kd3 Qd1+ 60.Kc4 Qa4+ 61.Kd3 Qd1+ 62.Ke4* ½-½ (63) Goryachkina,A (2610)-Paravyan,D (2617) Sochi RUS 2022*)* 15.Ba3 Bb6 16.Rd1 Qe8 17.Be2 Na5 18.Bb5 Nxb7 19.Bxe8 Rfxe8 20.g3 Nc5 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Kg2 Red8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qc2 Bb6 25.a4 e5 26.h4 h5 27.f3 Be3 28.Qc3 Bd4 29.Qc7 Re8 30.a5 Re6 31.f4 Kg7 32.Kf3 Rf6 33.Qd7 Bc3 34.Qxa7 exf4 35.gxf4 Be5 36.Qe3 Bc7 37.Qc3 Bb8 38.a6 Ba7 39.f5 gxf5 40.exf5 Bb8 41.Ke4 Ba7 42.Qb2 Bb6 43.Qc3 Bf2 44.Kf4 1-0 (44) So,W (2770)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) lichess.org INT 2020]

[9...Qc7 10.Be3 b6 11.h4 Rd8 12.h5 Nc6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Qd2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bg4 16.Rc1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qd6 18.d5 Na5 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 f6 21.Qe3 g5 22.f4 Rac8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.fxg5 f5

25.Kf1 Qe5 26.Rh4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.g6 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 fxe4 30.Qh3 Qf6 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.a4 a6 34.Ke2 Qf3+ 35.Ke1 Qc3+ 36.Kf1 Qf6 37.Ke1 Qc3+ 38.Kf1 Qh8 ½-½ (38) Sarana,A (2663)-Artemiev,V (2731) Moscow RUS 2019]

10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2

[11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 b6 13.0-0 *(13.Rc1 Bb7 14.Bd3 Rd8 15.Rc7 Rd7 16.Rxd7 Nxd7 17.Ke2 Nf6 18.d5 Nd7 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rxc1 21.Bxc1 Nc5 22.Ba3 Nxd3 23.Kxd3 Kf8 24.Nd4 Bxd4 25.Kxd4 Ke8 26.Bc1 Kd7 27.Ba3 Ke8 28.Bc1 Kd7 29.Ba3 Ke8 30.Bc1* ½-½ (30) Radjabov,T (2758)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2019*)* 13...Bb7 14.Bd3 e6 15.Bf4 Rd8 16.Bg5 Rc8 17.Rfe1 Nd7 18.Rb3 h6 19.Be7 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.a4 Rc7 22.a5 bxa5 23.Ra3 a4 24.Rxa4 Rc3 25.Ba6 Bxa6 26.Rxa6 Kg7 27.h3 Rc7 28.Re2 Nf6 29.Ne5 Rd8 30.Ra4 Nd7 31.Nf3 Nf6 32.Ne5 Nd7 33.Nf3 Nf6 ½-½ (33) Harikrishna,P (2707)-Navara,D (2657) Chotowa POL 2025]

11...Qxa2 12.0-0

[12.h3 Qe6 13.Bd3 a5 14.0-0 a4 15.Qe2 a3 16.Bc4 Qd7 17.Bc3 Nc6 18.Rfd1 e6 19.Qa2 Rd8 20.Bb5 Qc7 21.Rb3 Bd7 22.d5 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 exd5 24.exd5 Qd6 25.Qa1 a2 26.dxc6 Qxd1+ 27.Qxd1 a1Q 28.Rc1 Bxc6 29.Rxa1 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Bxb5 31.Rb1 Bc6 32.Nd4 Bd5 33.Rb5 Rd8 34.Rb4 Kf8 35.f3 Ke7 36.Rb6 Rd6 37.Rb2 Ra6 38.Rd2 Ra2 39.Rd1 Rb2 40.Nf5+ Ke6 41.Ng7+ Ke5 42.Ne8 Be6 43.Re1+ Kd4 44.Nf6 h5 45.h4 b5 46.g4 b4 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.Nxh5 b3 49.Ng3 Ra2 50.h5 b2 51.h6 Ra1 52.h7 Rxe1+ 53.Kf2 b1Q 54.h8Q+ Kc4 55.Qh4+ Kb3 56.Qd4 Rc1 57.Ne2 Rc4 58.Qb6+ Kc2 59.Qa7 Qb2 0-1 (59) Grischuk,A (2776)-Giri,A (2780) chess24.com INT 2021]

12...Bg4

[12...b6 13.Bg5 Bb7 14.d5 e6 15.Nd4 exd5 16.Nb5 dxe4 17.Nc7 Nc6 18.Nxa8 Nd4 19.Re1 Rxa8 20.Rc1 Nxe2+ 21.Rxe2 Qd5 22.Qxd5 Bxd5 23.Rd1 Bb3 24.Rd7 h6 25.Be7 Be6 26.Rc7 Be5 27.Rc1 f5 28.f3 Kf7 29.fxe4 f4 30.Ba3 Kf6 31.Rd2 b5 32.Bd6 Bc4 33.g3 fxg3 34.hxg3 a5 35.Kf2 Bxd6 36.Rxd6+ Ke5 37.Rxg6 Kxe4 38.Rg4+ Kd3 39.Rd1+ Kc2 40.Rdd4 a4 41.Rxc4+ bxc4 42.Rxc4+ Kb3 43.Re4 a3 44.Re3+ Kc4 45.Re4+ Kd3 46.Re1 a2 47.Ra1 Kc2 48.Kf3 Kb2 49.Rh1 a1Q 50.Rxa1 Kxa1 51.Kg4 Kb2 52.Kh5 Kc3 53.g4 Kd4 54.Kxh6 Ke5 55.g5 Kf5 56.g6 Kf6 57.g7 Kf7 58.Kh7 Rg8 59.Kh6 Rxg7 60.Kh5 Rg6 0-1 (60) Iniyan,P (2515)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023]

13.Rxb7

[13.Be3 Nc6

A) 14.d5 Na5 15.Bg5 Qa3 16.Re1 Bc3 *(16...Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Qd6 18.e5 Bxe5 19.Qe2 Bf6 20.Bd2 Qd8 21.d6 Nc6 22.dxe7 Qxe7 23.Qxe7 Nxe7* ½-½ (23) So,W (2760)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Jerusalem ISR 2019*)* 17.Qd3 Rfc8 18.Red1 b6 19.h3 Bd7 20.Rdc1 f6 21.Bd2 Bb2 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Qa6 Qa2 24.Rxb2 Qxb2 25.Qxa7 Qa1+ 26.Kh2 Qa4 27.Bd1 Qxd1 28.Qxd7 Qc2 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.d6 exd6

31.Qxf6+ Kg8 32.Bh6 Qc7 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Ng5 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2863)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 14.Rxb7 Rab8 15.Rc7 Rfc8 16.Rxc8+ Rxc8 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Rd8 19.d5 Ne5 20.Bg5 Qa3 21.Be2 h6 22.Bd2 Qa2 23.Bb4 Bf6 24.Qd2 Qa4 25.f4 Nc6 26.Bc3 Qxe4 27.Bxf6 exf6 28.Rd1 Ne7 29.Bf3 Qa4 30.Qd4 Qxd4+ 31.Rxd4 Nf5 32.Ra4 Nh4 33.Kf2 Nxf3 34.Kxf3 Rxd5 35.Rxa7 Rd3+ 36.Kf2 Kf8 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.h4 Rd4 39.Kf3 g5 40.hxg5 fxg5 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.g4 Rf4+ 43.Kg3 Re4 44.Kf3 Rd4 45.Ra3 f6 46.Kg3 Kf7 47.Rf3 Ke6 48.Re3+ Kd5 49.Rf3 Ke5 50.Rf5+ Ke6 51.Rf3 Rd6 52.Re3+ Kd5 53.Rf3 Ke4 54.Rf5 Ke3 55.Rf3+ ½-½ (55) So,W (2760)-Firouzja,A (2785) Stavanger NOR 2023]

[13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.d5 Ne5 16.Rxb7 a5 17.Rxe7 a4 18.Bd4 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 a3 22.Kg2 Qe2 23.Ra1 Qb2 24.Qxb2 axb2 25.Rb1 Rfb8 26.d6 Kf8 27.Rc7 Ra1 28.Rxb2 Rxb2 29.Rc8+ Kg7 30.d7 Rd1 31.d8Q Rxd8 32.Rxd8 Kf6 33.h4 g5 34.Rd6+ Kg7 35.h5 Re2 36.Kf1 Ra2 37.Rd5 Ra1+ 38.Kg2 Re1 39.Rf5 Kg8 40.e5 Kg7 41.f4 gxf4 42.Kf3 f6 43.exf6+ Kf7 44.Kxf4 Ra1 45.f3 Ra4+ 46.Kg3 Rb4 47.Rf4 Rb5 48.Kg4 Rg5+ 49.Kh4 Rg1 50.Rf5 Rg2 51.Ra5 Kxf6 52.Ra6+ Kg7 53.Ra7+ Kg8 54.f4 Rg1 55.Ra6 Kg7 56.Rb6 Kh7 57.Rb3 Rg2 58.Rg3 Ra2 59.Kg4 Ra5 60.Re3 Ra7 61.Re6 Kg7 62.Kf5 Ra5+ 63.Re5 Ra7 64.Rd5 Kf7 65.Kg4 Kg7 66.Rd6 Ra5 67.Rd7+ Kg8 68.Re7 Rb5 69.Re5 Rb6 70.Rd5 Rf6 71.Kf3 Ra6 72.Ke4 Kf7 73.Rd7+ Ke6 74.Rh7 Ra4+ 75.Kf3 Kf5 76.Rf7+ Ke6 77.Rf8 Ke7 78.Rg8 Kf7 79.Rg6 Ra5 80.Kg4 Ra1 81.Rxh6 Kg7 82.Rb6 Rg1+ 83.Kf5 Ra1 84.Re6 Ra5+ 85.Re5 Ra1 86.Re6 Ra5+ 87.Kg4 Ra1 88.Kg5 Rg1+ 89.Kf5 Rh1 90.Kg5 Rg1+ 91.Kf5 Rh1 92.Re7+ Kf8 93.Rh7 Kg8 94.Kg6 Rg1+ 95.Kh6 Rf1 96.Rg7+ Kh8 97.Rg4 Ra1 98.f5 Ra6+ 99.Kg5 Kh7 100.Re4 Ra7 101.h6 Rb7 102.Re5 Ra7 103.f6 Kg8 104.Re8+ 1-0 (104) Grischuk,A (2745)-Vakhidov,J (2607) Tashkent UZB 2023]

13...Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Bxd4 15.Bb4

[15.e5 Na6 16.Rxe7 Rad8 17.e6 fxe6 18.Qe1

A) 18...Bf6 19.Rxa7 Rxd2 20.Rxa6 Qxa6 21.Qxd2 Qb6 22.g3 Bd4

A1) 23.Kg2 Rxf3 *(23...Kg7 24.Be4 Qb2 25.Qxb2 Bxb2 26.Rb1 Bd4 27.Rb7+ Rf7 28.Rxf7+ Kxf7 29.f3 h6 30.g4 g5 31.Bd3 Be5 32.Be4 Kf6 33.h3 Bf4 34.Bd3 Be5 35.Be4 Bf4 36.Bd3 Be5 37.Be4* ½-½ (37) So,W (2770)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 24.Kxf3 Qb7+ 25.Ke2 Qe4+ 26.Kd1 Qb1+ 27.Ke2 Qe4+ 28.Kd1 Qb1+ 29.Ke2 Qe4+ ½-½ (29) So,W (2770)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2) 23.Qe2 Rf6 24.Kg2 Qb2 25.Qxb2 Bxb2 26.Rd1 *(26.Rb1 Bd4 27.Rb8+ Rf8 28.Rxf8+*

Kxf8 29.Kf1 Kg7 30.Kg2 Kf8 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.Kg2 Kf8 ½-½ (32) So,W (2770)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 26...Kg7 27.Rd8 Rf8 28.Rd6 Kf6 29.h4 Re8 30.Be2 Be5 31.Rc6 Rd8 32.f4 Bd6 33.Bg4 e5 34.fxe5+ Kxe5 35.Rc8 Rxc8 36.Bxc8 Kf6 37.g4 g5 38.hxg5+ Kxg5 39.Kf3 h5 40.gxh5 Kxh5 41.Ke4 Bf4 42.Bd7 Kh4 43.Bh3 Kxh3 44.Kxf4 ½-½ (44) Grischuk,A (2776)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Bucharest ROU 2021;

B) 18...Nc5 19.Bc3 Nd3 20.Bxd4 Nxe1 21.Rg7+ Kh8 22.Rd7+ Kg8 23.Rg7+ Kh8 24.Rd7+ Kg8 25.Rg7+ ½-½ (25) So,W (2751)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2721) Saint Louis USA 2024]

[15.Bg5 Rd8 16.Qc1 Na6 17.Bxe7 Rac8 18.Qf4 Nc5 19.Bxd8 Nxb7 20.Bf6 Bxf6 21.Qxf6 Nc5 22.h4 Qe6 23.Qa1 Nb3 24.Qxa7 Nd2 25.Rd1 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Qh3 27.Qd7 Qxd7 28.Rxd7 h5 29.Kg2 Rc4 30.Kg3 Ra4 31.Rd1 Kg7 32.Re1 Kf6 33.f4 Ra3+ 34.f3 Ra5 35.Rd1 Ke7 36.Rb1 Ke6 37.Rb7 Kf6 38.Rb6+ Ke7 39.Rb2 Ke6 40.Kf2 Kf6 41.Rb1 Ra2+ 42.Kg3 Ra5 43.Rb8 Ke7 44.Rh8 Kf6 45.f5 Kg7 46.Rd8 gxf5 47.Rd5 Ra6 48.Rxf5 Kg6 49.Rg5+ Kh6 50.Kf4 f6 51.Rg8 Ra3 52.Rg3 Ra5 53.Rg1 Ra3 54.Rg2 Ra5 55.Rd2 Kg6 56.Rd6 Rb5 57.Ra6 Rc5 58.Ra1 Rb5 59.Rg1+ Kf7 60.Rd1 Kg6 61.Ke3 Rb3+ 62.Rd3 Rb1 63.Kf2 Rb2+ 64.Kg3 Rb4 65.Rd6 Kf7 66.Kf4 Kg6 67.Kg3 Kf7 68.Rc6 Ra4 69.Rc7+ Kg6 70.Re7 Rb4 71.f4 Rb3+ 72.Kf2 Rh3 73.f5+ Kh6 74.Rf7 Rf3+ 75.Ke2 Re3+ 76.Kd2 Rd3+ 77.Kxd3 ½-½ (77) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2749) Zagreb CRO 2021]

15...Nc6 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Qxd4 Qe6 18.e5

[18.Bd1 Nc6 19.Qc5 Rac8 20.Bb3 Qxe4 21.Bd5 Qd4 22.Qxd4 Nxd4 ½-½ (22) Zhou Jianchao (2616)-Volokitin,A (2656) Riga LAT 2021]

18...Nc6 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Ra8 22.Qe3 h5 23.h3 Qd5 24.Rc1 Re8 25.Rc5 Qe6 26.Kh2 Kg7 27.Qd4 Ra8 28.Rd5 Ra4 29.Qxa4 Qxd5 30.Qf4 Kg8 31.Qf6 Qe4 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Qg5 h4 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.g4 hxg3+ 36.Kxg3 Qd4 37.Qf4 Qd1 38.Kh2 Qd5 39.h4 Qd1 40.Qe4 Kg7 41.Qf4 Kg8 42.Kg2 Qd3 43.Qf3 Qd4 44.Qf6 Qg4+ 45.Kh2 Qe2 46.Qd8+ Kg7 47.Qd4 Kg8 48.Kg3 Qe1 49.Kg2 Qe2 50.Qf4 Qd3 51.Kh2 Qe2 52.Kg3 Qd1 53.Qf3 Qd4 54.Qe3 Qc4 55.Qf4 Qe2 56.Kh2 Kg7 57.Kg2 Kg8 58.Qd4 Kh7 59.Qf4 Kg8 60.Qd4 Kh7 61.Qf4 Kg8 62.Qd4 ½-½ (62) Aronian,L (2747)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2722) Warsaw POL 2025

8.Be2 Nc6 9.d5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Bxa1 11.Qxa1 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0

[13...f6 14.h4 Qb6 15.Qd3 Bd7 16.h5 Kf7 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Bd1 b6 20.Bb3 Qd6 21.Qf3 Rhg8 22.Bf4 Qc5 23.e5 Bf5 24.e6+ Kg7 25.h6+ Kh8 26.Rd1 Qb4 27.d6 Rc3 28.Bd2 Rxf3 29.Bxb4 Rxb3 30.axb3 exd6 31.Rxd6 Re8 32.e7 1-0 (32) Predke,A (2682)-Puranik,A (2604) Warsaw POL 2021]

14.0-0 Qb6 15.Qc3

[15.Qa1 Bd7 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Bh6 f6 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qb2 b6 20.Rc1

Qf4 21.Qa3 Qxe4 22.Bf3 Qe5 23.Qa6 Qf4 24.Rc4 Qf5 25.h3 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 Bb5 27.Qb7 Bxc4 28.Qxa8+ Kf7 29.Qh8 Qf5 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Qh7+ ½-½ (34) Andreikin,D (2726)-So,W (2770) chess.com INT 2020]

15...Bd7 16.Bh6 f6 17.Bxf8 Rxf8

[17...Rc8 18.Qf3 Kxf8 19.e5 Kg7 20.exf6+ exf6 21.h3 Qd6 22.Qd3 h5 23.Qd2 b5 24.Qa5 a6 25.Bf3 Be8 26.h4 Bf7 27.g3 Rc4 28.Rd1 Rc2 29.Be4 Rc8 30.Bg2 Rc7 31.Bf3 Rc4 32.Bg2 Kg8 33.Bf3 Kh7 34.Kg2 f5 35.Qd2 b4 36.Qe3 Rc7 37.Rd3 a5 38.a3 bxa3 ½-½ (38) Grischuk,A (2772)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Moscow RUS 2019]

18.e5 fxe5 19.Qxe5 Qd6 20.Qe3 b6 21.Bf3 Rc8 22.Re1 Qc5 23.Qe2 Qc4 24.Qe5 Qc3 25.Qe4 Qc4 26.Qb1 Qc2 27.Qa1 Qc3 28.Qd1 Qc2 29.Rxe7 Qxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Rc1 31.Re1 Ba4 32.d6 Kf8 33.d7 Bxd7 34.Rf1 Bb5 35.Be2 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Bxe2+ 37.Kxe2 Ke7 38.Kd3 Kd6 39.Kd4 g5 40.f3 h5 41.g3 b5 42.a3 a5 43.h3 h4 44.gxh4 gxh4 45.f4 Ke6 46.Kc5 Kf5 47.Kxb5 Kxf4 48.Kxa5 Kg3 49.a4 Kxh3 50.Kb6 Kg3 51.a5 h3 52.a6 h2 53.Ka7 h1Q 54.Kb8 Qb1+ 55.Kc7 Qc2+ 56.Kb7 Qb3+ 57.Kc7 Qc4+ 58.Kb7 Qb5+ 59.Ka7 Kf4 0-1 (59) Laurent Paoli,P (2583)-Lagarde,M (2606) Asnieres-sur-Seine FRA 2024

[76] **8...Nc6** 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qd2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 0-0 13.Bb5 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Rhc1 Be4 17.Ne1 e5 18.f3 exd4 19.Bg5 Bd5 20.Nd3 Rab8 21.Rab1 h6 22.Bf4 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 Bxa2 24.Rb7 Bc4 25.Bd6 Re8 26.Rxa7 Re3 27.Nf4 g5 28.Nh5 Re2+ 29.Kd1 Bh8 30.g4 d3 31.Rb7 Bc3 32.Bg3 Rd2+ 33.Kc1 Rg2 34.Rb8+ Kf7 35.Rb7+ Ke6 36.Ng7+ Bxg7 37.Rxg7 d2+ 38.Kd1 Bb3# 0-1 (38) Livaic,L (2579)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023

[77] **9.Be3** Qa5

[9...b6 10.Rc1 e6 11.h4 Bb7 12.h5 Bxe4 13.Ng5 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bd5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Qg4 Nd7 17.Qh4 Re8 18.Bb5 e5 19.0-0 exd4 20.Bf4 a6 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Bd6+ Re7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Qh2 Rae8 25.Rc7 Qd8 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Re1 1-0 (27) Praggnanandhaa,R (2610)-Adhiban,B (2672) Kolkata IND 2021]

10.Bd2 b6 11.Qb3 Bd7 12.a4 e6 13.Ra2 Bc6 14.Bb5 c4 15.Qxc4 Rc8 16.Qb3 a6 17.c4 axb5 18.Bxa5 bxc4 19.Qxc4 bxa5 20.0-0 Na6 21.Qe2 Nb4 22.Raa1 Be8 23.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bxa4 25.Ne5 Be8 26.Qc4 h6 27.Qc7 Bf8 28.Qb7 Rd8 29.Rc8 Rxc8 30.Qxc8 Ba4 31.Qc7 Be8 32.Qxa5 Nc6 33.Nxc6 Bxc6 34.d5 1-0 (34) Praggnanandhaa,R (2661)-Aronian,L (2775) Miami USA 2022

[78] **9...cxd4** 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Qa5+

[11...f5 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.0-0 fxe4 *(13...f4 14.Bd2 Nxd4 15.Bc3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Rac1 Rad8 19.Bb4 Bc6 20.Bd5 Qe5 21.Rc5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Rd7 23.d6 Qe6 24.dxe7 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Qxe7 26.Rc4 Rd8 27.Rc8* 1-0 (27) So,W (2770)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2760) Paris FRA 2021*)* 14.Ng5 *(14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 Bxe5 17.Rac1 Kg7 18.Bd5 h5 19.Bxe4*

Bf5 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bd5 a5 22.Rc5 a4 23.Be4 Bd6 24.Rc4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 a3 26.g4 hxg4 27.hxg4 Rfc8 28.Rd2 Kf7 29.Kg2 Rb2 30.Red4 Rcc2 31.Rxc2 Rxc2 32.Rd2 Rb2 33.Kf3 Bb4 34.Re2 Bd6 35.Bd4 Rb4 36.Rd2 Ke6 37.Ke4 Bc5 38.f4 Bxd4 39.Rxd4 Rb2 40.Ra4 Rxa2 41.Ra6+ Kf7 42.Kf3 Ra1 43.Kg2 a2 44.f5 gxf5 45.gxf5 Ke8 46.Kh2 Kd7 47.Kg2 Kc7 48.Ra4 Kb6 49.Kh2 Kb5 50.Ra8 Kc4 51.Kg2 Kd4 52.Ra5 Kc3 53.Ra8 Kb3 54.Rb8+ Kc4 55.Ra8 Kd4 56.Ra5 Ke4 57.Kh2 Kf3 58.Ra3+ Kf2 59.Ra5 Kf3 60.Ra3+ Kf4 61.Ra5 Kg4 62.Kg2 Kg5 63.Kh2 Kf6 64.Kg2 Kg5 65.Kh2 Kf4 66.Kg2 Ke4 67.Kh2 Kd4 68.Kg2 ½-½ (68) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Melkumyan,H (2663) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 14...Nxd4 15.Nf7+ Rxf7 16.Bxf7 Qd6 17.Re1 Bxh3 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Rxe4 e5 20.gxh3 Rf8 21.Rxd4 exd4 22.Bc4 Qf4 23.Qe2 Qg5+ 24.Qg4 1-0 (24) Grischuk,A (2778)-Kasparov,G (2812) Zagreb CRO 2021]

12.Bd2 Qa3 13.d5 Ne5 14.0-0

[14.Rb1

A) 14...Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qxa2 *(15...f5 16.e5 Bxe5 17.0-0 Qd6 18.Re1 a5 19.Re2 b6 20.Qe1 Bf6 21.Qc1 Bb7 22.Bf4 Qd7 23.Rxb6 Rac8 24.Qe1 Rf7 25.Qxa5 g5 26.Qa7 Bc6 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Rb7 gxf4 29.Rxd7 Rff8 30.a4 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Kh8 32.a5 Ra1 33.Ra7 Rg8 34.Rd2 Rf1 35.Rd1 Rxf2 36.a6 Ra2 37.d6 exd6 38.Rf7 Be5 39.a7 h6 40.Kh1 Ra4 41.Rb7 Bf6 42.Rxd6* 1-0 (42) Yu Yangyi (2709)-Wei,Y (2732) Xinghua CHN 2020*)* 16.0-0 a5 17.Re1 *(17.Bf4 a4 18.e5 Qc4 19.Qd2 a3 20.Rfc1 Qa4 21.Ra1 Bf5 22.Ra2 Rfc8 23.Rca1 Qb3 24.Bd1 Qc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.Bd2 Rd3 27.f4 g5 28.Bb4 gxf4 29.Bc2 Rd4 30.Bxe7 Bxc2 31.Rxc2 Bxe5 32.Rxa3 Rxa3 33.Bxa3 Rxd5 34.Kf2 Kg7 35.Bb2 b5 36.Bxe5+ Rxe5 37.Rb2 Kg6 38.Kf3 Kg5 39.Rb4 f6 40.Kf2 Rd5 41.Kf3 Rc5 42.Kf2 Kf5 43.Kf3 Ke6 44.Re4+ Re5 45.Rb4 Rf5 46.Rb1 h5 47.Ke4 h4 48.Ra1 Rd5 49.Ra8 Rd2 50.Rb8 Rxg2 51.Rb6+ Kf7 52.Rxb5 Kg6 53.Kxf4 Rg3 54.Rb8 Rxh3 55.Kg4 Rh1 56.Rg8+ Kf7 57.Ra8 Kg7 58.Rb8 h3 59.Kg3 Kg6 60.Rb6 Kg5 61.Rb5+ f5 62.Ra5 Rb1 63.Kxh3 Rb3+ 64.Kg2 Kg4 65.Ra8 Rb2+ 66.Kg1 Rb3 67.Kg2 Kf4 68.Ra4+ Ke3 69.Kg3 Rd3 70.Rf4 Ke2+ 71.Kg2 Rd5 72.Kg3* ½-½ (76) Carlsen,M (2862)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 17...a4 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Qd3 b6 20.e5 Bf5 21.Be4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rac8 23.Ra1 Qb3 24.Re3 Rc4 25.Rxb3 Rxe4 26.Rxa4 Bxe5 27.Ra7 Bd4 28.g3 Re2 29.Rf3 f5 30.Kf1 Re4 31.Ba3 h5 32.h4 Bf6 33.Rb7 Rd4 34.Rxb6 Rxd5 35.Bb2 Bxb2 36.Rxb2 Kf7 37.Rb7 Re5 38.Rbb3 Kf6 39.Rfe3 Rxe3 40.Rxe3 e5 41.Kg2 Re6 42.Ra3 g5 43.hxg5+ Kxg5 44.Ra8 Rg6 45.Ra4 e4 46.Ra5 h4 47.Ra8 hxg3 48.Kxg3 Kf6+ 49.Kf4 Rg4+ 50.Ke3 Rh4 51.Rf8+ Ke6 52.Re8+ Kf7 53.Ra8 Rh3+ 54.Ke2 Kf6 55.Kf1 Rb3 56.Kg2

Ke5 57.Re8+ Kf4 58.Re7 Rb2 59.Re8 Ra2 60.Re7 Re2 61.Ra7 Rb2 62.Re7 Rb8 63.Ra7 Rg8+ 64.Kf1 Kg4 65.Ra4 Rb8 66.Kg2 Rb2 67.Rc4 Kg5 68.Kf1 Kf4 69.Rc5 Kg4 70.Rc4 f4 71.Rxe4 Kf3 72.Ra4 Rb1# 0-1 (72) Wojtaszek,R (2696)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 14...Bd7 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.Rxb3 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 b6 18.Ba6 e6 19.d6 Bc8 20.Bb5 Rd8 21.Rd3 Bd7 22.Ba6 Bc8 23.Bb5 Bd7 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.f4 e5 26.Ke2 Rad8 27.Rc1 f5 28.Rd5 Rxd6 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Rc8+ Kf7 31.Rc7+ Kg8 32.Rc8+ Kf7 33.Rc7+ ½-½ (33) Stockfish Dev F7 (3662)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Rb1 *(15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rb1 Ba4 17.Qc1 Qxa2 18.Rxb7 Rfc8 19.Rxa7 Rxc1 20.Rxa8+ Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Kg7 22.Bd1 Qxd2 23.Bxa4 Qf4 24.g3 Qxe4 25.Bd1 h5 26.Rc2 h4 27.Re2 Qd4 28.gxh4 Bd6 29.Re3 Qxh4 30.Rfe1 Qg5+ 31.Kf1 Bb4 32.Bf3 Bxe1 33.Rxe1 f5 34.Re6 Kh6 35.Re3 Qh4 36.Kg2 Qb4 37.Re6 Kg5 38.Rc6 Qa3 39.Kg3 Qa4 40.Re6 Qb4 41.Kg2 Kh6 42.Re3 Kg7 43.Re6 Kf7 44.Re3 Qd4 45.Re6 Qf4 46.Re3 Qg5+ 47.Kf1 Qf4 48.Kg2 Ke8 49.Re6 Qg5+ 50.Kf1 Kd7 51.Rc6 Qf4 52.Kg2 g5 53.Rg6 Ke8 54.Re6 g4 55.hxg4 fxg4 56.Be2* ½-½ (56) Parligras,M (2560)-Maghsoodloo,P (2721) Deizisau GER 2022*)* 15...Bd7 16.Rxb7 Ba4 17.Qc1 Qxa2 18.Bc4 Qc2 19.0-0 Qxc1 20.Rxc1 Rfb8 21.Rxb8+ Rxb8 22.Ba6 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Rxb5 24.Kf1 f5 25.Bh6 Bg7 26.d6 Bxh6 27.d7 Bxc1 28.d8Q+ Kf7 29.Qc8 Rb1 30.Qc4+ Kf8 31.Qc2 Ra1 32.exf5 Bg5+ 33.Ke2 Kg7 34.f4 Bh4 35.g3 Rg1 36.Qc3+ Bf6 37.Qe3 Rg2+ 38.Kf1 Rc2 39.g4 Rc3 40.Qd2 Rxh3 41.g5 Bxg5 42.Qg2 Rh5 43.fxg5 gxf5 44.Qe2 Rxg5 45.Qxe7+ Kg6 46.Qf8 a5 47.Qg8+ Kh6 48.Qf7 a4 49.Kf2 a3 50.Kf3 a2 51.Qxa2 Kg7 52.Qb2+ Kg8 53.Qb8+ Kg7 54.Qe5+ Kg8 55.Qe8+ Kg7 56.Qe7+ Kg6 57.Qf8 h6 58.Qg8+ Kf6 59.Qh7 Rg4 60.Qxh6+ Ke7 61.Qh8 Ke6 62.Qf8 Re4 63.Qh6+ Kf7 64.Qg5 Ke6 65.Qg6+ Ke5 66.Qf7 Rf4+ 67.Ke3 Re4+ 68.Kd3 Rd4+ 69.Kc3 Re4 70.Qe7+ Kf4 71.Qf6 Kg4 72.Kd3 Kf4 73.Kd2 Kg4 74.Qh6 Ra4 75.Qg7+ Kf4 76.Ke2 Ra2+ 77.Kf1 Rc2 78.Qd4+ Kg5 79.Qd3 Rc8 80.Kf2 Re8 81.Qd7 1-0 (81) Harikrishna,P (2717)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2747) Mayrhofen AUT 2022]

14...Bd7

[14...Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 a5 16.Re1 Be5 17.Bc1 Qd6 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Rxb7 Rab8 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.Bg4 Be8 22.Bh6 Qb4 23.g3 a4 24.Kg2 a3 25.Re3 Qb2 26.Qf3 Qc1 27.Qd1 Qb2 28.Qf3 Qc1 29.Qd1 Qb2 30.Qf3 Qc1 ½-½ (30) Matlakov,M (2677)-Xu,X (2608) Abu Dhabi UAE 2023]

15.Rb1 Ba4 16.Qe1

[16.Qc1 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Qd6 18.Rxb7 Rfc8 19.Rxa7 Rab8 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.Rc7 Bd7 22.Rxd7 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Ra8 24.Rc6 Qb2 25.Bc4 Bd4 26.Bg3 Be5 27.f4 Bd4 28.Rxe7 Qa3 29.Bb3 Qxe7 30.e5 g5 31.d6 Qb7 32.Rc4 gxf4 33.Bxf4 Qe4

34.Bg3 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Bxe5 36.d7 Bxg3 37.Rc8+ Kg7 38.Kxg3 Qa5 39.Kg2 Qg5+ 40.Kh1 Qe7 41.Kg1 Qxd7 42.Rxa8 Qb7 43.Ra4 h5 44.Rf4 f6 45.Rf5 Qe4 46.Rd5 Qf3 47.Rd7+ Kh6 48.Be6 Qc6 49.Re7 Qc1+ 50.Kg2 Qc5 0-1 (50) Nguyen,N (2633)-Kuybokarov,T (2562) chess.com INT 2024]

16...Nd3 17.Bb4

[17.Bxd3 Qxd3 18.Bg5 Rfe8 *(18...h6 19.Bxe7 Rfe8 20.Rxb7 Qa6 21.Qb4 Rac8 22.d6 Bc3 23.Qb1 Bc2 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.Rxb5 Bd3 26.Rfb1 Bxb1 27.Rxb1 Rb8 28.Rd1 Bb4 29.Ne5 Rb7 30.Nc6 Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Rexe7 32.Nxe7+ Rxe7 33.f3 Kg7 34.Ra6 h5 35.h4 Rb7 36.Kh2 Kf8 37.Kg3 Ke7 38.Kf4 f6 39.g4 Kf7 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.a4 Kg7 42.Kf5 Rb3 43.f4* 1-0 (43) Grischuk,A (2745)-Puranik,A (2608) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A) 19.Qb4 b5 20.Rbc1 a5 21.Qc5 Qxe4 22.Rfe1 Qf5 23.g4 Qc8 24.Bxe7 b4 25.Qe3 Qb7 26.d6 Rac8 27.Ng5 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qd5 29.Qf4 Qxa2 30.Rc4 f5 31.gxf5 h6 32.f6 hxg5 33.f7+ Kh7 34.fxe8Q gxf4 35.Qf7 Be8 36.Qxf4 b3 37.d7 Bxd7 38.Qf7 Qa1+ 39.Kg2 Bxh3+ 40.Kh2 Qe5+ 41.Kxh3 Qf5+ 42.Qxf5 gxf5 43.Rc7 Kg6 44.Ba3 Be5 45.Rc5 Bd4 46.Rxa5 Bxf2 47.Rb5 1-0 (47) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023;

B) 19.Rxb7 Bb5 20.Bxe7 Qxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Rab8 *(22...Bf8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Ng5 h6 25.Nxf7 Rab8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Ne5 Rb1+ 28.Ke2 Rb2+ 29.Ke3 Rxa2 30.Nxg6+ Kf7 31.Ne5+ Ke7 32.Nc6+ Kd6 33.e5+ Kc5 34.e6 Ra1 35.e7 Kd6 36.Ke2 Kd7 37.d6 Rb1 38.Ne5+ Ke8 39.Ng4 Rb8 40.Nf6+ Kf7 41.e8Q+ Rxe8+ 42.Nxe8 Kxe8 43.f4 Kd7 44.g4 Kxd6 45.Kd3 Kd5 46.f5 Ke5 47.Kc3 Kf6 48.Kb4 Kg5 49.Ka5 h5 50.Ka6 h4 51.Kxa7 Kf4 52.f6* 1-0 (52) Grischuk,A (2742)-Antipov,M (2592) chess.com INT 2022*)* 23.Rxa7 Bf8 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Ng5 h6 26.Nxf7 Rxe4 27.g3 Re7 28.Rxe7 Kxe7 29.Nxh6 Rd8 30.Ng4 Rxd5 31.Kg2 Ra5 32.Ne3 g5 33.g4 Rxa2 34.Kg3 Kf6 35.f3 Ra5 36.Ng2 Ra3 37.h4 gxh4+ 38.Nxh4 Kg5 39.Ng2 Rb3 40.Nf4 Ra3 41.Nh3+ Kg6 42.Nf2 Kg5 43.Ne4+ Kg6 44.Kf4 Ra4 45.Kg3 Ra3 46.Kf4 Ra4 47.Kg3 Ra3 ½-½ (47) Sevian,S (2684)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 19.Qa5 b5 20.Rbc1 h6 21.Rfe1 Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxe7 Bd1 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Nxd2 Ba4 26.e5 Rc2 27.Bb4 a5 28.Bxa5 Rxa2 29.e6 fxe6 30.dxe6 Ra1 31.Rxa1 Bxa1 32.Ne4 Bb3 33.e7 Kf7 34.Bb4 Bd5 35.Nd6+ Kxe7 36.Nxb5+ Kd7 37.Na3 Bb2 38.Nc2 Be4 39.Ne1 Bd4 40.Bd2 h5 41.Kf1 Ke6 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Bc6 44.f3 Bb5+ 45.Kg2 Bf6 46.Kg3 Be5+ 47.Bf4 Bc3 48.Ng2 Bf1 49.Ne3 Be1+ 50.Kh2 Be2 51.Nc2 Bc3 52.Kg2 Bd3 53.Ne3 Bd2 54.Nd5 Kxd5 55.Bxd2 Ke6 56.f4 Be4+ 57.Kg3 Bd3 58.f5+ gxf5 59.gxf5+ Bxf5 ½-½ (59) Giri,A (2752)-Vachier

Lagrave,M (2734) Saint Louis USA 2023]
17...Nxb4 18.Qxb4 Qxa2 19.Bc4 a5 20.Bxa2 axb4 21.Rxb4 b5 22.e5 Rfd8 23.Re1 Bh6 24.g4 Bc2 25.Rb2 Ra3 26.Nd4 Bd3 27.Nc6 Rda8 28.Bb1 Bc4 29.Nxe7+ Kf8 30.d6 Rxh3 31.Be4 Ra4 32.Kg2 Rc3 33.f3 Bg5 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Bxd5 Rd4 36.Bxf7 Kxf7 37.e6+ Ke8 38.Rxb5 Rd2+ 39.Kg3 Rxd6 40.Rxg5 Rdd3 41.Rf1 Ke7 42.Ra5 Kxe6 43.Ra6+ Kf7 44.Ra7+ Kg8 45.Kf4 Ra3 46.Re7 h6 47.Kg3 Re3 48.Rd7 Red3 49.Re7 Re3 50.Rd7 Red3 51.Re7 Re3 ½-½ (51) Fedoseev,V (2739)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2722) Warsaw POL 2025

9...b5 10.0-0

[10.Be3 Bb7 11.Qd3 b4 12.cxb4 cxb4 13.0-0 a5 14.Rab1 e6 15.h4 h6 16.Rfd1 Nd7 17.e5 Ba6 18.Qd2 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Nb6 20.h5 g5 21.Nd2 f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Ne4 Qf5 24.Ng3 Qd5 25.f3 Na4 26.Ne4 g4 27.Rf1 Rac8 28.Rbe1 gxf3 29.gxf3 Nc3 30.Nxc3 Rxc3 31.Rd1 Qxh5 32.Rf2 Rf6 33.Rh2 Qf5 34.Kh1 Kh7 35.d5 exd5 36.Rf2 Re6 0-1 (36) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020]

10...b4

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Qd3 b4 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.Qe3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 a5 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.d5 a4 18.Be5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 b3 20.axb3 Qxb3 21.Qd2 a3 22.Ra1 a2 23.Rfe1 Rc8 24.Qf4 f6 25.Qg4 Qc3 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kg7 28.Nd8 Rxd8 29.Qxe7+ Kh6 30.Qxd8 Qe5 31.d6 1-0 (31) Harikrishna,P (2719)-Chigaev,M (2639) Riga LAT 2021]

11.Bb2

[11.Be3 bxc3 12.d5 Nd7 13.Qc1 Rb8 14.Bh6 Qa5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qe3 Rb2 17.Rfc1 Nf6 18.Ne5 Rxa2 19.Nc6 Qa3 20.Rxa2 Qxa2 21.Bf3 Qd2 22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 e6 24.Nxa7 exd5 25.exd5 Nd7 26.Be2 Bb7 27.Bb5 Nf6 28.Bc6 Nxd5 29.Rxc5 ½-½ (29) Abbasov,N (2632)-Svidler,P (2688) Baku AZE 2023]

11...bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nc6 13.d5 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Nd4 15.Rxc3 Qa5 16.Nxd4 Qxc3 17.Nc6 Re8 18.Bb5 Bd7 19.e5 Rab8 20.Qe2 Bxc6 21.dxc6 Qa5 22.a4 Red8 23.e6 f6 24.h4 Qc7 25.h5 a6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Bd3 Kg7 28.Bxg6 Rh8 29.f4 Qxc6 30.Qg4 Kf8 31.Bf5 c4 32.Rd1 Qc5+ 33.Kf1 Rh1+ 0-1 (33) Xu,X (2623)-Svidler,P (2689) Samarkand UZB 2023

9...Nc6 10.Be3 Qa5

[10...f5 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxc5 Be6 13.Qc2 f4 14.Bd2 Qa5 15.c4 Qxc5 16.Bc3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.0-0 Qe5 19.Bxd4 Qxd4 20.Rfd1 Qe5 21.c5 Rfc8 22.Rac1 Rc7 23.Bg4 Bf7 24.Bd7 Kg7 25.f3 Rd8 26.Qa4 Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 28.Kh2 Qc7 29.a3 e5 0-1 (29) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020]

11.0-0

[11.Bd2 Qa3 12.d5 Ne5 13.Qb3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Qxb3 15.axb3 e6 16.Bc4 exd5 17.Bxd5 Be6 18.Bxb7 Rad8 19.Ra3 Rd3 20.Ke2 c4 21.b4 Rfd8 22.Bg5 Rb8 23.Rxa7 Rd7 24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 Bxc3 26.b5 Kg7 27.Be3 Bxh3 28.Kc2 Be5 29.f4 Bc7 30.Bd5 Bb6 31.Rxf7+ Kh6 32.Rb7 Rxb7 33.Bxb7 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Bg2 35.b6 1-0 (35) Eljanov,P (2695)-Chirila,I (2530) chess.com INT 2023]

11...Rd8

[11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bd7 13.Rb1 b6 14.a4 Nd8 15.Bb5 Bxb5 16.axb5 Qa2 17.Qd3 Nb7 18.Ra1 Qe6 19.Ra6 Qd7 20.Ra3 Rfc8 21.e5 Na5 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Rc8 24.Rc3 e6 25.Ba3 h6 26.Bd6 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Qxb5 28.Qc8+ Kh7 29.Qc7 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 Qf5 31.Qxa7 Nc4 32.Qc7 b5 33.Qc6 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Qb2 36.Qe8 Nd2 37.Nxd2 Qxd2 38.Qxf7 Qxd4 39.f4 g5 40.fxg5 hxg5 41.Qh5+ Bh6 42.Qf7+ Bg7 43.Qh5+ Bh6 44.Qf7+ Bg7 ½-½ (44) Vidit,S (2726)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020]

12.Bd2 e6 13.c4 Qc7 14.d5 Nd4 15.Rc1 b6 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bc3 exd5 18.cxd5 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Qf4 20.Re3 Bd7 21.Qc2 Re8 22.g3 Qd6 23.f4 Bxh3 24.Rd1 c4 25.Qxc4 Rac8 26.Qd4 Rc2 27.e5 Qd7 28.Bf3 h5 29.e6 fxe6 30.Be4 Rxa2 31.Bxg6 Rc8 32.Re5 Rg2+ 33.Kh1 Rxg3 34.Rg1 h4 35.Rg5 e5 36.Bf5+ Kf8 37.Qb4+ Qe7 38.Rg8+ 1-0 (38) Sevian,S (2684)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) chess.com INT 2022

9...Qc7 10.0-0 b6 11.Bg5 Bb7 12.Qd3 Ba6 13.Qe3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nc6 15.d5 Ne5 16.Rad1 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qe5 18.Qe3 Rfe8 19.c4 f5 20.exf5 Qxf5 21.Rfe1 Bf6 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Rd3 Rad8 24.Qe2 Rd7 25.Rf3 Qd6 26.Re3 Qf4 27.Re4 Qf5 28.a4 Rf8 29.h4 Rf7 30.g3 Qf6 31.Kg2 Qf5 32.Rf4 1-0 (32) Eljanov,P (2705)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) chess.com INT 2023

[79] **10.0-0** cxd4

[10...Bb7 11.e5 Nc6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 e6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.h4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Ne7 17.h5 g5 18.Be3 Kg8 19.Nh2 Nf5 20.Ng4 f6 21.Qb2 Nh4 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.f3 Nf5 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.Bf2 Rad8 26.Rad1 Bd5 27.Qd2 Rd7 28.g4 Nd6 29.Bg3 Nf7 30.Qc2 Qg7 31.Rd2 Bb7 32.Qc3 Rfd8 33.Rfd1 Qf6 34.Qe3 a6 35.a4 Bc6 36.Be5 Nxe5 37.dxe5 Qf4 38.Qxf4 gxf4 39.Rxd7 Rxd7 40.Rd6 Rxd6 41.exd6 Kf7 42.Kf2 Bxa4 43.Bxa6 Bc6 44.Bd3 b5 45.Be4 Bxe4 46.fxe4 b4 47.g5 b3 48.g6+ Kf8 49.d7 Ke7 50.g7 1-0 (50) Kozak,A (2587)-Gurevich,I (2586) London ENG 2025]

11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Qd3 Ba6 13.Qe3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nc6 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Rad1 e5 18.Nxe5 Qc7 ½-½ (18) Matlakov,M (2651)-Dubov,D (2701) Barnaul RUS 2024

19.Nxf7 Bxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Rxf7 21.Qxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23.Rd7+ Kg8 24.Kf2 Rf8+ 25.Ke3 Rf7 26.Rd8+ Kg7 27.e5 a5 28.g4 g5 29.e6 Re7 30.Rd6 Kf6 31.Rxb6 Ke5 32.Ra6 h6 33.a4 Kd5 34.Kd3 Rc7 35.Rxa5+ Kxe6 36.Kd4 Rd7+ 37.Kc4 Kf6 38.Rf5+ Ke6 39.a5 Rd1 40.a6 Ra1 41.Kb5 Ra3 42.Kb6 1-0 (42) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Howell,D (2646) Warsaw POL 2021

[80] **11.Qd3** e6

[11...Ba6 12.Qd2 cxd4 *(12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qc8 14.0-0 Qa6 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Bh6 Rad8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qe3 e6 19.Rfd1 Qa4 20.Rd3 Rd7 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Rfd8 23.Rad1 Re7 24.Qd2 Ne5 25.d6 Nxf3+ 26.Rxf3 Red7 27.Qd5 Re8 28.Re3 Red8 29.Re4 Qc2 30.Rd3 Kg8 31.Rf3 Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qh6 33.Rf6 Qf8 34.Ref4 Rxd6 35.Qxf7+ Qxf7 36.Rxf7 R6d7 37.R7f6 Rd6*

38.Rf7 R8d7 39.Rf8+ Kg7 40.Ra8 Rf6 41.Ra4 a5 42.Rb8 Rxf2 43.Rxb6 h5 44.Rxa5 Rdd2 45.Kg3 Rxg2+ 46.Kf4 Rgf2+ 47.Ke3 Rfe2+ 48.Kf3 Rf2+ 49.Ke3 Rfe2+ 50.Kf3 Re5 51.Raa6 Rd3+ 52.Kf4 Rf5+ 53.Ke4 Rg3 ½-½ (53) Niemann,H (2609)-Adhiban,B (2672) Sharjah UAE 2021 *)* 13.cxd4 Bb7 14.Qd3 Ba6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.e5 Nc6 *(16...Bd5 17.h4 h5 18.Rg1 Nc6 19.g4 hxg4 20.Rxg4 Qd7 21.Rg3 Rad8 22.Rd1 Qf5 23.Bd3 Be4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.Qe2 Qf5 26.Rg5 Qh3 27.h5 Bh6 28.hxg6 Bxg5 29.gxf7+ Rxf7 30.Nxg5 Qh1+ 31.Kd2 Qh4 32.Nxf7 Nxd4 33.Nxd8 Nxe2 34.Kxe2 Qc4+ 35.Kf3 Qxa2 36.Rd7 Kf8 37.e6 Qa5 38.Ke4 Qa4+ 39.Kd5 Qb5+ 40.Ke4 Qc4+ 41.Ke5 Qb5+ 42.Rd5 Qb2+ 43.Rd4 a5 44.Nf7 a4 45.Kf5 Qc2+ 46.Kg5 Kg7 47.Ne5 a3 48.Rd7 a2 49.Rxe7+ Kg8 50.Re8+ Kg7 51.Re7+ Kg8 52.Ra7 Qb2 53.Kf6 a1Q 54.Rxa1 Qxa1 55.e7 Qa4 56.Bxb6 Qe8 57.Ke6 Qc8+ 58.Kd6 Qe8 59.f4 Qb8+ 60.Kd7 Qb7+ 61.Bc7 Qd5+ 62.Bd6 Qb5+ 63.Nc6 Qf5+ 64.Kd8 Qf6 65.Be5 Qh4 66.Kd7 Qg4+ 67.Kd8 Qh4 68.Bd6 Kf7 69.Ne5+ Ke6 70.Kc7 Qh5 71.Nd7 Qe8 72.Nc5+ Kd5 73.Nb7 Qc6+ 74.Kb8 Qe8+ 75.Kc7 Ke6 76.Nc5+ Kd5 77.Nd7 Ke6 78.Bc5 Qxd7+ 79.Kb6 Qe8* 0-1 (77) Grischuk,A (2742)-Ivic,V (2623) chess.com INT 2022*)* 17.0-0 Qd5 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bc4 Qa5 20.Qe2 e6 21.Rfd1 Ne7 22.Bd2 Qa4 23.Bb3 Qd7 24.Bb4 Rfd8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.d5 exd5 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Rd8 30.Qd3 Rxd5 31.Qxd5 h6 32.g4 Bf8 33.Kg2 Qe8 34.h4 Bc5 35.Nd2 Qe6 36.Qxe6 fxe6 37.Ne4 Be7 38.h5 gxh5 39.gxh5 b5 40.f4 b4 41.Kf3 a5 42.Nd2 a4 43.Nb1 Kf7 44.Ke4 Bh4 45.f5 exf5+ 46.Kxf5 Bg3 47.Nd2 Ke7 48.Ne4 Bh2 49.Nc5 b3 50.axb3 a3 51.b4 Bg1 52.Nb3 a2 53.Kg6 Bd4 54.Kxh6 Bxe5 55.Kg6 Ke6 56.b5 Kd6 57.h6 Kc7 58.h7 Kb6 59.Kf5 Bh8 60.Ke4 Kxb5 61.Kd3 Kb4 62.Kc2 Ka3 0-1 (62) Samadov,R (2522)-Grischuk,A (2667) London ENG 2025]

[11...Qd7 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Qd2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qa4 15.Rac1 Nd7 16.e5 e6 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.h4 Rc7 19.h5 Rfc8 20.h6 Bf8 21.d5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Qg4 23.Rcd1 Nb8 24.Bg5 Nc6 25.Qe3 Re8 26.Qf4 Qxf4 27.Bxf4 Rcc8 28.Nh2 Be7 29.Ng4 Rcd8 30.Ne3 Kf8 31.Rd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Rc8 33.Nc4 Ke8 34.Rb7 Ra8 35.Nd6+ Kf8 36.Nb5 Bd8 37.e6 Be7 38.exf7 Kxf7 39.Rc7 Na5 40.Bg5 1-0 (40) Samadov,R (2522)-Rodshtein,M (2645) London ENG 2025]

[11...Qc7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rac1 e6 14.Bg5 Rd7 15.Qe3 Nc6 16.Rfd1 Rc8 17.h4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qd6 19.Bb5 a6 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.h5 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc7 23.Re1 Rc4 24.d5 e5 25.h6 Bf8 26.Nd2 Rc7 27.Qb3 b5 28.Be3 Qa3 29.Qb1 Bd6 30.Nb3 Bc8 31.Bc1 Qb4 32.Bd2 Qa4 33.Rc1 Rc4 34.f3 f5 35.Rxc4 Qxc4 36.Be3 Qc3 37.Bf2 fxe4 38.fxe4 Bf8 39.Qd1 Bxh6 40.d6 Qc6 41.Nc5 Bd7 42.Nxd7 Qxd7 43.Qd5+ Kf8 44.Qxe5 Bg7 45.Qd5 Qc8 46.d7 Qc1+ 47.Kh2 Qf4+ 48.Kh3 Bf6 49.d8Q+ Bxd8 50.Qxd8+ Kf7 51.Qd7+ Kg8

52.Qd5+ Kg7 53.Qd4+ Kf7 54.Be3 Qf1 55.Kg3 Qe1+ 56.Bf2 Qe2 57.Qd5+ Kg7 58.Qe5+ Kf7 59.Qc7+ Ke6 60.Qc6+ Kf7 61.Qd7+ Kg8 62.Qd5+ Kf8 63.e5 h5 64.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 65.Kxf3 Ke7 66.Kf4 Ke6 67.Be1 Kd5 68.a3 Ke6 69.g3 Kd5 70.Bc3 Ke6 71.Kg5 Kf7 72.Be1 Ke6 73.Kxg6 1-0 (73) Grischuk,A (2742)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

12.0-0 Nc6 13.Rac1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Qd6 16.Qd2

[16.h4 h5 17.Bg5 Nb4 18.Qb1 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Nc6 20.e5 Qd7 21.Bb5 Rc8 22.Ba4 Qd5 23.Bb3 Qd7 24.Ba4 Qd5 25.Bb3 Qd7 26.Ba4 ½-½ (26) Dominguez Perez,L (2758)-Shankland,S (2691) lichess.org INT 2020]

16...Qb4 17.d5 Qxd2 18.Bxd2 exd5 19.exd5 Ne5 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Bf4 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Rd8 23.d6 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rd7 25.Rc1 Bf8 26.Rc8 g5 27.Bxg5 Kg7 28.Rc7 Rxd6 29.Bf4 Rg6+ 30.Kf1 Bd6 31.Bxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxa7 Rh6 33.Kg2 Rg6+ 34.Kh2 Rf6 35.Ra3 b5 36.Kg3 b4 37.Rb3 Ra6 38.Rb2 Ra4 39.f4 Kg6 40.Kg4 h5+ 41.Kg3 Kf5 42.h4 Ra3+ 43.f3 Ra4 44.Re2 Ra5 45.Rd2 f6 46.Rd4 Rxa2 47.Rxb4 Ra5 48.Rb8 Rc5 49.Rh8 Kg6 50.Rg8+ Kf5 51.Rh8 Kg6 52.Rg8+ Kf5 53.Rh8 ½-½ (53) Fedoseev,V (2739)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025

[81] **5.Bg5** c5

[5...h6

A) 6.Bd2 c5 7.d5 d6 8.Qc1 Kh7 9.h4 Ng4 *(9...e5 10.e4 Nh5 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.Ng1 f5 13.f3 Ng3 14.Rh2 Bh5 15.Qc2 f4 16.Nge2 Bf6 17.Nxg3 Bxh4 18.Nce2 fxg3 19.Rh3 g5 20.0-0-0 g4 21.Rxh4 Qxh4 22.f4 Nd7 23.f5 Nf6 24.Rg1 Bf7 25.Qd1 Nh5 26.Rh1 Qf6 27.Nxg3 Nxg3 28.Rxh6+ Qxh6 29.Bxh6 Kxh6 30.Qxg4 Rg8 31.Qh4+ Nh5 32.g4 Rg5 33.gxh5 a5 34.a4 Be8 35.Bc2 b6 36.Bd1 Bd7 37.Kb1 Rag8 38.Ka2 Rf8 39.Ka3 Rfg8 40.Be2 Rg3+ 41.Ka2 Bxa4 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.b3 Bxb3+ 44.Kb2 a4 45.h6 Rg2 46.Qe7+ Kh8 47.Qf6+ Kh7 48.Qe7+ Kh8 49.Qf6+ Kh7* ½-½ (49) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2607) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 10.e4 e6 11.h5 g5 12.Bd3 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nc6 14.Bc3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qc2 Be6 17.Ne3 a6 18.Be2 Nc6 19.Bg4 Be5 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Nxf5 Qf6 22.0-0-0 Rad8 23.Rh3 g4 24.Rhd3 Qg5+ 25.Kb1 Qxh5 26.Qc1 Qg6 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Rxd6 Rxd6 29.Rxd6 f6 30.Qe3 g3 31.f3 Rf7 32.b3 Qh5 33.Kb2 Qh2 34.Rd2 b5 35.f4 Ng6 36.Nd6 Re7 37.cxb5 axb5 38.e5 c4 39.Nf5 Rc7 40.Qb6 c3+ 41.Kc2 Rf7 42.Qe6 Nh8 43.Kxc3 Qg1 44.Kb2 Qe1 45.Rc2 Qe4 46.a3 h5 47.Nd6 Qd4+ 48.Ka2 Qd3 49.Rb2 Ra7 50.exf6 b4 51.a4 Ng6 52.f7 Nf8 53.Qe5 Qg6 54.Ne4 Qg7 55.Qxh5+ Qh6 56.Qf5+ Kg7 57.Ng5 Qf6 58.Qxf6+ Kxf6 59.Re2 1-0 (59) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Anton Guijarro,D (2673) chess24.com INT 2021;

B) 6.Bh4 d6 7.e3

B1) 7...c5 8.d5 a6 *(8...Bf5 9.Nd2 g5 10.Bg3 Bg6 11.Be2 Qb6 12.Na4 Qa5 13.0-0 Ne4*

14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nc3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qxc3 17.Rc1 Qg7 18.Qb3 b6 19.f3 Bg6 20.Be1 f5 21.Bc3 Qh7 22.a4 Nd7 23.a5 Rab8 24.axb6 axb6 25.Ra1 Rb7 26.Ra6 Qf7 27.Rfa1 Rfb8 28.Ra7 Qe8 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Ra6 e5 31.dxe6 Qxe6 32.Bb2 f4 33.Ra8+ Kf7 34.e4 Ne5 35.Ra6 Ke7 36.Rxb6 Rxb6 37.Qxb6 Bf7 38.Qb8 Be8 39.Qa7+ Qd7 40.Qb8 Qe6 41.Qa7+ ½-½ (41) Sokolov,I (2589)-Reinderman,D (2577) Utrecht NED 2024*; 8...g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bd3 f5 11.Nd2 Qe8 12.Be2 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qg6 14.Qc2 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.Bd3 a6 17.Na4 Qf6 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Rb1 Na8 20.Nxc8 Rbxc8 21.g4 fxg4 22.Ne4 Qe5 23.Ng3 Nc7 24.Bf5 Rb8 25.0-0 b5 26.b3 h5 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Nxh5 e6 29.dxe6 Qxe6 30.Ng3 Qh6 31.Bf5 Be5 32.Qe4 Ne8 33.Qxg4 Nf6 34.Qh3 Qxh3 35.gxh3 d5 36.Ne2 dxc4 37.bxc4 b4 38.a4 Rbd8 39.Rbd1 Nd5 40.Bc2 Nc3 41.Nxc3 Bxc3 42.Kg2 Kg7 43.Rg1 a5 44.Rh1 Rh8 45.Bb3 Kf6 46.Kf3 Ke7 47.Ke2 Rxd1 48.Rxd1 Rxh3 49.Rd5 Rh1 50.Rxc5 Rb1 51.Bc2 Rb2 52.Kd3 Be1 53.Rb5 g4 54.Ke2 Bxf2 55.Kxf2 Rxc2+ 56.Kg3 Rxc4 57.Rxa5 b3 58.Rb5 Rxa4 59.Rxb3 ½-½ (59) Corrales Jimenez,F (2538)-Zhou Jianchao (2581) Norfolk, VA USA 2024*)

9.Nd2 Nbd7 10.Be2 b5 11.cxb5 Nb6 12.e4 Ne8 13.0-0 Nc7 14.bxa6 Bxa6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.a4 g5 17.Bg3 Qa8 18.h4 Nd7 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Qg4 Nf6 21.Qxg5 Rb6 22.Nc4 Rb4 23.Ne3 Nh7 24.Qxe7 Ne8 25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxc5 Rxb2 27.Nf5 Bf6 28.Ne4 Re2 29.f3 Bh8 30.d6 Nhf6 31.Ne7+ Kh7 32.Qxe5 Qa7+ 33.Bf2 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Bg7 35.Qf5+ Kh8 36.Ng5 Bh6 37.Rd1 Qe3 38.d7 Bxg5 39.d8Q Bh4 40.Qd2 Bxf2+ 41.Qxf2 Qxe7 42.Qh4+ Kg8 43.Qfg5+ 1-0 (43) Corrales Jimenez,F (2555)-Grigoryan,K (2618) New York USA 2024;

B2) 7...Nbd7 8.Be2 c6

B2a) 9.0-0 Re8 *(9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Qc2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 e6 13.b4 Qe7 14.Rab1 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4 Rd8 17.Rfd1 h5 18.Bd3 g4 19.Nh4 Nf8 20.Qc1 Bf6 21.Ne4 Bxh4 22.gxh4 Qxh4 23.c5 d5 24.Nd6 Qg5 25.b5 h4 26.Kh1 Ng6 27.f4 Qh5 28.Rd2 g3 29.Kg1 cxb5 30.Bxb5 Kf8 31.Qe1 Ne7 32.Ra1 Rxa1 33.Qxa1 Qg6 34.Qc1 Bd7 35.Bd3 Qh5 36.Nxb7 Ra8 37.Nd6 Ra7 38.Be2 Qh8 39.Qd1 Bc6 40.Rb2 Kg7 41.Bf1 f5 42.Rb3 Kg6 43.Bd3 Kf6 44.Bf1 Ra2 45.Rb6 Kg7 46.Rb4 Kg6 47.Rb1 Ba4 48.Qe1 Qa8 49.Ra1 Bd7 50.Rxa2 Qxa2 51.Be2 Ng8 52.Nb7 Qb3 53.Ba6 Nf6 54.c6 Bxc6 55.Nc5 Qa3 56.Bd3 Ng4 57.Bf1 Kf6 58.Nd3 Bb5 59.Qb4 Qxb4*

60.Nxb4 Bc4 61.Bd3 Kg6 62.Bb1 Nxe3 63.Nc2 Nd1 0-1 (63) Komodo (3743)-Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 10.h3 a6 11.b4 b5 12.c5 Nf8 13.cxd6 exd6 14.a4 Bf5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rc1 g5 17.Bg3 Be6 18.Nd2 d5 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.Ne2 Rec8 21.Be5 Qxb4 22.f4 Qe7 23.Nb3 Nh5 24.Nc5 f6 25.Nxe6 Nxe6 26.Bg6 gxf4 27.Nxf4 Nhxf4 28.Bxf4 Nxf4 29.exf4 f5 30.Bxf5 Rf8 31.Qg4 Qf6 32.Bd7 Ra6 33.Kh2 Kh8 34.Rce1 Qxd4 35.Re6 Ra1 36.Rxa1 Qxa1 37.Qh5 Kg8 38.Bxc6 Qf1 39.Bxd5 Qxf4+ 40.g3 Qf2+ 41.Bg2 b4 42.Qb5 Qf5 43.Qb6 Be5 44.h4 Kh8 45.Rxh6+ Kg7 46.Re6 Rf7 47.Re8 Bxg3+ 48.Kxg3 Qf4+ 49.Kh3 Qf5+ 50.Kh2 Qf4+ 51.Kh1 Qxh4+ 52.Kg1 Rd7 53.Qf2 Rd1+ 54.Bf1 Qxf2+ 55.Kxf2 ½-½ (55) Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730)-Komodo (3743) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

B2b) 9.h3 e5 *(9...a6 10.a4 a5 11.0-0 Nb8 12.Qd2 Na6 13.e4 Nb4 14.Rac1 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qe3 dxc4 17.Bxc4 g5 18.Bg3 Bf5 19.h4 g4 20.Ne5 e6 21.Bb3 Rc8 22.Nb5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nfd5 24.Qd2 h5 25.Rd1 Kh7 26.Nc3 Kg8 27.Nc4 b6 28.Ne5 Nc7 29.Re1 Kh7 30.Qe2 Kg8 31.Rd1 Ncd5 32.Qb5 Bxe5 33.Bxe5 f6 34.Bg3 Kg7 35.Kh2 Re8 36.Qe2 Qd7 37.Bc4 Rc8 38.Nb5 Rc6 39.Re1 Kh7 40.Kh1 Ne7 41.Kh2 Ned5 42.Kh1 Ne7 43.Na3 Qc8 44.b3 Nbd5 45.Nb5 Qd7 46.Qd2 Nc8 47.Bb8 Qb7 48.Bh2 Qd7 49.Bb8 Qb7 50.Bg3 Qd7 51.Bf4 Kg7 52.Kg1 Bg6 53.Bb8 Qd8 54.Bf4 Qd7 55.Bb8 Qd8 56.Bh2 Qd7 57.Bg3 Bf5 58.Bb8 Qb7 59.Bh2 Qd7 60.Qa2 Nce7 61.Bb8 Qd8 62.Bg3 Qd7 63.Qd2 Nc8 64.Bb8 Qb7 65.Bh2 Qd7 66.Rc1 Nce7 67.Bb8 Qd8 68.Bg3 Qd7 69.Na3 Nc8 70.Kh2 Nd6 71.Nb5 Ne4 72.Qe1 Nxg3 73.fxg3 Kg6 74.Qe2 Rc8 75.Qd2 Rc6 76.Qe2 Rc8 77.Qd2 Rc6 78.Qa2 Rc8 79.Qa1 Nb4 80.Rh1 Kg7 81.Qe1 Nd5 82.Qe2 Kh6 83.Qa2 Kg7 84.Re1 Kg6 85.Qa3 Nb4 86.Rd1 Nd5 87.Qb2 Kg7 88.Re1 Kg6 89.Qa3 Nb4 90.Rd1 Nd5 91.Qb2 Kg7 92.Rg1 Kg6 93.Qd2 Rc6 94.Qa2 Rc8 95.Qf2 Rc6 96.Qa2 Rc8 97.Qf2 Rc6 98.Ra1 Rc8 99.Qa2 Ne3 100.Qe2 Nd5 101.Qb2 Rc6 102.Qf2 Be4 103.Rf1 Kh7 104.Na3 Qd8 105.Re1 Bf5 106.Nb5 Qd7 107.Rc1 Qd8 108.Qe1 Kg7 109.Na7 Rc7 110.Bxd5 exd5 111.Rxc7+ Qxc7 112.Nb5 Qd7 113.Nc3 Bd3 114.Qd2 Ba6 115.Qe3 Kg6 116.Qe1 Kg7 117.Qf2 Qc6 118.Qc2 Bf1 119.Kg1 Ba6 120.Kh1 Qd6 121.Qf2*

Qc6 122.Qd2 Qc7 123.Qe1 Qd6 124.Kh2 Qd7 125.Qb1 Qc6 126.Qc2 Qc7 127.Qc1 Qd7 128.Qe3 Kg6 129.Qc1 Qe6 130.Qd1 Kf7 131.Qb1 Kg7 132.Qc2 Qc8 133.Qc1 Qd7 134.Qe1 Bd3 135.Qd1 Ba6 136.Qd2 Qd6 137.Qe3 Qd7 138.Nd1 Kg6 139.Qc1 Bd3 140.Qe3 Be4 141.Nc3 Qc6 142.Qc1 Kf7 143.Qa1 Bd3 144.Qc1 Qc8 145.Qd2 Be4 146.Qb2 Qf5 147.Qe2 Kg7 148.Qe1 Qe6 149.Qd2 Kf7 150.Qh6 Qf5 151.Qe3 Qe6 152.Ne2 Qc8 153.Kh1 Qc2 154.Nf4 Qb1+ 155.Kh2 Qc2 156.Qe1 Qxb3 157.Qc1 Qc4 158.Qa3 Qb4 159.Qa2 Qxd4 160.Nxh5 Qe5 161.Nf4 Qd4 162.Qa3 Qb4 163.Qc1 Qd6 164.Qc8 d4 165.h5 Qc6 166.Qxg4 f5 167.Qe2 Ke8 168.Nd3 Qd6 169.Qd2 Kf7 170.Kh3 Bxd3 171.Qxd3 Kf6 172.g4 Qe5 173.gxf5 Qxf5+ 174.Qxf5+ Kxf5 175.Kg3 b5 176.axb5 d3 177.b6 d2 178.b7 d1Q 179.b8Q Qg4+ 180.Kf2 Qd4+ 181.Ke2 Qc4+ 182.Kd2 Qd5+ 183.Ke1 Qe4+ 184.Kf1 ½-½ (184) LCZero v0.26.2-rc1_J92-100 (3543)-Fire Beta (3457) tcec-chess.com INT 2020) 10.0-0 exd4 11.exd4 Re8 12.Re1 Nf8 13.Bd3 Rxe1+ 14.Qxe1 Be6 15.Qd2 d5 16.b3 dxc4 17.bxc4 Qa5 18.Rb1 Nh5 19.Rxb7 g5 20.Bg3 Nxg3 21.fxg3 Rd8 22.g4 Kh8 23.Be2 Kg8 24.Nd5 Qxd2 25.Ne7+ Kh7 26.Nxd2 Bxd4+ 27.Kf1 Bc5 28.Nb3 Bxe7 29.Rxe7 Rd7 30.Re8 Kg7 31.Kf2 Rb7 32.Ke3 Nd7 33.Nd4 Kf6 34.Bd3 Rb8 35.Rxb8 Nxb8 36.Nxe6 fxe6 37.Kd4 Na6 38.c5 e5+ 39.Kc4 Ke6 40.a3 Kd7 41.g3 Kc7 42.a4 Nb8 43.h4 a5 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Bb1 Na6 46.Be4 Kb7 47.Bb1 Kc8 48.Bf5+ Kb8 49.Bb1 Kc8 ½-½ (49) Fire Beta (3457)-LCZero v0.26.2-rc1_J92-100 (3543) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

B3) 7...g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Bd3 e6 10.Qc2 f5 11.0-0-0 Nc6 12.a3 Qe7 13.d5 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Ne5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.e4 f4 17.g4 Bd7 18.Kb1 Rfd8 19.f3 Bf8 20.Be2 Qf7 21.Nb5 c6 22.Nc7 Rac8 23.dxe6 Bxe6 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.c5 Kg7 26.b4 b5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rd4 29.Rd3 a5 30.Rxd4 exd4 31.Bd3 a4 32.Qa2 Qe8 33.Kc2 Qe5 34.Kd2 Be7 35.Kc2 h5 36.gxh5 g4 37.h6+ Kxh6 38.Qf7 gxf3 39.gxf3 Kg5 40.Qg8+ Kh6 41.Kd2 Bf6 42.Qf7 Qg5 43.e5 Qg2+ 44.Be2 Bg7 45.Qe6+ Kh7 46.Qxc6 Qf2 47.Qe4+ Kh8 48.c6 Qe3+ 49.Qxe3 dxe3+ 50.Kd3 Bxe5 51.Ke4 Bd6 52.Kd5 Bc7 53.Ke6 Kg7 54.Kd7 Be5 55.c7 Bxc7 56.Kxc7 Kf6 57.Kc6 Kg5 58.Kxb5 Kh4 59.Kxa4 Kg3 60.b5 Kf2 61.Bc4 e2 62.Bxe2 Kxe2 63.b6 Kxf3 64.b7 Kg2 65.b8Q f3 66.Qg8+ Kf2 67.Qf7 Ke2 68.Qe6+ Kd2 69.Qd5+

Ke3 70.Qe5+ Kd2 71.Qd4+ Ke2 72.Qe4+ Kf2 73.Kb3 Kg3 74.Qe5+ Kg2 75.Qg5+ Kh2 76.Qh4+ Kg2 77.Qg4+ Kf2 78.Kc3 Ke3 79.Qe6+ Kf2 1-0 (79) Kozakov,M (2513)-Ivic,V (2620) chess.com INT 2024;

B4) 7...Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nd4 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c5 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Rac1 Rfe8 18.b3 g4 19.Bf1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qg5 21.Qb2 h5 22.Qa3 a6 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Nb6 Rcd8 25.b4 Bf5 26.Qe3 Qg6 27.Bd3 e6 28.Rc2 d5 29.c5 e5 30.Bxf5 Qxf5 31.Re2 Kf8 32.dxe5 Rxe5 33.Qd2 Rxe2 34.Qxe2 Re8 35.Qd2 d4 36.Nc4 Re7 37.a3 Qd5 38.Qd3 Kg8 39.Ne3 Qe6 40.Nf5 Rd7 41.Nd6 Re7 42.Kf1 Qa2 43.Nf5 Re6 44.Nxg7 Kxg7 45.Qxd4+ Kg6 46.Qd3+ Kg7 47.Kg1 Qb2 48.Qd5 Re5 49.Qxb7 Qxa3 50.c6 Qb3 51.Qd7 Re4 52.c7 Rc4 53.Qd5 Qc2 54.Qe5+ 1-0 (54) L'Ami,E (2645)-Van Foreest,J (2695) Utrecht NED 2023]

[5...d6

A) 6.Qd2 c5 7.d5 b5 *(7...e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Bf5 10.Be2 Qb6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.b3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nd7 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.h4 Qb4 17.Qd1 Bc3 18.Re2 Bf6 19.Bg4 Rxe2 20.Qxe2 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Ne5 22.Bh3 Qc3 23.f4 Nd3 24.Kh2 Qd4 25.g3 Kf8 26.Rf3 Nb4 27.Bd7 Rd8 28.Ba4 h6 29.f5 gxf5 30.a3 Na6 31.Rxf5 hxg5 32.Qh5 Qg7 33.Rxg5 Qb2+ 34.Kh3 Qf6 35.Qh4 Ke7 36.Qe4+ Kf8 37.Rf5 Qg6 38.Kg2 Nc7 39.Qh4 Qxf5 40.Qxd8+ Kg7 41.Qxd6 Qc2+ 42.Kh3 Qf5+ 43.g4 Qf3+ 44.Kh4 Qf2+ 45.Qg3 Qf6+ 46.g5 Qd4+ 47.Qg4 Qf2+ 48.Qg3 Qd4+ 49.Kh3 b5 50.Bxb5 Nxb5 51.cxb5 Qxd5 52.Qe3 c4 53.Qc3+ Kg6 54.bxc4 Qf5+ 55.Kg2 Qe4+ 56.Kf2 Qh4+ 57.Ke2 Qxg5 58.c5 Qg2+ 59.Kd3 Qg3+ 60.Kc4 Qf4+ 61.Kb3 Qf5 62.Kb4 Qe4+ 63.Ka5 Qe8 64.c6 f5 65.c7 Qc8 66.Qc6+ Kg5 67.Qd6 f4 68.Qd8+ 1-0 (68) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Shimanov,A (2597) chess.com INT 2020)*

A1) 8.cxb5 a6 9.e4 axb5 10.Bxb5 Qa5 *(10...Qb6 11.0-0 Na6 12.Rfe1 Bg4 13.e5 Bxf3 14.exf6 exf6 15.Bf4 Bg4 16.Bc6 Rad8 17.Ne4 Nb4 18.Ba4 Qa6 19.Nc3 Rb8 20.b3 Nd3 21.Re7 Nxf4 22.Qxf4 f5 23.Rc1 Be5 24.Rxe5 dxe5 25.Qxe5 Qd3 26.h3 Qd4 27.Qxd4 cxd4 28.Nb5 Be2 29.Nxd4 Ba6 30.Nc6 Rb7 31.b4 Bb5 32.Bxb5 Rxb5 33.a4 Rb6 34.a5 Rb5 35.Rc5 Rb7 36.a6 Rb6 37.b5 Ra8 38.d6 Kf8 39.d7* 1-0 (39) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Sanal,V (2572) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 11.0-0 h6 12.Bxh6 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qxb5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rfe1 Nd7 16.Nc3 Qb4 17.Rxe7 Nf6 18.Rae1 Bf5 19.a3 Qc4 20.h3 Rab8 21.Ng5 Qd4 22.Qe2 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Rd1 Bd3 25.Ne6+ 1-0 (25) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Van

Foreest,J (2671) chess24.com INT 2020;

A2) 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Nxb5 e6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.e3 exd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxb2 14.Rb1 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 Bc3 16.Qxa8 Bxd2+ 17.Kd1 Nd7 18.Qe4 Nf6 19.Qc2 Bc3 20.Bd3 Ng4 21.Ke2 Re8 22.Rb5 Qd8 23.Qxc3 Qh4 24.Rf1 Qxh2 25.Qb2 d5 26.cxd5 h5 27.e4 Kh7 28.Rb7 Ne5 29.d6 Qxg2 30.Bb1 Re6 31.Qc3 Qg4+ 32.f3 Qg2+ 33.Rf2 Qg1 34.Qd2 Nc4 35.Qe1 1-0 (35) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Kovalev,V (2637) lichess.org INT 2021;

B) 6.e3

B1) 6...c5 7.d5 Qb6 *(7...a6 8.Be2 Qa5 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qc2 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nd7 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.a4 Bd7 16.f4 g4 17.Kf2 Rae8 18.Bd3 e6 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Nde4 Nxe4+ 21.Bxe4 Qb4 22.Rh1 Qxc4 23.Rh4 d5 24.Bd3 Qb4 25.Rxg4 Rf6 26.Rh1 c4 27.Bh7+ Kf8 28.Bg6 Re7 29.Rgh4 d4 30.exd4 Rxg6 31.Qxg6 Qxb2+ 32.Kg1 Qxc3 33.Kh2 Qd3 34.f5 exf5 35.Qd6 Qe3 36.Rb1 Bc6 37.Rf4 Kg8 38.d5 Bxa4 39.Rxc4 Be8 40.Rc8 Kh7 41.Rb6 Bf7 42.Rc7 Rxc7 43.Qxc7 Bxd5 44.Rd6 Qe4* 0-1 (44) Predke,A (2682)-Rapport,R (2763) Warsaw POL 2021*; 7...Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.e4 Nd7 12.Rfe1 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Re2 Re8 17.h4 Qb8 18.Qc2 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Ra3 Qb7 21.h5 Rb8 22.Nd1 Ne8 23.h6 Nf6 24.g3 Rb3 25.Ra2 Qd7 26.Kg2 Qg4 27.Be3 Nxe4 28.Rxa6 f5 29.Ra3 Nxg3 30.fxg3 Qxg3+ 31.Kf1 Qf3+ 32.Ke1 Rxa3 33.bxa3 f4 34.Bf2 Qh1+ 35.Kd2 f3 36.Re3 Qf1 37.Rxf3 Rf8 38.Rxf8+ Kxf8 39.Qd3 Qh1 40.Be3 Qg2+ 41.Nf2 Qg1 42.Ne4 Qa1 43.Qb3* 1-0 (43) Dubov,D (2714)-Pichot,A (2630) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 8.Rb1

B1a) 8...h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 *(9...Qa5 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 b5 13.cxb5 a6 14.Kf1 Rc8 15.a4 c4 16.Bc2 axb5 17.axb5 Nbd7 18.f4 Kf8 19.Rg1 Nc5 20.Kg2 Nfd7 21.Kh2 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qxc3 23.Bxg6 fxg6 24.Rxg6 Ne5 25.fxe5 Qxe5+ 26.Bg3 Qf5 27.Rxh6 Nd3 28.e4 Qxe4 29.Qh5 Ne5 30.Rh8+ Kg7 31.Rh7+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Rxe7+ Kxe7 34.Bh4+ Ke8 35.Qh8+* 1-0 (35) Sadorra,J (2542)-Salem,A (2631) Budapest HUN 2024*)*

10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 a6 13.Be2 Qa5 14.a4 Nb6 15.f4 Nbd7 16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Kh1 e6 18.dxe6 Rxe6 19.e4 Ree8 20.Rbd1 Qc7 21.Bf3 Rab8 22.Rd2 Nf8 23.Rfd1 Ne6 24.Ne2 Nh7 25.f5 Nd4 26.Nxd4 cxd4 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.e5 Bxe5 29.Qxg6+ Qg7 30.Qd3 Ng5 31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Rf1 Rf8 33.Rdf2 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Rf8 35.Rxf8+ Qxf8

36.Bxg5 hxg5 37.g3 Qf2 38.Bxb7 Kg7 39.Bg2 Qe1+ 40.Bf1 a5 41.b3 g4 42.Kg2 Kf6 43.Qe2 Qxe2+ 44.Bxe2 Kg5 45.Bd3 Bf6 46.Be2 Bg7 47.Bd3 Bh6 48.b4 axb4 49.a5 d5 50.a6 dxc4 51.Bxc4 b3 52.Bxb3 d3 53.a7 1-0 (53) Akobian,V (2564)-Sanal,V (2557) chess.com INT 2025;

B1b) 8...Qa5 9.Bd3 b5 10.0-0 b4 11.Ne4 Qxa2 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nxf6+ exf6 14.Nd2 Qa6 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Qg3 f5 17.Bxf5 Ne5 18.Bxc8 Raxc8 19.Ra1 Qb6 20.f4 Nd7 21.e4 Rce8 22.Rae1 f6 23.Qb3 Qb7 24.Qa4 Nb6 25.Qb5 a6 26.Qa5 f5 27.e5 Nd7 28.exd6 Qb6 29.Qxb6 Nxb6 30.Re7 Rd8 31.Re6 Nc8 32.Ra1 Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Nxd6 34.Rxa6 Rd8 35.b3 Kg7 36.Kf2 h6 37.Rc6 Kf7 38.Rxc5 Ra8 39.Rc7+ Ke8 40.c5 Nb5 41.Rh7 Ra2 42.Ke3 Ra1 43.Nc4 Re1+ 44.Kf2 Rb1 45.d6 Rxb3 46.c6 Rc3 47.d7+ Kd8 48.Rh8+ 1-0 (48) Akobian,V (2564)-Chigaev,M (2624) chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 6...c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.h3 e5 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bc2 Qc7 11.Bh4 b6 12.b4 Bb7 13.Bg3 a5 14.b5 c5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nd2 Rad8 17.Bh2 Qc8 18.e4 Nh5 19.Nd5 Nf4 20.Bg3 Ne6 21.Bd3 Qb8 22.Bh4 f6 23.Nb1 Qd6 24.Nbc3 Nd4 25.Ne3 Nf8 26.Ncd5 Rd7 27.Bg3 Nfe6 28.f4 exf4 29.Nxf4 Nxf4 30.Bxf4 Qf8 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.cxd5 f5 33.exf5 c4 34.Bxc4 Qc5 35.Rc1 Ne2+ 36.Kh1 Nxc1 37.Qxc1 Re4 38.Bd3 Qxc1 39.Bxc1 Rd4 40.Bc2 a4 41.fxg6 hxg6 42.Be3 R4xd5 43.Bxb6 Bd4 44.Bxd4 Rxd4 45.Rf6 Rd2 46.Bxa4 Kg7 47.Rc6 Rxa2 48.Bc2 g5 49.b6 Rd4 ½-½ (49) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Aravindh,C (2607) Sant Ferran de ses Roques ESP 2023;

B3) 6...Nbd7 7.Be2 c5 8.0-0 b6 9.h3 h6 *(9...a6 10.a4 h6 11.Bf4 cxd4 12.exd4 Bb7 13.d5 Nc5 14.b4 Nce4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rc1 a5 17.b5 Nc5 18.Nd4 e5 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Be3 Rc8 21.Re1 Kh7 22.Bg4 Qf6 23.Bf3 d5 24.cxd5 exd5 25.Rc2 Rce8 26.Rce2 Qh4 27.Nc6 Qxa4 28.Bxc5 Qxd1 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Rxd1 bxc5 31.Nxa5 Ba8 32.Bxd5 Bxd5 33.Rxd5 Re1+ 34.Kh2 Rb1 35.Rxc5 Bd4 36.Rd5 Bxf2 37.g4 Rb2 38.Nc4 Rc2 39.Ne5 Kg7 40.Kg2 Kf6 41.Nd3 Ba7+ 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Nf4 g5 44.Re5+ Kd7 45.Nh5 Rh2 46.Ke4 Rxh3 47.Kf5 Kd6 48.Re6+ Kc5 49.Rxh6 Kxb5 50.Rh8 Rh1 51.Re8 Bf2 52.Kxg5 Re1 53.Rc8 Rc1 54.Rxc1* ½-½ (54) Stoofvlees li A16 (3513)-AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 10.Bf4 a6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.d5 b5 13.cxb5 g5 14.Bh2 Qa5 15.b6 Rfe8 16.e4 e6 17.dxe6 Rxe6 18.Bc4 Ree8 19.Qc2 Qxb6 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.Rad1 Nf8 22.b3 Rd7

23.h4 N6h7 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.e5 Qa5 26.Re3 g4 27.Ne1 Qd8 28.exd6 Rxe3 29.fxe3 Qh4 30.Ne2 Bh6 31.Qd3 Nf6 32.Bg3 Qh5 33.Bf4 Bxf4 34.exf4 Qh6 35.Bxa6 Bxa6 36.Qxa6 Ne4 37.Qc6 Qe6 38.Nc2 Ra7 39.Nc1 g3 40.Rd3 f5 41.Qd5 Kf7 42.Ne3 Nf2 43.Qxc5 Rb7 44.Rd5 Kg8 45.Rxf5 Rh7 46.Rg5+ Kf7 47.Rxg3 Ne4 48.f5 Nxc5 49.fxe6+ Kxe6 50.Rh3 Kxd6 51.Rxh7 Nxh7 52.Kf2 Ke5 53.Nc2 Ke4 54.Ke2 Nf6 55.Kd2 Kd5 56.Kc3 Nfe4+ 57.Kb4 Na6+ 58.Kb5 Nac5 59.Ne2 Nd6+ 60.Kb4 Nd3+ 61.Kc3 Nf2 62.a4 Ng4 63.Kb4 Nf2 64.Ne1 Nf5 65.Nc2 Nd6 66.a5 Nd3+ 67.Kc3 Nc5 68.b4 Nd7 69.Kb3 Nb8 70.g4 Ke4 71.g5 Kf5 72.Na3 Nb7 73.Nd4+ Kxg5 74.Ne6+ Kf6 75.Nc5 Nd6 76.b5 Ke7 77.Kb4 Nc8 78.Ne4 Na7 79.Kc5 Nd7+ 80.Kc4 Kd8 81.Nc5 Nb8 82.Nc2 Nc8 83.Nd4 Kc7 84.Kd5 Ne7+ 85.Ke5 Ng6+ 86.Kd5 Ne7+ 87.Ke6 Nc8 88.Nf5 Nb6 89.Nd6 Na8 90.Kd5 Kd8 91.b6 Ke7 92.Nb5 Kd8 93.Kd6 Ke8 94.b7 Nb6 95.axb6 Kd8 96.Ne6+ Ke8 97.Nbc7+ Kf7 98.Nd8+ Kg8 99.Nc6 Kf7 100.Nxb8 1-0 (100) AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1 (3509)-Stoofvlees II A16 (3513) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B4) 6...Bf5 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nbd7 9.e4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Qxd4 h6 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.b3 a6 15.Rac1 Rfc8 16.Rfe1 Nbd7 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Kf8 19.a4 Nc5 20.Re3 f5 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Rexc3 Ne4 23.R3c2 b5 24.a5 bxc4 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Rxc4 Rb8 27.b4 Nf6 28.Nd4 Nxd5 29.Nc6 Rc8 30.h4 Ke8 31.Rd4 e6 32.b5 axb5 33.Na7 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Ra1 35.Nxb5 Kd7 36.Rc4 Rxa5 37.Nd4 e5 0-1 (37) Predke,A (2688)-Giri,A (2761) chess.com INT 2022]

6.d5

[6.e3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qa5 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Qd2 *(9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Nd5 e6 12.Nxc6 dxc6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Raxc8 15.Qc2 Qb4 16.Rab1 Rcd8 17.Rfd1 a5 18.a3 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Qb6 20.b4 Rd8 21.Qc2 axb4 22.axb4 h5 23.g3 Kg8 24.h4 Qa7 25.Rd1 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Qa1 27.Qxa1 Bxa1 28.b5 cxb5 29.cxb5 b6 30.f4 f5 31.Kf2 Kf7 32.Bf3 e5 33.Bc6 exf4 34.exf4 Bd4+ 35.Kf3 Bc5 36.Kg2* ½-½ (36) Akobian,V (2571)-Saric,I (2689) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...Bg7 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 d6 12.Rfd1 Bd7 13.a3 Rfc8 14.b4 Qd8 15.Rac1 a5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.b5 Bd7 18.a4 Be6 19.Nd5 Rc5 20.Nf4 Bf5 21.Nd3 Bxd3 22.Bxd3 Rac8 23.Rc2 Qd7 24.Rdc1 b6 25.Be4 Qe6 26.Bc6 h5 27.Bd5 Qf5 28.Qe2 e6 29.Bc6 h4 30.h3 Rd8 31.Rd2 Bf8 32.Qg4 Be7 33.Qxf5 gxf5 34.Rcc2 Kg7 35.f4 Kf6 36.Kf2 Rg8 37.Kf1 Rg3 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Rd3 d5 40.Rd1 Rxc4 41.Rxc4 dxc4 42.Rc1 Bc5 43.Bf3 Kf6 44.Rxc4 Rg8 45.Ke2 Rd8 46.Rc3 Ke7 47.Rd3 Rxd3 48.Kxd3 Kf6 49.Bc6 Ke7 50.Bf3 Kf6 51.Bc6 Ke7 52.Bf3 ½-½ (52) Akobian,V (2564)-

Santos Latasa,J (2628) chess.com INT 2024]

6...h6

[6...b5 7.cxb5 a6 8.b6 Qxb6 9.Rb1 d6 10.e4 h6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bd2 c4 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.h3 Nc5 15.hxg4 Nd3+ 16.Kd1 Nxf2+ 17.Kc2 Nxh1 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Qd2 Bxg4 20.Bxh6 Ng3 21.Bxc4 Rfc8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.b3 Nh5 24.Qd4+ Nf6 25.Rf1 Bxf3 26.Rxf3 Qc5 27.Qxc5 Rxc5 28.Kd3 Nd7 29.Rf1 Ne5+ 0-1 (29) Akobian,V (2571)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024]

7.Bh4 d6 8.Nd2 e5 9.e3 g5

[9...Na6 10.Bd3 Nc7 11.f3 b5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.cxb5 e4 14.fxe4 Rb8 15.a4 a6 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Qe2 axb5 19.axb5 Rb7 20.Ra5 Rfb8 21.Nd2 h5 22.h3 Be5 23.Nc4 Bg7 24.b6 Na8 25.Nb5 Bxb5 26.Rxb5 Nxb6 27.Na5 Qc7 28.Qf2 Ra7 29.Nc6 Rba8 30.b4 cxb4 31.Nxa7 Rxa7 32.Rxb4 Be5 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Kg7 35.Bb5 Qe7 36.Bc6 Nd7 37.Bxd7 Qxd7 38.Qf3 Ra8 39.Rfb1 Kh6 40.Rb7 Qc8 41.Rxf7 Kg5 42.Rf1 Qh8 43.Qg2 Rb8 44.Qh1 Qxh1+ 45.Kxh1 Rb3 46.R7f3 Kxg4 47.Kg2 g5 48.Rg1 Bh2 49.Rd1 Be5 50.Re1 Rb4 51.Rg1 Bh2 52.Rgf1 Be5 53.Rf8 Rb2+ 54.R1f2 Rb3 55.R2f3 Rb4 56.Re8 Rb2+ 57.Rf2 Rb3 58.Re2 Ra3 59.Rg8 Rc3 60.Ra8 Rd3 61.Rc8 Rd1 62.Rcc2 Rb1 63.Rc8 Rb3 64.Rc1 Rd3 65.Rg1 Bg3 66.Rf1 Ra3 67.Rf3 Be5 68.Rd2 Ra4 69.Kf2 Kh4 70.Rf7 g4 71.Rf5 Rb4 72.Ra2 Rb1 73.Rc2 Rh1 74.Ke2 Ra1 75.Rf1 Ra8 76.Rf5 Ra1 77.Rd2 Kh3 78.Rh5+ ½-½ (78) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[9...Re8 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.0-0 a6 12.Qc2 Nh7 13.f4 f5 14.g4 e4 15.Be2 fxg4 16.Ncxe4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.Rab1 Ndf8 19.Kh1 Qc7 20.Rbe1 b5 21.Rg1 h5 22.b3 b4 23.Nf2 Qf7 24.h3 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 g5 26.hxg4 gxh4 27.g5 Ng6 28.Nde4 Rad8 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Re2 Nhf8 32.Kh2 Ne5 33.fxe5 Qf3 34.Rg2 Bxe5+ 35.Kg1 h3 36.Nxh3 Qxh3 37.Qc2 Kg7 38.Ref2 Qxe3 39.Qf5 Qe1+ 40.Rf1 Bd4+ 41.Kh1 Qh4+ 42.Rh2 Qe4+ 43.Qxe4 Rxe4 44.Rxh5 Ng6 45.Rh2 Be5 46.Rhf2 Nf4 47.Rf3 Kg6 48.Rg1 Ne2 49.Rd1 Rh4+ 50.Kg2 Rh2+ 51.Kf1 Ng3+ 0-1 (51) Dubov,D (2710)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess24.com INT 2021]

10.Bg3 h5 11.h3 Bf5 12.e4 Bg6 13.h4 g4 14.f3 Nbd7 15.Bf2 Bh6 16.Bd3 Qb6 17.Qb1 Qa5 18.a4 Kh8 19.Nf1 Rg8 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Nxe3 Bh7 22.Qc2 Rg7 23.Qd2 Qd8 24.0-0-0 a6 25.Rdf1 Qe7 26.Kb1 gxf3 27.gxf3 Rf8 28.Ka2 Qd8 29.Ra1 Qa5 30.Qf2 Rb8 31.Kb1 Ng8 32.Ne2 Nh6 33.Ra3 Rbg8 34.Qf1 Qd8 35.a5 Qf6 36.Rh2 Rb8 37.Qf2 Qd8 38.Ng3 Nf6 39.Rg2 Rg6 40.Ka2 Qd7 41.Bc2 Rbg8 42.Nef1 R8g7 43.Qe1 Qd8 44.Rb3 Qd7 45.Rb6 Qc7 46.Rh2 Nd7 47.Rb3 Nf6 48.Qd2 Rg8 49.Ne2 Qd7 50.Rb6 Qc7 51.Nfg3 Nd7 52.Rb3 Nf6 53.Rb6 Nd7 54.Rb3 Nf6 55.Rh1 R8g7 56.Rf1 Rg8 57.Rc1 Rb8 58.f4 Nhg4 59.f5 Rgg8 60.Ng1 b5 61.axb6 Rxb6 62.Nf3 Rgb8 63.Ng5 Bg8 64.Rxb6 Qxb6 65.Bd1 Rb7 66.Rc3 Qb4 67.Qe2 Rb8 68.Rb3 Qa5+ 69.Ra3 Qb4 70.Ka1 Kg7 71.Ra4 Qb7 72.Ra2 Kf8 73.Nxh5

Nxh5 74.Qxg4 Nf6 75.Qe2 Ke7 76.Ra3 Bh7 77.Qd2 Bg8 78.h5 Qc8 79.h6 Rb4 80.Qe2 Qb8 81.Ka2 Qb6 82.Ba4 Qd8 83.Bc6 Rb6 84.Qh2 Qb8 85.Rg3 Rb4 86.b3 Qb6 87.h7 Bxh7 88.Nxh7 Qa5+ 89.Kb2 Rb8 90.Nxf6 Rh8 91.Qg2 Rh1 92.Qxh1 Qd2+ 93.Kb1 Kd8 94.Qg2 Qb4 95.Rg8+ Kc7 96.Kb2 Qb7 97.Bxb7 a5 98.Rc8+ Kxb7 99.Qg8 a4 100.Rb8+ Kc7 101.Qc8# 1-0 (101) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

5.h3 d6 6.g4 c5 7.d5 a6 [7...e6 8.Bg2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ne5 12.g5 Nh5 13.f4 Nd7 14.e4 f6 15.h4 fxg5 16.hxg5 Bd4+ 17.Kh2 Ne5 18.fxe5 Bxe5+ 19.Kg1 Bd4+ 20.Rf2 Qxg5 21.Nf1 Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qh4+ 23.Kg1 Rf8 24.Be3 Nf4 25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Qe1 Qg5 27.Nh2 Bh3 28.Qe2 Raf8 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Nxf1 Bg4 31.Qe1 h5 32.e5 h4 33.Ne4 Qxe5 34.Qxh4 Qd4+ 35.Kh2 Bf3 36.Nfg3 Qe5 37.Ng5 Bh5 38.N5e4 Rf4 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.Qxd6 Rh4+ 41.Kg1 Qd4+ 42.Nf2 Rf4 43.Nge4 Rf7 44.Qg3 Qxb2 45.Qc3+ Qxc3 46.Nxc3 Bf3 47.d6 Bxg2 48.Kxg2 Kf6 49.Nfe4+ Ke5 50.Nxc5 Kxd6 51.Nd3 a6 52.Kg3 Rc7 53.Ne2 Kd5 54.Kf3 Rc2 55.Nb4+ Kc4 56.Nxc2 Kd3 57.Ncd4 Kc4 58.Ke4 b5 59.Nc2 a5 60.Ne3+ Kb4 61.Nc2+ Kc4 62.Ncd4 a4 63.Nxb5 Kxb5 64.Kd3 Kb4 65.Kc2 g5 66.Ng3 g4 67.Kb2 Kc4 68.Ka3 Kd4 69.Kxa4 Ke3 70.Kb5 Kf3 71.Nh5 Ke4 72.a4 Kd5 73.a5 Kd6 74.Kb6 g3 75.Nxg3 1-0 (75) Indjic,A (2641)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.com INT 2023]

8.a4 e6 9.Bg2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.0-0 h5 13.g5 Nh7 14.Nde4 Ne5 15.Qb3 Bf5 16.f4 c4 17.Qb4 Nd7 18.Qxc4 Qb6+ 19.Kh2 Rac8 20.a5 Rxc4 21.axb6 Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Rcxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.e3 Nxb6 25.Ra5 Nf8 26.Kg2 Nfd7 27.Kf3 Rb4 28.Rf2 Nc4 29.Ra2 Nc5 30.Rc2 b5 31.Bd2 Rxb2 32.Rcxb2 Nxb2 33.e4 Nbd3 34.Ba5 b4 35.e5 b3 0-1 (35) Indjic,A (2618)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023

5.g3 d5 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Qc7 9.Nxc4 Qxc5 10.Qb3 Be6 11.Qxb7 Nbd7 12.Nd2 Rab8 13.Qa6 Nd5 14.Nde4 Qc7 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.Nxc3 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Rd1 Rb6 19.Qa3 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Qe6 21.Qxa7 Nc4 22.Bg5 Rxb2 23.Rc1 Rxe2 24.Qxe7 Bb2 25.Rxc4 Re1+ 26.Bf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Qxd5 28.Re4 Bg7 29.a4 Rb8 30.Qe8+ Bf8 31.Qxb8 Qxe4 32.Bh6 Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Qe4+ 34.Kf1 Qh1+ 35.Ke2 Qe4+ 36.Kd2 Qd4+ 37.Ke2 Qe4+ ½-½ (37) Chirila,I (2543)-Gukesh,D (2730) chess.com INT 2023

5.Bf4 d6 6.e3 c5 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Nh5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nf4 12.Bf3 Nxd4 13.exd4 g5 14.Bg3 Ne6 15.d5 Nd4 16.Bh5 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Nd5 Rc8 19.Rc1 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qa5 21.Bxd6 Rfe8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.f4 Qxd5 24.Be5 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Qxe5 26.Bxf7+ Kg7 27.Qd3 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Nf4 29.Qf3 Qe2 30.Qxe2 Nxe2 31.Bd5 Nf4 32.Bxb7 Rc2 33.g3 Nd3 34.Bd5 Nf2+ 35.Kg1 Nh3+ 36.Kh1 Rxb2 37.Rf7+ Kg6 38.Rxa7 g4 39.Be4+ Kf6 40.Ra5 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nxe4 42.Ra4 Ng5 43.Rf4+ Ke6 44.Rxg4 Nf3+ 45.Kh1 Rxh2# 0-1 (45) Yanchenko,R (2466)-

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82 **7...e6** 8.Qc2
[8.b4 d6 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 *(10.Ba3 c5 11.Rad1 Qb8 12.bxc5 dxc5 13.e4 a6 14.e5 Nh5 15.Qc1 Rd8 16.Rfe1 cxd4 17.Bd6 Qc8 18.Rxd4 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Rdd1 Qc6 21.Bf1 Nc5 22.Ne5 Qe8 23.Qe3 Rac8 24.Be2 Bg7 25.Bxh5 gxh5 26.f3 Nd7 27.Ne2 b5 28.c5 Nf6 29.Nf4 Nd5 30.Nxd5 Bxd5 31.a3 h6 32.Rd4 Bf8 33.Bxf8 Qxf8 34.c6 Rc7 35.Nd7 Qg7 36.Rf4 Rxc6 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.Nxh5 Qc3 39.Qf2 Rdc8 40.Rf7 Kg8 41.Ra7 Qxe1+ 42.Qxe1 Rc1 43.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 44.Kf2 Rc2+ 45.Kg3 Bc4 46.Rxa6 Bf1 47.Ra8+ Kf7 48.Ra7+ Kf8 49.Nf4 e5 50.Ng6+ Kg8 51.Nh4 Ra2 52.Ra5 Kf7 53.Kg4 Bxg2 54.Rxb5 e4 55.f4 Bh1 56.Rb7+ Kf6 57.Rb6+ Kf7 58.Rb7+ Kf6 59.Rb6+ Kf7 60.Ng6 e3 61.Ne5+ Kg7 62.f5 e2 63.f6+ Kh7 64.Rd6 e1Q 65.Rd7+ Kg8 66.Rd8+ Kh7 67.Rd7+ Kg8 68.Rg7+ Kf8 69.Ng6+ Ke8 70.f7+ Kd7 71.f8Q+ Kc6 72.Qc8+ Kb5 73.Qb8+ Kc5 74.Rc7+ Bc6 75.Rxc6+ Kxc6 76.Ne5+ Kd5 77.Qb7+* 1-0 (77) Ding,L (2799)-Xu,X (2564) Hangzhou CHN 2022*)* 10...c5 11.Ba3 Qe7 12.Rab1 Rfd8 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Nb3 Ba8 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nc3 Ne8 18.d5 Nd6 19.Bb2 b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Nxb5 22.Bxb5 exd5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rbc1 d4 25.Bxd7 Qxd7 26.Nxc5 Qd5 27.f3 Qg5 28.f4 Qg4 29.h3 Qg3 30.exd4 Qxf4 31.Qf2 Qg5 32.a4 Bd5 33.Re1 Rc6 34.Rc3 Rf6 35.Qg3 Qd2 36.Rd3 Qb2 37.Red1 Rf5 38.R3d2 Qb4 39.Rf2 Rxf2 40.Qxf2 Re8 41.Qd2 Qc4 42.Qd3 Qa2 43.Qd2 Re2 44.Qxa2 Rxa2 45.g4 Rg2+ 46.Kf1 Rg3 47.Ra1 Rxh3 48.Kf2 Rf3+ 49.Ke2 Rf4 50.Ke3 Rxg4 51.a5 h5 52.Nd7 h4 53.Nb6 Rg3+ 54.Kf2 Rg2+ 55.Ke3 Rg3+ 56.Kf2 Rg2+ 57.Ke3 Rg3+ ½-½ (57) Nakamura,H (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) chess24.com INT 2021]
[8.b3 c5 *(8...d5 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.Qe2 a6 13.a4 Qb8 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.exd4 Qf4 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Rfe8 19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.Rxc4 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Bxb2 22.Rxd7 Rac8 23.Rb7 Rb8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Rc6 a5 26.Kf1 Ba3 27.Ne5 b5 28.Nd3 bxa4 29.bxa4 Rb1+ 30.Ke2 Ra1 31.Ra6 Ra2+ 32.Ke3 Bb4 33.Nxb4 axb4 34.g3 b3 35.Rb6 Rxa4* ½-½ (35) Postny,E (2577)-Nyback,T (2566) Heraklion GRE 2023*)* 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Bb2 Qe7 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rad1 Rfd8 13.Rd2 d5 14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Qb1 d4 16.exd4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Rxd4 19.Rxd4 Nd5 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qd1 Re8 22.Bf1 Qe1 23.Qxe1 Rxe1 24.Rd2 Bxb2 25.Rxb2 Rc1 26.f3 Ba6 27.Kf2 dxc4 28.bxc4 Kg7 29.Rb4 Rc2+ 30.Kg3 Rxa2 31.Bd3 f5 32.Rb8 Rd2 33.Ra8 Kf6 34.Rxa7 Bc8 35.Bf1 g5 36.h4 f4+ 37.Kh2 g4 38.fxg4 Bxg4 39.Rxh7 Rd1 40.Kg1 Be2 41.Kf2 Bxf1 42.g3 Bd3 43.Rh6+ Kg7 44.Rd6 Rf1+ 45.Kg2 f3+ 46.Kh2 Be4 0-1 (46) Ding,L (2801)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) London ENG 2019]
8...d5
[8...c5 9.Rd1 d5 10.dxc5 bxc5

11.cxd5 exd5 12.Na4 Nbd7 13.b3 Rc8 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Bb5 d4 16.Nd2 Ng4 17.Nf1 a6 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.f3 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Rxe3 21.Nb6 Qe6 22.Nxc8 Re2 23.Qd3 Rxb2 24.Na7 Bh6 25.Re1 Be3+ 26.Kf1 Rf2+ 0-1 (26) Nakamura,H (2745)-So,W (2767) chess.com INT 2020]

9.b3

[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.b3 Ne4 11.Bb2 f5 12.Rac1 c6 13.b4 Qe7 14.Qb3 Nd6 15.c5 Ne4 16.a4 g5 17.a5 g4 18.Ne1 bxc5 19.bxc5 Rab8 20.Qc2 Ng5 21.a6 Bc8 22.Rb1 Qd8 23.Qa4 Qc7 24.Nd3 Rf6 25.Nf4 Rh6 26.Ba3 Nf7 27.Bb4 Qd8 28.Ba5 Qh4 29.h3 Rxb1 30.Rxb1 e5 31.g3 Qe7 32.Nfxd5 cxd5 33.Nxd5 Qe6 34.Nc7 Qg6 35.d5 f4 36.exf4 Qxb1+ 37.Kg2 Rxh3 0-1 (37) Li,D (2568)-Li,C (2652) Shenzhen CHN 2023]

9...Nbd7 10.Ba3 c5 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Na4 Rac8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Qb1 Nb6 16.Nxc5 Rxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.cxd5 Qe7 19.dxe6 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxe6 21.Nd4 Qe7 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Qc2 h5 24.Nb5 Be5 25.Nd4 Kg7 26.h3 h4 27.a4 Nc8 28.Bxe4 Bxe4 29.Qxc8 Bd6 30.Nb5 Be5 31.Qd8 Qc5 32.Nd6 Qc2 33.Nxe4 1-0 (33) Nakamura,H (2736)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) chess24.com INT 2021

7...d5 8.b4 Nbd7 9.Bb2 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.b5 Nb6 12.cxd5 Nfxd5 13.Qc1 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qc7 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.a4 a6 18.bxa6 Bxa6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.a5 Nd7 21.Nd2 Rca8 22.Nc4 Nf6 23.h3 R8a7 24.Nb6 Nd7 25.Nxd7 Qxd7 26.Qxc5 Ra8 27.Qb4 Qd6 28.Rc5 Kg7 29.Qc3+ Qf6 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.g4 Rd8 32.Ra2 h6 33.Kg2 Rd1 34.Rb5 e6 35.h4 g5 36.h5 Kg7 37.Kf3 Kf6 38.Rb7 Rd8 39.Rb6 Ra7 40.a6 Rd1 41.Ke4 Rd5 42.Ra4 Re5+ 43.Kd3 Rd5+ 44.Kc3 Rd1 45.Rb7 Ra8 46.a7 Rc8+ 47.Kb2 Rd2+ 48.Kb3 Rd3+ 49.Ka2 Rd2+ 50.Rb2 Rdd8 51.Ka3 Rd3+ 52.Rb3 Rd1 53.Kb4 Ra8 54.Kb5 Ke7 55.Kc6 1-0 (55) Ding,L (2791)-Wei,Y (2732) chess24.com INT 2020

[83] **11.d6** Nc6 12.dxe7 Qxe7 13.Rb1 Rad8 14.b3 h5 15.Bb2 Ne5 16.Bd5 d6 17.Qc2 Kh7 18.h3 f5 19.Rbe1 Nd7 20.Bxg7 Qxg7 21.f4 Nf6 22.e4 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Rde8 24.Bf3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.Rxe8 Nxe8 27.Bxh5 Qh6 28.Qe4 Ng7 29.Bg4 Qh4 30.f5 Qf6 31.fxg6+ Kh6 32.Kh2 Qf2 33.a4 Qf6 34.Bf3 Ne6 35.Qe3+ Kg7 36.Bd5 Nf4 37.Bf7 Qg5 38.Qg3 Qe5 39.h4 Qf6 40.Qg4 Qe5 41.Qg3 Qf6 42.Qg5 Qxg5 43.hxg5 Ne2 44.Kh3 Nd4 45.Kg4 Nxb3 46.Kf5 Nd4+ 47.Ke4 Ne2 48.Kd5 Nc3+ 49.Kxd6 Nxa4 50.Kc6 Nc3 51.g4 a5 52.Bd5 a4 53.Kxb6 a3 54.Kxc5 a2 0-1 (54) Deac,B (2698)-Donchenko,A (2684) chess.com INT 2023

[84] **5...h6** 6.Bf4

[6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e3 e6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c5 13.d5 Nb6 14.a4 a5 15.Bf3 0-0 16.g4 f5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.gxf5 Bxf5 19.Qb3 Ra6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.0-0 g4 23.g3 h5 24.Kg2 h4 25.gxh4 Raa8 26.h5 Be5 27.Rh1 Qg5 28.Be4 Bxe4+ 29.Nxe4 Qf5 30.Qd3 Qf3+ 31.Kg1 g3 32.fxg3 Rg8 33.Rh3 Bxg3 34.Rf1 Be5+ 0-1 (34) Predke,A (2668)-Korobov,A (2684) Riga LAT 2021]

6...Nc6 7.h3 g5 8.Bd2 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.e4 c6 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.g3 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Be2 Qd7 15.Nh4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nxh4 17.Rxh4 0-0-0 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.0-0-0 Kb7 20.Be3 Qe6 21.Kb1 Rd7 22.f3 Ka8 23.Rdh1 d5 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Bxh6 Bf6 28.Bg5 Rxh4 29.gxh4 Bxg5 30.hxg5 Qd3+ 31.Qxd3 Rxd3 32.Rh8+ Kb7 33.Rf8 Rxf3 34.g6 Rg3 35.gxf7 Rf3 36.Kc2 e4 37.b4 a6 38.a4 Rf2+ 39.Kc3 Ka7 40.Kd4 Kb7 41.Kxe4 Rf1 42.Kd4 Rd1+ 43.Kc5 Rc1+ 44.Kd4 Rd1+ 45.Kc3 Rc1+ 46.Kb2 Rf1 47.b5 axb5 48.axb5 Ka7 49.Kc3 Kb7 50.Kb4 Rb1+ 51.Kc5 Rc1+ 52.Kd5 Rd1+ 53.Kc4 Rc1+ 54.Kd3 Rf1 55.Ke2 Rf6 56.Ke3 Rf1 57.Kd4 Rd1+ 58.Ke5 Re1+ 59.Kd6 Rd1+ 60.Ke7 Re1+ 61.Kf6 Rf1+ 62.Ke5 Re1+ 63.Kd4 Rd1+ 64.Kc3 Rc1+ 65.Kb2 Rf1 66.Ka3 Ra1+ 67.Kb2 Rf1 68.b6 Rf3 69.Kc2 Rf6 70.Kd3 Rf1 71.Ke2 Rf6 72.Ke3 Rf1 73.Ke2 Rf6 74.Ke3 Rf1 75.Ke2 Rf6 76.Ke3 ½-½ (76) Akobian,V (2571)-Robson,R (2696) Saint Louis USA 2024

5...Na6 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.0-0 Nc7 9.Bh4 Qe8 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Rc1 h6 12.b4 f5 13.Bg3 e5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.h3 g5 16.c5 f4 17.Bh2 Nf6 18.Nc4 Be6 19.Nd6 Qe7 20.exf4 exf4 21.Re1 Rad8 22.Bc4 Nfd5 23.Nxd5 cxd5 24.Bb3 b6 25.Qd3 bxc5 26.bxc5 Bf6 27.Re2 Qh7 28.Qxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rce1 Bd7 30.Kh1 Nb5 31.Bxd5 Nc3 32.Rd2 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Bc6 34.Rdd1 Rb8 35.f3 Rb2 36.Bg1 Rxa2 37.Ne4 Bg7 38.Rd6 Rc8 39.Nf6+ Kh8 40.Re7 Ra1 41.Kh2 Ra2 42.Bd4 Bxf3 43.Kg1 Rxg2+ 44.Kf1 Rb8 45.Re1 Rh2 46.Kg1 Rh1+ 47.Kf2 Rxe1 48.Kxe1 Rc8 49.Kd2 Bc6 50.Kc3 f3 51.Ng4 Bxd4+ 52.Kxd4 h5 53.Rh6+ Kg7 54.Rxh5 Kg6 55.Rh6+ Kg7 56.Rh5 Rd8+ 57.Ke3 Rd5 58.Kxf3 Rxc5+ 59.Ke3 a5 60.Rh6 a4 61.Kd4 Rc1 62.Rh5 Kg6 63.Rh6+ Kf7 64.Rxc6 Rxc6 65.Ne5+ Kf6 66.Nxc6 Kf5 67.Ke3 a3 68.Nb4 g4 69.h4 g3 70.Kf3 g2 71.Kxg2 Kg4 72.Na2 Kxh4 73.Kf3 Kg5 74.Ke4 Kf6 75.Kd4 Ke7 76.Kc4 Kd8 77.Kb3 Ke8 78.Kxa3 ½-½ (78) Dubov,D (2710)-Jobava,B (2603) chess.com INT 2021

[85] **6.Nd2** h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.d5 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.e3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Nd7 12.Nf3 Qa5 13.Qd2 Nf6 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.0-0 Ng4 16.Rfc1 a6 17.a4 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Bxe4 0-0 20.Re1 Nxf2 21.Bc2 Nh3+ 22.Kh2 g4 23.Rxe7 Qd8 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.Qd3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 gxf3 27.gxh3 Rae8 28.Qg6+ Qg7 0-1 (28) Bykhovsky,A (2496)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

[86] **8.Bd3** Bxd3 9.Qxd3 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8

[11...Nd7 12.e4 c5 13.Rad1 Re8 14.b3 Qa5 15.Qe2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Qc5 17.Nc2 a6 18.Rd5 Qc7 19.Ne3 b5 20.cxb5 Nc5 21.b6 Qxb6 22.Nc4 Qb7 23.Rfd1 a5 24.e5 a4 25.exd6 axb3 26.axb3 exd6 27.Qf1 Ne4 28.Nxd6 Nxd6 29.Rxd6 Qxb3 ½-½ (29) Dudin,G (2534)-Warmerdam,M (2676) Arad ROU 2024]

12.Rad1 Nd7 13.b4 a5 14.b5 b6 15.e4 e5 16.dxe5 Nc5 17.Qc2 dxe5 18.Rd5 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Re1 e4 21.Nd2 Nd3 22.Rd1 Nb4 23.Qb3 Nxd5 24.cxd5 Qf7 25.Nc4 f4 26.a4 e3 27.fxe3 f3 28.Rf1 Qg6 29.Bg3 fxg2 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Nd2 Kh7 32.Kxg2

h5 33.Qb1 Rf5 34.e4 Rg5 35.Nf3 Rxd5 36.Qc2 0-1 (36) Akobian,V (2564)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024

87 **11.Nd2** Bf5 12.e4 Bc8 13.d5 Bxb2 14.f4 Nd7 15.Rb1 Bf6 16.Bg3 Bg7 17.Kh1 Qa5 18.h4 h5 19.Nf3 Nf6 20.Ng5 Ng4 21.Rb3 b5 22.cxb5 Qxa2 23.f5 Nf6 24.Rbf3 c4 25.Be1 Bd7 26.Rg3 Rab8 27.Bc3 Rxb5 28.Nxf7 Rxf7 29.fxg6 Rf8 30.Bxh5 Nxe4 31.Rxf8+ Bxf8 32.Qf3 Nxg3+ 33.Qxg3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Bg7 35.Qf3 Qf5 36.Qe2 Bxc3 0-1 (36) Henriquez Villagra,C (2597)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025

88 **4...d5** 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.Qa4+ Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.e3 Nb6 9.Qd1 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.d5 Nb4 12.e4 Nd3 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Nxb2 15.Qe2 Nd3 16.Nd2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nxc4 e4 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.Qc2 Bd7 21.Rab1 Qf6 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Qc3 24.Qxc3 Bxc3 25.d6 cxd6 26.Rxb6 d5 27.Rxb7 Rf7 28.Rb5 Ra5 29.Rxa5 Bxa5 30.Rb1 Bc3 31.Rb5 d4 32.Bh6 Rf6 33.Bg5 Rf8 34.Bh6 Rf6 35.Bg5 Rf8 36.Bh3 Be1 37.Bxf5 Bxf2+ 38.Kg2 Be3 39.Be7 Re8 40.Be6+ Kg7 41.Rb7 Kg6 42.h4 Nc5 43.h5+ Kh6 44.Bxc5 Rxe6 45.g4 Rc6 46.Rb5 Ra6 47.Bf8# 1-0 (47) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021

89 **5...Nc6** 6.f4
[6.e3 d6 7.Nge2 e5
A) 8.d5 Ne7 *(8...Nb8 9.0-0 a5 10.e4 Nbd7 11.Rb1 Nc5 12.f3 Nfd7 13.Be3 f5 14.Qd2 b6 15.b3 Nf6 16.Bg5 Rf7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.fxe4 Bg5 21.Qc3 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Bh6 23.h4 Qe7 24.Qc2 Be3+ 25.Kh2 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Qxf8 27.Nc3 Na6 28.Nb5 Nb4 29.Qe2 Qf2 30.Qxf2 Bxf2 31.a3 Na6 32.Bf3 Kf7 33.Bd1 Ke7 34.Kg2 Be1 35.Kh3 Kd8 36.g4 Nc5 37.Bc2 Nd7 38.g5 Bd2 39.Na7 Bc1 40.b4 Nb8 41.bxa5 bxa5 42.a4 h6 43.gxh6 Bxh6 44.Nc6+ Nxc6 45.dxc6 Kc8 46.c5 dxc5 47.Bb3 Kd8 48.Bc4 Ke7 49.Kg4 Kf6 50.h5 gxh5+ 51.Kxh5* ½-½ (51) Pfreundt,J (2467)-Saric,I (2659) Karlsruhe GER 2025*)* 9.b3 Nd7 10.Bb2 f5 11.f4 e4 12.Nd4 Nf6 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.Nde2 Rd8 18.c5 Ne8 19.Na4 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nd5 21.Qc1 Nef6 22.Nd4 Ng4 23.Nb6 Nxb6 24.cxb6 Qxb6 25.h3 Nf6 26.Qxc6 Qxc6 27.Nxc6 Rd7 28.Rac1 Bb7 29.Na5 d5 30.Bf1 Kf7 31.b4 Rg8 32.Kf2 g5 33.a3 gxf4 34.gxf4 Rg6 35.Nb3 Rh6 36.Nd4 Rh5 37.Rc5 Ng8 38.Rdc1 Ne7 39.a4 Rh6 40.a5 Kf8 41.b5 axb5 42.Bxb5 Rdd6 43.Rc7 Ba6 44.Bxa6 Rxa6 45.Rb1 1-0 (45) Mishra,A (2592)-Aronian,L (2742) Saint Louis USA 2023;
B) 8.0-0 exd4 9.exd4 *(9.Nxd4 Bg4 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qa4 c5 12.Bd2 Nd7 13.h3 Bf5 14.b3 a5 15.Qc6 Ra7 16.f4 Nf6 17.g4 Bc8 18.g5 Nh5 19.Qf3 Bb7 20.e4 a4 21.Qd3 axb3 22.axb3 Bd4+ 23.Kh2 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 f6 25.Ra7 Qb8 26.Nb5 fxg5 27.Rxb7 Qxb7 28.e5 c6 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.Qxd4 Qxb3 31.exd6 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Nxf4 33.Bxf4 gxf4 34.Qe5 Qe3 35.Be4*

Qxh3+ 36.Kg1 f3 0-1 (36) Kuzubov,Y (2652)-Volokitin,A (2677) Kharkiv UKR 2021*)* 9...Bd7 10.h3 a6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Rac1 Ne7 15.g4 b5 16.b3 b4 17.Nd1 d5 18.Ng3 Bc6 19.f3 Nd7 20.Nf2 Re8 21.Nd3 a5 22.Bf2 Nf8 23.Ne5 dxc4 24.Nxc6 c3 25.Nxd8 cxd2 26.Rc4 Rbxd8 27.Rd1 Ne6 28.Rxd2 c5 29.Ne2 Rd7 30.f4 Red8 31.d5 Nxd5 32.f5 gxf5 33.gxf5 Nd4 34.Rxc5 Nxe2+ 35.Rxe2 Nf4 36.Re4 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Nd3 38.Rc2 Nxf2 39.Rxf2 Bd4 40.Rfe2 Bc5 41.h4 Rg8 42.Re1 Bd6+ 43.Kh1 Rd2 44.R1e2 Rd1+ 45.Re1 Rxe1+ 46.Rxe1 Kg7 47.Rd1 Bg3 48.Rd4 Kf6 49.Bf3 Rc8 50.Kg2 Be5 51.Rc4 Rxc4 52.bxc4 a4 53.Be4 Bd4 54.Bc2 a3 55.Kf3 Ke5 56.h5 Bc5 57.Ke2 Kd4 58.Bb3 Be7 59.c5 Bxc5 60.Bxf7 Ke5 61.Be6 b3 62.Bxb3 Kxf5 63.Kd3 Be7 64.Bd1 Bf8 65.Kc4 ½-½ (65) Keymer,V (2738)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.Nf3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.0-0

A) 8...e5

A1) 9.Nxd5 e4 10.Ne5 *(10.Nd2 Qxd5 11.Nxe4 Qxd4 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bf4 Qb4 14.Qc1 Nd4 15.Kh1 Bc4 16.Re1 c6 17.Bd2 Rad8 18.Ne4 Qb5 19.a4 Qa6 20.Nc5 Nb3 21.Nxb3 Bxb3 22.Bc3* ½-½ (22) Dautov,R (2570)-Handke,F (2524) Duesseldorf GER 2025*; 10.e3 Qxd5 11.Nd2 f5 12.b3 Be6 13.Ba3 Rfe8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Qe2 a5 16.Qb5 Reb8 17.Rc2 a4 18.bxa4 Ra5 19.Qb2 Rxa4 20.Rfc1 Nxd4 21.exd4 Bxd4 22.Rc3 Rba8 23.Nb1 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Rc4 25.Qe1 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Rd8 27.Bf1 Bxa2 28.Bb2 Qc6 29.Nc3 Bb3 30.Qg5 Rf8 31.h4 Qf6 32.Qf4 Qd6 33.Qh6 Qf6 34.Qf4 Qd6 35.Qh6 Qf6* ½-½ (35) Xu,Z (2508)-Wei,Y (2722) Shaoxing CHN 2023*)* 10...Qxd5 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Bf4 Bg4 ½-½ (12) Blohberger,F (2534)-Chigaev,M (2629) Eforie Nord ROU 2025;

A2) 9.Bg5

A2a) 9...f6 10.Bc1 Nxc3 11.bxc3 e4 12.Nd2 f5 13.Rb1 *(13.e3 Be6 14.Rb1 Na5 15.Ba3 Rf7 16.Bb4 Nc4 17.Qe2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Bc4 19.Rfd1 Qd5 20.Rb2 g5 21.Re1 Re8 22.Qc2 Re6 23.a4 a5 24.Ba3 b6 25.Qb1 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Qd1 f4 28.exf4 gxf4 29.Qg4 Bd3 30.Bf1 Bxf1 31.Rxf1 e3 32.fxe3 fxe3 33.Rxf7+ Kxf7 34.Re2 Kf8 35.Qf4+ Kg8 36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Qxe3 Qc6 38.Qg5+ Kf7 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Qc2* 1-0 (40) Rustemov,A (2525)-Volokitin,A (2663) chess.com INT 2024*)* 13...Kh8 *(13...Rb8 14.f3 e3 15.Nc4 Be6 16.Nxe3 Bxa2 17.Ra1 Bf7 18.Nc2 b5 19.Ba3 b4 20.Nxb4 Nxb4 21.Bxb4 Rxb4 22.cxb4 Qxd4+ 23.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 24.e3 Bxa1 25.Rxa1 Rb8 26.Rxa7 Rxb4 27.Rxc7 Rb3 28.e4 Rb1+ 29.Bf1 fxe4 30.fxe4 Re1 31.Kf2 Rxe4* ½-½ (31) Lazavik,D (2544)-

Dubov,D (2708) chess.com INT 2023) 14.e3 b6 15.f3 exf3 16.Bxf3 Bb7 17.e4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Rxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 21.Be3 Bxe4 22.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 23.Kg2 Bxf3+ 24.Rxf3 Kg8 25.Re1 Bc5 26.Rd3 Bd6 27.h4 b5 28.g4 a5 29.h5 b4 30.h6 a4 31.Re2 a3 32.g5 Ra5 33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Rh8 Rxg5+ 35.Kf2 Rh5 36.Rxh7+ Kf6 37.Rh8 Be5 38.Kf3 Kf5 39.Rf8+ Kg5 40.Ke4 Kxh6 41.Kd5 Bd6+ 0-1 (41) Rustemov,A (2525)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2024;

A2b) 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qd6 11.dxe5 Qxd1 12.Rfxd1 Nxe5 13.Nd4 c6 14.Rab1 Re8 15.a4 Nc4 16.h4 h6 17.Bf4 Nb6 18.a5 Nd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.Nb5 Bf5 21.Rb2 Rad8 22.Nd6 Bxc3 23.Rxb7 Rxe2 24.Nxf7 Rd7 25.Nxh6+ Kh7 26.a6 Be6 27.Rxd7+ Bxd7 28.Nf7 d4 29.Ng5+ Kg8 30.Rb1 Bb2 31.Nf3 Bf5 32.Re1 d3 33.Be3 Be4 0-1 (33) Mamedyarov,S (2771)-Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo NOR 2022;

B) 8...Bf5 9.Re1 Nb6 10.d5 Nb4 11.e4 Bg4 12.a3 Na6 13.Be3 Nc4 14.Qe2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 c6 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rad1 Qb6 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.e5 Nc5 21.Nd4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rfd8 23.f4 f6 24.b4 fxe5 25.fxe5 Na4 26.Nxa4 Rxa4 27.Nb5 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Bxe5 29.Rd7 Kf8 30.Rxb7 Bb2 31.Rxb6 Bxa3 32.Nxa3 Rxa3 33.h4 Kf7 34.b5 Rb3 35.Kf2 h5 36.Kg2 e6 37.Rb8 Kf6 38.Kf2 Kf5 39.Rf8+ Kg4 40.Rf4+ Kh3 41.Rf6 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 Rb3+ 43.Kf2 Rxg3 44.Rf3 Rxf3+ 45.Kxf3 Kxh4 46.b6 g5 47.b7 Kh3 48.b8Q g4+ 49.Kf2 h4 50.Qe5 g3+ 51.Kf3 g2 52.Qg5 g1N+ 53.Qxg1 1-0 (53) Prohaszka,P (2570)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 8...Rb8 9.e3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 b6 11.Ba3 Na5 12.Bb4 Ba6 13.Re1 c5 14.dxc5 Qc7 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Nd4 Rfd8 17.Qa4 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Rad1 Rc8 20.Qb5 Nc4 21.Qd5 e6 22.Qe4 b5 23.h4 Nb2 24.Rb1 Nc4 25.Red1 h5 26.Nf3 Bf6 27.Rd3 Kg7 28.Ng5 Ra7 29.a3 Qc6 30.Qxc6 Rxc6 31.Ne4 Be7 32.Bxe7 Rxe7 33.Rxb5 Rc8 34.a4 Ra7 35.Rb4 Ne5 36.Rd1 Rca8 37.Ra1 Nc6 38.Rb6 Ne5 39.Ng5 Rxa4 40.Rxa4 Rxa4 41.Rb7 Kg8 42.f4 Ra1+ 43.Kg2 Ra2+ 44.Kf1 Nc4 45.Rxf7 Nd2+ 46.Ke2 Ne4+ 47.Kd3 Nxg5 48.Rf6 Nh3 49.Rxg6+ Kf7 50.Rh6 Nf2+ 51.Kc4 Ra5 52.Kb4 Rf5 53.c4 Ne4 54.Rh7+ Kg6 55.Rd7 Rf8 ½-½ (55) Vidit,S (2722)-Giri,A (2776) Kolkata IND 2019;

D) 8...Nb6

D1) 9.e3

D1a) 9...e5 10.d5 e4 11.dxc6

D1a1) 11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 *(12.Nxd1 exf3 13.Bxf3 bxc6 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Bb4 Rfd8 16.Re1 Nc4 17.Be2 Rab8 18.a3 Bb5 19.a4 Ba6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Nxc3 Rxb2 22.Ne4 Nd6 23.Nf6+*

Kg7 24.Bxa6 Kxf6 25.Rac1 c5 26.e4 Re8 27.e5+ Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Kxe5 29.Rxc5+ Kf6 30.Rxc7 Ra2 31.Rd7 Rxa4 32.Rxd6+ Ke7 33.Rd7+ 1-0 (33) Ju,W (2560)-Shankland,S (2720) chess24.com INT 2022*)*
12...exf3 13.Bxf3 bxc6 14.Ne2 *(14.Bxc6 Rb8 15.Nd5 Bg4 16.f3 Be6 17.e4 Nc4 18.Nxc7 Bh3 19.Bb5 Na3 20.Ba4 Bxb2 21.Bxb2 Rxb2 22.Bb3 Rg2+ 23.Kh1 Rf2 24.Rd3 Nc4 25.Bxc4 Rc8 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Rc3 Rb8 28.Nd5 Rbb2 29.Rc7+ Ke8 30.Nf4 Bd7 31.Rd1 Ba4 32.Rc8+ Ke7 33.Rc7+ Ke8 34.Rdc1 Bd7 35.h4 Rxf3 36.e5 Bf5 37.Rxa7 Rxg3 38.Ra8+ Kd7 39.Ra7+ Ke8 40.Ra8+ Kd7 41.Ra7+ Ke8* ½-½ (41) Lenderman,A (2607)-Shankland,S (2714) Saint Louis USA 2021*)*
14...Bd7 15.Rb1 Rad8 16.Bd2 c5 17.Bc3 Be6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nc3 c4 20.Nb5 Na4 21.b3 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 cxb3 23.axb3 Nc5 24.Nxc7 Rb8 25.Nxe6+ Nxe6 26.Ra1 Nc5 27.Rxa7 Nxb3 28.Bf3 Nc5 29.Bd5 Rf8 30.e4 Kf6 31.f4 Ne6 32.Kf2 Nd8 33.e5+ Kg7 34.e6 Re8 35.e7 Ne6 36.Bc6 1-0 (36) Yoo,C (2588)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2025;

D1a2) 11...exf3 12.Bxf3 bxc6 13.Bxc6 Rb8 14.Qc2 Bh3 15.Rd1 Qf6 16.Bg2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rfd8 18.Rb1 Qc6+ 19.Kg1 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qf3 21.Ba3 Nc4 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Bc1 h5 24.Rd4 Ne5 25.h3 Qc6 26.Rd1 Nf3+ 27.Kf1 Ng5 28.e4 Nxe4 29.Bf4 Nxc3 30.Kg1 Qf3 31.Re1 Rd8 32.Be3 Ne4 33.Qxc7 Rd6 34.Qxa7 Nxg3 35.fxg3 Qxg3+ 36.Kf1 Qxh3+ 37.Ke2 Qg4+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Ke2 Qg2+ 40.Bf2 Re6+ 41.Kd2 Qd5+ 42.Qd4 Qxa2+ 43.Kd3 Qb3+ 44.Kd2 Qa2+ 45.Kd3 Qa6+ 46.Kd2 Qa5+ 47.Kd3 Rxe1 48.Bxe1 Qxe1 49.Qd8+ Kh7 50.Qf6 Qe6 51.Qh4 Kg7 52.Kd2 Qf6 53.Qh2 Qb2+ 54.Ke3 Qxh2 0-1 (54) Kuzubov,Y (2605)-Nihal,S (2693) chess.com INT 2024;

D1b) 9...a5 10.h3 *(10.Qe2 a4 11.Rd1 Be6 12.Ng5 Bc4 13.Qd2 e5 14.d5 Nb4 15.Nge4 N4xd5 16.Nc5 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Qxd2 18.Bxd2 Ra5 19.Nxb7 Rb5 20.Bc6 Rb2 21.Nc5 Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Bxa2 23.Ra1 Bb3 24.Nxb3 axb3 25.Rb1 Nc4 26.Be1 Rd8 27.Rxb3 Na5 28.Ba4 Nxb3 29.Bxb3 e4 30.Kf1 Bxc3 31.Bxc3 Rd3 32.Be5 Rxb3 33.Bxc7 f5 34.h4 Kf7 35.Bf4 Ke6 36.Kg2 Kd5 37.g4 fxg4 38.Kg3 h5 39.Be5 Kxe5* 0-1 (39) Alonso Rosell,A (2572)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E

(2617) chess.com INT 2023) 10...Re8 11.Re1 *(11.d5 Bxc3 12.dxc6 Bf6 13.Nd4 bxc6 14.Nxc6 Qd6 15.Qc2 e5 16.Rd1 Qe6 17.b3 a4 18.Bb2 Bd7 19.Nb4 axb3 20.axb3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qd6 22.Na6 Rc8 23.Ba3 Qe6 24.Nxc7 e4 25.Rd1 Qe5 26.Bd6 Qh5 27.g4 Qa5 28.Qc5 Qxc5 29.Bxc5 Rxc7 30.Bxb6 Rb7 31.Bxe4 Bxg4 32.Rd6 Re7 33.Rxf6 Rxe4 34.hxg4 Rxg4+ 35.Kf1 Rb4 36.Rc6 Rxb3 37.Rc8+ Kg7 38.Bd4+ Kh6 39.Rc7 f5 40.Kg2 g5 41.Rf7 Rb5 42.Kg3 Kg6 43.Rf6+ Kh5 44.Re6 Rb3 45.Kg2 h6 46.Bg7 f4 47.Rxh6+ Kg4 48.f3+ Kf5 49.e4#* 1-0 (49) Lazavik,D (2537)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Almaty KAZ 2022 *)* 11...a4 12.Rb1 Be6 13.b3 axb3 14.axb3 Nb4 15.Bb2 c6 16.Ng5 Bf5 17.e4 Bc8 18.Nf3 h6 19.Na4 Nxa4 20.bxa4 c5 21.Re2 Qa5 22.dxc5 Rd8 23.Rd2 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Nc6 25.Qc1 Bxb2 26.Rxb2 Qxa4 27.Kh2 Qa3 28.e5 Kg7 29.Qc2 Ra5 30.e6 Rxc5 31.Qd2 Bxe6 32.Rxb7 Bd5 33.Ne1 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 Re5 35.Nf3 Rf5 36.Qb2+ Qxb2 37.Rxb2 g5 38.Rb6 Rf6 39.Rb7 Rd6 40.Rc7 Kf6 41.Rb7 e6 42.Rc7 Ne7 43.Rc2 Nf5 44.Ra2 h5 45.Re2 Rd3 46.Ra2 Rc3 47.Rb2 Kg6 48.Ne5+ Kf6 49.Nf3 g4 50.hxg4 hxg4 51.Nh2 Kg5 52.Rb8 Nh6 53.Rb5+ f5 54.Nf1 Nf7 55.Rb1 Ne5 56.Ne3 Nf3 57.Rd1 Rc8 58.Nf1 Rc2 59.Ra1 e5 60.Rb1 Rc8 61.Nh2 Nd4 62.Re1 Rc5 63.Ra1 f4 64.gxf4+ exf4 65.Ra8 f3+ 66.Kg1 Ne2+ 0-1 (66) Rustemov,A (2525)-Gledura,B (2663) chess.com INT 2025;

D1c) 9...Bf5 10.Qe2 Nb4 11.Rd1 Nc2 12.Rb1 Nb4 13.e4 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nc6 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qd3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qc8 19.Kg2 c6 20.Bg5 Re8 21.Rbc1 Nc4 22.b3 Nd6 23.Qe2 f5 24.e5 Nf7 25.Bf4 g5 26.e6 gxf4 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.dxc6 Qxc6+ 29.Nd5 Qg6 30.Nxf4 Qh6 31.Qc4+ e6 32.Rd7+ Kg8 33.Re1 Rac8 34.Qb5 e5 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.Nd3 e4 37.Nf4 e3 38.Rxe3 Rxe3 39.fxe3 Qf6 40.h4 Qa1 41.Rd8+ 1-0 (41) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

D1d) 9...Re8 10.h3 *(10.Nh4 a5 11.f4 a4 12.h3 Bd7 13.Kh2 Qc8 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Bd2 Nac4 16.Be1 c5 17.d5 e6 18.dxe6 Rxe6 19.e4 Nd6 20.e5 f6 21.Rd1 fxe5 22.f5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 gxf5 24.Rxf5 Rg6 25.Rxe5 Bxe5 26.Qxe5 Bc6 27.Ne4 Qe6 28.Qxe6+ Rxe6 29.Nc3 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Nc4 31.Bf2 b6 32.Rd7 Nxb2 33.Nd5 Rf8 34.Ne7+ Kh8 35.g4 Nd3 36.Nf5 Nxf2 37.Kxf2 b5*

38.Rc7 Re5 39.Kf3 Rfxf5+ 40.gxf5 Rxf5+ 41.Ke4 Rh5 42.a3 b4 43.axb4 cxb4 44.Kd4 a3 45.Ra7 Rxh3 46.Ke5 Kg8 47.Ra4 Rh4 48.Kf6 Rf4+ 49.Ke5 Rc4 50.Kf6 Rc6+ 0-1 (50) Gorovets,A (2461)-Le,Q (2729) chess.com INT 2025*; 10.d5 Na5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.b4 Nac4 13.a4 a5 14.b5 Qc8 15.Qe2 Bh3 16.Rd1 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qd7 18.e4 Qd6 19.Rb1 Qc5 20.Qd3 e6 21.Nb3 Qb4 22.Nd4 Qc5 23.Nb3 Qe7 24.Be3 Nxe3+ 25.Qxe3 exd5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Qxe4+ 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.Nc5 Rb4 30.Rbd1 Bf6 31.Rd7 b6 32.Na6 Rxa4 33.Nxc7 Rb8 34.Nd5 Be5 35.Ne7+ Kg7 36.Nc6 Re8 37.Re1 Kf6 38.f4 Ra2+ 39.Kh3 Ke6 40.Nxe5 f6 41.Rxh7 Kd5* 1-0 (41) Hellers, F (2578)-Kulaots,K (2504) Kuressaare EST 2025*; 10.Nd2 e5 11.d5 Nb4 12.Nb3 c6 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.e4 Nd4 15.Nd5 Be6 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qb3 f5 18.Qb5 fxe4 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bxe4 Bc4 22.Bxb7 Ra7 23.Bc6 Rc8 24.Be4 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 d3 26.Bxd3 Rd7 27.Ke2 Re8+ 28.Be3 Bxb2 29.Rd1 Kg7 30.Rb1 Bd4 31.Bb5 Rde7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.a4 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Re4 35.Ra1 Rb4 36.Kf3 Kf6 37.h3 h5 38.a5 bxa5 39.Rxa5 Rb1 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.hxg4 Rf1+ 42.Ke2 Rg1 43.Kf3 Rf1+* ½-½ (43) Karpov, A (2617)-Artemiev,V (2704) Moscow RUS 2021*)* 10...e5 11.d5 Na5 12.e4 *(12.Qc2 Nac4 13.e4 Bd7 14.b3 Nd6 15.a4 a5 16.Rd1 f5 17.Ng5 Qf6 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.dxe6 Qxe6 20.exf5 Nxf5 21.Nb5 Nd4 22.Qxc7 Nxb5 23.axb5 e4 24.Rb1 Nd5 25.Qxb7 Nc3 26.Bb2 Rab8 27.Qa7 Qxb3 28.Bxe4 Bf6 29.Bd5+ Nxd5 30.Bxf6 Qxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Nxf6 32.Rd6 Re1+ 33.Kg2 Rf8 34.Qxa5 Re2 35.Rd2 Re5 36.Rd8* 1-0 (36) Tomashevsky, E (2706)-Artemiev,V (2757) Izhevsk RUS 2019*)* 12...c6 13.b4 Nac4 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Rb1 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.Rb3 Be6 19.Ng5 Bd7 20.Qb1 Qc5 21.Rd1 h6 22.Nf3 Be6 23.Rb4 Bf8 24.Rb3 Rea8 25.Ne1 Qe7 26.Rxb6 Nxb6 27.Qxb6 Rc5 28.Qb2 Qc7 29.Be3 Rc4 30.Bf1 Rb4 31.Qd2 Qc8 32.Nd3 Rb7 33.Bxh6 Bxh3 34.Bxf8 Bxf1 35.Rxf1 Qxf8 36.Nxe5 Qc5 37.Ng4 Rab8 38.e5 Qb4 39.Qf4 Qxc3 40.Qh6 f5 41.Qxg6+ Kf8 42.Qxf5+ Rf7 43.Nf6 Qc4 44.Qg5 Rb5 45.Qg8+ Ke7 46.Qe8# 1-0 (46) Keymer,V (2690)-Donchenko,A (2667) Berlin GER 2023;

D2) 9.Bf4 a5 10.Qc1 a4 11.Rd1 Ra5 12.a3 Be6 13.d5 Nxd5 14.Ng5 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qc8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.Bxe3

Bxc3 20.Ra2 Be5 21.Rc1 Ra6 22.Rac2 Rb8 23.Bc5 Bd6 24.Kg2 Rb3 25.e4 f6 26.h4 Kf7 27.f4 Bxc5 28.Rxc5 Rxa3 29.Rxc6 Rb6 30.Rxc7 Rbb3 31.Ra7 Rxg3+ 32.Kh2 Rge3 0-1 (32) Koneru,H (2586)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess24.com INT 2021;

D3) 9.d5 Na5 10.Qc2 *(10.e4 c6 11.Bf4 cxd5 12.exd5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxd5 14.Nd4 Qc5 15.Re1 Bd7 16.Re5 Qa3 17.Qc1 Qxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rxe7 Nd5 22.Re4 Rfe8 23.Rc4 Nxf4 24.Rxf4 Re2 25.a4 Rae8 26.Rd1 Re1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Kg2 Re5 29.Rc4 c5 30.Kf3 f5 31.a5 Kf7 32.Ra4 Re8 33.Ra2 Rb8 34.Ke3 Ke6 35.Kd3 Kd5 36.c4+ Kc6 37.Kc3 Re8 38.Rb2 Re1 39.Rb8 Ra1 40.Rc8+ Kd6 41.Rd8+ Ke6 42.Re8+ Kf6 43.f4 Rxa5 44.Kb3 Kg7 45.Re7+ Kh6 46.Rc7 Kh5 47.Rxh7+ Kg4 48.Rc7 Kh3 49.Rc6 Kxh2 50.Rxg6 Kg2 51.Rg5 Kf3 52.Rxf5 Kxg3 53.Rf7 Kf3 54.f5 Ke4 55.f6 Ke5 56.Rf8 Ke6 57.Kb2 Ra4 58.Kb3 Ra5 59.Kb2 Ra4 60.Kb3 Ra5* ½-½ (60) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Erigaisi,A (2728) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 10...c6 *(10...Nxd5 11.Rd1 c6 12.e4 Nb4 13.Qa4 b5 14.Qxb4 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxd1+ 16.Ne1 b4 17.Qxb4 Nb7 18.Bf3 c5 19.Qc3 Qd4 20.Qc2 Be6 21.Be3 Qc4 22.Qxc4 Bxc4 23.e5 Rab8 24.b3 Ba6 25.Bg5 Rfe8 26.Bc6 Rec8 27.Bd7 Rc7 28.e6 fxe6 29.Bxe6+ Kg7 30.Bf4 Nd6 31.Be5+ Kf8 32.Nf3 h6 33.Nh4 Bd3 34.Rd1 c4 35.Kg2 g5 36.Nf3 Be4 37.Rxd6 exd6 38.Bxd6+ Re7 39.Bxc4 Rd8 40.Bxe7+ Kxe7 41.g4 h5 42.h3 h4 43.Be2 Rf8 44.b4 Rf4 45.b5 Kd6 46.a4 Kc5 47.a5 Bxf3+* 0-1 (47) Martirosyan,H (2621)-Firouzja,A (2804) Warsaw POL 2021 *)* 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Rd1 Qe8 13.Be3 Bf5 14.Qc1 Rc8 15.Bxb6 *(15.Bh6 e5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qb2 f6 19.Nh4 Be6 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.Ne4 Qb4 23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Qb1 g5 25.Ng2 Bf5 26.f3 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Qc5+ 28.Kf1 Kf7 29.Qd3 Qc2 30.Ne3 Qxd3 31.Rxd3 Ke6 32.Kf2 Nd7 33.Kf3 h5 34.h3 Ra6 35.Nf5 Nc5 36.Rd5 g4+ 37.hxg4 hxg4+ 38.Ke3 Rc6 39.Rd8 a5 40.Re8+ Kf7 41.Re7+ Kf8 42.Rh7 b5 43.Rh8+ Kf7 44.Rh7+ Ke8 45.Rg7 a4 46.b4 Ne6 47.Rxg4 Rc3+ 48.Kf2 Ra3 49.Nd6+ Ke7 50.Nxb5 Rxa2 51.Nc3 Ra1 52.Rg8 Ng5 53.Ra8 Ra3 54.Nd5+ Kf7 55.Ra7+ Kg6 56.Ne7+ Kh5 57.Nf5 Nxe4+ 58.Kg2 Kg5 59.Ne7 Rxg3+ 60.Kh2 a3 61.b5 Rb3 62.Nc6 Nc3 63.Na5 Rxb5 64.Nc4 a2 65.Nd2 Rb2 66.Nf3+ Kf4 67.Kh3 Rxe2* 0-1 (67) Khlebovich,A (2423)-Le,Q (2729) chess.com INT 2025*)* 15...axb6 16.Qe3 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nd2 Bc2 19.Rdc1 Bxc3 20.bxc3

Ba4 21.Qh6 Qd7 22.Nf3 e6 23.Rab1 Nc4 24.Rb4 f5 25.h4 e5 26.h5 Qg7 27.Qg5 Qf6 28.Qh6 Qg7 29.Qg5 Qf6 30.Qh6 Qg7 ½-½ (30) Artemiev,V (2711)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.h3

A) 6...e6 7.e4 e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe5 12.0-0 d6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Re1 f5 15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Be7 Rf7 17.Rxe5 dxe5 18.d6 Qb6 19.Nd5 Qxb2 20.Rb1 Qxa2 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 22.Bxf6 Ba4 23.Bd5+ Kf8 24.Rxb7 Bxd1 25.Rf7+ Ke8 26.d7# 1-0 (26) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Rapport,R (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 6...e5 7.d5 Na5 *(7...Nd4 8.e3 Nf5 9.Nge2 d6 10.e4 Nd4 11.Be3 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 Nd7 13.0-0 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 a6 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Qd2 Kh8 18.b3 exf4 19.Bxf4 Ne5 20.Rfe1 Bd7 21.c5 Qf7 22.c6 bxc6 23.dxc6 Nxc6 24.Nd5 Rac8 25.Rc1 Ne5 26.Nxc7 Bc6 27.Bxc6 Qxc7 28.Bg2 Qb6+ 29.Kh2 a5 30.Red1 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Ng6 32.Bxd6 Rd8 33.Rc6 Qb5 34.Qc2 Be5 35.Rc8 Rxc8 36.Qxc8+ Kg7 37.Qc7+ Kf6 38.Bxe5+ Nxe5 39.Qd6+ Kg7 40.a4 Qe2 41.Qe7+ Kg6 42.Qe6+ Kg7 43.Qxf5 Qe3 44.h4 Qe2 45.Qg5+ Kf7 46.Qf5+ Ke7 47.Kh3 h5 48.Qe4 Qb2 49.Bf3 Kf6 50.Qf4+ Ke6 51.Bxh5 Qxb3 52.Bg4+ Kd5 53.Bf5 Qd1 54.Qe4+ Kd6 55.Qg2 Nf3 56.Be4 Ng5+ 57.Kh2 Ne6 58.Bf5 Qxa4 59.Bxe6 Kxe6 60.Qe2+ Kf6 61.Qa6+ Kg7 62.Qb7+ Kg6 63.Qb6+ Kg7 64.Qc7+ Kg6 65.Qd6+ Kg7 66.Qe5+ Kg6 67.h5+ Kh6 68.Kh3 Qd1 69.Qh8+ Kg5 70.Qg7+ Kf5 71.g4+ Ke4 72.Qe7+ Kf3 73.Qf6+ Ke3 74.Qe5+ Kf2 75.Qf4+ Ke1 76.Qe3+ Kf1 77.h6 Qd7 78.Qf4+ Ke2 79.Qe4+ Kf2 80.h7 Qg7 81.Qf5+ Kg1 82.Qc5+ Kf1 83.Qf5+ Kg1 84.g5 Qc3+ 85.Kg4 Qd4+ 86.Kh5 Qd1+ 87.Kh6 Qd6+ 88.Qf6 Qh2+ 89.Kg7 Qc7+ 90.Kg6 Qc2+ 91.Qf5 Qc6+ 92.Kh5 Qh1+ 93.Kg6 Qc6+ 94.Qf6 Qc2+ 95.Kg7 Qc7+ 96.Qf7 Qc3+ 97.Kg8 Qc8+ 98.Kg7 Qc3+ 99.Kh6 Qh3+ 100.Qh5 Qe6+ 101.g6)* 1-0 (101) Korobov,A (2688)-Svidler,P (2723) chess24.com INT 2020 8.b3 e4 9.Qc2 Re8 10.e3 b5 11.cxb5 a6 12.Bb2 axb5 13.Nxb5 Ba6 14.a4 Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rd1 c6 17.Nd6 Qb6 18.Nxe8+ Rxe8 19.Bf1 Bc8 20.Bc4 Nb4 21.Qc3+ Kg8 22.Rd6 Nxc4 23.bxc4 Nd3+ 24.Rxd3 exd3 25.Qxd3 Qb4+ 26.Kf1 Qxa4 27.Kg2 c5 28.Ne2 Bb7+ 29.f3 Ba6 30.Rc1 d5 31.Qxd5 Rxe3 32.Kf2 Qe8 33.Nc3 Re5 34.Qd2 Bb7 35.Re1 Kg7 36.Rxe5 Qxe5 37.Qe3 Qf5 38.g4 Qf6 39.Kg3 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.h4 Qg6+ 42.Kf2 Qc2+ 43.Kg3 Qg6+ 44.Kf2 Qf5 45.Ne2 Qf6 46.Qf4 Qxf4 47.Nxf4 Ba6 48.Nxh5+ Kh6 49.Ng3 Bxc4 50.Ne4 f5 51.Nxc5 f4 52.Nd7 Kh5 53.Ne5 Bd5 54.Nd3 Kxh4 ½-½ (54) Tabatabaei,M (2660)-Erigaisi,A (2722) Almaty KAZ 2022;

C) 6...Rb8 7.e3 e5 8.d5 Na5

9.Qd3 b6 10.e4 c6 11.b4 Nb7 12.Nf3 a5 13.a3 Ra8 14.Rb1 axb4 15.axb4 c5 16.b5 d6 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Bd2 Ra3 19.Ne1 Qe7 20.Nc2 Ra7 21.Ra1 Rfa8 22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Ra1 Rxa1+ 24.Nxa1 Qd8 25.Qc2 h5 26.h4 Kh7 27.Qa4 Na5 28.Nd1 Bg4 29.f3 Bc8 30.Nb3 Nxb3 31.Qxb3 Bh6 32.Bxh6 Kxh6 33.Qe3+ Kg7 34.Qa3 Nh7 35.Qa8 Qc7 36.Nf2 Nf6 37.Kh2 Bd7 38.Nd3 Nh7 39.f4 Nf6 40.Nf2 exf4 41.gxf4 Bg4 42.Qa1 Qe7 43.e5 dxe5 44.fxe5 Nd7 45.e6+ Qf6 46.Qxf6+ Nxf6 47.e7 Ne8 48.d6 Nxd6 49.Nxg4 hxg4 50.Bc6 f5 51.e8N+ Nxe8 52.Bxe8 f4 53.Bd7 g3+ 54.Kg2 g5 55.hxg5 Kg6 56.Kf3 Kxg5 57.Bh3 Kh4 58.Bf5 Kg5 59.Be4 1-0 (59) So,W (2772)-Van Foreest,J (2688) chess24.com INT 2021;

D) 6...Re8 7.Nf3 d5 8.Ne5 dxc4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Qa4 Nb6 12.Qxc6 Rb8 13.Bf4 Bb7 14.Qxc7 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qxc7 16.Bxc7 Rb7 17.Bxb6 Rxb6 18.e3 Rxb2 19.Rfc1 e5 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Nxb1 exd4 22.exd4 Rb8 23.Nd2 Rb2 24.Nxc4 Rxa2 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 h5 27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Rc7 Kg8 29.Kf3 Ra4 30.Ke3 a5 31.Ra7 h4 32.g4 Ra3+ 33.Kf4 Rxh3 34.Rxa5 Rb3 35.f3 Kg7 36.e6 fxe6 37.Ra7+ Kf8 38.Ra8+ Kg7 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Ra8+ Kg7 41.Ra7+ ½-½ (41) Lazavik,D (2578)-Shankland,S (2672) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.Bf4 d6 7.Nf3 Bf5 *(7...Bg4 8.0-0 Nd7 9.d5 Bxf3 10.exf3 Na5 11.Qd3 e5 12.Be3 b6 13.b4 Nb7 14.a3 f5 15.Rac1 h5 16.f4 Re8 17.Ne2 a5 18.fxe5 axb4 19.axb4 Nxe5 20.Qd2 Ng4 21.Nf4 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Bh6 23.Ne6 Qe7 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Nd8 26.Ra7 Kh7 27.Qd4 Nxe6 28.dxe6 Qxe6 29.Rxc7+ Re7 30.Rxe7+ Qxe7 31.Kf2 Qa7 32.Qxd6 Qa2+ 33.Kf3 Qxc4 34.Qe7+ Bg7 35.h4 Qc2 36.Bf1 Qc1 37.Kf2 Kh6 38.Qg5+ Kh7 39.Qe7 Qc6 40.Be2 Qh1 41.Bf3 Qc1 42.Be2 Qc3 43.Bf1 Qc6 44.Be2 Qc8 45.Bf1 Kh8 46.Be2 Bf8 47.Qf6+ Kh7 48.Qf7+ Bg7 49.Qe7 Qb8 50.Bc4 b5 51.Be2 Qa8 52.Bxb5 Qa2+ 53.Be2 Qb2 54.b5 Qe5 55.Qxe5 Bxe5 56.b6 Kg7 57.Bf3 Kf6 58.Bc6 Bb8 59.Be8 Bd6 60.b7 Bb8 61.Kf3 Bc7 62.Bc6 Bb8 63.e4 fxe4+ 64.Bxe4 g5 65.Bc6 gxh4 66.gxh4 Kg7 67.Be8 Kh8 68.Ke4 Bc7 69.Bxh5 Bb8 70.Bg4 Bh2 71.h5 Bb8 72.Kf5 Bh2 73.Kg6 Bb8 74.Kg5 Bh2 75.Kf6 Bb8 76.Kf7 Bh2 77.Ke6 Bb8 78.Kd7 Bh2 79.Kc8 Bg3 80.b8Q Bxb8 81.Kxb8 Kg7 82.Kc7 Kh8 83.Kd6 Kg7 84.Ke5 Kh8 85.Kf4 Kg7 86.Kg5 Kh8 87.h6 Kh7 88.Bf5+ Kh8 89.Be4 Kg8 90.Kg6 Kh8 91.h7* ½-½ (91) Narayanan,S (2618)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com INT 2020) 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 c5 10.e4 Bg4 11.Qc2 a6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rb1 b5 14.b3 e5 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nc6 18.0-0 Nb4 19.Qd1 Rxa2 20.Bxd6 Qd7 21.e5 Ne8 22.Nc3 Nxd6 23.Nxa2 Nxa2 24.exd6 Nc3 25.Qc2 Nxb1 26.Rxb1 Qxd6 27.Ne4 Bf5 28.Nxd6 Bxc2 29.Rc1 Bxb3 30.Rxc5 Rd8 ½-½ (30) Vidit,S (2722)-Giri,A (2776) Kolkata IND 2019]

6...d6 7.Nf3 Na5 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 Ng4 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.d5 Nd4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.h3 Nh6 14.e4 a6 15.g4 Kh8 16.e5 b5 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Ne4 bxc4 19.bxc4 Rc8 20.Rac1 Ng8 21.Bxd4 f5 22.Ng5 h6 23.e6 hxg5 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qd4+ Kh7 26.fxg5 Be8 27.Rf4 Qa5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Kh1 Nf6 30.Rxf5 Bg6 31.gxf6 Bxf5 32.Qh4+ Kg6 33.Be4 Qc5 34.Qg4+ Kh6 35.Bxf5 Qxd5+ 36.cxd5 1-0 (36) Keymer,V (2738)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com INT 2024

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[6...d6 7.Nge2 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 a6 10.a4 a5 11.Be3 Na6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bb6 Re8 15.Bxa5 Nc5 16.Bb6 Nd3 17.b3 Bf8 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.Nc1 Ra6 20.a5 Ncd7 21.Bc7 Bb4 22.Na4 Bxa5 23.Bd6 b5 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Bxc5 bxc4 26.bxc4 Be6 27.Rd6 Bc7 28.Rd2 Nd7 29.Be3 Bb6 30.Re1 Bxe3 31.Rxe3 Nb6 32.Re1 Nxc4 33.Rc2 Rd8 34.Ne2 Ra3 35.Nc3 Rd2 36.Rec1 Rxc2 37.Rxc2 h5 38.Kh2 Kg7 39.Bf1 Nd6 40.f4 exf4 41.gxf4 Bb3 42.Rc1 Be6 43.e5 Nf5 44.Ne4 Rf3 45.Ng5 Rxf4 46.Nxe6+ fxe6 47.Bg2 Rf2 48.Kg1 Re2 49.Rxc6 Rxe5 50.Kf2 Kf6 51.Rb6 Nd4 52.Bf1 Rf5+ 53.Kg2 Rg5+ 54.Kf2 Rf5+ 55.Kg2 g5 56.Bd3 Rd5 57.Bc4 Rc5 58.Bd3 Rc3 59.Be4 Re3 60.Bh7 g4 61.hxg4 hxg4 62.Kf2 Rf3+ 63.Kg2 Rc3 64.Be4 Re3 65.Bh7 Rc3 66.Kf2 Rc7 67.Be4 Ke5 68.Ke3 Rc3+ 69.Bd3 Nf5+ 70.Kd2 Rc5 71.Rb8 Kf4 72.Rg8 Rd5 73.Rf8 g3 74.Ke2 Re5+ 75.Kd2 Kf3 76.Rg8 Kf2 77.Rg4 g2 78.Rf4+ Kg3 79.Ra4 g1Q 80.Ra3 Qf2+ 81.Kc3 Re3 82.Kc4 Qf4+ 83.Kb5 Qe5+ 84.Kc6 Qd5+ 85.Kc7 Rxd3 86.Kc8 Qd6 87.Rxd3+ Qxd3 88.Kc7 Qc4+ 89.Kd8 Qd4+ 90.Ke8 Ne3 91.Kf7 Qe4 92.Kf6 Qf4+ 0-1 (92) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023]

7.cxd5 cxd5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Nxe4

[9.Nge2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nc6 11.0-0 Na5 12.Nf4 e6 13.h4 Qc7 14.h5 Qxc3 15.Rb1 Qc7 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Bf1 a6 18.Qg4 Rfc8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Bd3 Bb5 21.Rxb5 axb5 22.Nxe6 Qd7 23.Bf5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Nc4 26.Re1 Qe8 27.Kg2 d4 28.Nxd4 Nxe5 29.Qf4 Qe7 30.Rxe5 Qf6 31.Nxb5 Kg7 32.Nc7 Qc6+ 33.Nd5 Re8 34.Qd4 f6 35.Rxe8 gxf5 36.Re7+ Kf8 37.Kh3 Qd6 38.Rxb7 f4 39.Qa7 Qe6+ 40.g4 Qxg4+ 41.Kxg4 f5+ 42.Kxf4 Ke8 43.Qb8# 1-0 (43) Komododragon (3522)-Rofchade (3423) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

9...dxe4 10.Bxe4 Qb6 11.Ne2 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nc6 13.Be3 Bg4 14.f3 Be6 15.Kf2 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 18.Kg2 Bxe5 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Qe2 Bd6 21.b3 a5 22.Bd5 Bd7 23.Rc1 a4 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rhd1 Qa6 26.Qxa6 Rxa6 27.Rc2 b5 28.Rcc1 Ra3 29.Bb3 h5 30.Rd3 Kg7 31.Rd5 Kf8 32.Re1 Bc6 33.Rd4 Kg7 34.Rc1 Bd7 35.Rdd1 Kg8 36.h4 Kg7 37.Rd2 Ra6 38.Kh2 Ra3 39.Rd5 Kf8 40.Rc2 Ra5 41.Re2 Ra3 42.Rd3 Kg7 43.Re1 Bc6 44.Rc1 Bd7 45.Kg2 Bf5 46.Re3 Bd7 47.Rce1 Bc5 48.R3e2 Bd6 49.Rc1 Ra8 50.Bd5 Ra6 51.Bb3 Ra3 52.Rd2 Ra6 53.Rd3 Ra3 54.Re3 Ra6 55.Bd5 ½-½ (55) Rofchade (3423)-Komododragon (3522) tcec-chess.com INT 2021

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[6...Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.Nge2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Ne5 10.b3 a6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Re8 14.f4 Nc6 15.Qd2 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 c5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Ne4 Bg7 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.Nd6 exf4 22.Qxf4 Rf8 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nf5 Qb8 25.Ne7+ Kh7 26.Qxb8 Raxb8 27.Rd7 Rbd8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxf7 Rd7 30.g4 a5 31.Kg2 Rd2+ 32.Kg1 Rxa2 33.Nxc6 a4 34.bxa4 Rxa4 35.Nd8 Kg8 36.Rc7 Bd4+ 37.Kg2 Rxc4 38.Ne6 Rc3 39.Nxd4 cxd4 40.Rd7 Rd3 41.h4 Rd1 42.Rd6 Kf7 43.h5 gxh5 44.gxh5 ½-½ (44) Artemiev,V (2701)-Mamedov,R (2637) Shusha AZE 2024]
[6...Nc6 7.e3 *(7.Nf3 Re8 8.0-0 a5 9.Be3 Bd7 10.Rc1 h6 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rfd1 a4 13.Nd5 Ne4 14.Qc2 f5 15.Ne1 e6 16.Nf4 Nf6 17.d5 Nb4 18.Qd2 e5 19.Qxb4 exf4 20.gxf4 b6 21.Qd2 Ne4 22.Qc2 a3 23.b3 Bb2 24.Nf3 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Qf6 26.Bd4 Qf7 27.e3 Rg8 28.h4 g5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.fxg5 Nxg5 31.Kf1 Rae8 32.Ke2 Kg6 33.Rh1 Rh8 34.Rxh8 Rxh8 35.Bxh8 Ne4 36.Bd4 Qh7 37.Qc1 Qh5 38.Qh1 Qg4 39.Qh3* 1-0 (39) Lazavik,D (2566)-Dubov,D (2710) chess.com INT 2023*)* 7...e5 8.Nge2 Re8 9.d5 Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.Be3 Na6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Na4 16.0-0 Nxc3 17.Nxc3 b6 18.Ra1 Qe7 19.Qc2 Reb8 20.Nb5 Ne8 21.Ra2 h5 22.Rfa1 Rxa2 23.Rxa2 h4 24.g4 Bxb5 25.cxb5 g5 26.Ra7 Qd8 27.Qc6 Bf6 28.Kf1 Kg7 29.Bd2 Kg8 30.Bc3 Kg7 31.Ke2 ½-½ (31) Artemiev,V (2701)-Shimanov,A (2582) Sochi RUS 2024]
[6...c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Nge2 Bd7 9.0-0 a6 10.b3 cxd4 11.exd4 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Nb4 14.Nbc3 Bc6 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Kh2 Ra5 18.Qd2 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Rxd5 20.Be3 e5 21.Nc3 Nxd4 22.Qd1 Ra5 23.a4 h5 24.b4 Raa8 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Nd5 Rae8 27.Qf3 Re5 28.a5 Qb5 29.Nc7 Qxb4 30.a6 Qb6 31.Qb7 Qxb7 32.axb7 Re7 33.Rfc1 d3 34.Ra8 d2 35.Rxf8+ Bxf8 36.Rd1 Re1 37.Rxd2 Rb1 38.Nd5 Rxb7 39.Nf6+ Kg7 40.Ne8+ Kg8 41.Nxd6 Bxd6 42.Rxd6 Kg7 43.h4 Ra7 ½-½ (43) Artemiev,V (2711)-Chigaev,M (2622) chess.com INT 2024]
[6...e5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 Nd7 10.h4 h6 11.h5 g5 12.g4 Nf6 13.Nh2 c6 14.a4 a5 15.f3 c5 16.Nf1 Bd7 17.Ne3 Ra6 18.Bf1 Re8 19.Bd3 Qb8 20.Bd2 Ra8 21.Kf2 Kf8 22.Ra3 b6 23.Qc1 Rd8 24.Nf5 Nxf5 25.exf5 Nh7 26.f6 Nxf6 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.h6 Bh8 29.Qxg5 e4 30.Bxe4 Re8 31.h7 Bxg4 32.Qf4 Bd7 33.Raa1 Re5 34.Rag1 Ke7 35.Rh6 Nh5 36.Qh2 Qf8 37.Rxh5 Rxh5 38.Qxh5 Bd4+ 39.Kf1 Bxg1 40.Qh4+ f6 41.Kxg1 Qg7+ 42.Kf2 Rh8 43.Nb5 Qg5 44.Qxg5 fxg5 45.Kg3 Bxb5 46.cxb5 c4 47.Kg4 Kf6 48.Kh5 Kg7 49.Kxg5 Re8 50.Kf4 Re5 51.Kg4 Kh8 52.Kh4 Kg7 53.Kg4 Kh8 54.Kh4 Kg7 55.Kg4 Kh8 ½-½ (55) Romanov,E (2598)-Aryan,C (2630) Havana CUB 2024]
[6...c6 7.e4 e5 8.Nge2 a6 9.a4 a5 10.0-0 Na6 11.Be3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Rfe1 *(14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Rfe1 Qf8 16.f4 h5 17.Bf2 Bh6 18.Nf3 Be6 19.b3 Rad8 20.Bd4*

Bg7 21.Ng5 Bc8 22.Kh2 Nh7 23.Nf3 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Qg7 25.Qd2 Nf8 26.f5 Nfd7 27.Rf1 Kh7 28.Nf3 Ne5 29.f6 Qh6 30.Qc2 Nxf3+ 31.Rxf3 h4 32.g4 Qg5 33.Kh1 Re6 34.Rdf1 Rde8 35.Rf4 Nd7 36.Qf2 Nc5 37.Qc2 Re5 38.Ne2 b6 39.Nd4 Ne6 40.Nxe6 R8xe6 41.Qf2 c5 42.Kh2 Bb7 43.Re1 Re8 44.Re3 d5 45.cxd5 Bxd5 46.Kh1 Bc6 47.Kh2 c4 48.bxc4 Rc5 49.Rb3 Kg8 50.Rxb6 Qe5 51.Kh1 Rxc4 52.Rb1 Bxe4 53.Bxe4 Rxe4 54.Rf1 Qd5 55.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 56.Qf3 Qxa4 57.g5 Qe4 58.Qxe4 Rxe4 59.Rb1 Re5 60.Rb8+ Kh7 61.Rf8 Rxg5 62.Rxf7+ Kh6 63.Ra7 Rf5 64.f7 Kg7 65.Kg2 Kf8 66.Kg1 g5 67.Kg2 Kg7 68.Kg1 Kf8 69.Kg2 Kg7 70.Kg1 Rxf7 71.Rxa5 Kg6 72.Kg2 Rf5 73.Ra8 Rf6 74.Rg8+ Kf5 75.Ra8 Kg6 ½-½ (75) Lazavik,D (2572)-Ragger,M (2601) chess.com INT 2024*)* 14...Bd7 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 Be6 18.Bf1 Nd7 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Kg2 Nxc4 21.Bd4 Rac8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Ne2 f6 24.Nd4 Nb6 25.b3 Bf7 26.Qc3 Re5 27.f4 Rc5 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Rd2 Nd5 30.Qf3 Nb4 31.g4 d5 32.e5 fxe5 33.fxe5 Rxe5 34.Qf4 Re7 35.Rxe7 Qxe7 36.Re2 Qf6 37.Qe3 b6 38.Rf2 Qd6 39.Qg5 Kg8 40.Nf5 d4 41.Nh6+ Kg7 42.Rxf7+ Kh8 43.Nf5 Rc2+ 44.Be2 Rxe2+ 45.Kf1 Rf2+ 46.Ke1 1-0 (46) Shimanov,A (2593)-Kazakouski,V (2551) chess.com INT 2025]

7.Nf3 Bf5 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Rc1 a4 12.d5 Nb4 13.Qd2 Na6 14.Nd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nc5 16.Bh6 e5 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qe3 Qf6 20.Rfd1 Rf7 21.f4 Re8 22.b4 axb3 23.axb3 e5 24.Nf3 Nd7 25.c5 Rfe7 26.fxe5 Nxe5 27.cxd6 cxd6 28.Qc3 Rf8 29.Rf1 Nc6 30.Rf2 Qxc3 31.Rxc3 Rf5 32.Rd3 Re6 33.Nd4 Nxd4 34.Rxd4 Rb5 35.b4 Rbe5 36.Rdf4 Re7 37.Rd4 d5 38.Kf1 Re4 39.Rxd5 Rxb4 40.Kg2 Rb2 41.e4 Rb4 42.e5 Rb3 43.Re2 Kf7 44.Rd6 Rb5 45.Rf2+ Ke8 46.e6 Re5 47.Rb2 b5 48.Rb6 R7xe6 49.Rxe6+ Rxe6 50.Rxb5 Kf7 51.Rb7+ Re7 ½-½ (51) Artemiev,V (2679)-Gledura,B (2663) chess.com INT 2025

[91] **6...Nbd7** 7.0-0

[7.d5 Nc5 8.Be3 a5 *(8...b6 9.0-0 a5 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.h3 Qc8 12.Kh2 e5 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Nd4 c6 15.Qd2 Qc7 16.Bh6 Rad8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.b3 e5 19.Nc2 Bc8 20.Ne3 Ne6 21.Rcd1 Nd4 22.Nc2 Nf5 23.Ne3 Nd4 24.Nc2 Nf5 25.Ne3 Nd4* ½-½ (25) Rustemov,A (2525)-Chigaev,M (2624) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9.0-0 Re8 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.h3 c6 12.Nd4 cxd5 13.cxd5 a4 14.f4 Qa5 15.Bf2 Rec8 16.e4 Ne8 17.Re1 b5 18.a3 b4 19.axb4 Qxb4 20.Re2 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Bxd4 Nb3 23.Rd1 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 a3 25.Na2 Bb5 26.Red2 Bc4 27.b4 Bxa2 28.Rxa2 Rc1+ 29.Kf2 Nc7 30.Bf1 Rb1 31.Bd3 Rb2+ 32.Rxb2 axb2 33.b5 Nxb5 34.Rb4 Nc3 35.Ke3 Ra1 36.Rb8+ Kg7 37.Rb7 b1Q 38.Bxb1 Rxb1 39.Rxe7 Nxd5+ 0-1 (39) Rustemov,A (2525)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025]

[7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Nhf6 10.0-0 c6 11.h3 e5 12.d5 c5 13.a3 Qe7 14.b4 b6 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.Rb1 Ne8 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Nd2 f5 19.Nb3 Nb6 20.Na5 e4 21.Nb5 Bd7 22.Rd1 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Nf6 24.Nc6

Qc7 25.Bd2 Nfd7 26.Bc3 Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Rae8 28.e3 Ne5 29.Nxe5 Rxe5 30.Rdb1 Qg7 31.Qc2 Re7 32.a4 Nd7 33.a5 Ne5 34.Bf1 h5 35.a6 h4 36.Rb7 Rff7 37.Rxe7 Rxe7 38.gxh4 Nf3+ 39.Kg2 Qe5 0-1 (39) Narayanan,S (2669)-Asadli,V (2567) Almaty KAZ 2022]

7...e5 8.e4

[8.Qc2

A) 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Nb6

A1) 10.b3 c5 11.Ndb5 *(11.Nf3 Bf5 12.Qd2 d5 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Ba3 dxc4 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Rab1 Rab8 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.bxc4 Nxc4 20.Rxb7 Nxa3 21.Qa4 Qd6 22.Qxa3 Ng4 23.Nf3 Ne5 24.Rxa7 Nc4 25.Qc1 Bxc3 26.Qxc3 Qd1+ 27.Bf1 Bh3 28.Qe1 Qc2 29.Qa1 Bxf1 30.Qf6 Rf8 31.Kxf1 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Qxe2 33.Re7 Qd3 34.Qc6 Qa3 35.Qd5 Qxa2 36.Kg1 Qb1+ 37.Re1 Qb4 38.Re4 Nb6 39.Qc6 Qb1+ 40.Re1 Qb4 41.Re4 Qb1+ 42.Re1 Qb4 43.Re4 c4 44.Ne5 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 c3 46.Rf4 c2 47.Rxf7 Rxf7 48.Qe6 Qf1+ 49.Kxf1* 1-0 (49) Gukesh,D (2614)-Mamedov,R (2656) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 11...a6 12.Na3 d5 13.Rd1 d4 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Re8 18.Rac1 Bg4 19.Re1 Rac8 20.Nc4 h5 21.e4 dxe3 22.Rxe3 Bh6 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rf1 Re2 25.Qd3 b5 26.Ne3 Bxe3 27.fxe3 Qb2 28.Qe4 Bf5 29.Qf3 Qd2 30.d6 Rxe3 31.Qc6 Re2 32.a4 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Rxg2 34.d7 Rg1+ 35.Rxg1 Be4+ 0-1 (35) Socko,B (2642)-Amin,B (2680) Dubai UAE 2021;

A2) 10.Rd1 Nxc4 *(10...Re8 11.c5 Nc4 12.b3 Ne5 13.cxd6 Qxd6 14.Ndb5 Qb6 15.Be3 c5 16.Nd6 Rd8 17.Na4 Qc7 18.Qxc5 Nc6 19.Nb5 Qa5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.b4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bf8 23.bxa5 Bxc5 24.Bxc5 Bg4 25.Nbc3* 1-0 (25) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Fedoseev,V (2687) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 11.Ncb5 a6 12.Qxc4 axb5 13.Nxb5 Ne8

A2a) 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Be3 Ra6 16.a4 Be5 17.Rac1 Bg7 18.Na7 Rxa7 19.Bxa7 c6 20.Be3 Be5 21.a5 Nc7 22.Bf4 Na6 23.Qd2 Bxf4 24.gxf4 d5 25.Rc3 Bf5 26.Re3 Qh4 27.Rc3 Re8 28.Rdc1 Qd8 29.Rb3 Re7 30.Rb6 Rd7 31.b4 h5 32.b5 cxb5 33.Rxb5 d4 34.Rxb7 Rd6 35.Ra7 Re6 36.Ra8 Nb8 37.Qb4 Re8 38.a6 d3 39.exd3 Qd7 40.Rxb8 1-0 (40) Alonso Rosell,A (2536)-Movahed,S (2544) chess.com INT 2025;

A2b) 14.Qc2 Bf5 15.e4 Bg4 16.Rd3 *(16.f3 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nf6 18.Be3 Re8 19.Re1 Bc6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Qd2 Ne5 22.Qc2 b5 23.a3 Qb8 24.f4 Nc4 25.Bc1 b4 26.axb4 Qxb4 27.Kh1 Rab8 28.Re2 Na5 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Nb3 31.Be3 Nd4 32.Bxd4 Bxd4 33.e5 dxe5 34.fxe5 Re7 35.h4 Rbe8 36.Qc6 Bxe5 37.Re4 Qxb2 38.Re3*

Bd6 39.Rxe7 Rxe7 40.Rd3 Qf6 41.Qf3 Re1+ 42.Kh2 Qxh4+ 43.Bh3 Qe7 44.Bg2 Kg7 45.Rb3 Qe5 46.Rb4 Re3 47.Qf4 Qh5+ 0-1 (47) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 16...Bd7 17.Nc3 Nf6 18.b3 Re8 19.Bb2 Bc6 20.Re1 b5 21.e5 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nd7 23.f4 Qc8 24.Red1 Nc5 25.R3d2 b4 26.Nd5 Rxa2 27.Qc4 Qb7 28.Kg1 Ne6 29.g4 c6 30.Nxb4 d5 31.Qxc6 Qxc6 32.Nxc6 Nxf4 33.Nb4 Raa8 34.Nxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 h6 36.b4 Bf8 37.b5 Ra2 38.Bd4 Ra4 39.b6 Rb4 40.Kg2 Rc8 41.Rd2 Be7 42.Rd7 Bg5 43.Rf2 Rd8 44.Rxd8+ Bxd8 45.Bc5 Rb5 46.e6 Rxc5 47.b7 Bc7 48.e7 Re5 49.Rc2 1-0 (49) Yoo,C (2563)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2c) 14.e4 Bg4 15.Re1 Qd7 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.Bf4 Be6 18.Qb4 Ng4 19.Nd5 c5 20.Qd2 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Bd4 23.Re2 Qa4 24.Bxd6 Rfd8 25.Rxb7 Ne5 26.Rd2 Qa6 27.Rxf7 Rxd6 28.Ra7+ Rxd5 29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.exd5 Ng4 31.Kf1 Nxh2+ 32.Ke2 Ng4 33.Bh3 Nxf2 34.Be6+ Kf8 35.a4 Ne4 36.Rc2 Rxa4 37.Kf3 Nd6 38.Rc1 h5 39.Rb1 Rb4 40.Rf1 Ke7 41.Kg2 Rb2+ 42.Kh3 Rf2 43.Re1 Kf6 44.Bd7 Be5 45.Rb1 Rf3 46.Kg2 Rxg3+ 47.Kh1 Rd3 48.Rf1+ Kg5 49.Rg1+ Kh6 50.Re1 Bg3 0-1 (50) Dreev,A (2606)-Giri,A (2754) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B) 8...Re8 9.Rd1 c6 10.e4 *(10.d5 c5 11.e4 h6 12.h3 Nh7 13.Be3 Ndf8 14.Qd2 h5 15.Rab1 f5 16.b4 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Bh6 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Bf5 20.Nh4 Qe7 21.Rb3 Rad8 22.Rdb1 Rd7 23.Rb8 Rxb8 24.Rxb8 Rd8 25.Rb3 Qc7 26.Be3 Rb8 27.Nc3 Rxb3 28.axb3 Qb6 29.Nxf5 gxf5 30.Qc2 e4 31.g4 hxg4 32.hxg4 Qa5 33.Nb5 Qa1+ 34.Qc1 Qxc1+ 35.Bxc1 Be5 36.gxf5 Nf6 37.Nxa7 N8d7 38.Nc6 Kf7 39.Kf1 Bh2 40.Ke2* 1-0 (40) Fedoseev,V (2680)-Nguyen,N (2645) chess.com INT 2023*; 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Nge4 Nc5 13.Nd6 Rd8 14.Nxc8 Raxc8 15.Be3 a5 16.Na4 Ne6 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.h3 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.c5 Nh5 21.Bf3 Qe5 22.Rd3 Bh6 23.Kg2 Ng7 24.a3 Nf5 25.b4 Qe7 26.bxa5 Re8 27.Rb1 Qc7 28.Nc4 Bf8 29.Bg4 Qd7 30.Rf3 Qd5 31.Nb6 Qxc5 32.Qxc5 Bxc5 33.Nd7 Rxe2 34.Nxb8 Ra2 35.Bxf5* 1-0 (35) Yoo,C (2606)-Pranav,V (2608) chess.com INT 2023*; 10.e3 a6 11.b3 e4 12.Nd2 d5 13.Ba3 Nf8 14.Rdc1 Bf5 15.Ne2 Rc8 16.Qd1 h5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Rxc8 Bxc8 19.Rc1 h4 20.Qc2 Ne6 21.Nf4 Nxf4 22.gxf4 h3 23.Bf1 Qd7 24.Be2 Qf5 25.Nf1 Bd7 26.Ng3 Qe6 27.Qc7 Bc6 28.Qd6 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Bf8 30.Bxf8 Kxf8 31.Bxa6 Ra8 32.Bf1 Rxa2 33.Bxh3 Rb2 34.Rc3 Rb1+ 35.Bf1 Ne8 36.Kg2 Nd6 37.h4*

Ke7 38.Be2 f5 39.h5 gxh5 40.Bxh5 Ke6 41.Be2 Rb2 42.Kf1 Rb1+ 43.Kg2 Rb2 44.Kf1 Rb1+ 45.Kg2 ½-½ (45) Artemiev,V (2746)-Grischuk,A (2759) chess.com INT 2019 *)*

B1) 10...exd4 11.Nxd4 Qe7 *(11...Qb6 12.h3 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxd4 14.Nxd6 Re6 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.c5 Qb4 17.a3 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Rb1 Nb3 20.Bf3 Rce8 21.Kg2 Bb6 22.Bh6 Nd4 23.Rd2 Nxf3 24.Kxf3 f6 25.h4 Kf7 26.Rbd1 R8e7 27.b4 Re4 28.Rd3 Rc4 29.R1d2 a5 30.Bf4 axb4 31.axb4 Ke8 32.Rb3 Rd7 33.Re2+ Kf7 34.b5 c5 35.Rbe3 Ba5 36.Re8 Bc3 37.R2e6 Rcd4 38.Bh6 Bd2 39.Bxd2 Rxd2 40.Re3 R2d3 41.Rc8 Rxe3+ 42.Kxe3 b6 43.Rc6 Re7+ 44.Kd3 Re6 45.Rc7+ Kg8 46.Kc4 Rd6 47.Rc6 Rd4+ 48.Kc3 Kf7 49.Rxb6 Rb4 50.Rb7+ Ke6 51.Rxh7 Rxb5 52.Kd3 Rb2 53.Ke3 Rb3+ 54.Ke2 c4 55.Rc7 Kd5 56.Rc8 Rb2+ 57.Ke3 Rb3+ 58.Ke2 Kd4 59.Rc6 Rb2+ 60.Kf3 c3 61.g4 c2 62.Rd6+ Kc5 63.Rd8 Rb3+ 64.Ke2 Rc3 65.Rc8+ Kd4 66.Rd8+ Ke5* 0-1 (66) Zakhartsov,V (2547)-Amin,B (2691) chess.com INT 2023; *11...Nc5 12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Qe7 14.Bf4 Rd8 15.h3 Ne8 16.Rd2 Be6 17.Rad1 a6 18.Ne2 Rac8 19.Be3 c5 20.Nf4 b5 21.Ra1 bxc4 22.bxc4 Rb8 23.Ra2 Nc7 24.b3 Rb6 25.Qd1 Rdb8 26.Rd3 Be5 27.h4 Kg7 28.Kh2 h5 29.Bf3 Bd7 30.Kg2 Bc6 31.Bd2 Ne6 32.Nxe6+ Qxe6 33.Ba5 R6b7 34.Re2 Kh7 35.Ree3 Kg8 36.Qc2 Bd4 37.Re2 Qf6 38.Bd2 Qe6 39.Bf4 a5 40.Qd1 a4 41.bxa4 Qxc4 42.Bxd6 Bxa4 43.Qd2 Rb2 44.Rxd4 cxd4 45.Qf4 Rxe2 46.Bxb8 Re1 47.Kh2 Qf1 48.Qd6 Qxf2+ 49.Bg2 Re2* 0-1 (49) Vachier Lagrave,M (2737)-Tsydypov,Z (2534) Almaty KAZ 2022 *)* 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Be3 a5 14.h3 Nc5 15.Nb3 f5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Na4 f4 18.Bxc5 Qg5 19.h4 Qe5 20.Bd6 Qf6 21.Nb6 Bg4 22.f3 Rad8 23.fxg4 Rxd6 24.gxh5 fxg3 25.Bh3 Rd4 26.Qg2 Qxh4 27.Rf1 Rdxe4 28.Rf3 Bd4+ 29.Kf1 Bxb6 30.Qxg3 Qxg3 31.Rxg3 Kg7 32.hxg6 Rf8+ 33.Kg2 hxg6 34.Kh1 Rh8 35.Rd1 Bd4 36.Rgd3 c5 37.Rb3 Re7 38.Rdd3 Re1+ 39.Kg2 Re2+ 40.Kf3 Rxb2 41.Rxb2 Bxb2 42.Be6 Bd4 43.Rb3 Kf6 44.Bg4 Rh7 45.Rb6+ Kg5 46.Be6 Re7 47.Ke4 Kf6 48.Kd5 Kg5 49.Ke4 Rh7 50.Bc8 Rh2 51.a4 Ra2 52.Bd7 Re2+ 53.Kd5 Re5+ 54.Kd6 Re3 55.Rxb7 Rc3 56.Be6 Ra3 57.Bd7 Rf3 58.Rb8 Rf6+ 59.Kd5 Rf7 60.Be6 Ra7 61.Rg8 Kf6 62.Rf8+ Kg5 63.Rg8 Kf6 64.Rf8+ Kg5 65.Rg8 ½-½ (65) Yoo,C (2607)-Sasikiran,K (2604) chess.com INT 2023;

B2) 10...a6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.h3 b5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.Nb3 a5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.a4 b4 18.Nb5 Rec8 19.Qd3 Qe6

20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Ne8 22.h4 Bf8 23.Kh2 Ndf6 24.f3 Bc8 25.Nd2 Bd7 26.Nc4 Rb8 27.b3 Be7 28.Nxa5 Qa6 29.Nc4 Bxb5 30.axb5 Qxb5 31.Ra1 Rd8 32.Qc2 Rc8 33.Qd2 Rd8 34.Qc2 Rc8 35.Qd2 Rd8 36.Qc2 ½-½ (36) Muthaiah,A (2494)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Dubai UAE 2024;

B3) 10...a5 11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Re1 Nfd7 *(14...a4 15.Rad1 Be6 16.b3 axb3 17.axb3 h5 18.f4 Bd7 19.Bf2 h4 20.g4 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Nxg4 22.b4 Na6 23.Rb1 Qf6 24.e5 Qxf4 25.Re4 Qxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Nxf2 27.Kxf2 dxe5 28.Nde2 f5 29.Rxh4 e4 30.Na4 Rad8 31.b5 Nc7 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Rb7 Ne6 34.Nac3 Rd2 35.Ke1 Bxc3 36.Nxc3 Rxg2 37.Rhh7 Ra8 38.Rbe7 Ra1+ 39.Nd1 Rg1+ 40.Kf2 Raxd1 41.Rh6 Nf8 42.c5 f4 43.Rxe4 Rdf1+ 44.Ke2 Re1+ 45.Kf3 Rxe4 46.Kxe4 Re1+ 47.Kxf4 Rc1 48.Rh2 Rxc5 49.Rd2 Rf5+ 50.Kg4 c5 51.Rd6 Kf7 52.Rc6 Ne6 53.Kg3 Kf6 54.Kg4 g5 55.Ra6 Rf4+ 56.Kg3 c4 57.Rc6 Rd4 58.Rc8 g4 59.Kf2 Ke5 60.Ke3 Re4+ 61.Kf2 Kd4 62.Kg3 c3 63.Rc6 Kd3 64.Rd6+ Nd4 65.Kh4 c2 66.Rf6 c1Q 67.Rf2 Qh6+ 68.Kg3 Qh3#* 0-1 (68) Alonso Rosell,A (2572)-Sargsyan, S (2639) chess.com INT 2023*)* 15.Rad1 a4 16.f4 h5 17.Bf2 Nb6 18.b3 axb3 19.axb3 Nbd7 20.b4 Na6 21.Qb1 Nab8 22.Qb3 Nf8 23.Nf3 Nbd7 24.Na4 Ne6 25.Kh2 Nf6 26.Nb6 Ra6 27.b5 Ra5 28.Qd3 Ra2 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Qxe2 Nf8 31.e5 dxe5 32.Nxe5 cxb5 33.Nxc8 Rxc8 34.cxb5 h4 35.Qf3 Rc2 36.gxh4 Nh5 37.Kg1 Nxf4 38.Qxf4 Bxe5 39.Qe4 Rb2 40.Qxb7 Qe6 41.Qd5 Qf5 42.Rf1 Rxb5 43.Qf3 Qe6 44.h5 Rb3 45.Qg4 f5 46.Qd1 Rb5 47.hxg6 Qxg6 48.Qd3 Ra5 49.Be1 Ra1 50.Qd5+ Qe6 51.Qxe6+ Nxe6 52.Bd5 Kf7 53.Rxf5+ Bf6 54.Rf1 Rd1 55.Bb3 Rb1 56.Bd5 Rd1 57.Ba2 Ra1 58.Bxe6+ Kxe6 59.Rxf6+ Kxf6 60.Kf2 Kf5 61.Bc3 Ra3 62.Bd2 Rxh3 63.Kg2 Ra3 64.Bb4 Rb3 65.Bd6 Rd3 66.Bh2 Kg4 67.Kh1 Kf3 68.Bg1 Rd2 69.Bh2 Kf2 70.Bf4 Rd4 71.Be5 Rd1+ 72.Kh2 Rd5 73.Bg3+ Kf3 74.Kh3 Rh5+ 75.Bh4 Rh8 76.Kh2 Rxh4+ 77.Kg1 Rh5 78.Kf1 Rh1# 0-1 (78) Alonso Rosell,A (2536)-Sargsyan,S (2669) chess.com INT 2025]

[8.e3 Re8 9.b3 c6 10.a4 exd4 11.exd4 a5 12.Ba3 Nf8 13.Ra2 Bf5 14.Nh4 Bg4 15.Qc1 Qd7 16.d5 c5 17.f3 Bh3 18.Bxh3 Qxh3 19.Nb5 Rad8 20.Ng2 Nh5 21.Re1 Nd7 22.g4 Ne5 23.Rf1 Nd3 24.Qd2 Be5 25.f4 Nhxf4 26.Nxf4 Nxf4 27.Qd1 Qh4 28.Bc1 Nh3+ 29.Kh1 Re7 30.Rg2 Rde8 31.Bd2 Nf4 32.Be1 Qh3 33.Rgf2 Nd3 34.Rg2 Bxh2 0-1 (34) Indjic,A (2620)-Sevian,S (2684) chess.com INT 2022]

[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 c6 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.b3 a5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nge4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Bd6

Qb6 17.c5 Qa6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Be4 Kg7 20.h4 Be6 21.Bd3 Qa7 22.Bc4 b5 23.cxb6 Qxb6 24.Bxe6 Rxe6 25.Rac1 a4 26.b4 Rc8 27.a3 e4 28.Bc5 Qb5 29.e3 Be5 30.Bd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Qe5 32.Qxa4 c5 33.Rdc4 Rec6 34.Rxc5 Rxc5 35.Rxc5 Qa1+ 36.Kg2 Rd8 37.Qb3 Rd3 38.Qc4 Qxa3 39.Rc7 Qb3 40.Rxf7+ Kg8 41.Rc7+ Qxc4 42.Rxc4 1-0 (42) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Pichot,A (2630) chess.com INT 2020]

[8.h3 a6 9.b3 Re8 10.e3 c6 11.Ba3 e4 12.Nd2 d5 13.Rc1 h5 14.Qc2 Nf8 15.Ne2 h4 16.g4 Ne6 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.Bd6 Rc8 19.Qb2 Nxg4 20.hxg4 Ng5 21.cxd5 Bxg4 22.Bf4 Nf3+ 23.Kf1 c5 24.Ng1 g5 25.Be5 cxd4 26.Ndxf3 exf3 27.Bxf3 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Bxe5 29.Bxg4 dxe3 30.Qe2 Bf4 31.Rc8 Qe7 32.d6 Bxd6 33.Qxe3 Qxe3 34.fxe3 Kf8 35.Nf3 f6 36.Rxe8+ Kxe8 37.Bc8 a5 38.Bxb7 Kd7 39.Be4 Ke6 40.Bb7 f5 41.Nxg5+ 1-0 (41) So,W (2767)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2019]

8...Re8

[8...c6

A) 9.h3

A1) 9...Qb6 10.c5 *(10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nc5 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.a4 Rac8 14.Qe2 Qb4 15.Ra3 Nxa4 16.Rb3 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Qa4 18.Bb2 Qa5 19.Ra1 Qd8 20.Rxb7 a5 21.Nc4 Rb8 22.Nxd6 Rxb7 23.Nxb7 Qc7 24.Nxa5 Ra8 25.Qc4 Qb8 26.Qb4 Qe8 27.c4 Rb8 28.Qc3 Qc8 29.c5 h5 30.h4 Kh7 31.c6 Bh3 32.Bf3 Bg4 33.Bg2 Bh3 34.Bf3 Bg4 35.Bh1 Ne8 36.Nc4 Qc7 37.Ba3 f5 38.Bc5 Rb5 39.Be3 f4 40.Ra7 Qb8 41.gxf4 exf4 42.Rxg7+ Nxg7 43.Bd4 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 f3+ 45.Be5 Rxh1+ 46.Kxh1 Qb1+ 47.Kh2 Qf1 48.Ne3 Qxf2+ 49.Kh1 Qxh4+ 50.Kg1 f2+ 51.Kf1 Bh3+ 52.Ke2 Qxe4 53.Kd2 Nf5* 0-1 (53) Kucuksari,K (2500)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10...dxc5 11.dxe5 Ne8

A1a) 12.e6 fxe6 13.Ng5 Ne5 14.f4 Nf7 15.Nxf7 Bd4+ 16.Kh2 Rxf7 17.e5

A1a1) 17...Nc7

A1a11) 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.h4

A1a111) 19...Bd7 20.Nd6 *(20.h5 Rg7 21.a4 Rf8 22.h6 Re7 23.Ra3 Qd8 24.Rd3 b6 25.b3 Bc8 26.Rxd4 cxd4 27.Qxd4 Ba6 28.Rd1 Rff7 29.Nd6 Qf8 30.Kg1 Rd7 31.b4 Be2 32.Re1 Bg4 33.b5 c5 34.Qc4 Rfe7 35.f5 Bxf5 36.g4 Nb4 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.Bg5 Kh8 39.Bf6+ Kg8 40.Qf4 Rxd6 41.Qg5+ Kf7 42.exd6 Rd7 43.Be7 Qg8 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Rxe6 Nd5 46.Bf8+* 1-0 (46) Cheparinov,I (2686)-Amin,B (2690) Europe-Chess INT 2020*)* 20...Rg7 21.Qe2 Rf8 22.Rb1 Qc7 23.Bd2 b5 24.b3 a5 25.Rbc1 Qa7 26.a4 b4 27.h5

gxh5 28.Qxh5 Qa6 29.Be4 Bc3 30.Rf2 Bd4 31.Rg2 Qa8 32.Rh1 Be8 33.Qh6 Bg6 34.Re2 Qa6 35.Nc4 Nc3 36.Bxc3 bxc3 37.Kg2 Bxe4+ 38.Rxe4 Qb7 39.Qxe6+ Kh8 40.Nd6 Qa6 41.Nc4 Qb7 42.Nd6 Qa6 43.Nc4 Rfg8 44.Rh3 c2 45.Re1 Qb7 46.Nd6 Qb4 47.Nf7+ Rxf7 48.Qxf7 Qd2+ 49.Kf1 Qf2# 0-1 (49) Petrosyan,M (2620)-Amin,B (2680) Warsaw POL 2021;

A1a112) 19...Qd8 20.a4 b6 21.Ra3 Qe7 22.Bh3 Ba6 23.Re1 Rd8 24.Ng5 Rf5 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.e6 Nf6 27.Qf3 Bc4 28.Qxc6 Bd5 29.Qb5 Ng4+ 30.Kh3 c4 31.Nf7 Qb7 32.Re2 Bxe6 33.Rg2 Bxf7 0-1 (33) Jobava,B (2578)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2022;

A1a12) 18.Qe2 Nd5 19.Ne4 a5 20.a4 Qa6 21.Qd1 b6 22.h4 Nb4 23.Ng5 Re7 24.Be4 Qc4 25.b3 Qa6 26.Rb1 Raa7 27.Bd2 Rad7 28.Qf3 Bg1+ 29.Rxg1 Rxd2+ 30.Rg2 Rd4 31.h5 gxh5 32.Qxh5 Qb7 33.Re1 Qd7 34.Nf3 Qe8 35.Bxh7+ Rxh7 0-1 (35) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

A1a2) 17...a5 18.a4 Bd7 19.Ra3 c4 20.Qe2 Qa6 21.Ne4 c5 22.g4 Rg7 23.h4 Bc6 24.Rh3 b5 25.g5 bxa4 26.Nf6+ Kf8 27.h5 Rb8 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Rd1 Bxg2 30.Qxg2 Kf7 31.Be3 a3 32.bxa3 c3 33.Bc1 Nc7 34.Re1 Qb5 35.Qe4 Rd8 36.a4 Qb3 37.Rh1 Nd5 38.Kg3 Ne7 39.Kg4 Rb8 40.Qe2 Nf5 41.Qa6 Qc2 42.R3h2 Qb1 43.Rh8 Qc2 44.Qc6 Ne7 45.Qf3 Rxh8 46.Rxh8 Qxa4 47.Ne4 Nd5 48.Qd3 Ke7 49.Qa6 Qd1+ 50.Kg3 Nb6 51.Qxb6 Qe1+ 52.Kf3 Qd1+ 53.Kg3 Qe1+ 54.Kh2 Qg1+ 55.Kh3 Qh1+ 56.Kg3 ½-½ (56) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

A1a3) 17...Qc7 18.Ne4 b6 19.Re1 *(19.Ng5 Re7 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Be4 Qc8 23.h4 Rdd7 24.a4 Nc7 25.Bxc6 Rd8 26.Bf3 Bb7 27.Bxb7 Qxb7 28.Ra3 Nd5 29.Be3 Bxe3 30.Rxe3 Red7 31.Qe4 Qc8 32.Red3 c4 33.Rc1 Rc7 34.Rd4 c3 35.b3 Qd7 36.h5 gxh5 37.Qf3 Kh8 38.f5 exf5 39.Nh3 h4 40.Nf4 hxg3+ 41.Kg1 Qe7 42.Rxd5 Rxd5 43.Qxd5 Rc5 44.Qd6 Rxe5 45.Qxe7*

Rxe7 46.Rxc3 Kg7 47.Rxg3+ Kf7 48.Kf2 Re4 49.Rf3 Kf6 50.Nd5+ Kg6 51.Ne3 Re5 52.Rg3+ Kf6 53.Rg8 Rc5 54.b4 Rc1 55.Rf8+ Kg6 56.Ra8 Rc7 57.Rg8+ Kf7 58.Rg5 Rc3 59.Rxf5+ Kg6 60.Rf4 Ra3 61.b5 Ra2+ 62.Kg3 Ra3 63.Kf3 h5 64.Rc4 Kg5 65.Ke4 h4 66.Nc2 Ra2 67.Ke5 h3 68.Nd4 Kg6 69.Nf3 Re2+ 70.Re4 Rxe4+ 71.Kxe4 Kf6 72.Kf4 Ke7 73.Kg3 h2 74.Nxh2 Kd6 75.Ng4 Ke6 76.Kf4 Kd6 77.Ne5 Kc7 78.Nc6 a5 79.Ke5 Kd7 80.Kd5 Ke8 81.Nxa5 1-0 (81)

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19...Ng7 20.g4 Ba6 21.Qa4 Bd3 22.Nd6 Rff8 23.Qb3 Bf2 24.Rd1 c4 25.Nxc4 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 Rad8 27.Rd2 Rxd2 28.Bxd2 c5 29.Rf1 Bd4 30.b3 g5 31.fxg5 Rxf1 32.Qxf1 Bxe5+ 33.Kh1 Ne8 34.Qc4 Qd6 35.Bf3 Kg7 36.Bc1 Bd4 37.Kg2 Nc7 38.h4 Nd5 39.Qa6 Qc7 40.Qe2 Qd6 41.Qe4 Be5 42.Be2 Nf4+ 43.Bxf4 Bxf4 44.Kh3 Qe5 45.Qb7+ Qc7 46.Qf3 Qd6 47.Bb5 Qe5 48.Qb7+ Qc7 49.Qa8 Qf7 50.Qf3 Be5 51.Qxf7+ Kxf7 52.Bd3 Kg7 53.h5 h6 54.Kh4 Bf4 55.g6 Bg5+ 56.Kg3 Kf6 57.Kf3 Bc1 58.Bb5 Bb2 59.Bd7 Ke7 60.Bc8 Bg7 61.Ke4 Kf6 62.Kd3 b5 63.Bd7 Ke5 64.a4 bxa4 65.bxa4 Kd5 66.Bb5 Ke5 67.Bc4 a5 68.Bb3 Kf6 69.Kc4 Bf8 70.Bc2 Be7 71.Kb5 Bd8 72.Kxc5 Be7+ 73.Kb6 Bb4 74.Kc7 Bd2 75.Be4 Kg7 76.Kd6 e5 77.Ke6 Bc3 78.Kf5 Bb4 79.Bc6 e4 80.Kxe4 Be1 81.Kf5 Bb4 82.Be4 Bd2 83.Ke5 Bc3+ 84.Ke6 Bd2 85.Bd5 Bb4 86.Bc6 Bd2 87.Be4 Bc3 88.Kd5 Be1 89.Bd3 Bd2 90.Be4 Kh8 91.Kc4 Kg7 92.Kb5 Bb4 93.Kb6 Bd2 94.Bd3 Kf6 95.Bc4 Kg7 96.Bd5 Bb4 97.Be6 Be1 98.Kc5 Bc3 99.Bf5 Bb4+ 100.Kd4 Bd2 101.Bd3 Bb4 102.Ke5 Be1 103.Kf5 Bc3 104.Be4 Be1 105.g5 Bd2 106.gxh6+ Bxh6 107.Ke5 Bd2 108.Kd4 Be1 109.Bf3 Kh6 110.Kc4 Kg7 111.Kd3 Bb4 112.Kd4 Kh6 113.Ke5 Bc3+ 114.Kd6 Bb4+ 115.Ke6 Kg7 116.Be2 Bc3 117.Kd5 Bb4 118.Kc6 Be1 119.Bg4 Bb4 120.Kd5 Bc3 121.Ke6 Bd2 122.Bd1 Bc3 123.Bc2 Bb4 124.Be4 Bc3 125.Bd3 Be1 126.Bf5 Bc3 127.Be4 Bb4 128.Bc6 Bc3 129.Bb5 Be1 130.Kf5 Bc3 131.Kg5 Bf6+ 132.Kf4 Bc3 133.Ke4 Kh6 134.Be2 Bg7 135.Kd5 Bc3 136.Bf3 Bd2 137.Ke6 Bc3 138.Kf7 Bg7 139.Be2 Bc3 140.Bc4 Bd4 141.Bd5 Bg7 142.Be6 Bh8 143.Bg4 Be5 144.Bd1 Bf6

145.Bc2 Bb2 146.Bd3 Be5 147.Bb5 Bb2 ½-½ (147) Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511)-Ethereal Nnue (3515) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

A1b) 12.Qc2 Nc7 13.Na4 Qb5 14.Rd1 Ne6 15.Be3 c4 16.Bf1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxc4 Ng5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Nc3 Be6 21.Qb4 b6 22.h4 Qe5 23.Qd6 Rac8 24.Qxe5 Bxe5 25.f4 Bg7 26.Kf2 Rfd8 27.e5 f6 28.Ne4 fxe5 29.Ng5 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Bd5 31.Bh3 Re8 32.Rxd5 cxd5 33.Be6+ Kf8 34.Bxd5 Ke7 35.fxe5 Bxe5 36.Nxh7 Rd8 37.Be4 Rd2+ 38.Kf3 Rxb2 39.Bxg6 Rxa2 0-1 (39) Cheparinov,I (2686)-Amin,B (2690) Europe-Chess INT 2020;

A1c) 12.Na4 Qa6 13.e6 fxe6 14.Be3 b6 15.Rc1 Qb7 16.Qb3 Nd6 17.Qxe6+ Nf7 18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Qc2 Qc7 20.Rfe1 Ba6 21.Rcd1 Rad8 22.b3 Nde5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.f4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qe6 26.e5 g5 27.Qe4 Rg8 28.Kh1 gxf4 29.gxf4 Bc8 30.Nc3 Nh6 31.Qxc6 Qf5 32.Qf3 Qg6 33.Nb5 Nf5 34.Nd6 Nh4 35.Qe4 Qh5 36.Qd5 Nxg2 37.Qf3 Qg6 38.Rg1 Bf5 39.Rxg2 Qe6 40.Qb7 h6 41.Rg5 Bxe5 42.Nf7+ Kh7 43.Nxe5+ Kh8 44.Rxf5 Qxf5 45.Nf7+ Kh7 46.Nd6+ Rg7 47.Qxg7+ Kxg7 48.Nxf5+ Kh7 49.Kg2 h5 50.Kf3 Kg6 51.Ke4 Kf6 52.Nh4 Ke6 53.f5+ Kf6 54.Nf3 a6 55.Bg5+ Kf7 56.Ne5+ Kf8 57.f6 c4 58.f7 c3 59.Bh6+ Ke7 60.f8Q+ Ke6 61.Bg5 c2 62.Qf6# 1-0 (62) Ethereal Nnue (3515)-Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 9...Qe7 10.Be3 Rd8 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.Rad1 Ne6 13.d5 cxd5 14.cxd5 Nc7 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rc1 Nb5 17.Qd3 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 a6 19.Rfc1 Rdc8 20.Nd2 Qe8 21.Qc2 Rxc3 22.Qxc3 Rc8 23.Qb2 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1 Bb5 25.Bf1 h5 26.Bxb5 Qxb5 27.a3 Qd3 28.Qc8+ Kh7 29.Qxb7 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 Qxe4 31.Qxf7 Qd3 32.a4 Qc4 33.Bg5 Kh8 34.Qxg6 Qxb4 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.Qxh5+ Kg8 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Qf7 Qb1+ 39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.Qf3 Qg6 41.h4 e4 42.Qg4 Qf7 43.h5 Qxd5 44.Be3 Qe5 45.Qg6+ Kh8 46.h6 Bf6 47.Bf4 Qe6 48.g4 d5 49.g5 Qg4+ 50.Kf1 Qd1+ 51.Kg2 Qf3+ 52.Kg1 Qd1+ 53.Kh2 Bd4 54.Qe8+ 1-0 (54) Lazavik,D (2553)-Caruana,F (2782) chess.com INT 2023;

A3) 9...Qa5 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 b5 12.a4 Ba6 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.b4 Qxb4 15.Nxb5 Bxb5 16.axb5 Qxb5 17.Ba3 Nfd7 18.Qb1 a6 19.Rc1 Bh6 20.Rc2 Rab8 21.Rb2 Qe2 22.Nb3 Qc4 23.Nxc5 Rxb2 24.Qxb2 Nxc5 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Rxa6 Rc8 27.Rc6 Rxc6 28.dxc6 Qxc6 29.Bf3 Bc1 30.Qb3 Kg7 31.Kg2 h5 32.h4 Bd2 33.Qd3 Bc3 34.Bd1 Bd4 35.Bb3 Qb7

36.Bd5 Qb2 37.Qf3 f6 38.Kf1 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qe1 40.Bc4 Qd2 41.Qe2 Qc3 42.Qa2 Qe1 43.Bd5 Kh6 44.Qc2 Bc5 45.Bc4 Kg7 46.Qe2 Qc3 47.Qd3 Qb2 48.Qe2 Qd4 49.Bd5 f5 50.Qf3 Kf6 51.Bc6 Qd2 52.exf5 gxf5 53.Bd7 Qc2 54.Kh3 Qxf2 0-1 (54) Paravyan, D (2601)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.com INT 2023;

A4) 9...Ne8 10.Bg5 f6 *(10...Qb6 11.Na4 Qa6 12.b3 b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.Nc3 Nef6 15.Re1 b4 16.dxe5 bxc3 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Rb8 20.Nc6 Rb6 21.Qd6 Bb7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Bxc6 24.Qxc3 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 h5 26.h4 Rc6 27.Qb2 Rfc8 28.Re2 Rc5 29.Rae1 Qc6+ 30.Kg1 a5 31.Re4 Rd8 32.Rf4 Rd6 33.Kh2 Rc2 34.Re8+ Qxe8 35.Qxc2 Qd7 36.Qe4 Qd8 37.Kg2 Rd5 38.Qf3 Rd3 39.Qb7 Rd7 40.Qc6 Rd2 41.Ra4 Rd1 42.Re4 Qd3 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Re1 Rd2 45.Qe5+ Kh7 46.Qxa5 Qd4 47.Rf1 Rb2 48.Qa6 Qd7 49.Qf6 Rxa2 50.Re1 Qb7+ 51.Kh2 Qa7 52.Kg1 Ra6 53.Qf3 Rb6 54.Qc3 Rd6 55.b4 Qd7 56.Qf3 Rd3 57.Re3 Rd1+ 58.Kh2 Kg7 59.Rc3 Rd4 60.Rb3 f5 61.b5 f4 62.Rb2 fxg3+ 63.fxg3 Rd2+ 64.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 65.Qg2 Qd4 66.Qb7+ Kh6 67.Qc6 Qf2+ 68.Qg2 Qd4 69.Qc2 Kh7 70.Qc7+ Kh8 71.Qc6 Qf2+ 72.Qg2 Qd4 73.Qe2 Kg8 74.Qe8+ Kg7 75.Kg2 Qd5+ 76.Kh2 Qd4 77.Kh3 Qf2 78.Qe5+ ½-½ (78) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 11.Be3 f5 12.Qd2 Qf6 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Rad1 Nc7 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Be3 Qh5 18.Rfe1 a5 19.b3 Nf6 20.Bg5 e4 21.Nh4 Ne6 22.Be3 d5 23.f3 Nf8 24.cxd5 Nxd5 25.Nxd5 cxd5 26.fxe4 fxe4 27.Bf1 Qf7 28.Bb5 Qe6 29.g4 Bd7 30.Bxd7 Qxd7 31.Nf5 a4 32.b4 Ne6 33.Re2 Rf8 34.Rf2 Rf7 35.Rdf1 Kh8 36.h4 Rg8 37.a3 Bf8 38.Qe2 Bg7 39.h5 Qd8 40.Kh3 Bf8 41.Qd2 Qc8 42.b5 b6 43.h6 Bxa3 44.Ra1 Bf8 45.Rxa4 Qe8 46.Ra1 Rf6 47.Nh4 Be7 48.Rxf6 Bxf6 49.Qh2 Qxb5 50.Qf2 Ng5+ 51.Kg2 Bd8 52.Ra8 Qd7 53.Qf5 Qxf5 54.Nxf5 Ne6 55.Kh3 Bg5 56.Ra7 Bxe3 57.Nxe3 Rg6 58.Ra8+ Rg8 59.Ra7 Rg6 60.Ra8+ Rg8 ½-½ (60) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9.b3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Qd2 a5 14.Rab1 Re8 15.h3 a4 16.Be3 axb3 17.axb3 Ra3 18.Qc2 h5 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.f4 Ned7 21.Bf2 Nf6 22.Re1 Ne6 23.Nde2 Nd7 24.Red1 h4 25.g4 g5 26.f5 Nc7 27.Qc1 Ra8 28.Be3 Bf6 29.Qd2 Kg7 30.Qxd6 Qxd6 31.Rxd6 Be5 32.Rd2 f6 33.Rc2 Ra3 34.Nd4 Na6 35.Nf3 Bc7

36.Bc1 Nb4 37.Rd2 Ra8 38.Na4 Ne5 39.Bb2 b5 40.cxb5 cxb5 41.Nc5 Nbc6 42.Nxe5 Nxe5 43.Nd3 Ra7 44.Nxe5 Bxe5 45.Bxe5 Rxe5 46.Rc1 Re8 47.Kf2 Kf8 48.Rc6 Rf7 49.Ke3 Bb7 50.Rb6 Kg7 51.Rxb5 Rfe7 52.Rb4 Bc6 53.Bf3 Re5 54.Rdd4 R8e7 55.Rbc4 Bb5 56.Rc3 Bf1 57.Rc2 Rb5 58.Kf2 Rxb3 59.Rcd2 Bxh3 60.Rd7 Kf8 61.Rxe7 Kxe7 62.Rc2 Bf1 63.Rc7+ Kd6 64.Rc1 Bb5 65.Rd1+ Ke5 66.Bg2 Kf4 67.Rd6 Rb2+ 68.Kg1 Kg3 0-1 (68) Grischuk,A (2732)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 9.Re1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.Bf1 Qa5 13.Nb3 Qb4 14.a3 Qb6 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Kg2 Be6 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Nxc5 Bxc4 20.Qc2 Bxf1+ 21.Rxf1 b6 22.Na4 c5 23.Rfd1 Qb7 24.Rd5 f5 25.Rad1 Rae8 26.Bf4 Nf7 27.Rd7 Qa8 28.Nc3 fxe4 29.Nd5 Kh8 30.Nc7 Qc6 31.Nxe8 e3+ 32.f3 Ne5 33.Qe4 Qxe4 34.fxe4 Rxe8 35.Rxa7 Kg8 36.Bxe3 Nc4 37.Bc1 Bd4 38.b3 Nd6 39.Ra6 Nxe4 40.Rxb6 Nc3 41.Rd2 Re1 42.Rb8+ Kf7 43.Bb2 Ne4 44.Rc2 Ke6 45.Re8+ Kd7 46.Ra8 Ke6 47.h4 h5 48.b4 Rg1+ 49.Kh2 Rb1 50.Re8+ Kf5 51.Bxd4 cxd4 52.Re2 d3 53.R2xe4 g5 54.R4e5+ Kg4 55.Rxg5+ Kf3 56.Rf5+ 1-0 (56) Mamedyarov,S (2774)-Grischuk,A (2775) Stavanger NOR 2019;

D) 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bg5

D1) 10...f6 11.Bd2 *(11.Bc1 f5 12.d5 Nc5 13.h3 Nf6 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Be3 cxd5 16.cxd5 b6 17.b4 Nce4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Rc1 Ba6 20.Re1 Qd7 21.Qb3 Rac8 22.Rc6 Bb5 23.Ng5 Nxg5 24.Bxg5 Kh8 25.Rec1 e4 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.Bf4 Bd4 29.Qd1 Bd3 30.Bxd6 Qd7 31.Bf4 Qxd5 32.Qh5 Qe6 33.a3 Qg6 34.Qd1 b5 35.Bf1 Qe6 36.Bxd3 exd3 37.Qxd3 Qe1+ 38.Qf1 Bxf2+ 39.Kg2 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 Bd4 41.Ke2 Kg7 42.Kd3 Bf2 43.Ke2 Bd4 44.Kd3 Bf2 45.Ke2 Bd4 ½-½ (45) Grischuk,A (2777)-Amin,B (2667) chess.com INT 2020)* 11...f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.h3 exd4 14.Ne2 Nge5 15.Nexd4 Nc5 16.Qc2 a5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.b3 a4 19.Bf4 axb3 20.axb3 Qf7 21.Rfe1 Ne4 22.Nh4 Ng6 23.Nxg6 hxg6 24.h4 d5 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Nb5 Be6 27.Qe2 Bd7 28.Nc7 Nc3 29.Qd3 Rad8 30.Rc1 Ne4 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.Nxd5 Rfe8 33.f3 Nf6 34.Nxf6+ Bxf6 35.Kh2 Bc6 36.Bg5 Bxg5 37.hxg5 Rxe1 38.Rxe1 Rd3 39.Kh3 Rxb3 40.f4 Bxg2+ 41.Kxg2 Kf7 42.Rc1 Re3 43.Rb1 Re7 44.Rb6 Kg7 45.Kf3 Rc7 46.g4 Rc3+ 47.Kg2 fxg4 48.Rxb7+ Kf8 49.Rb6 Kf7 50.Rf6+ Kg7 51.Rb6 Rf3 52.Rb7+ Kf8 53.Rb6 Kg7 54.Rb7+ Kg8 55.Rb6 Kf7 56.Rb7+ Ke6 57.Rb6+ Kf5 58.Rf6+ Ke4 59.Rxg6 Kxf4 60.Rf6+ Kxg5 61.Rxf3 gxf3+ 62.Kxf3 ½-½ (62) Bok,B (2583)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025;

D2) 10...Qb6 11.h3
D2a) 11...f6 12.Bc1 Nh6 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Na4 Qc7 15.Nxd4 Nc5 16.Bf4 Nxa4 17.Qxa4 g5 18.Bd2 f5 19.Bxg5 Nf7 20.Be3 fxe4 21.Qc2 Ne5 22.Qxe4 Nxc4 23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.Qd3 Bf5 25.Bd5+ Kh8 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.Bxc4 Bxb2 28.Rad1 Bxh3 29.Rfe1 b6 30.Rxd6 Rae8 31.Re2 Bg7 32.Bb3 Bf5 33.Re1 Rf6 34.Rd5 Rff8 35.Red1 Be6 36.Rd6 Bxb3 37.axb3 Kg8 38.Kg2 Rf7 39.R1d2 Bf8 40.R6d5 Bb4 41.Re2 Bf8 42.Rg5+ Rg7 43.Rf5 Rd7 44.Rc2 Bc5 45.Bxc5 bxc5 46.Rcxc5 Rb8 47.Rg5+ Kh8 48.b4 Rg7 49.Rgf5 Rxb4 50.Rc8+ Rg8 51.Rc7 a6 52.Rff7 Rh4 53.Ra7 Rh6 54.Rfc7 a5 55.Rxa5 Rg7 56.Ra8+ Rg8 57.Raa7 Rgg6 58.Rab7 Rg8 59.Rd7 Rh5 60.Rf7 Rh6 61.Rfc7 Ra8 62.g4 Kg8 63.f3 Ra2+ 64.Kg3 Ra8 65.Rd7 Kh8 66.g5 Rh1 67.f4 Rf8 68.Kg4 Kg8 69.Rg7+ Kh8 70.Kg3 Rf5 71.Rgc7 Rf8 72.Re7 Kg8 73.Ra7 Kh8 74.Reb7 Kg8 75.Rd7 Kh8 76.Kg4 Kg8 77.Rg7+ Kh8 78.Kg3 Rf5 79.Rgc7 Rf8 80.Re7 Kg8 81.Rab7 Kh8 82.Red7 Kg8 83.Rg7+ Kh8 84.Rbc7 Rf5 85.Kg4 Rf8 86.Rgd7 Kg8 87.Kg3 Kh8 88.Ra7 Kg8 89.Rg7+ Kh8 90.Rad7 Rf5 91.Rc7 Rf8 92.Rge7 Kg8 93.Rcd7 Kh8 94.Kg4 Kg8 95.Rb7 Rg1+ 96.Kh3 Rxf4 97.Rxh7 Rxg5 ½-½ (97) Seer2 (3499)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

D2b) 11...exd4 12.Na4 Qa6 13.hxg4 b5 14.Be7 Re8 15.Bxd6 bxa4 16.e5 c5 *(16...Qxc4 17.Qxd4 Ba6 18.Rfe1 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Rxe5 Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Bxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Ne7+ Bxe7 25.Bxa8 Bc4 26.Rb7 Bf8 27.Rxa7 a3 28.Be4 Bxa2 29.g5 Bc4 30.Bb1 Bd6 31.Ra4 Be6 32.Ra6 Bc5 33.Ra5 Be7 34.f4 Bb4 35.Ra4 Bc5+ 36.Kf1 Bb3 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.Ke2 h6 39.gxh6+ Kxh6 40.Ra5 Bb4 41.Ra7 Kh5 42.Kf3 Bd5+ 43.Be4 Bb3 44.Bb1 Bd5+ 45.Be4 Be6 46.Kg2 a2 47.f5 gxf5 48.Bxf5 Bd5+ 49.Kh2 Bc3 50.Be4 Be6 51.Bf5 a1Q 52.Rxa1 Bxa1 53.Be4 Kg5 54.Kg2 Be5 55.Bc6 Bg4 56.Bd5 f6 57.Be4 Kh6 58.Bd5 Kg7 59.Be4 Kf7 60.Kf2 Ke6 61.Bb7 Kd6 62.Be4 Kc5 63.Bb7 Kd4 64.Bc6 Kd3 65.Bb7 Kd2 66.Bc6 Bd4+ 67.Kg2 Ke1 68.Be4 Ke2 69.Bd5 Be5 70.Bc4+ Ke3 71.Bd5 Bf5 72.Bf7 Be4+ 73.Kh3 Kf2 74.Kg4 Bxg3 75.Be6 Be5 76.Bd7 Bf3+ 77.Kf5 Kg3 78.Bb5 Bg4+ 79.Ke4 Bb8* 0-1 (79) Vidit,S (2727)-Gukesh, D (2621) Kolkata IND 2021*)* 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7

19.Qf3 Qxf3 20.Nxf3 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rd8 25.Re7 Rd4 26.b3 Rxg4 27.Re5 Rd4 28.Rxc5 Rd2 29.bxa4 Rxa2 30.Ra5 Rc2 31.c5 h5 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Kf3 g5 34.Ke3 h4 35.gxh4 gxh4 36.Kf3 Rc3+ 37.Kg2 Kg6 38.Ra6+ f6 39.c6 Kg5 40.Rxa7 Rxc6 41.Rg7+ Kf4 42.Rh7 Kg5 43.Rg7+ Kf4 44.Rh7 ½-½ (44) Artemiev,V (2701)-Grischuk,A (2745) Moscow RUS 2022;

D2c) 11...Ngf6 12.b3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Be3 b6 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 a5 18.Rcd1 Rac8 19.g4 Rcd8 20.Nh2 h5 21.g5 Nh7 22.d5 Nc5 23.h4 cxd5 24.Nxd5 Qb8 25.Nf1 Qa7 26.Ng3 Bxd5 27.cxd5 f6 28.Kh2 Rf8 29.Ne2 Rf7 30.Ng1 Bf8 31.Qc2 fxg5 32.hxg5 Qe7 33.Nh3 Rc8 34.Rc1 Rb8 35.Rg1 Qe8 36.Qd1 b5 37.a3 b4 38.a4 Rg7 39.Rc4 Rc8 40.Bf1 Qd8 41.Be2 Rcc7 42.f4 exf4 43.Bxc5 Rxc5 44.Rxc5 dxc5 45.e5 Re7 46.e6 Rg7 47.Kh1 Bd6 48.Bd3 Qf8 49.Qf3 Qe7 50.Rg2 Qd8 51.Qf1 Qb8 52.Ng1 Qb7 53.Bc4 Qe7 54.Nf3 Qf8 55.Kg1 Rb7 56.Qd3 Qg7 57.Kh1 Ra7 58.Rg1 Rc7 59.Qe4 Kh8 60.Bd3 c4 61.bxc4 Nf8 62.Nd4 Rc8 63.Re1 Re8 64.Nb5 Bc5 65.Qxf4 Re7 66.Nd6 b3 67.Kg2 Bb4 68.Re2 b2 69.Bb1 Ba3 70.Ne4 Nxe6 71.dxe6 Rxe6 72.Rd2 Qf8 73.Qe3 Bd6 74.Rxb2 Bf4 75.Qf3 Qf5 76.c5 Be5 77.Rb7 Qxf3+ 78.Kxf3 Rc6 79.Re7 Ba1 80.Ba2 Rc8 81.Be6 Rf8+ 82.Ke3 h4 83.c6 Rf1 84.c7 Rc1 85.Nd6 Bg7 86.Bc4 Rc3+ 87.Ke4 Rxc4+ 88.Nxc4 Kg8 89.c8Q+ Bf8 90.Ne5 h3 91.Nxg6 h2 92.Qxf8# 1-0 (92) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628)-Seer2 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[8...exd4 9.Nxd4

A) 9...Nc5

A1) 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Rd1 a5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 Nh7 14.Ndb5 Bg4 15.f3 Bd7 16.Be3 b6 17.Re1 h5 18.Rad1 h4 19.gxh4 Nf6 20.Bg5 Ne6 21.f4 Nxg5 22.hxg5 Nh5 23.Qf2 a4 24.e5 Ra5 25.exd6 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 cxd6 27.Rxd6 Nxf4 28.Qd2 Qxg5 29.Rxd7 a3 30.Rd5 Qh6 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.b4 Bxc3 33.Qd7 Ne2+ 34.Kf2 Qf4+ 35.Kxe2 Bxb4 36.Qd4 Qxd4 37.Rxd4 1-0 (37) Oparin,G (2667)-Chigaev,M (2617) chess.com INT 2023;

A2) 10.Re1 a5 11.Ndb5 Bd7 12.h3 Re8 13.Bf4 *(13.Qc2 a4 14.Be3 Bc6 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Rad1 Nd7 17.Nxa4 Bxb5 18.cxb5 Bd4 19.Nc3 Qf6 20.Nd5 Qd6 21.b3 Ra3 22.Nxc7 Qxc7 23.Rxd4 Qa5 24.Rd2 Ne5 25.Red1 Qxb5 26.Rd8 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Rd5 Nc6 29.Rxc5 Qb4 30.Qc3 Qxc3 31.Rxc3 Rxa2*

32.e5 Rb2 33.Bxc6 bxc6 34.Rxc6 Rxb3 35.Kg2 Rb5 36.e6 fxe6 37.Rxe6 Rb3 38.Re3 Rb2 39.h4 Kf7 40.g4 Rb4 41.Kg3 h5 42.gxh5 gxh5 43.f3 Ra4 44.Re5 Kg6 45.Re6+ Kg7 46.Re5 Kg6 47.Re6+ Kg7 48.Re5 Kh6 49.Re6+ Kh7 50.Re5 Kg6 ½-½ (50) Vidit,S (2726)-Nielsen,P (2618) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 13...Bxb5 14.cxb5 Nfd7 15.Qc2 h5 16.Rad1 h4 17.g4 Ne6 18.Be3 Be5 19.Nd5 g5 20.Qd2 Nb6 21.Bxb6 cxb6 22.Ne3 Rc8 23.Nf5 Qf6 24.Qe3 Rc5 25.a4 Nf4 26.Bf1 Ng6 27.Qb3 Ne7 28.Bc4 Nxf5 29.exf5 Rec8 30.Bd5 R8c7 31.Qf3 Rc2 32.b3 R7c3 33.Rd3 Rxd3 34.Qxd3 Rc3 35.Qf1 Bf4 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Qe2 Qd4 38.Bxf7 Be5 39.Bh5 Rg3+ 40.Kf1 Qa1+ 41.Qe1 Rg1+ 42.Kxg1 Qxe1+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+ 44.Kg1 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Bf6 0-1 (45) Jumabayev,R (2631)-Demchenko,A (2654) chess.com INT 2022;

A3) 10.f3 Nfd7 11.Be3 Ne5 12.b3 c6 13.Qc2 a5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bc1 a4 17.h3 axb3 18.axb3 Nf6 19.Kh2 Re8 20.Rfe1 Qc7 21.b4 Ne6 22.Nf3 Qb6 23.b5 Qc5 24.e5 dxe5 25.Nxe5 cxb5 26.Nxb5 Ra6 27.Be3 Qb4 28.Rb1 Qa5 29.c5 Bf8 30.Nc4 Qa2 31.Rb2 Qa4 32.Qxa4 Rxa4 33.Ncd6 Rd8 34.Nxc8 Rxc8 35.Bxb7 Rxc5 36.Bxc5 Nxc5 37.Nc3 Rc4 38.Nd5 Bg7 39.Ne7+ Kf8 40.Bd5 Re4 41.Bxe4 Nfxe4 42.Rc2 Bd4 43.Nd5 Bf2 44.Rxe4 Nxe4 45.Kg2 Ba7 46.Rc7 Bc5 47.Kf3 Nd2+ 48.Ke2 Ne4 49.Kd3 Nf2+ 50.Kc4 Ba3 51.Ra7 Bd6 52.Ra6 Ne4 53.g4 Bc5 54.g5 Bg1 55.Nf6 Nc5 56.Ra8+ Ke7 57.Ra1 Bf2 58.Rf1 1-0 (58) Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 9...Re8

B1) 10.h3 Nc5 *(10...a6 11.Be3 Rb8 12.a4 Nc5 13.Qc2 a5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Rfe1 c6 16.Bf4 Nfd7 17.b3 Ne5 18.Be3 Na6 19.f4 Nb4 20.Qe2 Nd7 21.Bf2 Nc5 22.Na2 Nxa2 23.Qxa2 h5 24.Qc2 Bd7 25.Re2 Rbd8 26.Rde1 Bc8 27.Nf3 Ne6 28.Bb6 h4 29.f5 Nc5 30.Bxd8 Qxd8 31.fxg6 fxg6 32.gxh4 Rf8 33.Qd1 Bxh3 34.Rd2 Bg4 35.Rxd6 Qb6 36.Kh1 Ne6 37.Qd2 Rxf3 38.Rxe6 Rf2 39.Re8+ Kh7 40.Qg5 Bh5 41.Re7 Qd4 42.Rf1 Qb2 43.Rxf2 Qxf2 44.e5 Kg8 45.Re8+ Kh7 46.Kh2 Qe1 47.Re7 Kg8 48.Qf4 Kh7 49.Qf6* 1-0 (49) Lazavik,D (2578)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2608) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11.Re1 *(11.f3 c6 12.Be3 Nfd7 13.Qd2 a5 14.Rad1 a4 15.Nc2 Qa5 16.Na3 Qb4 17.Rf2 Re6 18.Bd4 Ne5 19.Nc2 Qa5 20.Bf1 Bf8 21.f4 Ned7 22.Re2 Re8 23.Ree1 Ne6 24.Bf2 Nf6 25.b4 axb3 26.axb3 Qh5 27.b4 Ng7 28.Bd4 Be7 29.Qh2 Bd8 30.Rd2 Qh6 31.g4 Ne6 32.g5 Nxd4 33.Rxd4 Qg7 34.gxf6*

Bxf6 35.Red1 Bxd4+ 36.Rxd4 f5 37.Qd2 fxe4 38.Rxd6 e3 39.Nxe3 Qe7 40.Ncd1 Be6 41.c5 Ra2 42.Qc3 Qf7 43.Qd4 h5 44.Nc3 Ra3 45.Ne4 Qg7 46.Nf6+ Kf7 47.Nxe8 Qxd4 48.Rxd4 Kxe8 49.Kf2 1-0 (49) Fedoseev,V (2683)-Shevchenko,K (2677) Linares ESP 2023 *)*

B1a) 11...Bd7

B1a1) 12.b3 a5 13.Bb2 h5 14.Qc2 h4 15.gxh4 Nh5 16.Nd5 c6 17.Ne3 Qxh4 18.Nf3 Qxe4 19.Qxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rad1 Nf4 22.h4 Rad8 23.Ng5 Nxg5 24.hxg5 Bc8 25.Rd4 Ne6 26.Rg4 Nc5 27.Rd4 Ne6 28.Rg4 Rh8 29.Rd1 Nc5 30.Rgd4 Ne6 31.Rg4 Nc5 32.Rgd4 Ne6 33.Rg4 ½-½ (33) Vachier Lagrave,M (2784)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020;

B1a2) 12.Bf4 Nh5 *(12...h6 13.Rb1 a5 14.b3 a4 15.Kh2 axb3 16.axb3 h5 17.Qd2 Nh7 18.Be3 h4 19.g4 Ra3 20.f4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Nxb3 22.Qd3 Nc5 23.Qc2 Bc6 24.Bc1 Ra8 25.g5 f6 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.cxd5 fxg5 28.e5 Qe7 29.Qxg6+ Qg7 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.e6 gxf4 32.Bxf4 Nd3 33.Rf1 b6 34.Be3 Rf8 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Bd4+ Kh6 37.Be3+ Ng5 38.Rf1* 1-0 (38) Eljanov,P (2680)-Ganguly,S (2630) Sharjah UAE 2021 *)* 13.Be3 c6 14.Qc2 a5 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Qd2 a4 17.Nde2 Be6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Ra5 20.Rc1 Bf8 21.Rd4 Raa8 22.g4 Nf6 23.f4 Nfd7 24.Nd1 f6 25.Nf2 Bf7 26.h4 h6 27.Ng3 g5 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.fxg5 fxg5 30.Bxg5 Ne5 31.Be3 Red8 32.Nf5 Rxd4 33.Bxd4 Re8 34.Rc3 Ng6 35.b3 Nf4 36.Bf1 Nce6 37.Be3 a3 38.e5 Rd8 39.Ne4 Rd1 40.Nf6+ Kh8 41.Rc2 Nh3+ 42.Kg2 Neg5 43.Rc1 Rd8 44.Kg3 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2020;

B1a3) 12.Rb1

B1a31) 12...a5 13.Kh2 *(13.b3 c6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Bxd6 Nfxe4 16.Bxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Rxe4 18.Nxe4 Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxd4 20.Rd1 Bg7 21.Bb8 Rxb8 22.Rxd7 b5 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Ra7 Re8 25.Nd6 Re2 26.Rxa5 Bd4 27.Nxb5 Bxf2+ 28.Kf1 Rb2 29.g4 f5 30.gxf5 gxf5 31.Nd6 f4 32.Nc4 Rc2 33.Rg5+ Kh8 34.Ne5 h6 35.Rg2* 1-0 (35) Bok,B (2624)-Naroditsky,D (2616) chess.com INT 2022*)* 13...h5 *(13...a4 14.Ndb5 Be6 15.b3 axb3 16.axb3 Nfd7 17.f4 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nd5 c6 20.Nxd6 cxd5 21.Nxe8 Bc3 22.Rxe6 Nxe6 23.Nd6 d4 24.Nxf5 Ra2*

25.Qg4+ Kh8 26.Nh6 Qe8 27.f5 Ne5 28.Qe4 d3 29.fxe6 Re2 30.Qf5 Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qc6+ 32.Kf2 Be1+ 33.Kxe1 Qh1+ 34.Kd2 Qg2+ 35.Kc3 Qc2+ 36.Kb4 Nc6+ 37.Kc5 Kg7 38.Qf7+ 1-0 (38) Vidit,S (2726)-Demchenko,A (2600) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 14.Ndb5 Bc6 15.Qc2 h4 16.g4 Bxb5 17.cxb5 d5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxc5 Nb4 20.Bg5 Be5+ 21.Qxe5 Rxe5 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Bf1 Nxa2 24.Ra1 Nb4 25.Rxa5 Rd2 26.Kg1 b6 27.Ra7 Rc5 28.e5 Nc2 29.Rc1 Rxe5 30.Rxc7 Nd4 31.Rb7 Re3 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.Bc4 Rg3+ 34.fxg3 Nf3+ 35.Kf1 Nh2+ 36.Ke1 Nf3+ 37.Kf1 Nh2+ 38.Ke1 Nf3+ 39.Kf1 ½-½ (39) Vidit,S (2726)-Naroditsky,D (2623) chess24.com INT 2021;

B1a32) 12...Qc8 13.Kh2 h6 14.b3 Nh7 15.f4 f5 16.Bb2 Nf6 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qc2 Nce4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.g4 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.Qf2 Nh5 23.Bxe4 Nxf4 24.Qg3 Qh5+ 25.Kg1 Nh3+ 26.Kg2 Ng5 27.Bxb7 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rf8 29.Bf3 Qg6 30.Bd5+ Kh8 31.Re2 Qb1 32.Rf2 Rxf2+ 33.Qxf2 c5 34.Nb5 Qxb2 35.Qxb2 Bxb2 36.Nxa7 Kg7 37.a4 Kf6 38.a5 Ne6 39.Nb5 Nf4+ 40.Kf3 Nxd5 41.cxd5 Ke5 42.a6 c4 43.bxc4 1-0 (43) Bok,B (2593)-Iniyan,P (2513) chess.com INT 2024;

B1a33) 12...h6 13.b3 a5 14.Bb2 c6 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Ba1 Rad8 17.Kh2 h5 18.f3 Bc8 19.Nc2 Nh7 20.Ne2 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 d5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.exd5 Bf5 24.Ned4 Bxc2 25.Nxc2 h4 26.gxh4 Nf6 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Re1 Qd6+ 29.Kg1 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 Qxd5 31.Qe3 b6 32.f4 Qf5 33.Qe5 Qxe5 34.fxe5 Nfd7 35.Kf2 Nxe5 36.Ke3 f6 37.Nf3 Nxf3 38.Bxf3 Kf7 39.h5 g5 40.Bg4 Ne6 41.Ke4 Nf4 42.h4 Kg7 43.hxg5 fxg5 44.Ke5 Kh6 45.Kd6 Nxh5 46.Kc6 Nf6 47.Be2 g4 48.Bxg4 Nxg4 49.Kxb6 Ne5 50.Kxa5 Kg5 51.Kb6 Kf6 52.Kc7 Ke6 53.b4 Kd5 54.b5 Nc4 55.b6 Nxb6 56.Kxb6 Kc4 57.a4 1-0 (57) Lazavik,D (2578)-Kourkoulos Arditis, S (2574) chess.com INT 2024;

B1b) 11...a5 12.Qc2 *(12.Bf4 Nfd7 13.Be3 a4 14.Qc2 c6 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3 Rxa1*

17.Rxa1 Ne5 18.Rb1 Na6 19.f4 Nb4 20.Qd2 Ned3 21.Nc2 Nxc2 22.Qxc2 Nc5 23.b4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 f5 25.Nxd6 Rxe3 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Qf2 Re7 28.Nxc8 Qxc8 29.b5 cxb5 30.cxb5 h5 31.Kh2 Kh7 32.Re1 Rd7 33.Re6 Qc4 34.Qe2 Qxe2 35.Rxe2 b6 36.h4 Rd3 37.Bc6 Bd4 38.Kg2 Bc5 39.Be8 Rd6 40.Re7+ Kg8 41.Rd7 Rf6 42.Rd5 Re6 43.Re5 Rd6 44.Re2 Kg7 45.Bc6 Rd1 46.Be8 Kf6 47.Bc6 Rg1+ 48.Kh2 Rc1 49.Kg2 Rg1+ 50.Kh2 Rd1 51.Kg2 Rd3 52.Bf3 Be3 53.Bc6 Rc3 54.Bf3 Rb3 55.Bc6 Rd3 56.Bf3 Bc5 57.Bc6 Rd1 58.Bf3 Rg1+ 59.Kh2 Rb1 60.Bc6 Bd4 61.Kg2 Rb2 62.Rxb2 Bxb2 63.Kf3 Bc3 64.Be8 Be1 65.Bc6 Bb4 66.Be8 Bc5 67.Bc6 Bb4 68.Be8 Bc5 69.Bc6 Bb4 ½-½ (69) Raja,R (2514)-Chigaev,M (2624) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12...Bd7 13.Be3 Qc8 14.Kh2 Re5 15.f3 Rh5 16.h4 h6 17.Kg1 Re5 18.Rad1 Re8 19.Ndb5 Kh7 20.b3 Bc6 21.Kh2 Ne6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.Nd5 Ne5 24.Qe2 a4 25.f4 Nd7 26.f5 Bxd5 27.exd5 Nef8 28.Bh3 axb3 29.axb3 Qb8 30.Qf2 Nf6 31.fxg6+ fxg6 32.Bd4 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Qd8 34.Rf1 N8d7 35.Bxd7 Qxd7 36.Bxf6 Rf8 37.Qd4 Qe8 38.Nc3 Kg8 39.Ne4 1-0 (39) Indjic,A (2621)-Sadhwani,R (2619) chess.com INT 2022;

B1c) 11...h6

B1c1) 12.Rb1 a5 13.b3 c6 *(13...Nfd7 14.f4 Nb6 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Ndb5 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Nbd7 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Rbd1 Qe7 20.Bf2 h5 21.Qd2 h4 22.g4 g5 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxg5 Nf8 25.Bxh4 Nce6 26.Nc3 Ng6 27.Nd5 Qf8 28.Qf2 c6 29.Nf6+ Bxf6 30.gxf6 Qh6 31.Bg3 Nef4 32.h4 Rcd8 33.h5 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Nf8 35.Re1 Re6 36.Bh4 Nh7 37.Rd1 Ng5 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Bxg5 Qxg5 40.Be4+* 1-0 (40) Ju,W (2560)-Niemann,H (2688) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 14.Rb2 *(14.Bf4 Nh7 15.Qd2 Ng5 16.h4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nge6 18.Qxd6 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Nd3 20.Qxh6 Nxe1 21.Rxe1 Qd4 22.Ne2 Qe5 23.Qe3 a4 24.Nd4 axb3 25.Nf3 Qb2 26.axb3 Ra2 27.Bf1 Ra1 28.h5 Rxe1 29.Nxe1 gxh5 30.Nf3 Bf5 31.e5 Bg6 32.Bh3 Qb1+ 33.Kg2 f6 34.Qf4 Be4 35.exf6 Kf7 36.Kh2 Bxf3 37.Qxf3 Qg6 38.Bf5 Qg5 39.c5 Re5 40.Bc8 Qxf6 41.Qxf6+ Kxf6 42.Bxb7 Rxc5 43.Ba6 Rc2 44.Kg2 Ke5 45.Bc4 Rb2 46.Kf3 Kd4 47.Bf7 c5 48.Bc4 Ra2 49.Bf7 Ra8 50.Kg2 Rf8 51.Bc4 Ke4 52.Be2 Rb8 53.Bc4 Rh8 54.f3+ Kf5 55.f4 Rd8 56.Kf3 Rd1 57.Be2 Rc1 58.Bd3+ Kf6 59.Kg2 Rd1*

60.Bc4 Kf5 61.Kf3 Rd2 62.Ke3 Rd4 63.Be2 Rb4 64.Bc4 Kg4 65.Ke4 Kxg3 66.f5 Kg4 67.f6 Rb6 68.Ke5 Kg5 69.f7 Rf6 70.Be6 Kg6 71.Kd5 Kg7 0-1 (71) Eljanov,P (2697)-Shevchenko,K (2645) Deggendorf GER 2023*; 14.Bb2 h5 15.a3 Nh7 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Nd7 18.Nc2 Nb6 19.Ne3 Ng5 20.h4 Nh3+ 21.Kf1 Be6 22.Qd3 g5 23.c5 dxc5 24.Qxd8 Rexd8 25.bxc5 Rd2 26.Ncd1 Ra2 27.cxb6 Bxb2 28.Bxh3 Bxh3+ 29.Kg1 Bd4 30.hxg5 Kh7 31.Kh2 Bg4 32.Nxg4 hxg4 33.Rf1 Kg6 34.Kg2 Kxg5 35.e5 Re2 36.Rb3 c5 37.Rd3 Kf5 38.Rh1 Ke4 39.Rb3 Rxf2+* 0-1 (39) Ju,W (2560)-Giri,A (2760) chess24.com INT 2022*; 14.Kh2 a4 15.b4 Ne6 16.Be3 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Be6 18.Qd3 c5 19.Be3 Nd7 20.Nd5 Ne5 21.Qc2 Bxd5 22.exd5 b6 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.Rb7 Qa5 25.Reb1 a3 26.Bf4 Qa4 27.Qxa4 Rxa4 28.Rb8 Rxb8 29.Rxb8+ Kh7 30.Bxe5 Bxe5 31.Bf1 Rb4 32.Rb5 Rb2 33.Rxb2 axb2 34.Bd3 Kg7 35.f4 Bc3 36.Kg2* ½-½ (36) Dautov,R (2582)-Warmerdam,M (2607) Baden Baden GER 2023*) 14...d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Ndb5 Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Rc2 Be6 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxd8 Raxd8 21.Nc7 Re7 22.Ba3 Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Rd2 24.Bc1 Rxa2 25.Rxb7 Bc3 26.Rd1 Ra1 27.Kg2 Kh7 28.Rd6 Bxb3 29.Rxb3 Rxc1 30.Rb7 Kg7 31.Rdd7 Kf6 32.Rxf7+ Ke5 33.Rbc7 a4 34.Rfe7+ Kd5 35.Rcd7+ Kc5 36.Ra7 Ra1 37.Rxe4 a3 38.Re6 Bd4 39.Rea6 Ra2 40.h4 Rxf2+ 41.Kh3 Bb2 42.Rxg6 h5 43.Rg5+ Kb6 44.Ra4 1-0 (44) Keymer,V (2690)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) Baku AZE 2023;

B1c2) 12.f3

B1c21) 12...a5 13.Be3 a4 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rad1 Nfd7 16.Ndb5 b6 17.Nd5 c6 18.Nxd6 cxd5 19.Nxe8 Qxe8 20.cxd5 Ba6 21.Bd4 Ne5 22.f4 Ned3 23.Bxg7 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 Kxg7 25.e5 Rd8 26.Qd4 Kg8 27.g4 Qb5 28.f5 Qd3 29.Qf2 gxf5 30.gxf5 Rxd5 31.Bxd5 Qxd5 32.Qg3+ Kf8 33.e6 Qd4+ 34.Re3 fxe6 35.f6 Qd1+ 36.Re1 Qd4+ 37.Re3 Ke8 38.Qf2 Kf7 39.Qg3 Ke8 40.Qf2 Ne4 41.Qf4 Qd1+ 42.Kh2 Qd2+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kh2 Qxb2+ 45.Kg1 Qa1+ 46.Kh2 Qxa2+ 47.Kg1 Qb1+ 48.Kh2 Qc2+ 49.Kg1 Qd1+ 50.Kh2 Qd2+ 51.Kg1 Qd1+ 52.Kh2 Qc2+ 53.Kg1 Qc1+ 54.Kh2

Qb2+ 55.Kg1 Qb1+ 56.Kh2 Qc2+ ½-½ (56) Lazavik,D (2560)-Mamedov,R (2633) chess.com INT 2023;

B1c22) 12...c6 13.Be3 d5 *(13...a5 14.Qd2 h5 15.Rad1 a4 16.Nxc6 Ncxe4 17.fxe4 bxc6 18.Qxd6 Qa5 19.Qxc6 Bd7 20.Qc5 Qxc5 21.Bxc5 Rac8 22.Bd4 Be6 23.b3 axb3 24.axb3 Rb8 25.Nb5 Nd7 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Re3 Nc5 28.Rd4 Rec8 29.Bf1 Bd7 30.b4 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Ne6 32.Rd7 Rc1 33.Kf2 Ra8 34.b6 Rb8 35.b7 Rb1 36.b5 Nc5 37.Rc7 Nxb7 38.e5 Nd8 39.e6 Nxe6 40.Rxe6 Ra8 41.Ree7 Ra2+ 42.Be2 Rbb2 43.Rxf7+ Kh6 44.Rfe7 h4 45.gxh4 g5 46.Rc6#* 1-0 (46) Lazavik,D (2567)-Livaic,L (2561) chess.com INT 2024*)* 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxc5 Rb8 16.Rb1 Nh5 17.Bf2 Rxb2 18.Rxb2 Bxc3 19.Rd2 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 dxe4 21.Qxh6 exf3 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bxf3 Qe5 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.Bxe3 Nxg3 26.Bxa7 Be6 27.a4 Bxc4 28.Bxc6 Nf5 29.Bc5 Ng7 30.Bb7 Ne6 31.Bb6 g5 32.a5 Nf4 33.Kh2 Kg7 34.a6 Bxa6 35.Bxa6 Kg6 36.Bc8 f5 37.Bd7 Nd5 38.Be8+ Kg7 39.Bd4+ Kh6 40.Kg3 Nf4 41.Bc5 Ne2+ 42.Kf2 Nf4 43.Bf8+ Kh7 44.Kg3 Ne2+ 45.Kh2 Nf4 46.Bf7 Nd3 47.Bd6 Kh6 48.Be8 Kg7 49.Kg3 Kf6 50.Bc7 Ke7 51.Bg6 Kf6 52.Bh7 Nf4 53.Bd8+ 1-0 (53) Howell,D (2675)-Ghasi,A (2495) Hull ENG 2024;

B1c23) 12...Nfd7 13.Be3 Ne5 14.b3 Ned3 15.Rf1 f5 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Rad1 c6 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Kh2 Qf6 20.Bg1 a5 21.f4 Re7 22.g4 Bd7 23.Rf3 Rae8 24.Rxd3 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Qxf4+ 26.Kh1 Re3 27.Bxe3 Rxe3 28.Nde2 Rxd3 29.Nxf4 Rxc3 30.Rxd6 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Be8 32.Re6 Bf7 33.Re7 Kg8 34.Nd3 Rd1 35.Be4 b5 36.cxb5 cxb5 37.Rb7 b4 38.Rb8+ Kh7 39.Rb7 Kg8 40.Rb8+ Bf8 41.Ne5 Re1 42.Nxg6 Rxe4 43.Nxf8 Kg7 44.Nd7 Re2+ 45.Kg3 Rxa2 46.Rb7 Bxb3 47.Nc5+ Kf6 48.Rb6+ Ke7 49.Nxb3 Ra3 50.Kf4 Rxb3 51.Rxh6 a4 52.Ra6 a3 53.h4 Rb1 54.Kg5 Ra1 55.Ra7+ Kd6 56.Ra6+ Kc5 57.Ra5+ Kc4 58.Ra4 Kb5 59.Ra8 b3 60.Rb8+ Kc4 61.Rc8+ Kb4 62.Rb8+ Kc3 63.Rc8+ Kb2 64.h5 a2

0-1 (64) Lazavik,D (2566)-Niemann,H (2667) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B1c3) 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.f4 *(13.Kh2 a5 14.a4 c6 15.Be3 h5 16.f4 h4 17.g4 Nd7 18.g5 Ndc5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Bxc3 21.Qxd6 Bxe1 22.Rxe1 Be6 23.b3 b6 24.Qxd8 Rexd8 25.Bxb6 Rd3 26.Rb1 Rb8 27.c5 Rxb3 28.Rd1 Rb4 29.Bxa5 Rxa4 30.Bc7 Rba8 31.Be5 Rc4 32.Bd6 Rc2 33.Kg1 Ra3 34.Rb1 Rg3 35.Rb8+ Kh7 36.Be5 Rgxg2+ 37.Kf1 Bc4+ 38.Ke1 Rg1#* 0-1 (38) Makhnev,D (2466)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023*)* 13...a5 14.a4 *(14.Be3 a4 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Bf2 c6 17.e5 Nfd7 18.exd6 Rxe1+ 19.Bxe1 Nb6 20.Bf2 Ra5 21.b4 axb3 22.Nxb3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3 Ra6 24.Rb1 Qxd6 25.c5 Qd3 26.Bf1 Qf3 27.cxb6 Be6 28.Qd1 Qxc3 29.Bxa6 Bxa2 30.Bxb7 Bd5 31.Ba6 Qa5 32.Bf1 Bf8 33.b7 Bc5 34.b8Q+ Kh7 35.Qb2 Bd6 36.Qdd4* 1-0 (36) Bok,B (2615)-Shevchenko,K (2694) Krakow POL 2023*)* 14...Nd7 15.Be3 Ndc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Ra6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Nd5 c6 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.exf6 Kf8 23.g4 Nd4 24.f5 g5 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.c5 Rd8 27.Bf1 Ra8 28.Re7 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Rxd4 Be8 31.Kf2 b6 32.cxb6 Rb8 33.b4 axb4 34.Rxb4 c5 35.Rb2 Bxa4 36.Bg2 c4 37.Rb4 Be8 38.b7 c3 39.Rc4 Bd7 40.Rxc3 Ke8 41.Bd5 Kd8 42.Ke3 Be8 43.Kd4 Kd7 44.Ke5 Rd8 45.Be6+ 1-0 (45) Bok,B (2620)-Tabatabaei,M (2707) chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 10.Be3 c6 *(10...Ne5 11.b3 Nfg4 12.Bf4 Nc6 13.Nde2 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Qd2 Nge5 16.Bh6 Qd7 17.Nd5 Bh8 18.Rad1 Bh3 19.f3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Ne7 21.Nec3 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Nf7 23.Be3 c6 24.Nc3 Rad8 25.Bd4 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Ng5 27.Qxa7 c5 28.Qb6 Re3 29.Ne4 Nxe4 30.fxe4 Rxe4 31.Rf2 Qe7 32.Rdf1 Re8 33.Qa5 Re2 34.Qc3 Qe4+ 35.Qf3 Qxf3+ 36.Kxf3 R8e3+ 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.Rd1 Re6 39.Rd3 g5 40.h3 h5 41.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 42.Kf3 Re6 43.Re3 Rf6+ 44.Ke2 Kf7 45.Re4 Rf5 46.Re3 Rf6 47.a4 Re6 48.Kd3 Rxe3+ 49.Kxe3 Ke6 50.Ke4 b6 51.h4 g4 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Ke4 Ke6 54.Kf4 Kf6 55.Ke4 Ke6* ½-½ (55) Vidit,S (2710)-Naroditsky,D (2617) chess24.com INT 2022*; 10...Nc5 11.f3 c6 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.Rad1 b6 14.Nc2 Nfd7 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Bb7 17.Ne3 Rad8 18.b4 Ne6 19.f4 Nef8 20.e5 dxe5 21.f5 e4 22.Nxe4 c5 23.f6 Ne6 24.Nd5 Qe5 25.Rde1 Qh5 26.Ne7+ Kh8*

27.Qxh5 gxh5 28.Nd6 1-0 (28) Vidit,S (2726)-Grischuk,A (2776) chess.com INT 2021*)* 11.h3 Nc5 *(11...Nb6 12.b3 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.c5 Nbd7 15.b4 a5 16.a3 Ne5 17.Ndb5 Nc4 18.Bd4 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Nd2 21.Rd1 Nb3 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Qb1 Be6 24.Qxb3 d4 25.Nd5 Qe5 26.Nxd4 Rd8 27.Ne7+ Kh8 28.Nxe6 Re8 29.Nxg7 Rxe7 30.Qe3 Qxe3 31.fxe3 Kxg7 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.Rd6+ Ke5 34.Rb6 Rd7 35.Bxb7 Rd2+ 36.Kf3 f5 37.c6 g5 38.c7 h5 39.Rb5+ Kf6 40.g4 fxg4+ 41.hxg4 hxg4+ 42.Kg3 Rc2 43.c8Q Rc7 44.Qd8+ Kg6 45.Rb6+ Rc6 46.Rxc6+* 1-0 (46) Bok,B (2593)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfe1 a5 14.Rad1 Nfd7 15.b3 Ne5 16.f4 Ned7 17.Bf2 Qf8 18.g4 Nf6 19.Nf3 h5 20.g5 Nfd7 21.Bd4 Ne6 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Ne2 Nec5 24.Ng3 Ne6 25.Qd2 Ndc5 26.f5 h4 27.Nxh4 Qe5 28.fxe6 Qxg3 29.exf7+ Kxf7 30.Rf1+ Kg7 31.Qxd6 Qxd6 32.Rxd6 Be6 33.Rf6 Bf7 34.Nxg6 Rad8 35.Nh4 Be6 36.Rxd8 Rxd8 37.Nf5+ Kg8 38.h4 Rd1+ 39.Kh2 Rd2 40.h5 Bd7 41.Ne7+ Kh7 42.Rf7+ Kh8 43.g6 1-0 (43) Vidit,S (2720)-Pichot,A (2638) chess.com INT 2024]

[8...a6 9.Re1 Re8 10.d5 Rf8 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bd2 c5 14.a3 Qe8 15.h3 Ngf6 16.b4 b6 17.Rb1 Nh7 18.Qc1 h5 19.Qc2 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Nh4 Qf7 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Qa4 Qf6 24.Qc6 Rb8 25.Qc7 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 e4 27.Ne2 Ne5 28.Bc3 Ng5 29.Rb8 Qd8 30.Qxd8 Rxd8 31.Nxf5 Bf6 32.Nxd6 Rxd6 33.Rxc8+ Kg7 34.Bxe5 Bxe5 35.h4 Nf3+ 36.Bxf3 exf3 37.Nf4 Rb6 38.Rc6 Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Bd4 40.Ne6+ Kf7 41.Ng5+ Ke7 42.Re6+ Kd7 43.Nxf3 Bxf2 44.Ne5+ Kd8 45.d6 Bg1+ 46.Kg2 Bd4 47.Nf7+ Kd7 48.Re7+ Kc6 49.d7 Rb2+ 50.Kf1 1-0 (50) Tabatabaei,M (2660)-Andriasian,Z (2580) Almaty KAZ 2022]

[8...b6 9.Re1 Bb7 10.d5 a5 11.Rb1 Nc5 12.b3 Bc8 13.a3 Bd7 14.Qc2 Kh8 15.Bg5 Qc8 16.b4 Nb7 17.Rbc1 Ng8 18.Qd2 f6 19.Be3 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.f4 axb4 23.axb4 e4 24.c5 bxc5 25.bxc5 Nf7 26.Nxf7+ Rxf7 27.cxd6 cxd6 28.Nxe4 Qf8 29.Ng5 Re7 30.Ne6 Bxe6 31.dxe6 Rd8 32.Bb6 Rde8 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Bf2 Rd8 35.Qd3 Nh6 36.h3 Qf6 37.Bd7 Ng8 38.Rcd1 Rb8 39.Qxd6 Rb2 40.Rd2 Rb3 41.Qd5 Qc3 42.Kg2 Nf6 43.Qd6 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 Bf8 45.Qe5 Bg7 46.Qxf5 Nxd7 47.Rxd7 Re8 48.Rxg7 Kxg7 49.Qf7+ 1-0 (49) Grischuk,A (2689)-Yeletsky,I (2469) chess.com INT 2024]

9.h3

[9.Re1 exd4 10.Nxd4 c6 *(10...Nc5 11.Nb3 Nfd7 12.Qc2 Ne5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Rd1 Bd7 15.f4 Nc6 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Qf2 Qc8 18.Rd2 Be6 19.Qf1 c6 20.e5 Bf5 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.Rxd4 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Rd2 Qc7 25.Qf2 Re7 26.Re1 Rae8 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.h4 Qa5 29.Re2 Rd7 30.Kh2 Bxc3 31.bxc3 Qxc3*

32.Qxa7 Qxc4 33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.Qe5+ Kh6 35.Qe8 Qf7 36.Qe5 Qg7 37.Qe3 Qd4 38.Qe8 Kg7 39.Re7+ Rxe7 40.Qxe7+ Kh6 41.Qg5+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kh6 43.Qg5+ Kg7 44.Qe7+ ½-½ (44) Howell,D (2670)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.com INT 2023*; 10...a6 11.h3 Rb8 12.Be3 Ne5 13.b3 c5 14.Nde2 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Nf4 c4 17.Re2 b4 18.Ncd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 c3 20.a3 Nc6 21.Rc2 Be6 22.a4 Qa5 23.Nf4 Bxb3* 0-1 (23) Seliverstov,V (2462)-Mamedyarov,S (2734) chess.com INT 2024) 11.h3 Qb6

A) 12.Nc2 Nc5 *(12...Nh5 13.Re3 Nc5 14.Kh2 a5 15.b3 Be6 16.Rb1 Rad8 17.Bb2 Nf6 18.Nd4 h5 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Ne2 h4 21.gxh4 Qc5 22.Ng3 Nf4 23.Qf3 N6h5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qg4 Qe5 26.Rd1 Nf6 27.Qg5 Ne6 28.Qxe5 dxe5 29.Ree1 Rh8 30.Ne2 Rxh4 31.Rxd8 Nxd8 32.Kg3 Rh8 33.f4 Nh5+ 34.Kg4 Ne6 35.fxe5 Rd8 36.Ng3 Nhf4 37.Bf3 Nd3 38.Rf1 Nxe5+* 0-1 (38) Matlakov,M (2662)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2023) 13.Rb1 a5 14.b3 Nfd7 15.Bb2 Ne5 16.Ba1 f5 17.Re3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 a4 21.Bd4 Qd8 22.Rc1 axb3 23.axb3 Ra2 24.Nb4 Ra3 25.Nc2 Ra2 26.Nb4 Ra3 27.Nc2 Ra2 ½-½ (27) Lazavik,D (2578)-Jacobson,B (2583) New York USA 2024;

B) 12.Re2 Qb4 13.Rc2 Nc5 14.Bd2 *(14.a3 Qb6 15.Be3 Qd8 16.f3 a5 17.Rd2 Nfd7 18.b3 f5 19.Rb1 fxe4 20.f4 a4 21.b4 Nb3 22.Re2 Qf6 23.Rxb3 axb3 24.Qxb3 Nc5 25.Qa2 Na4 26.Nxa4 Rxa4 27.Qb3 Ra8 28.a4 Qf7 29.a5 Bd7 30.Kh2 h5 31.Rd2 Be6 32.Nxe6 Qxe6 33.h4 Kh7 34.Qd1 Bf8 35.Rd4 Qf5 36.Bh3 Qf7 37.Bg2 Qf5 38.Bh3 Qf7 39.Bg2* ½-½ (39) Yu Yangyi (2736)-Amin,B (2707) Changsha CHN 2019) 14...Qb6 15.Be3 Qc7 16.f3 a5 17.b3 Nfd7 18.Bf2 h5 19.Qf1 Qb6 20.Rd1 a4 21.bxa4 Qa6 22.Nb3 Bf8 23.f4 Nxa4 24.Nb5 cxb5 25.cxb5 Qb6 26.Bxb6 Ndxb6 27.Rc7 Re7 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.Rc1 Nc5 30.e5 Nxb3 31.axb3 dxe5 32.Qf2 Nd7 33.f5 Nf8 34.fxg6 Nxg6 35.Bd5 Nh8 36.Rc7 Kf8 37.Qc2 Bxh3 38.Qh7 1-0 (38) Salem,A (2682)-Amin,B (2686) ICC INT 2020;

C) 12.Nb3 Ne5 13.Be3 c5 14.Bf1 Be6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Ne4 17.Kg2 a5 18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Qxd2 Nd7 20.Rab1 a4 21.Qc2 Qa6 22.Bd2 Bd4 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 b6 25.a3 Kg7 26.Bd3 Qc8 27.f4 Qc7 28.Qd2 Nf6 29.Bc2 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Qd7 31.Rb1 Rb8 32.Qd1 Qe7 33.Qe1 Qxe1 34.Rxe1 b5 35.cxb5 Rxb5 36.Bxa4 Ra5 37.Bc6 Rxa3 38.Re3 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Rh2 40.Re7 Kf8 41.Ra7 Rc2 42.Ra3 h6 43.Ba4 Rc1 44.Bc6 Kg7 45.Rb3 c4 46.Ra3 Rd1 47.g4 Rd3+ 48.Kg2 Nxd5 49.Bxd5 Rxd5 50.h4 Rd2+ 51.Kf3 Rd3+ 52.Ke4 Rh3 0-1 (52) Abbasov,N (2632)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Toronto CAN 2024]

9...b6 10.dxe5

[10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.Bf4 *(12.g4 Nc5 13.f3 d5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Be3 Bb7 17.Qd2*

Ne6 18.Rad1 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 20.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Rad8 22.Red1 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Kf8 24.Rd7 Re7 25.Rd8+ Re8 26.Rd7 Re7 27.Rd8+ ½-½ (27) Martirosyan,H (2624)-Shevchenko,K (2647) Riga LAT 2021*; 12.b3 Nc5 13.f3 Nfd7 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Qd2 a5 16.Rad1 a4 17.Qc2 axb3 18.axb3 h5 19.Ndb5 Ned7 20.b4 Ne6 21.f4 h4 22.f5 Nef8 23.gxh4 Qxh4 24.Nxc7 gxf5 25.Nxe8 Rxe8 26.Nb5 Bxe4 27.Qf2 Qh5 28.Bf4 Ng6 29.Nxd6 Re6 30.Nxe4 fxe4 31.Rxd7 Rf6 32.Rxe4 Bh6 33.Bf3 Qxh3 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Qg3 Qxg3+ 36.Bxg3 Rxf3 37.Kg2 Rc3 38.Rd7 Kg8 39.Rb7 f5 40.Re8+ Bf8 41.Re6 Nh8 42.Be5 Rxc4 43.Bxh8 Kxh8 44.Re8 Kg8 45.Rbb8 Rg4+ 46.Kf3 Rxb4 47.Rxf8+ Kg7 48.Rxf5* 1-0 (48) Artemiev,V (2709)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2608) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 12...Nc5 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Bf4 Nh5 16.Be3 Nf6 17.Bf4 ½-½ (17) Gholami Orimi,M (2511)-Carlsen,M (2837) chess.com INT 2025]

10...dxe5 11.Be3 c6

[11...Bb7 12.Qc2 c6 13.b4 Bf8 14.a3 a5 15.Rab1 axb4 16.axb4 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Be7 18.Rd2 Nf8 19.Na4 N6d7 20.c5 bxc5 21.bxc5 Ba6 22.Nb6 Rad8 23.h4 Bb5 24.Bh3 Nf6 25.Rbd1 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 h5 27.Bg5 N8h7 28.Kg2 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Bxd8 30.Bc1 Ng4 31.Bb2 Nhf6 32.Nc4 Bxc4 33.Qxc4 Kg7 34.Bc3 Qe7 35.Ng5 Bc7 36.Bd2 Nh7 37.Nxh7 Kxh7 38.Bg5 f6 39.Bd2 Kg7 40.Bc1 Nh6 41.Bxh6+ Kxh6 42.Qg8 Qg7 43.Qe8 g5 44.hxg5+ Kxg5 45.Qxc6 h4 46.Bd7 Ba5 47.Qe6 hxg3 48.fxg3 Qf8 49.Qg4+ Kh6 50.Bf5 Qf7 51.c6 Bc7 52.Be6 Qg6 53.Qh4+ Kg7 54.Bf5 Qh6 55.Qg4+ Qg5 56.Qd1 Kh6 57.Qd7 Qg7 58.Qe8 Kg5 59.Kf3 Kh6 60.Bg4 Qg6 61.Qh8+ Qh7 62.Qxf6+ Qg6 63.Qh8+ Qh7 64.Qxh7+ Kxh7 65.Bf5+ Kg7 66.Ke3 Kf6 67.Kd3 Ke7 68.Kc4 Kd6 69.Kb5 Bd8 70.g4 Kc7 71.Kc5 Bg5 72.Kd5 Bf4 73.Bd7 Bg3 74.Ke6 Bf4 75.Kf6 1-0 (75) Bok,B (2592)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025]

12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfd1 Nf8 14.c5 N6d7 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Na4 c5 17.b4 Ne6 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nc3 Nd4 20.Qd2 Nb6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bb7 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Bh6 Bxh6 25.Qxh6 Qd7 26.h4 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Qxd5 28.a4 e4 29.a5 d3 30.a6 Qd4 31.Qf4 Re6 32.a7 Kg7 33.Ra3 Rf6 34.Qe3 Qxe3 35.fxe3 Rf3 36.Rb1 Rxe3 37.Kf2 Re2+ 38.Kf1 Rc2 39.Rb8 Rc1+ 40.Kg2 d2 41.Rxa8 d1Q 42.Rg8+ Kh6 43.Kh3 Qf1+ 0-1 (43) Bok,B (2592)-Carlsen,M (2837) chess.com INT 2025

6...c5 7.0-0

[7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Be3 Nc6 *(9...Nfd7 10.0-0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.Ng5 Re8 13.Bd5 Nce5 14.f4 e6 15.Bxe6 Nb6 16.Bxc8 Nexc4 17.Be6 fxe6 18.Bxc5 Na4 19.Bd4 Rac8 20.Ne4 Kf7 21.h4 h5 22.g4 Red8 23.gxh5 gxh5 24.Rhg1 Rg8 25.Kc2 a6 26.Rxg8 Rxg8 27.Rg1 Rxg1 28.Bxg1 Kg6 29.Ng3 b5 30.e4 Na3+ 31.Kb3 Nb1 32.f5+ exf5 33.exf5+ Kf7 34.Ne4 Naxc3 35.Nxc3 Nd2+* 1-0 (35) Lazavik,D (2560)-Ponkratov,P (2595) Sochi RUS 2023*)* 10.Bxc5 Be6 11.Nd2 *(11.Rc1 Bxc4 12.Nd2 Bd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Ba3 Rac8 15.Bxd5 Rxd5 16.Nb3 e6*

17.0-0 h5 18.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Ne5 20.Bc5 b6 21.Bd4 Rc2 22.Rd2 Rc4 23.Kg2 Ng4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Kf3 Nd5 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.e3 Nf6 28.Nd4 e5 29.Rc2 Rxc2 30.Nxc2 Kf8 31.Nb4 g5 32.Nc6 e4+ 33.Ke2 a5 34.Kd2 Ke8 35.Kc3 Kd7 36.Ne5+ Ke6 37.Kd4 b5 38.Nc6 a4 39.Nb4 Kf5 40.Nc6 Nd7 41.Ne7+ Ke6 42.Nd5 f5 43.Nc7+ Kf6 44.Nxb5 Ne5 45.Nc3 Nd3 46.Nxa4 Nxf2 47.b4 Nxh3 48.b5 h4 49.gxh4 g4 50.b6 g3 51.b7 g2 52.b8Q g1Q 53.Qf8+ Ke6 54.Nc5# 1-0 (54) Lazavik,D (2566)-Chigaev,M (2622) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11...Nd7 12.Ba3 Nde5 13.Rc1 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Bxc4 15.b3 Ba6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bc5 e6 18.f3 f5 19.Kf2 Rd2 20.Be3 Bxc3 21.Bxd2 Bxd2 22.Rxc6 Bb5 23.Rxe6 Rd8 24.a4 Be8 25.Re7 Bb4 26.Rc1 Bxe7 0-1 (26) Iskusnyh,S (2440)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025]

7...Nc6 8.dxc5

[8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 *(9.b3 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Bxc3 11.Bh6 Bg7 12.Qd2 b6 13.h4 Bg4 14.Nh2 Bd7 15.h5 Rc8 16.Rac1 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.h6+ Kg8 20.Rfd1 Qf6 21.Qxd6 Rfd8 22.Ng4 Qg5 23.Qe5 Qxe5 24.Nxe5 f6 25.Nd3 g5 26.b4 cxb4 27.Nxb4 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Kf7 29.Bf3 Ke7 30.Nd5+ Bxd5 31.Bxd5 Rd8 32.Rd3 f5 33.Re3+ Kf8 34.Re5 Rd6 35.Rxf5+ Ke8 36.Rxg5 Rxh6 37.Rg7 Rd6 38.e4 b5 39.Rxa7 Nc4 40.a4 Nb6 41.axb5 Nxd5 42.exd5 h5 43.Rh7 Rxd5 44.b6 Rb5 45.b7 Kd8 46.Kg2* 1-0 (46) Duda,J (2740)-Mikaelyan,A (2495) chess.com INT 2025*; 9.Qd3 a6 10.Bd2 b5 11.b3 Rb8 12.e4 bxc4 13.bxc4 Bg4 14.Rac1 Rb2 15.Rb1 Rxb1 16.Nxb1 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Na3 Nb7 19.Rb1 Ra8 20.Qa4 Nd8 21.h3 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 h5 23.Bg2 Bd4 24.Rb3 Kg7 25.Kf1 Qc8 26.Nc2 e6 27.e5 Nxe5 28.f4 Nd7 29.dxe6 Nf6 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.e7 Ne6 32.Qc6 Qxc6 33.Bxc6 Rc8 34.Rb6 Nc5 35.Bb4 Ne8 36.Bxe8 Rxe8 37.Rxd6 Ne6 38.Rxa6 h4 39.Kg2 d3 40.Ra3 hxg3 41.Kxg3 Nd4 42.Bc3* 1-0 (42) Moroni,L (2588)-Shevchenko,K (2652) Terme Catez SLO 2022 *)*

A) 9...a6 10.Qc2 *(10.a4 Rb8 11.e4 Bd7 12.Qe2 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Rd1 Re8 15.h3 Qb6 16.Qd3 Rbd8 17.Rb1 Nc6 18.b3 Nd7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Nb4 21.Qf1 Ne5 22.Kh2 Qc7 23.Bb2 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qxb5 Ned3 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.f4 Ra8 28.Ra1 Qe7 29.Rf1 Qf6 30.e5 dxe5 31.fxe5 Qxe5 32.Qb7 Rxa1 33.Qxf7+ Kh6 34.Rxa1 Re7 35.Qf8+ Qg7 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.d6 Re2 38.d7 Nc6 39.Nf3 Re7 40.Ng5 Nde5 41.Bxc6 Nxc6 42.Ra6 Nd8 43.Ra8 Kf6 44.Nxh7+ Rxh7 45.Rxd8 Ke7 46.Ra8* 1-0 (46) Nyzhnyk,I (2686)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10...b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.Nc3 Bf5 14.e4 Bc8 15.b3 Ba6 16.Rd1 Ng4 17.Na4 Qa7 18.Bb2 Bxb2 19.Nxb2 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 c4+ 21.Kf3 f5 22.e5 f4 23.Kg4 Qf2 24.Be4 fxg3 25.hxg3 cxb3 26.Nxb3 Be2+ 27.Kh3 Rac8 28.Qd2 Nxb3 29.axb3 h5 30.Nd3 Bf1+ 31.Kh4 Qg1 32.exd6 exd6 33.Nf4 g5+ 34.Kxh5 Qxg3 35.Rxf1 Rxf4

36.Qxf4 gxf4 37.Rg1 1-0 (37) Erigaisi,A (2722)-Chigaev,M (2632) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B) 9...e6 10.Rb1 *(10.Qc2 exd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.b3 b5 13.Bb2 Rc8 14.Nce4 Nb7 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.a4 b4 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nc4 Qg7 19.a5 a6 20.Nb6 Rc7 21.Nxd7 Rxd7 22.Qc4 Ra8 23.e4 Qd4 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Ra4 Rc7 26.Rd1 Rc3 27.Rxd4 Nc5 28.Raxb4 Nxb3 29.Rdc4 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Nxa5 31.Rc7 Kf8 32.f4 Nb3 33.e5 a5 34.exd6 Rd8 35.Rc6 Nd4 36.Ra6 Nb5 37.Rxa5 Nxd6 38.Ra6 Ke7 39.Ra7+ Rd7 40.Rxd7+ Kxd7 41.Kf2 Nc4 42.Ke2 Kd6 43.Kd3 Kc5 44.Bf3* ½-½ (44) Leko,P (2663)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 10...exd5 11.cxd5 Bf5 12.e4 Bd7 13.b3 b5 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Bb2 Re8 16.Rbe1 Qb6 17.h3 b4 18.Nd1 Bb5 19.Ne3 Bxf1 20.Bxf1 c4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Nexc4 Qc5 23.Nf3 Nd7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qb2+ Kg8 26.Qd4 Ne5 27.Ncxe5 dxe5 28.Qd3 Qb6 29.Kg2 Rc3 30.Qe2 Qc5 31.Rd1 Rc2 32.Rd2 Rxd2 33.Nxd2 Kg7 34.Nc4 Qd4 35.Na5 f6 36.Nc6 Qb6 37.h4 h5 38.g4 Rh8 39.g5 fxg5 40.Qb2 Re8 41.hxg5 Qc5 42.Qe2 Qc3 43.Qe3 Rf8 44.Qxa7+ Kh8 45.Qe3 Rf4 46.Ne7 Kh7 47.Nf5 gxf5 48.Qa7+ Kg8 49.Qb8+ Kg7 50.Qb7+ Kf8 51.Qb8+ Ke7 52.Qb7+ Kd8 53.Qb8+ Kd7 54.Qb5+ Kc7 55.Qa5+ Kc8 56.Qa6+ Kd8 57.Qd6+ Kc8 58.Qa6+ Kd8 ½-½ (58) Abbasov,N (2677)-Lagarde,M (2607) Lublin POL 2023]

8...dxc5 9.Bd2

[9.Bf4

A) 9...Be6 10.Ne5 *(10.b3 Nh5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rad8 13.e3 Nb4 14.Qe2 Bf5 15.Ne1 Nf6 16.a3 Nd3 17.Rd1 Qb6 18.e4 Bg4 19.f3 Nxe1 20.Rfxe1 Be6 21.Rb1 Qa6 22.Nd5 Rfe8 23.Nc7 Qxa3 24.Nxe8 Nxe8 25.Be3 b6 26.f4 Bd4 27.e5 Ng7 28.Bxd4 Rxd4 29.Red1 Nf5 30.Rxd4 Nxd4 31.Qb2 Qb4 32.Rd1 a5 33.Bd5 a4 34.Bxe6 fxe6 35.Qg2 axb3 36.Qa8+ Kf7 37.Qh8 b2 38.Qxh7+ Ke8 39.Qxg6+ Kd7 40.f5 Qxc4 41.fxe6+ Kc7 42.Qh7 Qxe6 43.Qe4 Qb3 44.Rb1 b5 45.e6 b4 46.Qe5+ Kc6 47.Qe4+ Kb5 48.Qb7+ Kc4 49.Qe4 Qc3 50.Qg2 Kb3 51.Qf1 Qc2 52.Qe1 Nf3+ 53.Kf1 Nxh2+ 54.Kg1 Nf3+ 55.Kf1 Nxe1* 0-1 (55) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10...Nh5 *(10...Rc8 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.Qc2 Qa5 15.b3 Rfd8 16.Na4 Nh5 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rfd1 Bf5 19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Rd4 21.Qxe7 Bf8 22.Qb7 Rc7 23.Qa8 Rcd7 24.Rxd4 cxd4 25.c5 Qc7 26.Qe8 h6 27.Nb6 axb6 28.cxb6 Qb7 29.Bxh6 Ng7 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.a4 Bb4 32.a5 Re7 33.Qd8 Bxa5 34.Qxd4+ f6 35.Qd6 Rd7 36.Qxc6 Bxb6 37.e3 Qxc6 38.Rxc6 Rb7 39.Rd6 Bc5 40.Rd5 Be7 41.Rd3 f5 42.Kg2 Kf6 43.h4 Ke5 44.Kf3 Rb4 45.Rc3 Bd6 46.Rd3 Ke6 47.Rc3 Be5 48.Rd3 Bf6 49.Kg2 Be5 50.Kf3 Bd6 51.Kg2 Kd7 52.Kf3 Ke7 53.Kg2*

Ke6 54.Kf3 Ke5 55.Kg2 Rb5 56.Kf3 Ba3 57.Rc3 Rb6 58.Rd3 Bb2 59.g4 Rb4 60.gxf5 Kxf5 61.Kg3 Be5+ 62.f4 Ke4 63.Rd8 Bf6 64.Re8+ Kd5 65.Kg4 Rxb3 66.e4+ Kd6 67.e5+ Kd7 68.Rg8 Be7 69.Rxg6 Rb1 70.h5 Ke8 71.h6 Rh1 72.f5 Bf8 73.Kg5 Ke7 74.Ra6 Rg1+ 75.Kf4 Rf1+ 76.Ke4 Re1+ 77.Kd5 Rd1+ 78.Kc4 Rc1+ 79.Kd3 Rd1+ 80.Ke2 Rh1 81.Ra7+ Ke8 82.h7 Be7 83.f6 Rxh7 84.fxe7 Rxe7 85.Ra5 Rb7 86.Ke3 Rb4 87.Rd5 Ke7 88.Rd4 Rxd4 89.Kxd4 Ke6 90.Ke4 Ke7 91.Kd5 Kd7 92.e6+ Ke7 93.Ke5 Ke8 94.Kd6 Kd8 95.e7+ Ke8 96.Ke6 ½-½ (96) Bok,B (2619)-Jones,G (2684) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd2 Bxc4 13.Rc1 Bd5 *(13...Rc8 14.b3 Bd5 15.Ne4 c4 16.bxc4 Be6 17.Qc2 Bf5 18.Rfd1 Nf6 19.Bc3 Qc7 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Qb2 Rb8 22.Qa1 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Rfd8 24.Qe3 c5 25.Rd5 Rxd5 26.cxd5 Rb1 27.Qc3 Rxc1+ 28.Qxc1 Qa5 29.e4 Bd7 30.e5 Qxa2 31.h4 c4 32.d6 exd6 33.exd6 Qa6 34.Qf4 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qd1 36.Qf6 c3 37.Qxc3 Qxd6 38.Qe3 a5 39.h5 gxh5 40.Qg5+ Kf8 41.Qxh5 h6 42.Qxa5 Be6 43.Qe1 Kg7 44.Qe3 Qe7 45.Qc3+ Qf6 46.Qxf6+ Kxf6 47.f4 h5 48.Bf3 Bg4 49.Bg2 Kf5 50.Kg1 h4 51.gxh4 Kxf4 52.Kf2 f5 53.Bf1 Bh5 54.Bh3 Bg4 55.Bf1 Bf3 56.Bh3 Bg4 57.Bf1* ½-½ (57) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja, A (2777) chess.com INT 2023*)* 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Rxc5 e6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.b4 Rxc5 18.bxc5 Qc7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.e4 d4 21.Bf1 Qc6 22.Bd3 Bf8 23.Qb3 Nf6 24.f3 Bxc5 25.Bb4 Qb6 26.Ba3 Nd7 27.Bb5 d3+ 28.Kg2 d2 29.Rd1 Bxa3 30.Bxd7 Qxb3 31.axb3 Rc2 32.Kf2 Bb4 33.Ke2 Rc1 34.Bb5 e5 35.Bc4 Kg7 36.g4 f6 37.h4 Bc3 38.h5 Bb4 39.hxg6 hxg6 40.Bb5 a5 41.Bd7 Kh6 42.Be8 Kg5 43.Bf7 Kf4 44.Bxg6 Rc3 45.Rf1 Re3+ 46.Kf2 Re1 0-1 (46) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja, A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9...Qa5 10.Qa4 Qb4 11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qxb4 cxb4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nc4 15.Rac1 Nxb2 16.Rc7 Re8 17.Ne5 g5 18.d6 exd6 19.Nxf7 gxf4 20.Nxd6 Be6 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Rxb7 a5 23.Rc1 Bxa2 24.Rcc7 Be5 25.Rxh7 fxg3 26.hxg3 Be6 27.Rh5 Nc4 28.Rg5+ Kf8 29.Rh5 Re7 30.Rb5 Ra7 31.f4 Bd4+ 32.Kh2 a4 33.f5 Bf7 34.Rh7 a3 35.Rb8+ Ke7 36.Bd5 a2 37.Rxf7+ Kd6 38.Rd8+ Ke5 39.Bxc4 a1Q 40.Rd5+ Ke4 41.Rxa7 Qxa7 42.Kg2 Qc7 43.Bb3 Qc3 44.f6 Qxb3 0-1 (44) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 9...Nh5 10.Be3 b6 *(10...Be6 11.Nd5 Nf6 12.Ng5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Nd4 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.Qxd4 h6 16.Nh3 e6 17.Qb4 Nxd5 18.Qxb7 Qa5 19.Bxd5 Rab8 20.Qe7 Qxd5 21.Qxa7 g5 22.Rad1 Qf5 23.Kg2 Rxb2 24.Ng1 Qe4+ 25.f3 Qc4 26.Rc1 Qxa2 27.Qxa2 Rxa2 28.Rfd1 Rb8 29.Rd7 h5 30.Rc5 Bf6 31.Rcc7 Rf8 32.Kf2 Kg7 33.Rb7 Kg6 34.Kg2 Be5 35.Rb5 Bf6 36.Rbb7 Ra4 37.Nh3 Rc8 38.Rxf7 Rc2 39.Ng1 Bd4 40.Rfc7*

Rd2 41.Re7 Ra1 42.Rxe6+ Kf5 43.Re8 Rxg1+ 44.Kh3 g4+ 45.fxg4+ hxg4+ 46.Kh4 Re1 47.e4+ Rxe4 48.Rf7+ Kg6 49.Rxe4 Kxf7 50.Kxg4 Kf6 51.Rf4+ Ke6 52.h4 Be5 53.Rf3 Rd8 54.Kh3 Kd5 55.Rd3+ Bd4 56.Rf3 Ke4 57.Rf4+ Ke3 58.Rf7 Be5 59.h5 Ke4 60.Kh4 Rd6 61.Kg5 Rd8 62.Kh4 Rg8 63.g4 Bf4 64.h6 Bxh6 65.Kg3 Bg5 66.Rf5 Be3 67.Ra5 Bf4+ 68.Kf2 Rxg4 69.Ra4+ Kf5 70.Ke2 Rg3 71.Rc4 Ke5 72.Kf2 Ra3 73.Kg2 Be3 74.Rc8 Bd4 75.Re8+ Kf4 76.Rf8+ Ke4 77.Re8+ Be5 78.Kf2 Ra2+ 79.Ke1 Kd4 80.Kf1 Ke4 81.Ke1 Kf4 82.Kd1 Bd4 83.Re2 Ra3 84.Kc2 Be5 85.Kd2 Bd4 86.Re7 Be5 87.Re8 Ke4 88.Ke2 Ra2+ ½-½ (88) Dardha,D (2598)-Abdusattorov,N (2727) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 11.Qc1 Bb7 12.Bh6 *(12.Rd1 Qc8 13.Bh6 Rd8 14.Qe3 Nf6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qc3 Kg8 18.Nxf6+ exf6 19.Qxf6 Rxe2 20.Ng5 Ne5 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 h6 23.Rxe5 hxg5 24.Re7* 1-0 (24) Lazavik,D (2578)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) Sochi RUS 2024*)* 12...Qe8 *(12...Qc8 13.Nd5 Re8 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Rd1 Nb4 16.e4 Nxd5 17.cxd5 e5 18.d6 Qd8 19.b4 Ne6 20.d7 Re7 21.Nxe5 Nd4 22.Qg5 Rxd7 23.Qe3 Re7 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Ng4 f5 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.e5 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Qc7 29.f4 Qb7+ 30.Kh3 Nc2 31.Qc3 Nxa1 32.e6 Kf8 33.Nd7+ Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kf8 35.Nd5 Kg8 36.Nxe7+ Qxe7 37.Rd7 Qf8 38.Qxa1 Re8 39.Qe5 a6 40.a4 Re7 41.Qd5 Qf6 42.Qxc5 Re8 43.Qc7 h5 44.Rf7 Qxe6 45.Rg7+ Kf8 46.Rh7 Qf6 47.a5 Kg8 48.Rd7 g5 49.Qc4+ Kh8 50.fxg5 Qxg5 51.Qd4+ Kg8 52.Qc4+ Kh8 53.Qd4+ Kg8 54.Ra7 Re6 55.Qh4 Qg4+ 56.Qxg4+ fxg4+ 57.Kh4 Re5 58.Rxa6 Kg7 59.Ra8 Kg6 60.Rg8+ Kh6 61.a6 Re2 62.h3 Rh2 63.Rh8+ Kg6 64.Rg8+ Kh6 65.Rh8+ Kg6 66.Rg8+ Kh6* ½-½ (66) Donchenko,A (2646)-Jones,G (2670) PlayChess INT 2020 *)* 13.g4 Nf6 14.h3 Rd8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qe3 Nd4 *(16...h6 17.b3 e6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qc6+ 21.e4 Rd7 22.f4 Qc7 23.Qxc7 Rxc7 24.e5 Nd7 25.Rad1 g5 26.Kg3 gxf4+ 27.Kxf4 f6 28.exf6+ Nxf6 29.Ke5 Rcf7 30.Rfe1 Nh7 31.Ne4 Ng5 32.Nxg5 hxg5 33.Kxe6 Rh8 34.Kd6 Rxh3 35.Rd5 Rh6+ 36.Re6 Rg6 37.Rxg6+ Kxg6 38.Kc6 Rf4 39.Rd6+ Kf7 40.Rd7+ Kf6 41.Rxa7 Rxg4 42.Kxb6 Rf4 43.Kxc5 g4 44.Rd7 Rf5+ 45.Kb6 g3 46.Rd1 Rf2 47.c5 Rxa2 48.b4 g2 49.c6 Rd2 50.Re1 Rf2 51.Rg1 Ke7 52.c7* 1-0 (52) Howell,D (2675)-Jones,G (2640) Hull ENG 2024 *)* 17.Qe5 Kg8 *(17...Nc6 18.Qg3 Rd7 19.Rad1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Qb8 21.g5 Nh5 22.Qxb8 Rxb8 23.e3 Kf8 24.b3 Ng7 25.Nb5 Ne6 26.h4 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Nexd8 28.Ne1 Ke8 29.f4 Kd7 30.Nd3 f6 31.Kf2 Ba6 32.Bh3+ f5 33.Nc3 e6 34.h5 Nf7 35.Bg2 Nb4 36.Nxb4 cxb4 37.Ne2 gxh5 38.Kg3 Bc8 39.Kh4 Ke7 40.Kxh5 Bd7 41.Nd4 a5 42.e4 Nh8*

43.exf5 exf5 44.Kh6 Ng6 45.Kxh7 Nxf4 46.g6 Kd6 47.Bf3 Nxg6 48.Kxg6 Ke5 49.Ne2 f4 50.Kg5 Bf5 51.Nxf4 Bb1 52.Bd1 Kd4 53.Ne6+ Kc3 54.Nc7 Bxa2 55.Nd5+ Kd2 56.Nxb6 Kxd1 57.c5 Bxb3 58.c6 Be6 59.Kf6 Bh3 60.Nc4 b3 61.Ke5 Kc1 62.Kd4 b2 63.Na3 a4 64.Kc3 Bg2 65.c7 Bh3 66.Kb4 Bd7 67.Kc3 b1N+ 68.Nxb1 Kxb1 69.Kb4 Kb2 70.c8Q Bxc8 71.Kxa4 ½-½ (71) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Jones,G (2669) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 18.Rad1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rd6 20.Qg3 Qd7 21.e3 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Qe6 24.b3 Qe5 25.Nd5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Qb2 27.Rd2 Qc3 28.Kg2 e6 29.Qd6 Kg7 30.Qd7 h5 31.Qd3 Qf6 32.Qe4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Rh8 34.Qf4 Qa1 35.Kf3 Rh3+ 36.Ke2 Rh8 37.g5 Rh1 38.Kf3 Rh3+ 39.Ke2 Rh1 40.Kf3 Rh3+ 41.Ke2 Rh1 42.Kf3 ½-½ (42) Howell,D (2675)-Jones,G (2640) Hull ENG 2024]

[9.Be3 Qa5 *(9...Be6 10.Qa4 Nd4 11.Rad1 Bd7 12.Qa3 Nc2 13.Qxc5 b6 14.Qg5 h6 15.Qf4 g5 16.Qe5 Rc8 17.Bc1 Rc5 18.Rd2 g4 19.Qf4 gxf3 20.Qxf3 Nb4 21.Rfd1 Qc8 22.Ne4 Rxc4 23.Nxf6+ exf6 24.Rxd7 Rxc1 25.a3 Qxd7 26.Rxc1 Na6 27.b4 Nb8 28.e3 Rd8 29.h4 Qe7 30.Bh3 a5 31.Bf5 axb4 32.axb4 Qxb4 33.Rc7 Qd6 34.Qb7 Rf8 35.Be4 Na6 36.Rd7 Qe5* 0-1 (36) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Vitiugov,N (2724) chess.com INT 2022*)* 10.Qa4 *(10.Qb3 Qb4 11.Qxb4 cxb4 12.Nd5 Ne4 13.Ng5 Nd6 14.Bc5 Nxc4 15.Nxe7+ Nxe7 16.Bxe7 Re8 17.Bxb4 h6 18.Ne4 Bf5 19.Nd6 Nxd6 20.Bxd6 Rxe2 21.Bxb7 Rd8 22.Ba3 Bxb2 23.Ba6 Red2 24.Bxb2 Rxb2 25.Bc4 Rd4 26.Bb3 Rdd2 27.Rad1 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Bh3 29.Bd5 Kg7 30.f4 a5 31.Rd4 Kf6 32.Ra4 Rb5 33.Bb3 Bd7 34.Rd4 Be6 35.Rd6 Kf5 36.Bxe6+ fxe6 37.Ra6 Rb1+ 38.Kf2 Rb2+ 39.Kf3 Rxa2 40.g4+ Kf6 41.h3 Ra3+ 42.Kg2 Ra2+ 43.Kf3 Ra3+ 44.Kg2 h5 45.Ra8 h4 46.Ra6 a4 47.Kf2 Rxh3 48.f5 gxf5 49.Rxa4 fxg4 50.Rxg4 Kf5 51.Ra4 e5 52.Kg2 Rg3+ 53.Kf2 e4 54.Ra8 Rf3+ 55.Ke2 h3 56.Rf8+ Kg4 57.Rg8+ Kf4 58.Rf8+ Kg3 59.Rg8+ Kh2 60.Rg4 Rg3* 0-1 (60) Ioannidis,E (2484)-Abasov,N (2612) Eforie Nord ROU 2025*)* 10...Qb4 11.Rab1 Bf5 12.Rbc1 Ng4 13.Qxb4 cxb4 14.Na4 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Rad8 16.Kf2 b6 17.b3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Rfd1 h5 20.Bc6 Rd6 21.Rxd6 exd6 22.Bf3 Rc8 23.e4 Bd7 24.e3 b5 0-1 (24) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021]

[9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Be3 Be6 11.Bxc5 Bxc4 12.Rfd1 Nd7 13.Nd2 Bxe2 14.Bxe7 Bxd1 15.Bxd8 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Rxd8 17.Rxd1 Nde5 18.Kf1 Rd3 19.Ke2 Rxc3 20.Ne4 Ra3 21.Rd2 Nc4 22.Rd7 Rxa2+ 23.Ke1 N6e5 24.Rxb7 Nd3+ 25.Kf1 Nxf2 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Ne8+ Kf8 28.Bc6 Ne3+ 29.Ke1 Nd3# 0-1 (29) Zakhartsov,V (2525)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023]

9...Bf5 10.Nh4 Be6 11.b3 Qd7 12.Rc1 Rad8 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.Qe1 h6 15.Nf3 Bh3 16.e4 Nb4 17.Qe3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 g5 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Qxg5 Qg4 21.Qxc5 Nd3 22.Qe3 Nxc1 23.Rxc1

Qh5 24.Qe2 e6 25.h3 Nd7 26.Nd1 Ne5 27.Rc3 Rd7 28.g4 Qh6 29.Nxe5 Bxe5 30.Rf3 Qd2 31.Qxd2 Rxd2 32.Ne3 Bd4 33.g5 f6 34.g6 Kg7 35.Nf1 Rxa2 36.h4 Kxg6 37.Ng3 Be5 38.Nf1 Rh8 39.Kh3 Bd4 40.Rg3+ Kf7 41.Rd3 Rxf2 42.Ng3 Be5 43.Rd7+ Ke8 44.Rxb7 Rg8 0-1 (44) Fedoseev,V (2692)-Firouzja,A (2767) chess.com INT 2024

6...a5 7.0-0 Bf5 8.Nh4

[8.Ne1 Nc6 9.e4 Bd7 10.Nc2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Ne8 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bc5 Bc6 17.Bxd4 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Re8 19.Re1 a4 20.Rc1 axb3 21.axb3 f6 22.Qc2 Re7 23.f4 Kh8 24.Bh3 c6 25.Be6 cxd5 26.exd5 f5 27.Qc3 Nb5 28.Bxg7+ Rxg7 29.Qc5 Nd6 30.Ra1 Rb8 31.Kg2 Ne4 32.Qd4 Qd6 33.Rac1 Rd8 34.Qe5 h5 35.Qxd6 Nxd6 36.Kf3 Ra8 37.Ra1 Rd8 38.Ke3 Rc7 39.Rec1 Re7 40.Kd4 Kg7 41.Rc2 Ne4 42.Ke5 Nf6 43.Rd2 Ng4+ 44.Kd4 Rxe6 45.Ra7 Re7 46.Kc5 Nf6 47.Rd4 Red7 48.Kc4 Nxd5 49.Kc5 b6+ 0-1 (49) Batsuren,D (2531)-Fressinet,L (2588) New York USA 2024]

8...Bc8 9.b3

[9.h3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bd7 12.Nf3 Re8 13.b3 Qc8 14.Kh2 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Bb2 e4 17.Ne1 h5 18.Nc2 Ne5 19.Ne3 c6 20.Qd2 h4 21.Rad1 Bh6 22.Na4 hxg3+ 23.Kg1 Qc7 24.fxg3 Nh5 25.Kh2 Nxg3 26.Qd6 Nxf1+ 27.Nxf1 Nf3+ 28.Kh1 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Rad8 30.exf3 exf3 31.Bxf3 Bxh3 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Bg2 Bf5 34.Ng3 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Bf4 36.Nc3 Rd2 37.Ba3 Rc2 38.Nd1 Be4 39.Ne3 Bxg2 40.Nxg2 Rxa2 41.Bc5 Rb2 42.Bd4 Bxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Rxb3+ 44.Kf2 a4 45.Ne3 a3 46.Ng4 f5 47.Nf6+ Kf7 48.Nd7 a2 49.Nc5 Rb1 50.Kf3 a1Q 0-1 (52) Bok,B (2607)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Saint Louis USA 2023]

9...Nbd7

[9...Nc6 10.Bb2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nf3 Nfd7 13.Qd2 a4 14.Nb5 axb3 15.axb3 Rxa1 16.Bxa1 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Ne5 18.Bg2 Re8 19.Rd1 b6 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.h3 h5 22.f4 Nc6 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qc3+ f6 26.Nxf6 Qxf6 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6 28.Bxc6 Re7 29.Bg2 Bf5 30.Kf2 Bc2 31.Rc1 Bxb3 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Ba4 34.g5+ Kg7 35.e4 Bc6 36.Ke3 b5 37.cxb5 Bxb5 38.Kf2 Ba6 39.f5 gxf5 40.exf5 Re5 41.Rxc7+ Kf8 42.Bh3 Bd3 43.Rc8+ Kf7 44.g6+ Kg7 45.Rc7+ Kg8 46.f6 Bxg6 47.Rg7+ Kf8 48.Rxg6 Kf7 49.Rh6 Rg5 50.Bd7 d5 51.Kf3 d4 52.Kf4 Rg1 53.Bb5 Re1 54.Bc4+ 1-0 (54) Artemiev,V (2708)-Giri,A (2764) chess.com INT 2020]

10.Ba3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Qc2 Nc6 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Re8 15.Kh2 Nb4 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Bb2 Na6 18.Nd5 Nc5 19.Qc2 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Bb5 21.Rfe1 Bxb2 22.Qxb2 a4 23.Nf3 axb3 24.axb3 Ne4 25.e3 Bd7 26.Qc2 c5 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Nd4 Qe7 29.f3 Nc5 30.e4 Reb8 31.f4 Rb4 32.Re3 Rab8 33.e5 d5 34.Rc3 Ne6 35.Nxc6 Bxc6 36.Rxc6 Rxb3 37.Rc8+ Rxc8 38.Qxc8+ Kg7 39.Rxd5 Qb4 40.Qc1 Rb2 41.Rd3 Re2 42.Re3 Nxf4 43.Rxe2 Nxe2 44.Qf1 Nd4 45.Qf6+ Kg8 46.Qd8+ Kg7 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kg7 49.Qf6+ ½-½ (49) So,W (2757)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Bucharest ROU 2024

6...c6 7.e4
[7.h3 Bf5 8.g4 Be6 9.d5 Bd7 10.0-0 Na6 ½-½ (10) Deuer,M (2505)-Korobov,A (2627) Marianske Lazne CZE 2025]
7...Bg4
[7...e5 8.0-0 Bg4
A) 9.dxe5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Be3 Na6 13.a3 Nc7 14.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Ne6 16.Ne2 h5 17.Bg2 Ng4 18.Bc1 a5 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bh3 Nc5 21.Be3 Bf8 22.Kf2 a4 23.Nc3 Nb3 24.Ke2 Bc5 25.f4 Bd4 26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.Bb6 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Nxe4 29.Rd8+ Rxd8 30.Bxd8 Nxc3+ 31.Kd3 Nb1 32.Be7 c5 33.Bd7 Nxa3 34.Bxa4 Na5 35.Bxc5 N3xc4 36.Bd4 Nd6 37.Bc3 Nc6 38.Bb3 Kf8 39.h3 Ke7 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 f6 42.Ke3 g5 43.Bb2 Ne5 44.Ba3 Nxg4+ 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.Kd5 Ne3+ 47.Kc5 g4 48.Kd4 Ndf5+ 49.Ke4 g3 50.Kf3 g2 51.Kf2 Nd4 52.Ba4+ b5 53.Bc5 Nec2 54.Bxc2 Nxc2 55.Kxg2 b4 56.Kf2 b3 0-1 (56) Bok,B (2620)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024;
B) 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 Na6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Be3 Rc8 *(12...Ne8 13.Qd2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Ng5 Nac7 16.Rac1 Qf6 17.f4 Qg6 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.d6 Nxd6 20.Rfd1 Rf6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Qxe5 Re8 24.Qf4 h6 25.Nf3 Bc6 26.Nh4 Qg5 27.Qxg5 hxg5 28.Bxg5 Rfe6 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Bf4 Bxb2 31.Rxc6 Ne4 32.Rxe6 Rxe6 33.Nxf5 Ra6 34.Re1 Nf6 35.Re2 Bc3 36.Kg2 Kh7 37.g4 Nd5 38.Bc1 Rb6 39.Kf3 Rb1 40.Rc2 Rb4 41.Ne3 Rf4+ 42.Kg2 Nxe3+ 43.Bxe3* 1-0 (45) Lazavik,D (2578)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2588) chess.com INT 2024*)* 13.Rc1 Nc5 14.Ne1 a5 15.Nd3 b6 16.a3 a4 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Nxa4 Rb8 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Nc3 Rb7 21.Qd2 Rfb8 22.Kh2 Rb3 23.Rfc1 h5 24.Bf1 Qb6 25.Bc4 Qc7 26.Bxb3 Rxb3 27.f3 h4 28.g4 Nh7 29.Nd1 f5 30.Rc3 Rb8 31.b4 fxe4 32.fxe4 Qd8 33.Rb2 cxb4 34.Rxb4 Ra8 35.Rb7 Bc8 36.Rbc7 Bf6 37.Nf2 Bd7 38.Qb2 Be8 39.Rb7 Bg5 40.Qd2 Qf6 41.Rbc7 Bf4+ 42.Bxf4 exf4 43.Rc8 Rxc8 44.Rxc8 Ng5 45.Qc3 Qe7 46.a4 Nxe4 47.Qe1 Qd7 48.Rxe8+ Qxe8 49.Qxe4 Qf7 50.a5 Qa7 51.Qxg6+ Kh8 52.Qh6+ Kg8 53.Qxf4 Qxa5 54.g5 Qxd5 55.Qxh4 Qe5+ 56.Qg3 Qe2 57.Kg2 d5 58.Qf3 Qe5 59.h4 d4 60.Ng4 Qe1 61.Qd5+ Kg7 62.Qxd4+ Kg6 63.Ne5+ Kf5 64.Qf2+ 1-0 (64) Lazavik,D (2567)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024;
C) 9.Be3 exd4 10.Bxd4 c5 *(10...Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qa5 13.Qe2 Rfe8 14.Qc2 a6 15.a3 Rac8 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Rd2 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Rfd1 Re6 20.f4 Rce8 21.Nxb5 Qb8 22.Bxf6 cxb5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.e5 Nb6 25.Rxd6 Nc4 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.Qc3 Qb6+ 28.Kh2 Qf2 29.Rf1 Qe2 30.Re1 Qf2 31.Rf1 Qe2 32.Re1 Qf2 33.Rf1* ½-½ (33) Bok,B (2593)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024*)* 11.Be3 Nc6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd7 14.Bg2 Nde5 15.Qe2 Nd4 16.Bxd4 cxd4

17.Nd5 d3 18.Qd2 Nxc4 19.Qxd3 Nxb2 20.Qb3 b5 21.Rab1 Nc4 22.Rfd1 Qa5 23.Qxb5 Qxb5 24.Rxb5 Rab8 25.Rdb1 Rxb5 26.Rxb5 Re8 27.Rb7 a5 28.Bf1 Nd2 29.Bb5 Rd8 30.Bd3 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 Bd4 32.h4 Bc5 33.Ke2 Nd4+ 34.Kf1 Nf3 35.Bc2 Kg7 36.a4 Rc8 37.Bd3 Bd4 38.Ke2 Ng1+ 39.Kf1 Nh3 40.f4 Nf2 41.Ke2 Rc1 42.Nc7 Kh6 43.Nb5 Bc5 44.Rxf7 Kh5 45.Rxh7+ Kg4 46.e5 Ra1 47.Bxg6 Ra2+ 48.Ke1 Bb4+ 49.Kf1 Nh1 50.Bh5+ Kh3 51.Bf3 Rf2+ 52.Kg1 Rxf3 53.Rg7 Bc5+ 0-1 (53) Bok,B (2591)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

[7...c5 8.0-0 Bg4 9.d5 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.e5 Nfd7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxe5 14.Bxb7 Nbc6 15.Bf4 Nd4 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Bxa8 Qxa8 18.f4 exf4 19.Rxf4 Rxf4 20.gxf4 Nf3+ 21.Kf2 Bd4+ 22.Kg3 Nh4 23.Qe2 Nf5+ 24.Kh2 Ne3 25.Rg1 e5 26.f5 Nxf5 27.Rf1 e4 28.Qxe4 Qb8+ 29.Rf4 Be5 30.Ne2 Qxb2 31.Kg1 Bxf4 32.Nxf4 Qa1+ 33.Kg2 Qxa2+ 34.Kg1 Qa1+ 35.Kg2 Qb2+ 36.Kf3 Qc3+ 37.Nd3 Qd4 38.Qxd4 cxd4 39.c5 Kf7 40.Ke4 Ke6 41.Nf4+ Kd7 42.Kd5 g5 43.c6+ Kc8 44.Nd3 Kc7 45.Ne5 Ne7+ 46.Kc5 d3 47.Nxd3 Nxc6 48.Nf2 Ne5 49.Ne4 h6 50.Kd5 Nd3 51.Ke6 Nf4+ 52.Kf5 Nxh3 53.Kg6 a5 54.Kxh6 a4 55.Nc3 a3 56.Nb5+ Kc6 57.Nxa3 g4 58.Nc2 g3 59.Ne3 Nf4 60.Kg5 Ne2 61.Kg4 Kc5 62.Kf3 Nd4+ 63.Kxg3 ½-½ (63) Bok,B (2593)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2594) chess.com INT 2024]

[7...Qb6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 *(9.Rb1 Qa6 10.Qd3 d5 11.Ne5 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bf5 13.Bf4 Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Rbd1 Qxa2 16.b3 Qa5 17.h3 Rad8 18.Qe3 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 e6 20.h4 a6 21.Bf3 h5 22.Rfe1 Rfe8 23.Bg5 Bf6 24.Bh6 Nf8 25.d5 cxd5 26.cxd5 Qc3 27.Rd3 Qb4 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qe4 Qxe4 30.Rxe4 e5 31.d6 Re6 32.Rb4 b5 33.d7 Be7 34.Re4 f5 35.Re2 e4 36.Rd1 Kf7 37.Bg2 Rd6 38.Red2 Ke6 39.Rxd6+ Bxd6 40.Ra1 Rxd7 41.Rxa6 Rc7 42.Bf1 Rc1 43.Kg2 Ke5 44.Ra2 b4 45.Bc4 Bc5 46.Bf7 Kf6 47.Be8 Bd4 48.Rd2 Bc5 49.Bb5 Rc3 50.Ba4 Rd3 51.Rxd3 exd3 52.Bb5 d2 53.Be2 Ke5 54.f3 Kd4 55.g4 Kc3 56.gxh5 gxh5 57.Bd1 Be7 58.f4 Kb2 59.Kg3 Kc1 60.Bxh5 d1Q 61.Bxd1 Kxd1 62.h5 Bf6 63.h6 Kc2 64.Kf3 Kxb3 65.Ke3 Kc3 0-1 (65) Oparin,G (2683)-Sanal,V (2574) chess.com INT 2022)* 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nfd7 11.d5 Qb4 12.Be2 Nc5 13.Qc2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa4 15.Qb1 Nbd7 16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.h4 Ne5 18.Be3 b6 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Qb3 Qa5 21.f4 Nd7 22.dxc6 Nf6 23.Bf3 Rab8 24.Qc2 Qc7 25.g4 Rf8 26.Qh2 e5 27.g5 Ne8 28.h5 Qxc6 29.fxe5 dxe5 30.Qxe5 Qd6 31.Qxd6 Nxd6 32.e5 Nxc4 33.e6 fxe6 34.Bg4 Rb6 35.Rae1 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Kf7 37.Kf2 gxh5 38.Bxh5+ Kg7 39.Re4 Na5 40.Rf4 Rb7 41.Ra4 Nc6 42.Bf3 Rf7 43.Kg3 Ne5 44.Be4 h6 45.gxh6+ Kxh6 46.Ra6 Re7 47.Bf5 Kg5 48.Rxe6 Rxe6 49.Bxe6 Kf6 50.Bg8 Kf5 51.Bh7+ Kg5 52.Be4 a5 53.Bc2 Nc4 54.Kf3 Nd6 55.Bd3 Kf6 56.Ke3 Ke5 57.Bf1 Ne4 58.Kd3 Nd6 59.Bg2 Kf4 60.Bc6 Ke5 61.Bg2 c4+ 62.Ke3 a4 63.Bf3 a3

64.Be2 Kd5 65.Bf3+ Kc5 66.Be2 Nc8 67.Bh5 Nb6 68.Be8 Nd5+ 69.Kd2 Nf6 70.Bf7 Ne4+ 71.Kc2 Nf2 72.Be6 Nd3 73.Bf7 Ne5 74.Bg8 ½-½ (74) Donchenko,A (2636)-Rapport,R (2740) Almaty KAZ 2022]
[7...Be6 8.Qe2 c5 *(8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nfd7 11.Be3 c5 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bg2 Qb6 14.Rd1 Qb4 15.Bf1 b5 16.cxb5 c4 17.Qc2 Nf3+ 18.Ke2 Ne5 19.a3 Qa5 20.f4 Nd3 21.Kf3 Nxb2 22.Qxb2 Bxc3 23.Qa2 Nd7 24.Bxc4 Rfc8 25.Rc1 Rc7 26.Be2 Qa4 27.Rb1 Nc5 28.Bc4 Rac8 29.Rhc1 f5 30.exf5 gxf5 31.Bxc5 Rxc5 32.Bd3 Qd4 33.Bxf5 Bd2 34.Rd1 Rc3+ 35.Kg2 Rxg3+ 36.Kh1 Qxf4 37.Be6+ Kh8 38.Qxd2 Qe4+ 39.Kh2 Rc2 40.Qxc2 Qxc2+ 41.Kxg3 Qc3+ 42.Kg2 Qc2+ 43.Kf3 Qc3+ 44.Kf2 Qc5+ 45.Ke2 Qc2+ 46.Kf1 Qc3 47.Ke2 Qc2+ 48.Ke3 Qc5+ 49.Kd2 Qxa3 50.Rg1 Qa2+ 51.Ke3 Qa3+ 52.Kf4 Qa4+ 53.Kf3 Qa3+ 54.Kg2 Kg7 55.Rbf1 Qe3 56.Kh2+ Kh6 57.Rf5 Qd3 58.Rg2 Qb1 59.Bd7 Qe4 60.Rgf2 Qe3 61.Be8 Qe4 62.Rh5+ Kg7 63.Rf7+ Kh8 64.Rfxh7+* 1-0 (64) Keymer,V (2630)-Xiong,J (2700) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 9.d5 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nfd7 12.Bg2 Na6 13.0-0 Nc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.f4 b5 16.Rac1 bxc4 17.Qxc4 Rb8 18.b3 Nb5 19.Ne2 Qb6 20.Kh1 Nd4 21.Nc3 Rfc8 22.Qd3 Qb7 23.Na4 Nb6 24.Nxb6 Qxb6 25.Rc4 Qb5 26.h4 h5 27.Bh3 Re8 28.g4 hxg4 29.Bxg4 Kh7 30.h5 Rh8 31.hxg6+ fxg6 32.Kg2 Qb7 33.Rxd4 Bxd4 34.Be6 Kg7 35.e5 Rh4 36.f5 Rbh8 37.Qg3 Rh2+ 38.Qxh2 Rxh2+ 39.Kxh2 Bxe5+ 40.Kg2 Qb5 41.fxg6 Qe2+ 42.Rf2 Qe4+ 43.Kf1 Qd3+ 44.Kg2 Qg3+ 45.Kf1 Qd3+ 46.Kg2 Qe4+ 47.Kf1 Bd4 48.Rg2 Qf3+ 49.Ke1 Qxg2 50.Kd1 Qf2 51.Kc2 Be3 52.Kd3 Qxd2+ 53.Kc4 Qd4# 0-1 (53) Lazavik,D (2553)-Caruana,F (2782) chess.com INT 2023]
[7...a5 8.0-0 Na6 9.h3 Be6 10.b3 Rb8 11.Be3 b5 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Qd3 Nb4 14.Qb1 Bd7 15.a3 Nc6 16.d5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Rc1 Ne8 19.b4 Nd6 20.bxa5 Qxa5 21.Qb4 Qa6 22.Bc5 Rfc8 23.Bf1 Bf8 24.a4 Qb7 25.Bxd6 exd6 26.Nxb5 Rc5 27.Rxc5 dxc5 28.Qc3 Qb6 29.Rc1 Ra8 30.Qc4 h5 31.h4 Qf6 32.Ra1 g5 33.hxg5 Qxg5 34.Qc3 h4 35.Qf3 Ra6 36.Qe3 Qxe3 37.fxe3 hxg3 38.a5 Bh6 39.Ra3 Kg7 40.Nc7 Ra7 41.d6 Bg5 42.a6 Bd8 43.Bb5 Bh3 44.Bc6 c4 45.Nb5 Rxa6 46.Rxa6 Bg5 47.Ra3 Bh4 48.d7 Be7 49.Rc3 Be6 50.Nc7 Bg4 51.Rxc4 Bd8 52.Nd5 1-0 (52) Lazavik,D (2553)-Caruana,F (2782) chess.com INT 2023]
[7...a6 8.0-0 b5 9.e5 Ne8 10.c5 Bg4 11.cxd6 exd6 12.Bf4 dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.h3 Bh5 16.Qe1 Bxf3 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Bxf3 g5 19.Rad1 gxf4 20.Rxd7 Qf6 21.Qxc6 Qxc6 22.Bxc6 Rc8 23.Bb7 Rc7 24.Rfd1 fxg3 25.fxg3 b4 26.Na4 a5 27.Kg2 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 Nf6 29.Rd2 h5 30.Nc5 Re8 31.Bf3 h4 32.g4 Re5 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Nd3 Re7 35.Rd6 Rd7 36.Be4+ Kh6 37.Ra6 Rd4 38.Bf5 Rd5 39.Kf3 Kg5 40.Be4 Rb5 41.Bc6 Rb8 42.Rxa5+ Kg6 43.Be4+ Nxe4 44.Kxe4 Re8+ 45.Kf3 Bd4 46.Nf4+ Kg7 47.g5 Re1 48.Kg4 Bxb2 49.Kf5 Rf1 50.Rb5 Bc3 51.Rd5 Rf2 52.Kg4 Rxa2

53.Rd7+ Kg8 54.Rb7 Ra4 55.Kf5 Ra5+ 56.Kg6 Ra6+ 57.Kh5 Bd2 58.Nd5 Ra5 59.Kg6 Ra6+ 60.Nf6+ 1-0 (60) Keymer,V (2686)-Naiditsch,A (2664) Biel SUI 2022]

[7...Qa5 8.0-0 Qh5 9.Qd2 Bh3 10.Qg5 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Qxg5 12.Bxg5 Nbd7 13.h3 h6 14.Be3 Rfe8 15.Rfd1 e5 16.d5 cxd5 17.cxd5 a6 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.a4 Nc5 20.a5 Nd3 21.Rdb1 Re7 22.Ra3 Nb4 23.Ra4 Nc2 24.Bb6 Nd7 25.Nc4 Nxb6 26.Nxb6 Rcc7 27.Rc4 Bf8 28.Rc1 Nd4 29.Nca4 Nb5 30.Nc8 Red7 31.Nab6 Rxc4 32.Rxc4 Rc7 33.Rxc7 Nxc7 34.f4 exf4 35.gxf4 f5 36.e5 Nb5 37.e6 Bg7 38.Nc4 Kf8 39.N8xd6 Ke7 40.Nxb7 Bd4 41.b4 Nc7 42.d6+ Kxe6 43.dxc7 Kd7 44.Nc5+ Bxc5 45.bxc5 Kxc7 46.Ne5 g5 47.Kg3 Kb7 48.fxg5 hxg5 49.h4 f4+ 50.Kg4 gxh4 51.Kxh4 Kc7 52.Kg4 Kd8 53.Kf3 Ke7 54.Kxf4 Ke6 55.Ke4 Ke7 56.Kd5 Kd8 57.Kc6 Kc8 58.Kb6 Kb8 59.Kxa6 Ka8 60.Kb6 Kb8 61.a6 Ka8 62.c6 Kb8 63.Nd3 Kc8 64.a7 1-0 (64) Grischuk,A (2732)-Troff,K (2487) chess.com INT 2024]

8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3

[9.Qxf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 a6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.Qe2 h5 16.Rc2 h4 17.g4 Kh7 18.Qd2 Ng8 19.Rac1 Bh6 20.g5 Bg7 21.f3 f6 22.gxf6 Ngxf6 23.Bg5 Qf7 24.Bxh4 Nh5 25.Bg5 Nf4 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Ne2 Rxc2 28.Rxc2 Ne5 29.Qxf4 Qe7 30.Qg3 g5 31.Nd4 Ng6 32.Nf5 Qe5 33.Qxg5 1-0 (33) Lazavik,D (2553)-Caruana,F (2782) chess.com INT 2023]

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[9...e5 10.d5 Na6 11.Be3 Nc5 12.0-0 a5 13.b3 Qe7 14.Kg2 Nfd7 15.a3 f5 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Nb3 19.Qd1 Nd4 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Bxc6 f4 23.Nd5 Qd8 24.Bxd4 f3+ 25.Kh2 exd4 26.Nf4 Ne5 27.Bd5+ Kh8 28.Ne6 Qf6 29.Nxf8 Bxf8 30.Qxd4 1-0 (30) Bok,B (2593)-Ivic,V (2620) chess.com INT 2024]

10.0-0 a6

[10...e5 11.d5 c5 12.Be3 Ne8 13.Qc2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bg2 Qf6 16.f4 Qg6 17.Kh2 Kh8 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Rae1 a6 20.Re2 Nd6 21.b3 Rg8 22.g4 f4 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.Bc1 Nf6 25.Ne4 Nfxe4 26.Bxe4 g5 27.Bb2 b5 28.Bd3 bxc4 29.bxc4 Rge8 30.Rfe1 f3 31.Rxe5 Bxe5+ 32.Rxe5 Kg8 33.Rxg5+ Kf8 34.Bg7+ Ke7 35.Kg3 Rg8 36.Kxf3 Nf7 37.Rg6 Rxg7 38.Rxg7 Kf8 39.Rh7 Ng5+ 40.Kf4 Nxh7 41.Bxh7 Kg7 42.Bf5 Rh8 43.g5 Rb8 44.d6 Rb4 45.Be6 Rb2 46.d7 Rd2 47.Bd5 1-0 (47) Bok,B (2618)-Donchenko,A (2639) chess.com INT 2022]

[10...a5 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 cxd5 13.cxd5 Nc5 14.Bg2 *(14.a3 Nfd7 15.Rb1 a4 16.Be2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bb5 e4 19.Nxa4 Nxa4 20.Bxa4 Ne5 21.Bb5 f4 22.gxf4 Nf3+ 23.Kg2 Rf6 24.Rh1 Rg6+ 25.Kf1 Qh4 26.Bd7 Rf8 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Ke2 Rxf4 29.Bxf4 Qxf4 30.Qc1 Nd4+ 31.Ke1 Qf3 32.Qc8+ Bf8 33.Kd2 Qd3+* 0-1 (33) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023*)* 14...a4 15.Qe2 Nfd7 16.Rfc1 f5 17.Nb5 Ra6 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Rab1 f4 20.Bd2 fxg3 21.fxg3 e4 22.Bf4 Nd3 23.Bxd6 Rxd6 24.Nxd6 Nxc1 25.Qb5 Ne2+ 26.Qxe2 Qb6+

27.Kh2 Qxd6 28.Qxe4 Be5 29.Qg4+ Kh8 30.Kh1 Nf6 31.Qe6 Nh5 32.Qxd6 Nxg3+ 33.Kg1 Bxd6 34.Re1 Bc5+ 35.Kh2 Bd6 36.Kg1 Nf5 37.Re6 Bc5+ 38.Kh2 b6 39.Be4 Nd6 40.Bd3 Rf3 41.Be2 Re3 42.Rxe3 Bxe3 43.Kg3 Bd4 44.b3 a3 45.Kf3 Kg7 46.Kf4 Kf6 47.Bd3 h6 48.h4 Be5+ 49.Kg4 Bd4 50.h5 Ke5 0-1 (50) Lazavik,D (2553)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023]

11.Be3 Rb8 12.a4 a5 13.Bg2 Nb6 14.b3 Nfd7 15.Rc1 e5 16.d5 Qc7 17.h4 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bh3 e4 20.Ne2 c5 21.Nf4 Ne5 22.Qh5 Qf7 23.Qxf7+ Rxf7 24.Ne6 Nf3+ 25.Kh1 Nd7 26.Bf4 Nde5 27.Rcd1 Ra8 28.Bg2 Ra6 29.Nc7 Rxc7 0-1 (29) Keymer,V (2730)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

6...Bf5 7.0-0

[7.Qb3 Qc8 8.Nh4 Nc6 9.Nxf5 Qxf5 10.Qxb7 *(10.e3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.exd4 exd4 13.Nd1 Rae8+ 14.Kf1 Nd7 15.g4 Qxg4 16.Qf3 Qxf3 17.Bxf3 Ne5 18.Kg2 Nxc4 19.Bg5 h6 20.Rc1 Ne5 21.Bd2 Re7 22.b3 g5 23.Nb2 g4 24.Be2 f5 25.Rhe1 Rfe8 26.Kf1 Kh7 27.Bb5 Rf8 28.Nd3 a6 29.Nxe5 Bxe5 30.Bd3 Kg7 31.Kg2 h5 32.f4 gxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Kh7 34.Bg5 Rg7 35.h4 Rff7 36.Rc2 Kg6 37.Rce2 Kh7 38.Rxe5 dxe5 39.Rxe5 Kg8 40.Bxf5 Rg6 41.Ke4 Rb6 42.Be6 Kg7 43.Bxf7* 1-0 (43) Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Adhiban,B (2660) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 10...Nxd4 11.0-0 Qc5 12.Qa6 Rab8 13.b3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Nxe2+ 15.Nxe2 Bxa1 16.h3 Qe5 17.Re1 Nf6 18.Qxa7 c5 19.f4 Qf5 20.Qa5 Bb2 21.Bc3 Qc2 22.Bxb2 Qxb2 23.Nc3 Nh5 24.Re3 Qd2 25.Rf3 e5 26.fxe5 dxe5 27.Qxc5 e4 28.Qe3 Qxe3+ 29.Rxe3 f5 30.Nd5 Kf7 31.Bf1 Rfd8 32.Rc3 Rbc8 33.Ne3 Nxg3 34.c5 Nxf1 35.Kxf1 Ke6 36.b4 Rd2 37.a4 Ra2 38.a5 Rb2 39.Rc4 Ke5 40.a6 f4 0-1 (40) Jumabayev,R (2551)-Bortnyk,O (2601) chess.com INT 2025]

[7.Nh4 Bc8 8.0-0 c5 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Be3 Na6 12.Rfd1 Rd7 13.Nb5 Kf8 14.Bf4 Ke8 15.Be5 Bf8 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Rxd7 Kxd7 18.Rd1+ Ke8 19.Bf3 Rb8 20.Ng2 Be6 21.b3 Nb4 22.Nf4 Nxa2 23.Nc7+ Ke7 24.Ncd5+ Bxd5 25.Nxd5+ Ke6 26.Ra1 Nb4 27.Rxa7 Bd6 28.Nxb4 cxb4 29.Bxb7 Bc5 30.Bd5+ Ke5 31.Rxf7 Kd4 32.Rxf6 Kc3 33.Rf3+ Kb2 34.e4 Bd4 35.Rd3 Bc5 36.Kg2 Rf8 37.f4 h6 38.e5 g5 39.Kf3 gxf4 40.gxf4 Re8 41.e6 Re7 42.f5 Rg7 43.f6 Rg5 44.Be4 Re5 45.Rd5 Rxe6 46.Rxc5 Rxf6+ 47.Rf5 Rd6 48.c5 Rd1 49.c6 Kxb3 50.Rc5 Rd8 51.c7 Rf8+ 52.Bf5 Ka2 53.c8Q Rxc8 54.Rxc8 b3 55.Rb8 Kb2 56.Ke2 Kc3 57.Rc8+ Kd4 58.Rb8 Ke5 59.Be6 Kf4 60.Rxb3 h5 61.Rb4+ Kg5 62.Kf3 Kf6 63.Rb5 h4 64.Rh5 h3 65.Rh4 Kg6 66.Rxh3 Kg5 67.Rg3+ Kf6 68.Kf4 Ke7 69.h4 Kf8 70.h5 Ke7 71.Ke5 Kd8 72.Kd6 1-0 (72) Artemiev,V (2716)-Piorun,K (2615) chess.com INT 2020]

7...Ne4 8.Nh4

[8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Be3 c5 10.dxc5 Bxb2 11.Rb1 Bxb1 12.Qxb1 Bf6 13.Qxb7 Nd7 14.cxd6 exd6 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.Nc6 Qc7 17.Rb1 a5 18.Qxc7 Rxc7 19.Nxa5 Rfc8 20.Rd1 Be7 21.Bd5 Nc5 22.Bd4 Kf8 23.Rb1 Ra7 24.Rb5 Bd8 25.Nc6

Rxa2 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Rb7 Rxc6 28.Bxc6 Rxe2 29.Rb8 Ke7 30.Bd5 Ke8 31.h4 f5 32.Kf1 Rd2 33.Kg2 Kd7 34.Bg8 h6 35.Bh7 Rd6 36.h5 gxh5 37.Bxf5+ Ke7 38.Be4 h4 39.gxh4 Rd4 40.Bd5 Rxh4 41.Rb7+ Kd6 42.Kg3 Bg5 43.Rf7 Ke5 44.f4+ Rxf4 45.Rxf4 Bxf4+ 46.Kg4 Bg5 47.Kh5 Bf4 48.Kg4 Bg5 49.Kh5 Bf4 50.Kg4 ½-½ (50) Aronian,L (2782)-Carlsen,M (2855) chess24.com INT 2021]

[8.Nb1 Nf6 9.Qb3 Nc6 10.Nc3 a5 11.d5 Nb4 12.Ne1 c6 13.e4 Bd7 14.a3 Na6 15.Nd3 cxd5 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Na4 Nd7 18.Be3 b6 19.Qd1 Nac5 20.Ndxc5 Nxc5 21.g4 Bxg4 22.Qxg4 Nxa4 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Qc8 25.Qh4 Bf6 26.Qf4 Bxa1 27.Rxa1 Nc3 28.Rxa8 Qxa8 29.Bf1 Qa1 30.Qh4 Qd1 31.Bxb6 Ra8 32.Ba5 g5 33.Qh6 Ne2+ 34.Kg2 Nf4+ 35.Kg1 f6 36.h4 Qg4+ 37.Kh2 Qf3 38.Kg1 g4 39.c5 Nh3+ 0-1 (41) Le,T (2559)-Yakubboev,N (2617) Hangzhou CHN 2023]

8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bc8 10.f4 c5

[10...Nc6 11.f5 e5 12.fxg6 fxg6 13.Rxf8+ Qxf8 14.e3 Qe7 15.Rb1 e4 16.Qf1 Bd7 17.Bh1 Rf8 18.Qe2 g5 19.Ng2 Qf7 20.Ba3 Bg4 21.Qc2 Na5 22.Re1 Nxc4 23.Bc1 Bh3 24.g4 d5 25.Qe2 Bxg4 0-1 (25) Le,T (2564)-Bortnyk,O (2608) chess.com INT 2024]

11.f5 Nc6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Na5 14.Qd3 cxd4 15.cxd4 e6 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Rxb7 Bc6 19.Rbxf7 Rxf7 20.Rxf7 Kxf7 21.Qxg6+ Kg8 22.Qxe6+ Kh7 23.Qf5+ Kg8 24.Qe6+ Kh7 25.Qf5+ Kg8 26.Qe6+ Kh7 27.Qf5+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Qf5+ Kg8 30.Qe6+ ½-½ (30) Ragger,M (2601)-Shevchenko,K (2673) Budapest HUN 2024

6...a6 7.0-0 Re8 8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rfd1 Bf5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nb4 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.f4 f6 17.e4 fxe5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.a3 1-0 (20) Samunenkov,I (2543)-Sjugirov,S (2646) chess.com INT 2024

92 **7.d5** Na5

[7...Nb8 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Nd4 Bc8 11.b3 *(11.Re1 c6 12.h3 Qb6 13.e4 Ne8 14.Nb3 Be6 15.c5 Qb4 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.cxd6 Qxd6 18.f4 Bxb3 19.axb3 Bd4+ 20.Kh2 Rd8 21.e5 Qe7 22.b4 Nb6 23.Qb3 Bxc3 24.Bxc3 Nc7 25.Rxa7 Nb5 26.Raa1 Nd5 27.Rad1 h5 28.Bd2 Qe6 29.Qc4 Nbc7 30.Bc1 Rfe8 31.Bf3 Nb6 32.Qf1 Rxd1 33.Bxd1 Nbd5 34.Bb3 Ra8 35.Bd2 Rd8 36.Qf2 Qf5 37.Rc1 Nb5 38.Bc2 Qe6 39.Rg1 Ne7 40.Be3 Nd5 41.Bb3 Qf5 42.Bc2 Qe6 43.Rd1 Qe8 44.Qd2 Rd7 45.Bc5 Nf6 46.Qe1 Rxd1 47.Qxd1 Nd5 48.Qe1 Qe6 49.Qe4 b6 50.Bf2 Kf8 51.Bd3 Nbc7 52.h4 Ke8 53.Qd4 Kf8 54.Bf1 Kg8 55.Bg2 Qe7 56.Qc4 Qe6 57.Bh3 Qe8 58.Qd4 Qe7 59.Qe4 Nb5 60.Qe1 Qxb4 61.Qxb4 Nxb4 62.Bxb6 Nd3 63.e6 fxe6 64.Bxe6+ Kf8 65.b3 Nd6 66.Bd7 c5 67.Bh3 Kf7 68.Bf1 c4 69.Kh3 Nb2 70.Bd4 c3 71.Bxc3 Nd1 72.Bd4 Nf5 73.Be2 Nxd4 74.Bxd1 Nc6 75.Bf3 Nb4 76.Be4 Na2 77.Kg2 Kg7 78.Kf2 Nb4 79.Ke3 Na6 80.Kd4 Kf7 81.Kc4 Ke7 82.Bxg6 Kd6 83.b4 Nb8 84.b5 Nd7 85.Kd4 Nc5 86.f5 Nb3+ 87.Kc4 Na5+ 88.Kb4 Nb7*

89.f6 Nc5 90.Bf5 Nb7 91.f7 Ke7 92.Be4 Nd6 93.Bd5 Nxf7 94.Bxf7 Kxf7 1-0 (94) Stockfish2021061923 (3632)-Komododragon2747 (3582) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 11...Re8 12.Re1 a5 13.e4 Nc6 14.Ndb5 a4 15.Rb1 axb3 16.axb3 Bd7 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5 Rc8 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Qd2 g5 22.f4 Be6 23.Kh1 Kh8 24.Rg1 Rg8 25.Rbf1 gxf4 26.gxf4 Rg4 27.Rf2 Rg7 28.Rf3 h5 29.Rgf1 Qh6 30.Qe1 Rcg8 31.Bh3 Bxh3 32.Rxh3 Qg6 33.Rg3 Qf6 34.Rxg7 Qxg7 35.Qf2 Qg6 36.Nxc7 Qxe4+ 37.Qf3 Qg6 38.Nb5 Ne7 39.Nc3 Nf5 40.Nd5 Nd4 41.Ne7 Nxf3 42.Nxg6+ fxg6 43.Rxf3 b5 44.Rd3 bxc4 45.bxc4 Rc8 46.Rxd6 Rxc4 47.Rd8+ Kg7 48.f5 gxf5 49.Kg2 f4 50.Rd2 f3+ 51.Kxf3 ½-½ (51) Komododragon2747 (3582)-Stockfish2021061923 (3632) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

8.b3

[8.Nd2 c6 9.0-0 cxd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 11.Rb1 Rc8 12.Nde4 Ng4 13.b4 Nc4 14.Qb3 b5 15.h3 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ exf6 17.e3 f5 18.Ne2 Re8 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.exd4 Qf6 21.Qd3 f4 22.Rb3 Bf5 23.Qd1 Nb6 24.Rf3 Nxd5 25.Rxf4 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Be4 27.d5 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Rc4 29.Qd2 Ree4 30.a3 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Rxf4 32.Re1 Kg7 33.Re3 Rf5 34.Rd3 h5 35.Qe3 a6 36.Qd2 Kh7 37.Kf1 Rg5 38.Qe2 Qf4 39.Qe7 Qc1+ 40.Ke2 Re5+ 0-1 (40) Arabidze,M (2447)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025]

8...c5 9.Bb2

[9.dxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 c5 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Rc1 Nc6 13.Qd2 a5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rc4 Rb4 18.Rfc1 Ba6 19.Rxb4 axb4 20.h4 h5 21.Bf3 Bc8 22.Bh6 Bg7 23.Bxh5 Bxh6 24.Qxh6 gxh5 25.Qg5+ Kh7 26.Qxh5+ Kg7 27.Qg5+ Kh7 28.Qh5+ Kg7 29.Qg5+ Kh7 30.Qh5+ ½-½ (30) Bok,B (2619)-Yakubboev,N (2621) chess.com INT 2021]

9...a6 10.0-0

[10.a4 Re8 11.0-0 e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Ra2 Qb6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Re7 17.e4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rd2 Rd8 21.e5 d5 22.cxd5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Rde8 24.e6 Nxb3 25.Qe2 h6 26.Qe5+ Kg8 27.Nf7 Kh7 28.Qf4 Qxe6 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Rd6 Rxf7 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Rb1 c4 33.Rd1 Rfe7 34.Rd8+ Re8 35.Rd7 R8e7 36.Rd8+ Re8 37.Rd7 R8e7 38.Rxe7 Rxe7 39.Qxg6+ Kf8 40.Qf5+ Rf7 41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Qxc4 1-0 (42) Jumabayev,R (2609)-Amin,B (2682) Almaty KAZ 2022]

10...Rb8 11.a4

[11.Nd2 b5

A) 12.Qc2 Re8 *(12...e5 13.e4 h5 14.Nd1 h4 15.Ne3 Bh6 16.Rae1 Ng4 17.Nxg4 Bxg4 18.Bc3 hxg3 19.hxg3 b4 20.Bb2 Nb7 21.f3 Bd7 22.f4 f6 23.Nf3 Qe7 24.Nh4 Qg7 25.Qf2 g5 26.fxg5 Bxg5 27.Nf5 Qh7 28.Qe2 Kf7 29.Qg4 Rg8 30.Nxd6+ Kf8 31.Qf3 Bg4 32.Qxg4 Be3+ 33.Rxe3 Rxg4 34.Bxe5 Kg8 35.Rxf6 Nxd6 36.Bxd6 Re8 37.Bxc5 Qg7 38.Bd4 Rxg3 39.Rf8+ Qxf8 40.Rxg3+ Kh7 41.Rg7+ Kh6 42.Rg4 Kh5 43.Rg3 Qf4 44.Bf3+ Kh6 45.Rh3+ Kg5 46.Bf2 Rxe4 47.Bxe4 Qxe4 48.Re3 Qc2 49.Kg2 Kf4 50.Re6 Qd3 51.Rf6+ Kg4 52.Re6 Kf4 53.Be3+ Kg4*

54.Kf2 Qc2+ 55.Ke1 Kf3 56.Bh6 Qb1+ 57.Kd2 Qb2+ 58.Kd1 Qb1+ 59.Bc1 Qd3+ 60.Ke1 Qc3+ 61.Kd1 Qd3+ 62.Bd2 Qb1+ 63.Bc1 Qd3+ ½-½ (63) Tabatabaei,M (2677)-Theodorou,N (2584) chess.com INT 2023*)* 13.e4 e6 14.Nd1 bxc4 15.bxc4 exd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.Nc3 Ng4 18.Rab1 Ne5 19.Ba1 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 Nac4 21.Nxc4 Nxc4 22.Qe2 Na3 23.Rb7 Bd4 24.Bb2 Nb5 25.Nxb5 Bxb5 26.Qf3 f5 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Bf1 Qc8 29.Bxb5 axb5 30.Ra7 Qc3 31.Qf4 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Qxe4+ 33.Qxe4 Rxe4 34.Ra3 Re5 35.Kf1 g5 36.Ra5 Rxd5 37.a4 Kf7 38.axb5 Ke6 39.Ke2 Ke5 40.f3 h5 41.Kd3 Rc5 42.f4+ gxf4 43.gxf4+ Kd5 44.h4 Rc3+ 45.Kd2 Ke4 46.Ra8 Rb3 47.Rb8 d3 48.b6 Kd4 49.b7 Rb1 50.Rd8 Rb2+ 51.Kd1 Rxb7 52.Rxd6+ Ke3 53.Re6+ Kxf4 54.Kd2 Rb3 55.Rh6 Kg4 56.Rg6+ Kf3 57.Rh6 Kg4 58.Rg6+ Kxh4 59.Ke3 Rb1 60.Kxd3 Re1 61.Kd2 Re5 62.Rg8 f4 63.Rf8 Kg3 64.Rg8+ Kf2 0-1 (64) Tabatabaei,M (2645)-Salem,A (2690) Sharjah UAE 2022;

B) 12.Qc1 Bg4 *(12...e5 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nce4 Bf5 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Re8 19.Bf3 Rb6 20.Rd1 Nc6 21.e3 b4 22.Qd2 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Ne5 24.Bd5 Qf6 25.Qe2 h5 26.h3 Nd7 27.Rac1 Qf5 28.Bg2 Nf6 29.Rc4 Qe5 30.Rd3 Re7 31.Kh2 Ra7 32.Rd2 Rba6 33.Bf3 Ra5 34.Kg2 Kg7* ½-½ (34) Van Wely,L (2629)-Amin,B (2667) Remagen GER 2023*;* *12...bxc4 13.bxc4 e6 14.Rb1 Re8 15.Ba1 Rxb1 16.Qxb1 exd5 17.cxd5 Bf5 18.e4 Bd7 19.h3 Qc7 20.f4 Nh5 21.Kh2 f5 22.Re1 Qd8 23.Nd1 Bxa1 24.Qxa1 g5 25.Bf3 g4 26.Bg2 gxh3 27.Bf3 Qf6 28.e5 Qg6 29.Bxh5 Qxh5 30.e6 Ba4 31.Ne3 Rb8 32.g4* 1-0 (32) Indjic,A (2621)-Yuffa,D (2597) Sharjah UAE 2022*)* 13.h3 Bd7 14.e4 Qc8 15.Kh2 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb4 17.Nd1 Qc7 18.Bc3 Rfb8 19.Bxb4 cxb4 20.Rb1 Ba4 21.Nb2 Be8 22.Nd3 Nd7 23.Rxb4 Rxb4 24.Nxb4 Nc5 25.Qa3 Nab7 26.Nxa6 Nxa6 27.Qxa6 Nc5 28.Qa8 Kf8 29.Rb1 1-0 (29) Alonso Rosell,A (2550)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024]

11...e5

[11...e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Ra2 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Nd5 bxc4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Rxa5 cxb3 19.Nd2 Qc3 20.Ra4 c4 21.Ne4 Qe5 22.f4 Qg7 23.Ng5 c3 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Qxd6 c2 26.Be4 Rbc8 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Rc4 Rce8 29.Qc6 Qa7+ 30.Kg2 Rc8 31.Qd5 Qg7 32.Qe6 Rce8 33.Qc6 Qb2 34.Bd3 Rc8 35.Qxc8 Rxc8 36.Rxc8+ Kg7 37.Rc7+ Kf6 38.Bc4 g5 39.fxg5+ Ke5 40.Bd3 Kd6 41.Rc4 Qe5 42.Rf6+ Ke7 43.Rfc6 Kd7 44.R6c5 Qe3 45.Rc3 Qd2 46.Kf3 Qe1 47.Bxc2 Qf1+ 48.Ke3 Qg1+ 49.Kd2 bxc2 50.Kxc2 Qxh2 51.Re5 Qh1 52.Rd3+ Kc6 53.Kd2 Qa1 54.Re6+ Kc5 55.Ke3 Qc1+ 56.Ke4 Qf1 57.Re5+ Kc6 58.Ke3 Kb6 59.Rd6+ Kc7 60.Rf6 Qg1+ 61.Kf3 Kd7 62.Rh6 Qb1 63.Kg4 Qb4+ 64.e4 Qe1 65.Rxh7+ Kd6 66.Rd5+ Ke6 67.Rh6+ Ke7 68.Re5+ Kd7 69.Kf5

Qxg3 70.Rhe6 Qh4 71.Kg6 Qh8 72.Re8 Qh2 73.Kg7 Qb2 74.g6 Qh2 75.Kg8 Qa2+ 76.R8e6 1-0 (76) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Mamedov,R (2646) Baku AZE 2022]

12.e4 Ne8 13.Ne1 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Qc2 Nf6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.Rfe1 Qb6 18.Ra3 Rbe8 19.Bc1 Kh8 20.f3 Qd8 21.Nf2 Ng8 22.Bd2 b6 23.Ne2 Qf6 24.Raa1 Bh6 25.Bc3 Be3 26.Rad1 Qh6 27.Nc1 f4 28.g4 Nf6 29.Kh1 Qh4 30.Ncd3 h5 31.g5 Nh7 32.Ne4 Nxg5 33.Nxd6 Bh3 34.Nxe8 Bxg2+ 35.Qxg2 1-0 (35) Le,Q (2728)-Amin,B (2694) Biel SUI 2023

7.h4 Bg4 8.Be3 Re8 9.d5 Bxf3 10.exf3 Ne5 11.b3 e6 12.dxe6 Rxe6 13.0-0 c6 14.Qd2 h5 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Rfe1 Nh7 18.Be3 Nf6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Nd4 R6e7 21.c5 b6 22.Rc1 b5 23.Bg5 Ned7 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Bf4 Qc8 26.Bh3 Re8 27.Qa5 Qb7 28.Qc7 Qxc7 29.Bxc7 Rc8 30.Bf4 a5 31.Re1 Bf8 32.Bg5 Ra8 33.Nxc6 Bxc5 34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Bxd7 Nxd7 36.Nxd5 Rc8 37.Rc1 Re8 38.Nf6 Bxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Nxf6 40.Rc5 Rb8 41.Bf4 Rb7 42.Be5 Rb6 43.Rc8 Kh7 44.Kf1 Re6 45.Bb2 a4 46.g4 hxg4 47.fxg4 g5 48.h5 axb3 49.axb3 Kg7 50.Rc5 Kh6 51.Bxf6 Rxf6+ 52.Kg2 Rf4 53.Kg3 Rb4 54.Rc3 Kg7 55.Rf3 f6 56.Rd3 Kh6 57.Rf3 ½-½ (57) Vrolijk,L (2566)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2607) Samarkand UZB 2023

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[8.h3

A) 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 *(9...Bd7 10.Nc2 Re8 11.b3 Qc8 12.Kh2 Ng4+ 13.hxg4 Bxc3 14.f3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxa1 16.Bh6 Bc3 17.Qd3 Ba5 18.e4 Qd8 19.g5 Qe7 20.Nc2 f6 21.Ne3 c6 22.Rd1 fxg5 23.Qxd6 Qxd6 24.Rxd6 Be6 25.Bxg5 Bd8 26.Bxd8 Raxd8 27.c5 Bf7 28.f4 b6 29.b4 bxc5 30.bxc5 Rb8 31.e5 Rb2 32.Kh3 Be6+ 33.Kh4 h6 34.g4 Bf7 35.Bxc6 g5+ 36.Kg3 gxf4+ 37.Kxf4 Rb4+ 38.Kf5 Rf8 39.e6 Be8+ 40.Ke5 Bg6 41.Nf5 h5 42.e7* 1-0 (42) Rustemov,A (2525)-Aronian,L (2742) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10.Qxd4 Re8 *(10...Be6 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.b3 Nc5 13.Qd2 c6 14.Bb2 a5 15.Rad1 a4 16.b4 a3 17.Ba1 Nd7 18.Qxd6 Nb6 19.Qc5 Nd7 20.Qd6 Nb6 21.Qf4 Qb8 22.Qxb8 Rfxb8 23.c5 Na4 24.Rd3 Nb2 25.Rf3 Rd8 26.Nb1 Nc4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Rc1 Ra4 29.Rb3 Rda8 30.Rcc3 Ne5 31.Rxa3 Bxa2 32.Rxa4 Rxa4 33.Nd2 Rxb4 34.Ne4 Bc4 35.e3 Bd5 36.Nd2 Rb2 37.Bxd5 cxd5 38.Nf1 Nf3+ 39.Kg2 Ne1+ 40.Kg1 Nf3+ 41.Kg2 Ne1+ 42.Kg1 Nf3+* ½-½ (42) Mamedyarov,S (2741)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.Qc2 *(12.b3 a5 13.Be3 a4 14.Bd4 axb3 15.axb3 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 Nc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Rd1 Qd4 19.Qxd4 cxd4 20.Nb5 Rxe2 21.Nxd4 Rb2 22.Nb5 Bf6 23.Nxc7 Rxb3 24.Nd5 Bd8 25.Ra1* 1-0 (25) Rustemov,A (2525)-Salem, A (2631) chess.com INT 2025*)* 12...a5 13.b3 a4 14.Rb1 axb3 15.axb3 Ne5 16.Bf4 Nc6 17.Qd2 Bf5 18.e4 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxe4 20.Bh6 f6 21.Rfe1 Bxg2 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qxf6 Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7 25.Kxg2 Ra3

26.Bg5 h5 27.Bc1 Ra2 28.Be3 Ra3 29.Bc1 Ra2 30.Be3 Ra3 31.Bc1 ½-½ (31) Lazavik,D (2572)-Salem,A (2631) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 8...h6 9.Be3 Re8 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Bd4 Rh5 13.g4 Bxg4 14.Bxf6 Qd7 15.hxg4 Qxg4 16.Ne4 Re8 17.Qd3 Qf4 18.Ng3 1-0 (18) Mamedyarov,S (2762)-Maze,S (2553) chess.com INT 2021;

C) 8...Re8 9.d5 Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.Be3 Na6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Rf8 14.Rb1 Nc5 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Na4 17.Ne2 Nh5 18.c5 Bb5 19.Rb3 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Re1 f4 22.gxf4 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Nf3 Qf6 25.Ned4 Bc4 26.Re6 Bxb3 27.Qxb3 Qd8 28.Re1 Bxd4 29.Nxd4 Qf6 30.Ne6 Rf7 31.c6 bxc6 32.dxc6 f3 33.Bf1 Kh8 34.Kh1 Rg8 35.Re3 Qg6 0-1 (35) Mamedyarov,S (2742)-Amin,B (2694) chess.com INT 2023]

[8.d5

A) 8...Ne7 9.e4

A1) 9...h6 10.b4 a5 11.Ba3 axb4 12.Bxb4 b6 13.a4 Ne8 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Nb5 f5 16.a5 bxa5 17.Bxa5 fxe4 18.Nd2 Nf5 19.Nxe4 Nd4 20.Qd3 Bf5 21.Rfb1 Qd7 22.Bc3 *(22.Bd2 Nf6 23.Ra7 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Nf3+ 26.Kg2 Nxd2 27.Qxg6 Rf6* 0-1 (27) Fedoseev,V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020*)* 22...Qf7 *(22...Nxb5 23.Rxb5 Rxb5 24.cxb5 Nf6 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Qc4 Rb8 27.Bf1 Bd8 28.Ra7 Bh3 29.Bd3 Bf5 30.Be2 h5 31.Ba5 Bh3 32.Bxc7 Bxc7 33.Rxc7 Qf5 34.f3 Qb1+ 35.Qc1 Qxc1+ 36.Rxc1 Bd7 37.Kf2 Kf8 38.Ke3 Ke7 39.Rb1 Rb6 40.Bd3 Be8 41.Kd2 Bf7 42.Bc4 g5 43.Kc3 g4 44.fxg4 hxg4 45.Kb4 Rb8 46.Ra1 Be8 47.Ra7+ Kf6 48.Be2 e4 49.Rc7 Ke5 50.Bc4 Kd4 51.Rg7 Rc8 52.Be2 Rc2 53.Bxg4 Rb2+ 54.Ka3 Rxb5 55.Re7 Ra5+ 56.Kb4 Rb5+ 57.Ka3 Ra5+ 58.Kb4 Ra8 59.Bf5 Rb8+ 60.Ka3 Ra8+ 61.Kb2 Rb8+ 62.Kc1 Kxd5 63.Bxe4+ Kd4 64.Bf5 Bc6 65.g4 Rh8 66.Bh7 Rf8 67.g5 Rf1+ 68.Kd2 Rf2+ 69.Re2 Rxe2+ 70.Kxe2 Ke5 71.h4 d5 72.Bd3 d4 73.h5 Be8 74.h6* 1-0 (74) Fedoseev,V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020*)* 23.Nxd4 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxf2+ 26.Kh1 exd4 27.Rf1 Qe3 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qxe3 dxe3 30.Ba5 Bd4 31.Be4 g5 32.Kg2 Nf6 33.Bf5 Bb6 34.Bc3 Ke7 35.Kf3 Nd7 36.Bxd7 Kxd7 37.Bg7 h5 38.Bh6 g4+ 39.Ke2 Ke7 40.Bxe3 Kf6 41.Bxb6 cxb6 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.Kd3 Kf6 44.Kd4 Kf5 45.Kd3 Kf6 46.Kc3 Ke5 47.Kb4 Ke4 48.Kb5 Kf3 49.Kxb6 Kg2 50.c5 Kxh2 51.cxd6 1-0 (51) Fedoseev,V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 9...b6 10.Rb1 a5 11.Re1 Nd7 12.a3 h6 13.Nh4 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Qc2 Nf6 16.b4 Bd7 17.c5 axb4 18.axb4 e4 19.c6 Be8 20.f3 Nfxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.fxe4 fxe4 23.Bxe4

Nc3 24.Bxh6 Qf6 25.Bh7+ Kh8 26.Rxe8 Rfxe8 27.Ng6+ Kxh7 28.Nf8+ Kxh6 29.Qh7+ Kg5 30.Qh4+ Kf5 31.Qf4# 1-0 (31) Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 8...Nb8 9.e4 a5 10.Rb1 *(10.a3 Bd7 11.Ne1 Na6 12.Nd3 a4 13.Nxa4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4 Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfxe4 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.b4 e4 18.Rb1 Nd3 19.Bxe4 Nxc1 20.Qxc1 Re8 21.Bf3 h5 22.Rb3 Qf6 23.c5 Re7 24.h4 Qf5 25.Kg2 Bf6 26.Qc4 Rae8 27.a4 Re1 28.Rxe1 Rxe1 29.a5 Ra1 30.c6 bxc6 31.dxc6 Kg7 32.Bd5 Rd1 33.Bxf7 Bd4 34.Qe2 Ra1 35.Bc4 d5 36.Rd3 dxc4 37.Rxd4 Ra3 38.Rd7+ Kh6 39.Qd2+ g5 40.Qxg5+ Qxg5 41.hxg5+ Kxg5 42.Rxc7* 1-0 (42) Tsydypov,Z (2530)-Salem,A (2639) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 10...Na6 11.b3 Nc5 12.Re1 c6 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Ba3 Qe7 15.Qd2 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Rfd8 18.Red1 Bf8 19.Bg2 Ne6 20.Ne2 c5 21.Nc3 Nd4 22.Qd3 Bh6 23.Bb2 Bg5 24.Nb5 h5 25.h4 Bh6 26.a4 Ng4 27.Bc3 Rd7 28.Re1 Kh7 29.f3 Nf6 30.Bh3 Rdd8 31.Kh2 Nd7 32.Nc7 Nb6 33.Nxa8 Rxa8 34.Rb2 Nd7 35.Rf1 Nb8 36.f4 Nbc6 37.f5 Rb8 38.f6 Qd8 39.Be1 Qb6 40.Kg2 Nxb3 41.Bf2 Ncd4 42.Rfb1 Qc6 43.Bxd4 cxd4 44.Rxb3 1-0 (48) Grischuk,A (2728)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2588) chess.com INT 2024]

8...Nxe5

[8...dxe5

A) 9.Bg5 Be6

A1) 10.Qxd8 Rfxd8 11.Nd2 h6 12.Bxf6 Rxd2 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.b3 Rad8 16.Rfd1 R8d4 17.Rxd2 Rxd2 18.Kf1 Rc2 19.Nd1 f5 20.Ne3 Rb2 21.Nd1 Rc2 22.Ne3 Rb2 23.Nd1 Rc2 ½-½ (23) Fedoseev,V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 10.Qc1 Qe8 *(10...Qc8 11.Rd1 Re8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.Be3 a5 14.Ng5 Bf5 15.h3 Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.g4 Be6 18.Nf4 Nf8 19.c5 Bh6 20.Nf3 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.Rxd4 Rad8 23.e3 Rxd4 24.Nxd4 Bxf4 25.exf4 Re2 26.Qd1* 1-0 (26) Bok,B (2620)-Pruijssers,R (2537) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11.Nd2 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Bd8 14.Ne4 Kg7 15.Nc5 Nd4 16.Re1 c6 17.e3 Nf5 18.Nc3 Bc8 19.Rd1 Qe7 20.N5e4 Bc7 21.Qc2 Be6 22.Na4 Rad8 23.Nac5 Bc8 24.b4 h5 25.h4 Nh6 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rd1 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 f6 29.a3 Nf7 30.Nb3 f5 31.Nec5 e4 32.Nd4 Ne5 33.Bf1 b6 34.Ncb3 Bd7 35.c5 Be8 36.Qc2 Bd7 37.Qc3 Kh7 38.cxb6 axb6 39.Be2 g5 40.hxg5 Qxg5 41.b5 c5 42.Nxc5 bxc5 43.Qxc5 Qd8 44.Bxh5 Nd3 45.Qd5 Qe7 46.Nxf5 Qe6 47.Qxe6 Bxe6 48.Nd4 Bd7 49.Bg4 Bxg4 50.a4 Nc5 51.Nc6 Nxa4 52.Nb4 Nb6 53.Nd5 Nxd5 0-1 (53) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Firouzja,A (2728) chess.com INT 2020;

A3) 10.Nd2 h6 *(10...Qc8 11.Qa4 Nd4 12.e3 Nf5 13.Bxf6*

Bxf6 14.Nde4 Be7 15.Qa5 Bxc4 16.Rfc1 c6 17.Qxe5 Qe6 18.Qf4 Rfd8 19.Ng5 Qd6 20.Qxc4 Bxg5 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Qc3 Nd6 23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.Rd1 Qe7 25.h4 h5 26.Qb4 Nf5 27.Qxe7 Nxe7 28.e4 Kg7 29.f3 a5 30.Kf2 Kf6 31.Ke3 Ng8 32.Bf1 Ke7 33.Bc4 Nf6 34.a3 Nd7 35.Rac1 Nb6 36.Bb3 a4 37.Ba2 Rxd1 38.Rxd1 Nd7 39.Bxf7 Ne5 40.Ba2 Ra5 41.f4 Ng4+ 42.Kd4 c5+ 43.Kc3 Ra6 44.Rd5 Nf6 45.Re5+ Kf8 46.Bb1 Rc6 47.Bd3 Ng4 48.Rg5 Kg7 49.Bb5 Re6 50.e5 Nf2 51.Kc4 Ne4 52.Bxa4 Rb6 53.Bb5 Re6 54.a4 Re7 55.a5 Nxg5 56.hxg5 h4 57.gxh4 Rf7 58.Kxc5 Rxf4 59.e6 Kf8 60.Kd6 Rd4+ 61.Kc7 Rd5 62.Bd7 Rxa5 63.Kd8 Re5 64.h5 gxh5 65.g6 h4 66.g7+ Kxg7 67.e7 h3 68.Bxh3 Kf7 69.Bg2 Rxe7 70.Kc8 b6 71.Bc6 Ke6 72.b4 Kd6 73.Bb5 Kd5 74.Kb8 Kd4 75.Bc6 Kc4 76.b5 Kc5 77.Kc8 Ra7 78.Kb8 Ra5 79.Kb7 Rxb5 0-1 (79) Salem,A (2682)-Maghsoodloo,P (2676) chess.com INT 2020*)* 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 Bg7 13.Ne4 Nd4 14.e3 Nf5 15.Nc5 Bc8 16.Qb3 c6 17.Nc3 Qe7 18.Qa3 h5 19.Rfd1 h4 20.N3e4 hxg3 21.hxg3 Re8 22.Rd2 Nh6 23.Rad1 Bg4 24.f3 Bc8 25.Nd7 Qxa3 26.bxa3 Kh8 27.Kf2 Re7 28.g4 Bxd7 29.Rxd7 Rae8 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Rd8+ Ng8 32.Nd6 Bf6 33.c5 Kg7 34.Ne4 Bh4+ 35.Ke2 Rc7 36.Re8 Be7 37.g5 b6 38.Kd3 Bxc5 39.Nxc5 bxc5 40.Rxe5 Rd7+ 41.Kc3 Ne7 42.e4 Kf8 43.Bf1 Rd1 44.Bd3 Rc1+ 45.Kd2 Ra1 46.Bc4 Rg1 47.Rxc5 Ke8 48.Ra5 Nc8 49.Bb3 Rg2+ 50.Ke3 Rg1 51.Kf4 Rc1 52.Ra4 Ke7 53.Rd4 Nb6 54.Rd2 c5 55.Rc2 Rxc2 56.Bxc2 Kd6 57.Ke3 Nc4+ 58.Kd3 Ne5+ 59.Ke2 c4 60.f4 Nc6 61.Ke3 Kc5 62.e5 Nd4 63.Be4 c3 64.Kd3 c2 65.Kd2 Ne2 66.Bxc2 Nxf4 67.Bb3 Kd4 68.Bxf7 Kxe5 69.Kc3 Kf5 70.Kb4 Kxg5 71.Ka5 Kf6 72.Bxg6 Nxg6 73.Ka6 Ke6 74.Kxa7 Kd7 75.Kb6 Kc8 76.Kc6 Kb8 77.Kb6 Ka8 78.a4 Ne5 79.a5 Nc4+ 80.Kb5 Nxa5 81.Kxa5 Ka7 82.Kb5 Ka8 83.a4 Kb8 84.a5 Ka8 85.a6 Kb8 86.Ka5 Ka7 87.Kb5 Ka8 88.Kb6 Kb8 89.a7+ Ka8 90.Ka6 ½-½ (90) Fedoseev,V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020;

B) 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 Kg7 13.Nxc7 Rb8

B1) 14.e4 Be7

B1a) 15.Nd5 Bc5 16.Rfd1 *(16.Ne1 Nb4 17.a3 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bf5 19.b4 Bd4 20.Ra2 a5 21.Nf3 Bc3 22.bxa5 Rbc8 23.Rc1 Rxc4 24.Nh4 Bd3 25.Bf1 Rxd5 26.Bxd3 Rxd3 27.Rac2 Rc6 28.a6 Bd4 29.axb7 Rb6 30.Rc7 Rdb3 31.R1c2* ½-½ (31) Martirosyan,H (2624)-Smirin,I (2616) Terme Catez SLO 2021*)* 16...Be6 17.Rab1 a5 18.Bf1 b6

19.Kg2 f5 20.a3 fxe4 21.Nd2 Bf5 22.Ne3 a4 23.h3 h5 24.Rbc1 Nd4 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Be6 27.Nxe4 Be7 28.f3 Rf8 29.Nd5 Bd8 30.Rc3 b5 31.Nc5 bxc4 32.Rxd4 exd4 33.Nxe6+ Kf7 34.Nxd4 Rxb2+ 35.Kg3 Rh8 36.Bxc4 Kg7 37.Ne6+ Kh6 38.Rc1 Kh7 1-0 (38) Fridman, D (2626)-Demchenko,A (2654) Warsaw POL 2021;

B1b) 15.Rfd1 Be6 16.Nxe6+ fxe6 17.Ne1 g5 18.Bh3 Kf6 19.Bg4 Bc5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rd1 Bd4 22.Nd3 a5 23.a3 b6 24.Kg2 a4 25.Rc1 Be3 26.Rd1 Bd4 27.Be2 Rc8 28.Rc1 Na5 29.Bd1 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Nxc4 31.Bxa4 Nxb2 32.Bc2 Nxd3 ½-½ (32) Harikrishna,P (2719)-Lagarde, M (2640) Legnica POL 2021;

B2) 14.Nd5

B2a) 14...e4 15.Nd2 e3 16.fxe3 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Ba3 18.Nb3 *(18.Rb3 Bf8 19.Nf3 Bc5 20.Ne1 Bg4 21.Nd3 Bf8 22.Bf3 Be6 23.Rc3 g5 24.Nf6 Kxf6 25.Bxc6+ Kg7 26.Bd5 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rbc8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.e4 f6 30.Kf2 Bd6 31.Rc1 Re8 32.Rc4 Kg6 33.Kf3 h5 34.h3 a6 35.a4 Kg7 36.a5 Kg6 37.e3 Kf7 38.Nc5 Bxc5 39.Rxc5 Re7 40.h4 Kg6 41.Rc8 Rd7 42.hxg5 fxg5 43.Rg8+ Kf6 44.Re8 Kf7 45.Re6 Kg7 46.d6 Kf7 47.Rh6 Kg7 48.Rxh5 Kg6 49.Kg4 Rxd6 50.Rxg5+ Kf7 51.Rd5 Rg6+ 52.Kf5 Rf6+ 53.Ke5 Re6+ 54.Kd4 b6 55.Rf5+ Kg6 56.Kd5 Re8 57.axb6 a5 58.b7 a4 59.Rf1* 1-0 (59) Lenderman,A (2634)-Robson,R (2673) lichess.org INT 2020 *)* 18...Bf5 19.Rbd1 Rbc8 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.exd4 Be6 22.Rd3 Bf8 23.Ne3 Bxc4 24.Nxc4 Rxc4 25.Bxb7 Rcxd4 26.Rfd1 Bc5 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kg2 ½-½ (29) Vidit,S (2726)-Dubov, D (2699) chess.com INT 2020;

B2b) 14...Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 e4 17.Bxe4 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Ba3 19.Rb3 Bc5 20.Rfb1 b6 21.e3 Rbc8 22.Rc3 Bd6 23.Bd3 Ne7 24.Nxe7 Bxe7 25.Kf1 Bf6 26.Ra3 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rcd7 28.Rd1 Be7 29.Rb3 h5 30.Bc2 Rxd1 31.Bxd1 Rc8 32.Rd3 Rd8 33.Rd5 Rxd5 34.cxd5 f5 35.Bc2 Kf6 36.f4 b5 37.Bd3 a6 38.Kf3 Bc5 39.Be2 Bb6 40.e4 fxe4+ 41.Kxe4 Bc5 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Ba3 44.g5+ Ke7 45.f5 gxf5+ 46.Kxf5 Bb2 47.Bd1 Kd6 48.Bb3 a5 49.a4 bxa4 50.Ba2 Ke7 51.Kg6 Bc1 52.Kh6 Bd2 53.Kh5 Bc3 54.Kg6 Bd2 55.Kf5 Bc1 56.Kg4 Bd2 57.Kh5 Bc3 58.Bc4 Bd4 59.Bd3 a3 60.Bb1 Bc3 61.Ba2 Bd4 62.Bb3 Bc3 63.Kh6 Bd2 64.Ba2 Bc1 65.Kg6 Bd2 66.Kh5 Bc3 67.Bb1 Bd4 68.Ba2 Bc3 69.Kg4 Bb2 70.Kf5 Bc3 71.Ke4 Kd6 72.Kf4 Ke7 73.Ke4 Kd6

74.Kf4 Ke7 75.Kg3 Bb2 76.Kh4 Bc3 77.Kh5 Bb2 78.Bb1 Bc3 79.Ba2 ½-½ (79) So,W (2778)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com INT 2022]

9.b3 Nxf3+ 10.exf3

[10.Bxf3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxa1 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh6 Be5 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Qd2 f5 16.Nc5 c6 17.Nd3 Bf6 18.b4 a6 19.b5 axb5 20.cxb5 c5 21.Nf4 Be5 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Rd1 Ra7 24.Bb3 Kg7 25.a4 c4 26.Bxc4 Rxa4 27.Qc2 Ra3 28.Bb3 Bd7 29.Rc1 Qe8 30.Qc4 Ra8 31.Qd5 Rc8 32.Rxc8 Qxc8 33.Nd3 Ba1 34.Qxd6 Bxb5 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Qh4+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kh6 38.Nf4 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qc6+ 40.Bd5 Qd7 41.Qxd7 Bxd7 42.Bxb7 Be5 43.e3 Kg7 44.h4 Kf6 45.Ne2 Bb5 46.Nd4 Bc4 47.Bf3 Be6 48.Ne2 h6 49.Kh3 Bc4 50.g4 fxg4+ 51.Bxg4 Bxe2 52.Bxe2 ½-½ (52) Nabaty,T (2645)-Kovalev,V (2612) Astana KAZ 2023]

10...h5

[10...Bd7 11.f4 Bc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bb2 Qd7 14.Qf3 Rfe8 15.Rad1 c5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxg7 Nxf4 18.Ba1 Ne2+ 19.Kg2 Qf5 20.Qxf5 gxf5 21.Rd5 Nd4 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Kf3 a5 24.Rd1 c5 25.Rxd6 a4 26.Rd5 axb3 27.axb3 Ra2 28.Rxc5 Ree2 29.Rxf5 Rxf2+ 30.Kg4 Rfb2 1-0 (30) Petrosyan,M (2620)-Kovalev,V (2623) Warsaw POL 2021]

11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Rc1 c6 13.h4 Qc7 14.Bf4 Ne8 15.Qd2 Qa5 16.Rfd1 Bf5 17.Bh6 Rd8 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 19.Qh6 Rfe8 20.Bf1 Qe5 21.Rd2 Ne6 22.Qe3 a5 23.Rcd1 Qc5 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Qxc5 Nxc5 26.Rxd6 Re1 27.Rd1 Rxd1 28.Nxd1 Kf8 29.Nc3 Ke7 30.Be2 Kd6 31.Kf1 Ke5 32.Ke1 Kd4 33.Kd2 Na6 34.g4 Bc8 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.f4 f6 37.Bxh5 Nc5 38.Bg6 f5 39.h5 1-0 (39) Grandelius,N (2643)-Donchenko,A (2613) chess.com INT 2025

7...a6 8.b3

[8.Bf4

A) 8...Rb8 9.Rc1 Bd7 *(9...h6 10.d5 e5 11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Ne1 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.e3 Ne6 15.Bxc6 Rxb2 16.Nd3 Rb8 17.Bg2 h5 18.Nd5 Bb7 19.Bc3 e4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Bxe4 h4 22.Rb1 Bg7 23.Bg2 Re8 24.Qg4 hxg3 25.hxg3 Qa5 26.Rb3 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Nc7 28.Bc6 Rxb3 29.axb3 Rb8 30.b4 Qa3 31.Rd1 Qb3 32.Bf3 Qc2 33.Kg2 Bf8 34.Qd4 Ne6 35.Qa7 Re8 36.Qxa6 Ng5 37.Ne1 Qf5 38.Qc6 Re5 39.Nd3 Re8 40.Qd5 Qh3+ 41.Kg1 Bh6 42.Nf4 Qc8 43.Bg2* 1-0 (43) Vidit,S (2726)-Adhiban,B (2660) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021) 10.d5 Na5 11.b3 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Nd4 b4 14.Nb1 e5 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Nc6 Nxc6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxc6 Nd5 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Rc2 c5 21.e4 Ne7 22.Be3 Qc7 23.Nd2 Nc6 24.Qg4 Qf7 25.f4 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Kg2 Rbe8 28.Qe2 Qb7 29.Nf3 Bc3 30.a3 d5 31.axb4 cxb4 32.e5 d4 33.Qc4 Re7 34.Kg1 Rc8 35.Qd3 Qd5 36.Rb1 Ra7 37.Nd2 Kg7 38.Ne4 Rca8 39.Nf6 Qb7 40.Ne4 Ra1 41.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 42.Kf2 Qd5 43.Re2 Qxb3 44.g4 Be1+ 0-1 (44) Gagunashvili,M (2541)-Grigoryan,K (2618) New York USA 2024;

B) 8...Nd7 9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Nxd4

Bxd4 11.Qxd4 e5 12.Qd2 exf4 13.Qxf4 Rb8 14.h4 *(14.Rfd1 b6 15.Rd4 Re8 16.Rad1 Bb7 17.Bxb7 Rxb7 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.b4 Re6 20.Nd5 Ne5 21.Qc3 Nd7 22.e3 Nf6 23.a4 c5 24.R4d3 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Qe7 26.b5 h5 27.h3 a5 28.h4 Rd8 29.Qd3 f5 30.Rd2 Kf8 31.Qc3 Kf7 32.Qc2 Qf6 33.Kg2 Ke7 34.Re2 Re4 35.Qd3 Kd7 36.Rd2 Kc7 37.Qb3 Rd7 38.Qc2 Re6 39.Rd1 Qe7 40.Kg1 Re5 41.Qd2 Qe6 42.Qb2 Rxd5 43.Rxd5 Qe4 44.Qc3 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Qe4+ 46.f3 Qe6 47.Kf2 Re7 48.Rd1 Kd7 49.Re1 Re8 50.Re2 Re7 51.Qd3 Qe5 52.Re1 Re6 53.Qd2 Re7 54.Rd1 Re6 55.Rb1 Rf6 56.Re1 Re6 57.Re2 Ke8 58.Qd3 Re7 59.Qd1 Kf7 60.Qd2 Rd7 61.e4 Re7 62.Kg2 Re6 63.Kf2 Re7 64.Kg2 Kg7 65.Re3 Re6 66.Kf2 Kf7 67.Re1 Qf6 68.Qd5 Ke7 69.exf5 Rxe1 70.Qb7+ Kf8 71.Kxe1 gxf5 72.Qxb6 Qc3+ 73.Kf2 Qd2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kh3 Qf1+ 77.Kh2 Qf2+ 78.Kh3 Qf1+ 79.Kh2 Qf2+ 80.Kh3 Qf1+* ½-½ (80) Scorpionn (3514)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 14...b6 15.Rad1 h5 16.Rd4 Re8 17.Qd2 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.f4 Qf6 20.Kh2 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.f5 b4 23.Re4 Re5 24.Nd5 Qg7 25.Rxe5 Nxe5 26.fxg6 Ng4+ 27.Kg1 fxg6 28.Qd3 Kh8 29.Nf4 Ne5 30.Qb3 Qg8 31.Ne6 Rb8 32.Qd5 Qh7 33.Rc1 Qh6 34.Ng5 Qg7 35.Qe6 Ra8 36.Kg2 Qg8 37.Qf6+ Qg7 38.Qxg7+ Kxg7 39.Rxc7+ Kf6 40.Rb7 Rxa2 41.Rxb4 Ra1 42.Rb6 Rd1 43.Ne4+ Ke6 44.b3 Ng4 45.Nc5+ Kf5 46.Nd3 Rb1 47.Rxd6 Rxb3 48.Kf3 Ne5+ 49.Kg2 Ng4 50.Ra6 Rb5 51.Nf4 Ne5 52.Kh3 Rc5 53.Ne6 Rc4 54.Nf4 Rc2 55.Ra5 Kf6 56.Nd5+ Ke6 57.Nf4+ Kf6 58.Kg2 Rc8 59.Nd5+ Ke6 60.Nf4+ Kf6 61.Ra6+ Rc6 62.Ra7 Rc8 63.Nd5+ Ke6 64.Nf4+ Kf6 65.Kh3 Rc2 66.Ra8 Rc6 67.Nd5+ Ke6 68.Rd8 Kf7 69.Ra8 Ke6 70.Nf4+ Kf7 71.Kg2 Ng4 72.Nh3 Rc3 73.Ra7+ Kg8 74.Nf4 Rc6 75.Ra3 Ne5 76.Ra7 Kf8 77.Nd5 Rc5 78.Nc7 Rc6 79.Nd5 Rc5 80.Ne3 Rb5 81.Nc2 Rd5 82.Ra4 Rd7 83.Nd4 Re7 84.Nf3 Nxf3 85.Kxf3 Kg7 86.e3 Rf7+ 87.Ke2 Rb7 88.e4 Rb3 89.Kf2 Kf6 90.Ra6+ Kg7 91.Ra7+ Kf6 92.Ra6+ Kf7 93.Ra7+ ½-½ (93) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-Scorpionn (3514) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[8.d5 Nb8 9.e4 e5 10.a3 a5 11.Be3 *(11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Na6 13.b4 Bd7 14.b5 Nc5 15.Nxe5 Ncxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Nxd7 Re8 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.Nc5 dxc5 20.Qd3 Re8 21.Rae1 Bf8 22.Bd2 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 c6 24.h4 cxb5 25.cxb5 Qd6 26.Bf4 c4 27.Qxc4 Qxa3 28.Qc7 Qb4 29.Rf1 Qxb5 30.d6 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Be3 Qc6 33.Rd1 a4 34.Bxg5 Qxc7 35.dxc7 Rc8 36.Bf4 Be7 37.Rd7 Kf8 38.Bd6 Bxd6 39.Rd8+ Ke7 40.Rxc8 Kd7 41.Ra8 Bxc7 42.Rxa4 Bd6 43.g4 Bc5 44.Kg2 Bd6 45.f4 b5 46.Ra7+ Kc6 47.Rxf7 b4 48.Kf3 b3 49.Rh7 b2 50.Rh1 Bb4 51.Ke4 Kd7 52.Kd3 Bd6 53.Rb1 Bxf4* 1-0 (53) Komododragon (3590)-Igel (3495)

tcec-chess.com INT 2022) 11...a4 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.f3 b6 14.Nd3 Qe8 15.b4 axb3 16.a4 h5 17.Qxb3 Na6 18.Rfb1 Qe7 19.a5 bxa5 20.Rxa5 Nc5 21.Rxc5 dxc5 22.Bxc5 Qd8 23.Bxf8 Bxf8 24.Qb2 h4 25.Ne2 Ra4 26.Qxe5 Rxc4 27.Qg5 Rc2 28.Bf1 Be7 29.Qe3 Qa8 30.Qd4 Qa2 31.Rb2 Rxb2 32.Qxb2 Qa7+ 33.Qd4 Qa3 34.e5 Nh5 35.Kg2 h3+ 36.Kg1 Bf5 37.Nc3 Bxd3 38.Qxd3 Qb2 39.Bxh3 Bc5+ 40.Kh1 Bb4 41.Ne4 Qxe5 42.f4 Qa1+ 43.Bf1 Nf6 44.Nxf6+ Qxf6 45.h4 Bc5 46.Qf3 Qb2 47.Be2 Qd4 48.Kg2 Qg1+ 49.Kh3 Bd6 50.h5 gxh5 51.Qxh5 Qb1 52.Qf3 Qc2 53.Bd3 Qc1 54.Kg4 Kg7 55.Be4 Qb2 56.Qd3 ½-½ (56) Igel (3495)-Komododragon (3590) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[8.e4 Rb8 9.c5 *(9.a3 Bg4 10.Be3 Na5 11.Qe2 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.h3 Bc8 14.e5 Nd7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 fxe5 17.dxe5 Kh8 18.Rfe1 Nc4 19.exd6 exd6 20.Nxb5 Rxb5 21.Qxc4 Rxb2 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Rad1 Ne5 24.Qxc7 Rxf2 25.Kxf2 Qxg5 26.Qxc8 Qh5 27.Qc7 g5 28.Rxd6 gxf4 29.Rd8 fxg3+ 30.Kg1 Nf3+ 31.Bxf3 Qxf3 32.Rxf8+ Bxf8 33.Qe5+ Kg8 34.Qg5+ Kh8 35.Rf1 Qa8 36.Qf6+ Bg7 37.Qf3 Qb8 38.Re1 h6 39.Kg2 Bf8 40.Re2 Kg7 41.a4 Bd6 42.Qg4+ Kh8 43.Qg6 Qb7+ 44.Qe4 Qc7 45.a5* 1-0 (45) Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Rapport,R (2763) Baku AZE 2021*; 9.Rb1 Bg4 10.Be3 Qc8 11.Rc1 Re8 12.Qd3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e5 14.d5 Nd4 15.Bg2 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.b3 Nd7 18.Qd2 Nc5 19.Rce1 a5 20.Ne2 Nxe2+ 21.Rxe2 Qc7 22.Ree1 Ne6 23.f4 exf4 24.gxf4 c5 25.f5 Nf8 26.Bf4 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 a4 28.e5 dxe5 29.Bg5 Qd7 30.Qc2 e4 31.Rxe4 axb3 32.axb3 gxf5 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Bd5 Ng6 35.Qxf5 Qxf5 36.Rxf5 Re1+ 37.Kg2 h6 38.Bd8 Ne7 39.Bxf7+ Kg7 40.Bxe7 Rxe7 41.Bh5 Re5 42.Rxe5 Bxe5 43.h3 Bc3 44.Be2 Kf6 45.Kf3 Ke5 46.Ke3 Bd4+ 47.Kd2 Ke4 48.Kc2 ½-½ (48) Ethereal (3708)-Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*; 9.d5 Na5 10.c5 dxc5 11.e5 Nd7 12.Bf4 b5 13.Qe1 e6 14.Ng5 Rb6 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.h4 Bb7 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Nce4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Nc4 20.h5 gxh5 21.Bg5 Qe8 22.f4 Nxb2 23.Rd2 Nc4 24.Re2 a5 25.Kh1 a4 26.Qd1 h6 27.Bh4 Rf7 28.Rfe1 a3 29.Qc2 Kh8 30.Kh2 Kg8 31.Rb1 Kh8 32.Rb3 Bf8 33.Re1 Be7 34.Bxe7 Rxe7 35.Rh1 Na5 36.Rxa3 Nc6 37.Nf6 Nd4 38.Qc1 Nxf6 39.exf6 Rf7 40.Qxc5 Nf5 41.Qe5 Rd6 42.Rc1 Qf8 43.Qxb5 h4 44.g4 Rd2 45.Rcc3 Qg8 46.Kh3 Rxg2 47.Kxg2 Qxg4+ 48.Kh2 Qxf4+ 49.Kh3 Nd6 50.Qb8+ Kh7 51.Qb1+ Nf5 52.Qd3 Kg6 53.Rc4 Qd6 54.Rac3 Qxd3+ 55.Rxd3 c5 56.Rdc3 Ra7 57.a3 Nd6 58.Rxc5 Ra4 59.Rf3 Nf5 60.Rb5 Re4 61.Rb2 Kxf6 62.Kg2 Kg5 63.Ra2 Kg4 64.Rb3 e5 65.a4 Re1 66.Rb4+ Nd4 67.a5 Rd1 68.a6 h3+ 69.Kh2 e4 70.Rxd4 Rxd4 71.a7 Rd8 72.a8R Rxa8 73.Rxa8* ½-½ (73) Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730)-Ethereal (3708) tcec-chess.com INT 2020) 9...b5 10.d5 Na5 11.b4 Nc4 12.Nd4 Qe8 13.a4 e5 14.Nc6 Rb7 15.axb5 axb5 16.Ra8 Qd7 17.Qd3 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 f5 19.Ng5 e4 20.Qe2 dxc5

21.bxc5 Re8 22.Rd1 Bh6 23.Na7 Rxa7 24.Rxa7 e3 25.Ne6 exf2+ 26.Qxf2 1-0 (26) Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Rapport,R (2763) Baku AZE 2021]

[8.h3 e5 9.d5 *(9.Be3 Bf5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Raxd8 12.Rfd1 Ne4 13.Nd5 Nd6 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.b3 Rfd8 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Nxc7 Rxc7 18.Rxd6 Bf8 19.Rd5 Ba3 20.Rf1 Be6 21.Rd2 Bb4 22.Rdd1 b5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Be3 f6 25.Ne1 Bf7 26.Nd3 Ba3 27.Rd2 e4 28.Nc5 f5 29.Nd7 Kg7 30.Rfd1 Be6 31.Bf4 Ra7 32.Nb6 Kf7 33.e3 h6 34.h4 Rg8 35.Bxh6 Ne5 36.Bg5 Rh8 37.Nd5 Rc8 38.Nf4 Bf8 39.Rd4 Rc2 40.Rd8 Bc8 41.g4 Nxg4 42.Bf1 Raxa2 43.Be2 Bg7 44.Bxb5 Nxf2 45.Be8+ Kg8 46.Bxg6+ Bf8 47.Bh6 Nh3+ 48.Kf1 Ba6+ 49.Ne2 Rc8 50.Rxc8 Bxc8 51.Rd8 Ra1+* 1-0 (51) Rofchade (3661)-Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9...Ne7 10.a4 a5 11.c5 Ra6 12.e4 dxc5 13.Nxe5 Nfxd5 14.exd5 Bxe5 15.Re1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nf5 17.g4 Nd6 18.Be3 f5 19.Bxc5 fxg4 20.hxg4 b6 21.Bd4 Ra8 22.c4 Qh4 23.f3 h5 24.Qd3 Kh7 25.Bc3 Bd7 26.Qd4 Rf7 27.Ra2 Rg8 28.Rae2 Bxa4 29.Bf1 Bd7 30.Rh2 Qg3+ 31.Bg2 Rgg7 32.Re6 c5 33.Qd2 Bxe6 34.dxe6 Rf8 35.Qd3 Re8 36.Rxh5+ Kg8 37.Re5 Nc8 38.Rd5 Qf4 39.Be5 Qc1+ 40.Bf1 Qh6 41.f4 Rh7 42.Bg2 Ne7 43.Rd8 Rxd8 44.Qxd8+ Qf8 45.Qxb6 a4 46.Qxc5 Qd8 47.Qd6 Qxd6 48.Bxd6 Kf8 49.Bf3 Ke8 50.Bd1 Kd8 51.Bxa4 Rh3 52.Kf2 Rd3 53.Be5 Ra3 54.Bd7 Ng8 55.c5 Nh6 56.Bf6+ Kc7 57.g5 Ng4+ 58.Ke2 Ra7 59.c6 Kd6 60.e7 Rxd7 61.e8Q Rh7 62.Qxg6 Rh2+ 63.Kf3 Nxf6 64.Qxf6+ Kc7 65.g6 Rh1 66.g7 Rg1 1-0 (66) Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3730)-Rofchade (3661) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 Rb8 10.Rc1 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.d5 e5 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Nxb5 Rxb5 15.Rxc6 Rxb2 16.Qc1 Rxa2 17.Rxc7 g5 18.Be3 Nd5 19.Rc6 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Bd5 21.Rcc1 Re8 22.Qd3 Qa8 23.Rc7 Be4 24.Qb3 Qd5 25.Qxd5 Bxd5 26.e3 Rb8 27.Rd1 Be6 28.Ne1 d5 29.Rc2 Rxc2 30.Nxc2 Rb2 31.Nd4 Bxd4 32.exd4 Kg7 33.h4 gxh4 34.gxh4 Kg6 35.Rd3 Kh5 36.Re3 Kxh4 37.Re5 Rd2 38.Bxd5 Rxd4 39.Bxe6 fxe6 40.Rxe6 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Caruana,F (2842)-Ding,L (2805) chess.com INT 2020]

8...Rb8 9.d5

[9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Nb4 11.e4 f5 12.Ng5 c5 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Rb1 Nxa2 16.Qe2 Nxc1 17.Qxe5 Qd6 18.Qe3 Na2 19.Rbe1 b5 20.Qxe7 Qxe7 21.Rxe7 h6 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.Rxe6 Kg7 24.Rxa6 Nc3 25.d6 Ne2+ 26.Kh1 Rbd8 27.Rd1 Rf6 28.Rc6 Kf8 29.Rxc5 Rfxd6 30.Rxd6 Rxd6 31.Bf1 Nd4 32.b4 Ke7 33.Kg2 Rb6 34.h4 Kd6 35.Bd3 Rc6 36.Rxc6+ Kxc6 37.Kh3 g5 38.hxg5 hxg5 39.f4 gxf4 40.gxf4 Kd6 41.Kh4 Nc6 42.Bxb5 Nxb4 ½-½ (42) Fire Beta (3729)-Ethereal (3708) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[9.Bb2 b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.e3 e6 13.Qe2 Ne7 14.b4 Ned5 15.a3 c6 16.e4 Nb6 17.e5 Ne8 18.Ne4 d5 19.Nc5 Nc4 20.Rc3 Nc7 21.Bc1 Ra8 22.h4 h6 23.Nh2 Na6 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Ng4 h5 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.exf6 Rfe8 28.g4 e5

29.Rg3 exd4 30.Qd1 hxg4 31.Rxg4 Nc7 32.h5 Qf5 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.Rf4 1-0 (34) Duda,J (2743)-Caruana,F (2823) chess.com INT 2020]

9...Na5 10.Bg5 h6

[10...c5 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Rc1 h6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Nd5 Be6 15.Nxf6+ exf6 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Rfd1 f5 18.Bf4 Rc8 19.Bxd6 Re8 20.e3 Qf6 21.c5 Red8 22.Nd4 Bd7 23.b4 b6 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.cxb6 Bxg2 26.Rxc8 Bf3 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.b7 Bxb7 29.Bf4 Qe8 30.Qe2 g5 31.Bd6 g4 32.Qd3 Qe6 33.h4 Be4 34.Qxa6 Bf3 35.Qd3 Be4 36.Qb3 Qd7 37.Bf4 Qb7 38.Kh2 Bf3 39.Rc1 Be2 40.Qc2 Qf3 41.Qxf5+ Kh8 42.Rc8+ 1-0 (42) Bok,B (2583)-Kosakowski,J (2511) chess.com INT 2025]

11.Bd2 c5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Rc1 Bf5

[13...e6 14.h3 Re8 15.Be3 Ne7 16.Qd3 e5 17.Nd2 Nf5 18.Kh2 Kh7 19.Rfd1 Nd4 20.Nf3 Nf5 21.Nd2 Nd4 22.Nde4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Bd7 24.Nd5 f5 25.Bg2 Bc6 26.h4 Qd7 27.Bxd4 exd4 28.Re1 Re5 29.e4 Bxd5 30.cxd5 Rbe8 31.f4 R5e7 32.h5 g5 33.Bh3 g4 34.Bg2 Bf6 35.Re2 Qb5 36.Rc4 Qd7 37.Kg1 Kg8 38.Kh2 Kh7 39.Kg1 Kg8 40.Qc2 Kh8 41.Qb1 Kg7 42.Kf2 Kh8 43.Qd3 Bg7 44.Rc1 Qb5 45.Rc4 Qd7 46.Re1 Bf6 47.a4 Kg7 48.Kg1 Kg8 49.Qc2 Bg7 50.Qb1 Kh8 51.Rcc1 Bf6 52.Qc2 Kg7 53.Kf1 Kf7 54.Re2 Kg7 55.Qb1 Kh8 56.Rce1 Qc8 57.Rc2 Qd7 58.Rce2 Qc8 59.e5 dxe5 60.d6 e4 61.dxe7 d3 62.Re3 Qd7 63.Rd1 Rxe7 64.Rexd3 exd3 65.Qxd3 Qc8 66.Kg1 b6 67.Kh2 Re8 68.Qd6 Re6 69.Qd5 Re2 70.Kh1 Qc2 71.b4 a5 72.bxa5 bxa5 73.Rf1 Qc8 74.Rd1 Qc2 75.Rg1 Qc8 76.Qxa5 Qe8 77.Qa8 Qxa8 78.Bxa8 Bc3 79.Bc6 Kg7 80.Rd1 Re1+ 81.Rxe1 Bxe1 82.Kg2 Bc3 83.Bd5 Kf6 84.Bb3 Bb4 85.Bd5 Bc3 86.Bc4 Ke7 87.Bd3 Ke6 88.Kf1 Ba5 89.Kf2 Bb6+ 90.Ke2 Ba5 91.Bc4+ Ke7 92.Bd5 Kd6 93.Bf7 Kd7 94.Bg6 Ke6 95.Be8 Bb4 96.Bb5 Ba5 97.Ba6 Kf6 98.Kd1 Ke6 99.Ke2 Kf6 100.Bd3 Ke6 101.Kf1 Bb4 102.Bc4+ Kf6 103.Bb5 Ba5 104.Bc4 Bb4 105.Bd3 Bc3 106.Kg2 Ke6 107.Bf1 Ke7 108.Be2 Kf6 109.Bf1 Ke7 110.Kf2 ½-½ (110) Ethereal (3708)-Fire Beta (3729) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

14.Nd5 Ne4 15.Be3 e6 16.Bb6 Qd7 17.Ne3 Nb4 18.g4 Nxa2 19.gxf5 Nxc1 20.fxe6 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 fxe6 22.Nh4 Nc3 23.Qd3 g5 24.Ng6 Rf7 25.Ba5 Na2 26.Qc2 Rf6 27.Nd5 Rxg6 28.Qxg6 exd5 29.Bxd5+ Kh8 30.Be4 Kg8 31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Be4 Kg8 33.Qh7+ Kf8 34.Bd5 1-0 (34) Keymer,V (2730)-Kollars,D (2659) chess.com INT 2024

7...Bd7 8.d5 Na5 9.b3 a6 10.Bb2 b5 11.Nd4 Rb8 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Rc1 b4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.bxa4 Nd7 16.Nc6 Nxc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rxc6 Nc5 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Rb1 Nxa4 21.Rxb4 Nc5 22.h4 Rxb4 23.Qxb4 Qa8 24.Qc4 Qa5 25.h5 Rb8 26.Qc1 Qxa2 27.Qe3 Qb1+ 28.Kh2 Qf5 29.Bf3 g5 30.g4 Qf6 31.Rxc7 Kf8 32.Kg2 h6 33.Qa3 Qd4 34.Qa7 Re8 35.Rb7 f5 36.e3 Qc4 37.Qa1 Kg8 38.Ra7 fxg4 39.Bd1 Qxd5+ 40.Kg1 g3 41.fxg3 Qd2 42.Qd4 Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Rf8 44.Bf3 Rxf3 45.Kxf3 Qf1+ 46.Kg4 Kf7 47.Qd5+ Kf6 48.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 49.Kxf3 Nd3 50.g4 Ne5+ 51.Kg3 Nc4 52.Kf3 Ne5+

53.Kg3 Nc4 54.Kf3 Ne5+ ½-½ (54) Abdusattorov,N (2731)-Van Foreest, J (2689) chess.com INT 2023

7...Bf5 8.d5

[8.b3 Ne4 9.Nd5 Bd7 10.Bb2 f5 11.e3 g5 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Rb8 14.Rad1 e6 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.f4 Ng6 17.Kh1 Qe7 18.Rf2 h5 19.e4 gxf4 20.gxf4 Nh4 21.Rg1 Rf6 22.Bf1 Rbf8 23.e5 Rg6 24.Rxg6 Nxg6 25.Rg2 Kh7 26.Rg5 Bh6 27.Rxh5 Kg7 28.Ne2 dxe5 29.Rxh6 Kxh6 30.fxe5+ f4 31.Bg2 Kg7 32.Be4 Qh4 33.Ng1 f3 34.Bxf3 Qf4 35.Qg2 Kh7 36.Be4 Be8 37.Nf3 Kg7 38.Ng5 Qf1+ 39.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 40.Kg2 Rd1 41.Nxe6+ Kh6 42.Nxc7 Bc6 43.d5 Rd2+ 44.Kg3 Rxb2 45.dxc6 bxc6 46.e6 Ne7 47.Kf4 Rxa2 48.Ke5 Re2 49.Kd6 Ng8 50.Bxc6 Kg7 51.c5 Nf6 52.Nd5 Ne4+ 53.Kc7 Nxc5 54.e7 Kf7 55.Kd8 Ne6+ 56.Kc8 Ng7 57.b4 Rxh2 58.Kd7 Rd2 59.Kd8 Ne6+ 60.Kc8 Ng7 61.b5 Ke6 62.Kb7 Rxd5 63.Bxd5+ Kxd5 64.Kxa7 Ne8 65.b6 1-0 (65) Mamedyarov,S (2770)-Korobov,A (2692) chess.com INT 2021]

[8.Be3 Ne4 9.Nd5 Bd7 10.Rc1 e6 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bd4 Qf6 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd5 Rab8 18.e3 b6 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.Rd1 Be6 21.Bd5 Rbd8 22.Rcd3 Rd6 23.Bxe6 Rxe6 24.Rd7 Rc6 25.b3 Re8 26.Kg2 a5 27.a4 Kf8 28.R1d5 Kg7 29.Kf3 Kf6 30.Ke4 Ke6 31.g4 h6 32.h4 f5+ 33.gxf5+ gxf5+ 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.h5 Kg5 36.Rf7 Rf6 37.Rxc7 Kxh5 38.Rg7 Rg6 39.Rxg6 Kxg6 40.Rd6+ Kg5 41.Rxb6 Rd8 42.Rb5 e4+ 43.Ke2 Rd3 44.c5 h5 45.c6 Rc3 46.Rxa5 Rxc6 47.Ra8 Rc2+ 48.Kf1 h4 49.Kg2 Rb2 50.Rb8 Kg4 51.Rg8+ Kh5 52.Rh8+ Kg4 53.Rg8+ Kh5 54.a5 Rxb3 55.a6 Ra3 56.Ra8 Kg6 57.Kh3 f4 58.a7 fxe3 59.fxe3 Kg7 60.Kxh4 Ra4 61.Kg3 Kh7 62.Kf4 Kg7 63.Ke5 Kh7 64.Kf6 Ra6+ 65.Kf7 Ra1 66.Kf8 Rf1+ 67.Ke7 Ra1 68.Kd6 Ra2 69.Re8 Ra6+ 70.Ke5 Rxa7 71.Kxe4 Kg7 72.Kd5 Kf7 73.Re4 Ra5+ 74.Kd6 Ra6+ 75.Kc5 Ra5+ 76.Kb6 Rd5 77.Kc6 Rd3 78.Kc5 Kf6 ½-½ (80) Wojtaszek,R (2686)-Piorun,K (2640) Warsaw POL 2021]

[8.Ne1 Qc8 9.e4 Bh3 10.Nc2 a6 *(10...Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Nd7 12.Be3 e5 13.Rc1 a6 14.dxe5 Ndxe5 15.Nd5 Nxc4 16.Bd4 Qd7 17.Bf6 Nb6 18.Ncb4 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Rac8 20.Re1 Kh8 21.Bxg7+ Kxg7 22.Qb3 Rb8 23.Rc4 f6 24.Qc3 Rf7 25.b4 Rbf8 26.Rd1 Kg8 27.f4 f5 28.Qb3 Kg7 29.Kg1 fxe4 30.Rxe4 Qh3 31.Qc3+ Kg8 32.Qc4 Kh8 33.Rde1 Ne5 34.Qe2 c6 35.Ne3 Nd7 36.Ng4 Kg7 37.Re6 Nf6 38.Nxf6 Rxf6 39.Qb2 Qf5 40.Rxd6 Kh6 41.Rxf6 Rxf6 42.a3 Re6 43.Rxe6 Qxe6 44.Qe5 Qxe5 45.fxe5 Kg5 46.g4 h5 47.h3 Kh6 48.Kf2 hxg4 49.hxg4 Kg7 50.Kf3 Kf7 51.Kf4 Ke6 52.Kg5 b6 53.Kxg6 c5 54.bxc5 bxc5 55.g5 c4 56.Kh7 c3 57.g6 c2 58.g7 c1Q 59.g8Q+ Kxe5* ½-½ (59) Houdini (3854)-Stockfish (3936) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 11.f3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Rb8 13.Qd3 e6 14.b3 Ne7 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.a4 Nh5 17.Bd2 f5 18.Rad1 Rbe8 19.d5 fxe4 20.Nxe4 exd5 21.cxd5 Nf6 22.Ne3 Nxe4 23.fxe4 Kh8 24.Rfe1 c6 25.a5 cxd5 26.exd5 Kg8 27.Rc1 Bh6 28.Rc4 Bxe3

29.Rxe3 Rf5 30.Rce4 Ref8 31.Re2 Nxd5 32.Bh6 Rc8 33.Kg1 Kf7 34.Rd4 Nc3 35.Re1 d5 36.Bd2 Nb5 37.Rde4 Qc7 38.R4e2 Kg8 39.Bh6 Nc3 40.Rc2 Qxa5 41.Bd2 Qc5+ 42.Be3 Rf3 43.Qd2 Rxe3 44.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 45.Rxe3 d4 46.Re7 Rd8 47.Rd2 g5 48.Kg2 g4 49.Re3 Nb5 50.Re4 h5 51.Kf1 a5 52.Rde2 Kf7 53.Rf2+ Kg6 54.Re6+ Kg7 55.Ke1 d3 56.Re3 Na3 57.Kd1 Nc2 58.Re7+ Kg6 59.Rxb7 Rd6 60.Rff7 d2 61.Rfe7 Rd3 62.Rb6+ Kf5 63.Rb5+ Kf6 64.Rbe5 Ne1 65.R7e6+ Kf7 66.Re3 Rd8 67.Re7+ Kf6 68.R3e6+ Kf5 69.Re5+ Kf6 70.Re8 Rd3 71.Rxa5 Nc2 72.Rae5 Na3 73.R8e6+ Kf7 74.Re7+ Kf6 75.R5e6+ Kf5 76.Re3 Rd5 77.Rc7 Nb5 78.Rc2 Kf6 79.Rc6+ Kf7 80.Re2 Rf5 81.Rxd2 Ke7 82.Kc2 Re5 83.b4 h4 84.Rc5 Re6 85.Rxb5 Rc6+ 86.Kb2 Rc8 87.Rb6 Rf8 1-0 (87) Stockfish (3936)-Houdini (3854) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

8...Na5 9.b3

[9.Nh4 Bd7 10.b3 c5 11.Bb2 a6 12.Qd2 b5 13.Nd1 Ne8 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Ne3 Rb8 16.Rab1 Qb6 17.Qc2 Rb7 18.Nf3 Rfb8 19.Nd2 Qd8 20.f4 bxc4 21.bxc4 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Rb6 23.a3 Qb8 24.Rxb6 Qxb6 25.g4 Nb7 26.Kf2 Nd8 27.h3 f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Nef1 Nf7 30.Ng3 Qb8 31.e3 Qd8 32.Nf3 Qb8 33.Bf1 Nh6 34.Bd3 Qf8 35.Qb2 Qd8 36.Qb7 a5 37.Bc2 Ne8 38.Qb1 Qc8 39.Nh5 Ng7 40.Nxg7 Kxg7 41.Qb6 a4 42.Qa7 Qe8 43.Nd2 Ng8 44.Nf1 Nf6 45.Ng3 Kg6 46.Qb7 h5 47.Nxf5 Bxf5 48.Bxf5+ Kxf5 49.Qb1+ Ne4+ 50.Kf3 Qg8 51.Qxe4+ Kf6 52.Kf2 h4 53.Kf1 Qd8 54.Qe6+ Kg7 55.Ke2 Qc7 56.Kf3 Qb7 57.Kg4 Kf8 58.Kg5 Qb2 59.Kg6 Qg7+ 60.Kh5 Qc3 61.f5 Qxa3 62.f6 exf6 63.Qxf6+ Ke8 64.Qe6+ Kd8 65.Qxd6+ Kc8 66.Qc6+ Kb8 67.Qb6+ Ka8 68.d6 Qxe3 69.Qd8+ Kb7 70.Qc7+ Ka6 71.Qc6+ Ka7 72.d7 Qe5+ 73.Kg6 Qg3+ 74.Kf7 Qf4+ 75.Ke7 Qe5+ 76.Qe6 Qg7+ 77.Kd6 Qd4+ 78.Kc7 Qf4+ 79.Qd6 1-0 (79) Lenderman,A (2624)-Guseinov,G (2665) ICC INT 2021]

9...c6

[9...c5 10.Bd2 a6 11.Qe1 b5 12.e4 Bg4 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Nxd5 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.Nxd6 exd6 17.exd5 Bb5 18.Bg5 Qb6 19.Qd2 Bxf1 20.Bxf1 Rfe8 21.h4 Nb7 22.Rc2 Qa5 23.Qc1 Qb4 24.Bf4 Qe4 25.Qd1 h6 26.Bb5 Red8 27.Bc6 Rab8 28.Re2 Qf5 29.Kg2 Na5 30.Ba4 c4 31.Re3 c3 32.Re2 Rb4 33.Be3 Rc8 34.Ne1 Rxa4 35.bxa4 Nc4 36.Bc1 Nb2 37.Qb3 Rc5 38.Qb8+ Kh7 39.Qxd6 Rxd5 40.Qc6 Rd1 41.Bf4 Rd4 42.a5 Qxa5 43.Nf3 Rc4 44.Qd7 Qf5 45.Qxf5 gxf5 46.Ne1 Ra4 47.Re7 Kg6 48.Rc7 Rxa2 49.Rc6+ Kh7 50.Rc7 Nd1 51.Nd3 Nxf2 52.Nxf2 Bd4 53.Rxf7+ Kg6 54.Rd7 Rxf2+ 55.Kh3 Bf6 56.Rd6 Kf7 57.Bxh6 Be5 58.Rd3 c2 59.Bc1 Rf1 60.Ba3 Ra1 61.Rd7+ Kg6 62.h5+ Kxh5 63.Bc1 Rxc1 0-1 (63) Martirosyan,H (2633)-Fedoseev,V (2704) chess.com INT 2022]

10.Bb2

[10.Nd4 Bd7 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Bb2 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bc6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Ne8 16.Qd2 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Nf6 19.Bf3 a5 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.h4 h5 22.Kg2

Rfd8 23.Rd3 d5 24.Qd2 dxc4 25.Rxc4 Qb6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Qe3 Qxe3 28.Rxe3 Rc7 29.Re5 b6 30.Rb5 Nd7 31.b4 axb4 32.Rxb4 Kf8 33.a4 e6 34.Rb5 Rc5 35.Rb4 Ke7 36.Be4 Kd6 37.Bd3 Kc7 38.Bb5 Ne5 39.Rd4 Nc6 40.Rf4 ½-½ (40) Matlakov,M (2674)-Guseinov,G (2661) chess.com INT 2022]

10...cxd5 11.cxd5 Rc8 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Qd2 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Ng4 15.e3 Ne5 16.Rab1 Rc7 17.h3 Rfc8 18.f4 Nec4 19.bxc4 Nxc4 20.Qe2 Qa5 21.Ba1 Na3 22.Rb3 Rxc3 23.Bxc3 Rxc3 24.Qd2 Bxd4 25.exd4 Nb5 26.Re1 Kf8 27.f5 g5 28.Kh2 h6 29.a4 Qc7 30.Rb2 Na3 31.Rxb7 Qxb7 32.Qxc3 1-0 (32) Vidit,S (2710)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha AZE 2022

7...Rb8 8.d5

[8.Re1 a6 9.a4 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.e3 e5 13.d5 Ne7 14.a5 f5 15.e4 f4 16.Kg2 Nf6 17.h4 h5 18.gxf4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Ng4 20.Bg3 Ne5 21.Be2 Bh6 22.Rh1 Bf4 23.Rh3 Qd7 24.Qg1 Rf6 25.Rf1 Rbf8 26.f3 Bxg3 27.Rxg3 Rf4 28.Qh2 Kh7 29.b3 Ng8 30.Nd1 Nh6 31.Ne3 b6 32.axb6 cxb6 33.Rg5 R4f6 34.f4 Nef7 35.e5 dxe5 36.fxe5 Rxf1 37.e6 Rf2+ 38.Kxf2 Nxg5+ 39.Ke1 Nxe6 40.dxe6 Qxe6 41.Qc7+ Rf7 42.Qg3 Qf6 43.Nd5 Qa1+ 44.Bd1 Nf5 45.Qd3 Nxh4 46.Kd2 Ng2 47.Ne3 Qb2+ 48.Nc2 Rf2+ 49.Be2 Nf4 50.Qd7+ Kh6 51.Qe8 Rxe2+ 52.Qxe2 Nxe2 53.Kd3 Qxb3+ 54.Kd2 Qxc4 55.Ne3 ½-½ (55) Erigaisi,A (2567)-Aronian,L (2781) chess.com INT 2021]

8...Na5 9.b3 c5 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bd2 e5 14.Rc1 f5 15.e4 f4 16.h3 Nf6 17.gxf4 exf4 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 g5 20.Na4 f3 21.Bxf3 Bxh3 22.Re1 Nd7 23.Bxa5 Nxe5 24.Bd5+ cxd5 25.Bxd8 Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Rbxd8 27.cxd5 Nxe1 28.Qxe1 Rxd5 29.Rc7 Bg4 30.Nc3 Bxc3 31.Qxc3 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Bf3+ 33.Qxf3 Rxf3 34.Kxf3 a5 35.Ra7 Rd5 36.Kg4 Kf8 37.Kh5 Rf5 38.Kxh6 g4 39.a4 Rxf2 40.Rxa5 Rb2 41.Rg5 Rxb3 42.Rxg4 ½-½ (42) Matlakov,M (2674)-Rapport,R (2763) Warsaw POL 2021

94 **8.h3** Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nd7 10.Be3

[10.e3 e5 11.dxe5 Ndxe5 12.Be2 Na5 13.Qa4 c6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Bd2 a6 16.Nd5 cxd5 17.Bxa5 b6 18.Bb4 Nxc4 19.Rxd5 b5 20.Qb3 Rfc8 21.Bg4 Rd8 22.Rc1 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 h5 24.Bf3 Rac8 25.Qf6 Re8 26.Rxd6 Nxd6 27.Rxc7 1-0 (27) Samunenkov,I (2562)-Haddouche,M (2490) chess.com INT 2025]

10...e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.Bg2 f5 13.Qd2 f4 14.gxf4 Nf5 15.Ne4 Qh4 16.Ng5 Bh6 17.Ne6 Rf7 18.Rac1 Re8 19.Rc3 Nf8 20.c5 Nxe3 21.fxe3 exf4 22.exf4 Nxe6 23.dxe6 Rxf4 24.Rxf4 Bxf4 25.Qd1 Be5 26.Rd3 Kg7 27.cxd6 cxd6 28.Bd5 Rf8 29.Rf3 Rxf3 30.Bxf3 Qxh3 31.Qd5 Qg3+ 32.Kf1 1-0 (32) Peng,L (2516)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024

95 **9.Qd3** c5 10.h3 Bd7 11.e4 Qc8 12.Kh2 a6 13.Bd2 b5 14.b3 Rb8 15.Rac1 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb2 17.Rfe1 Qc7 18.Bf1 Rfb8 19.Re2 Ne8 20.Be1 Bh6 21.Rxb2 Rxb2 22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Nxd2 Qb7 24.Be2 Qb4 25.Kg2 Kg7 26.Ra1 Kg8 27.g4 e5 28.Bd1 Qa3 29.Bc2 Nf6 30.Ndb1 Qb4 31.Nd1

Rxc2 32.Qxc2 Ba4 33.Qd3 Bxd1 34.Nd2 Qa4 35.Rc1 Kg7 36.Nf1 Bxg4 37.hxg4 Nxg4 38.Qc2 Qd7 39.f3 Nf6 40.Ng3 Qd8 41.Qd2 Nd7 42.Nf1 Nf6 43.Qg5 h6 44.Qh4 Qb6 45.Ne3 Qb2+ 46.Rc2 Qa3 47.Qe1 Nh5 48.Kh1 Qa4 49.Qc3 Nf4 50.Ng2 Nxg2 51.Kxg2 g5 52.Kh2 Kf6 53.Qd3 h5 54.Kg1 Qb4 ½-½ (54) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

9.Nd2 c5 10.Qc2 a6 11.h3 Bd7 12.b3 b5 13.Bb2 Rb8 14.Nd1 Qc8 15.Kh2 e6 16.e4 bxc4 17.bxc4 Rb4 18.Bc3 Rxc4 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Rc1 e5 22.Bd2 Be6 23.Ne3 Na3 24.Qd3 Nb5 25.Nc4 Qc6 26.f4 Nd7 27.f5 Bf7 28.Bg5 Re8 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Na5 Qc8 32.Qd5+ Re6 33.Rf1+ Bf6 34.h4 Nc7 35.Qb3 Kg7 36.Bh3 Qe8 37.Bxe6 Nxe6 38.Bxf6+ Nxf6 39.Qb7+ Qd7 40.Qxd7+ Nxd7 41.Nc4 Nf6 42.Nxd6 g5 43.h5 Nxh5 44.Rf7+ Kg8 45.Ra7 Nf6 46.Rxa6 Ng4+ 47.Kg2 Nd4 48.Nc4 Nc2 49.a4 Kf7 50.a5 Ke7 51.Rb6 Nge3+ 52.Nxe3 Nxe3+ 53.Kf3 Nc4 54.Rb7+ Kd6 55.a6 Kc6 56.Rb8 1-0 (56) Grischuk,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com INT 2020

[96] **9...Qd7** 10.Bb2 Bh3 11.Qd3 b6 12.e4 Nb7 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Qc2 a5 15.e5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Ng4 17.exd6 exd6 18.Bc1 Nh6 19.Nd4 Rfe8 20.Ncb5 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Nf5 22.Nf3 f6 23.h3 Re4 24.Rfe1 Rae8 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.g4 Ng7 27.Nd4 g5 28.Rd2 Qf7 29.Ba3 Re8 30.Re2 h5 31.Bb2 Re5 32.Kf1 Rxe2 33.Kxe2 hxg4 34.hxg4 Qe8+ 35.Kf3 Nd7 36.Nb5 Qf7 37.Kg2 Nf8 38.Qe4 Ng6 39.Kf3 Ne5+ 40.Bxe5 fxe5+ 41.Kg2 Ne8 42.Nc3 Qf4 43.Qxf4 gxf4 44.Kh3 Kf7 45.g5 Kg7 46.Nb5 Kg6 47.Kg4 Kf7 48.a3 Kg6 49.a4 f3 50.Na3 e4 51.Nc2 Ng7 52.Kf4 Ne8 53.Nd4 e3 54.Kxe3 Kxg5 55.Kxf3 Kg6 56.Kf4 Kf6 57.Ne6 c6 58.Nd4 cxd5 59.cxd5 Ke7 60.Kg5 Nc7 61.Nf5+ Kd8 62.Ne3 Ke7 63.Kg6 b5 64.axb5 Nxb5 65.Kg7 Nc3 66.f4 Ne4 67.f5 Nf6 68.Kg6 Nd7 69.Nc4 a4 70.bxa4 Nf8+ 71.Kg7 Nd7 72.Nb6 Nxb6 73.f6+ Kd7 74.f7 Kc7 75.f8Q Nxd5 1-0 (75) Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589)-Ethereal Nnue (3515) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

9...e6 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bd2 b6 12.e4 Qe7 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Rac1 Rfc8 15.Ne1 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Qd3 a6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Nd5 Qd8 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxh6 b5 22.Nf3 bxc4 23.bxc4 Be6 24.Rfd1 Na5 25.Nd2 Rc6 26.Rc2 Rac8 27.Rdc1 Bg5 28.Bxg5 Qxg5 29.h4 Qe7 30.Kh2 Nb7 31.Qe3 Nc5 32.Bh3 Bxh3 33.Kxh3 Qe6+ 34.Kg2 Qg4 35.Rb2 Ne6 36.f3 Qh5 37.Rf1 Kg7 38.Rbb1 Rh8 39.Rh1 a5 40.a4 Qh6 41.Qxh6+ Kxh6 42.Rb5 Ra8 43.Ra1 Kg7 44.Rab1 Nc5 45.Ra1 Ne6 46.Rb2 Re8 47.Rab1 Nc5 48.Ra2 Ne6 49.Rab2 Nc5 50.Ra2 Ne6 51.Rb7 Ra8 52.Rb5 Nd4 53.Rbb2 Ne6 54.Rb5 Nd4 55.Rb1 Ne6 56.Rb7 Raa6 57.Rb5 Ra7 58.Kf2 Ra8 59.Ra1 Nd4 60.Rb7 Rh8 61.Rh1 Ne6 62.Rb5 Ra8 63.Rhb1 Nc5 64.Ra1 Ne6 65.Rab1 Nc5 66.Ra1 Ne6 67.Kg2 Rcc8 68.Rb6 Rcb8 69.Rb5 Nc7 70.Rb3 Ne6 71.Rxb8 Rxb8 72.Rb1 Ra8 73.Rb5 Nc5 74.Nb3 Nxa4 75.Rxa5 Rb8 76.Rxa4 Rxb3 77.Ra6 Rb2+ 78.Kf1 Rd2 79.Rc6 Kf8 80.Kg1 Ke7 81.c5 dxc5 82.Rxc5 Kd6 83.Rc8 Ke7 84.g4 Rd3 85.Kg2 Rd2+ 86.Kg3 Rd1

87.Rc7+ Kf6 88.Kg2 Rd2+ 89.Kg3 Rd1 90.Ra7 Re1 91.Ra6+ Ke7 92.Kg2 Re2+ 93.Kg3 Re1 94.Rc6 Rb1 95.Kg2 Rb2+ 96.Kg3 Rb1 97.Rc5 Kf6 98.Kg2 Rb2+ 99.Kg3 Rb1 100.Ra5 Rd1 101.Kg2 Rd2+ 102.Kg3 Rd1 103.g5+ Ke6 104.Ra6+ Ke7 105.Rf6 Rh1 106.Rc6 Kd7 107.Rc5 Ke6 108.Rb5 Kd6 109.Kg4 ½-½ (109) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021

[97] **10...Qd7** 11.Bd2 e6 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Qe1 b6 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxa5 bxa5 16.Ng5 Bg4 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.Nc3 h6 19.Nf3 Bh3 20.Qd2 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 Re8 22.Qd3 Qe7 23.e3 Qb7 24.Kg2 Bf8 25.Rc1 Rb8 26.h3 Re8 27.a4 Nd7 28.Nd5 Bg7 29.Rd1 Nb8 30.Nf4 Nc6 31.Qd5 Qa6 32.g4 Qb6 33.Nd2 Qc7 34.Qf3 Qb7 35.Nd5 Kh8 36.h4 Ne5 37.Qf4 Re6 38.Qg3 Nc6 39.Qf3 Ne5 40.Qf4 Nd3 41.Qg3 Nb2 42.Rf1 Nd3 43.g5 h5 44.f4 Nb4 45.Qf3 Qd7 46.f5 Re5 47.e4 Nc2 48.Qd3 Nb4 49.Qh3 Qd8 50.Qf3 Nc6 51.Qf4 Re8 52.Nf3 Ne5 53.f6 Bf8 54.Nxe5 Rxe5 55.Re1 a6 56.Re3 Kg8 57.Nc3 Qa8 58.Nd1 Qb7 59.Nf2 Qb8 60.Rd3 Re8 61.Qd2 Qc7 62.Kf1 Re5 63.Ke2 Re6 64.Kd1 Re5 65.Qe3 Re8 66.Rd2 Qc8 67.Kc2 Qc7 68.Rd5 Qb7 69.Qc3 Qb6 70.Rd2 Qc7 71.Kb2 Qb6 72.Ka2 Qc7 73.Qf3 Qb7 74.Re2 Qc8 75.Nd3 Qb7 76.Kb2 Qc8 77.Re3 Qb8 78.Kc2 Qc7 79.Qg2 Qc8 80.Qe2 Qb8 81.Kb2 Qc7 82.Nf2 Rb8 83.Kc2 Re8 84.Rd3 Qc8 85.Rd5 Qd7 86.Qf3 Qb7 87.Nh3 Qc6 88.Nf4 Qd7 89.Kc1 Qb7 90.Kb2 Qd7 91.Kc2 Qb7 92.Kb2 Qd7 93.Nd3 Qb7 94.Qg2 Qc8 95.e5 dxe5 96.Qe4 Qh3 97.Kc1 Kh8 98.Kc2 Qh2+ 99.Kb1 Qh3 100.Nc1 Qc8 101.Kc2 Qb7 102.Ne2 Kg8 103.Ng3 Qc8 104.Nf1 Rd8 105.Ne3 Rd6 106.Rxd6 Bxd6 107.Nd5 Qe6 108.Nc3 Bf8 109.Nd5 Bd6 110.Nc3 Bf8 111.Qf3 Qd7 112.Nd5 Qe6 113.Nc3 Qd7 114.Ne2 ½-½ (114) LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

11.h3 Bc8 12.e4 Rb8

[12...Nd7 13.Rc1 b5 14.Qd3 Rb8 15.Bd2 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb4 17.Nd1 Ra4 18.Rc2 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Kh2 Bd7 21.Ne3 Bd4 22.h4 Qe8 23.Rb1 Bxe3 24.Bxa5 Bxf2 25.Rxf2 Rxa5 26.Rb7 Qd8 27.a3 Bc8 28.Rb8 Qd7 29.Rfb2 Qg4 30.Ra8 g5 31.hxg5 Qxg5 32.Rbb8 Qh6+ 33.Kg1 Qc1+ 34.Qf1 Qe3+ 35.Qf2 Rxa3 36.Qxe3 Rxe3 37.Rxc8 Rxc8 38.Rxc8+ Kg7 39.Kf2 Rc3 40.e5 Rxc4 41.exd6 exd6 42.Rd8 Rc2+ 43.Kf3 Kf6 44.Rxd6+ Ke5 45.Rxa6 f5 46.Rh6 Kxd5 47.Rxh7 Kd6 48.Rh5 Ke5 49.Bh3 Rc3+ 50.Kf2 Rc2+ 51.Kf1 Rc1+ 52.Ke2 Rc3 53.Rxf5+ Kd6 54.Rf3 Rc1 55.Re3 Ra1 56.Kf3 Kc6 57.g4 Ra8 58.g5 Rh8 59.Be6 Rf8+ 60.Kg4 Kb6 61.g6 Ra8 62.Bc4 Rd8 63.g7 Rd7 64.Rb3+ Kc7 65.Rb7+ Kxb7 1-0 (65) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

13.Re1

[13.Rb1 b5 14.cxb5 Nd7 15.Qd3 c4 16.Qc2 cxb3 17.axb3 axb5 18.b4 h6 19.Bf4 *(19.Bc1 Qc7 20.Bb2 Nc4 21.Nxb5 Rxb5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rfc1 Ba6 24.Qxc4 Qxc4 25.Rxc4 Rb7 26.Rc3 Rfb8 27.Ra1 Rb6 28.Ne1 g5 29.Nc2 Ne5 30.Nd4 Bb5 31.Rc7 Bd3 32.Rxe7 Rxb4 33.Nf5+ Kf6 34.Rc7 Rb1+ 35.Rc1 Rxa1*

36.Rxa1 h5 37.h4 g4 38.Nxd6 Be2 39.Kh1 Nf3 40.Bf1 Bxf1 41.Rxf1 Rd8 42.Nb7 Rb8 43.Nc5 Rb2 44.e5+ Kf5 45.e6 fxe6 46.dxe6 Re2 47.Nd3 Rxe6 48.Nf4 Rh6 49.Nd5 Ke4 50.Rd1 Rc6 51.Kg2 Ne1+ 52.Rxe1+ Kxd5 53.Re8 ½-½ (53) Ethereal Nnue (3515)-Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 19...g5 20.Bc1 Qc7 21.Bb2 Nc4 22.Nxb5 Rxb5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rfc1 Ba6 25.Qa4 Ra8 26.Bf1 Rbb8 27.Qb3 Qa7 28.Bxc4 Bxc4 29.Rxc4 Qa2 30.Nd4 Qxb3 31.Rxb3 Rb7 32.Nf5+ Kh7 33.Rc2 Ne5 34.b5 h5 35.Kg2 g4 36.b6 Ra1 37.Rcc3 Nf3 38.Rxf3 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Ra8 40.Kf4 Kg6 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Kh7 43.g5 Rab8 44.Rc3 e6 45.dxe6 fxe6 46.Rc7+ Kg8 47.Ne7+ Kh8 48.g6 Rxb6 49.Kg5 Rb1 50.Nc6 R8b7 51.Rxb7 Rxb7 52.Kf6 d5 53.e5 Rb3 54.Nd4 Rb4 55.Nxe6 Rb6 56.Kf5 Rb5 57.f3 Rb4 58.Nf4 d4 59.e6 Rb8 60.e7 Ra8 61.Kf6 Kg8 62.Nh5 d3 63.Kg5 Kh8 64.Kh6 d2 65.Nf6 Rg8 66.e8Q d1Q 67.Qxg8# 1-0 (67) Ethereal (3535)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

13...Nd7 14.Qd3 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 Ba6 18.a4 Nb7 19.Bf1 f6 20.Bh6 Re8 21.Qd1 Qb6 22.Nd2 Ne5 23.Be3 Qd8 24.Qc2 Na5 25.Qc3 Bc8 26.Rd1 Bd7 27.f4 Nf7 28.g4 h6 29.Be2 g5 30.Nf1 Kh8 31.Ng3 gxf4 32.Bxf4 Rg8 33.Rf1 Rg7 34.Nh5 Rg6 35.Ng3 Rg7 36.Bd2 Ra8 37.Qe3 Ne5 38.Bc3 Rh7 39.Nh5 Be8 40.Ng3 Bd7 41.Kh2 Qb8 42.Rf2 Qd8 43.Kh1 Rb8 44.Kg2 Rb7 45.Kh2 Rb8 46.Kg2 Rb7 47.Nh5 Be8 48.Nf4 Bd7 49.Nh5 Be8 50.Kh2 Rb8 51.Kh1 Nb7 52.Kh2 Na5 53.Ng3 Bd7 54.Rf1 Be8 55.Rb1 Bd7 56.Na3 Ra8 57.Nh5 Be8 58.Nf4 Bd7 59.Qd2 Qb6 60.Qe1 Rg7 61.Nh5 Rg5 62.Ng3 Kh7 63.Rb2 Qc7 64.Nb5 Qd8 65.Na3 Qc7 66.Kh1 Qb6 67.Qf2 Qc7 68.Rb1 Qd8 69.Kg2 Qb8 70.Rb2 Qd8 71.Qf1 Qc8 72.Qe1 Qc7 73.Kh2 Rg6 74.Nb5 Qd8 75.Qf1 Rb8 76.Nf5 Nb7 77.Qf2 Rg5 78.Rb1 Bxf5 79.exf5 Qd7 80.Bd2 Nd8 81.Bxg5 hxg5 82.Qe3 Qb7 83.Rd1 Ndf7 84.Bf1 Ra8 85.Ra1 Ra5 86.Qc3 Qb6 87.Kg2 Kg7 88.Rd1 Ra8 89.Na3 Qb8 90.Bb5 Ra7 91.Re1 Qb7 92.Qd2 Qa8 93.Re3 Rb7 94.Kf2 Ra7 95.Re1 Kg8 96.Re3 Kg7 97.Ke1 Kf8 98.Kd1 Kg8 99.Kc1 Kg7 100.Nc4 Qd8 101.Nxe5 Nxe5 102.h4 gxh4 103.Rh3 Qh8 104.Kb1 Qh6 105.Qe1 Nxg4 106.Rxh4 Qg5 107.Qg3 Ne3 108.Rh3 Nxf5 109.Qh2 Kf7 110.Rh8 Ng7 111.Qc2 Qg4 112.Ka2 f5 113.Bc6 Qf3 114.Rh2 Qf4 115.Qg2 Qg4 116.Qb2 Qf3 117.Rh7 Qg3 118.Qc2 Kg6 119.Rh2 Kf7 120.Rg2 Qe3 121.Qb2 Qh6 122.Qc3 Ne8 123.Qd3 Ng7 124.Qc3 Ne8 125.Qe1 Ng7 126.Qg3 Rc7 127.Bb5 Ra7 128.Bc6 Rc7 129.Rh2 Qg6 130.Qf2 Qg4 131.Rg2 Qh3 132.Qb2 Qh6 133.Qa1 Ra7 134.Qe1 Qh3 135.Qd2 Qh4 136.Qb2 Qf6 137.Qc1 Qh4 138.Qg1 Qh6 139.Qf2 Qh3 140.Qb2 Qh6 141.Rh2 Qe3 142.Rh7 Qg3 143.Qd2 f4 144.Bb5 Rb7 145.Rh8 Qg4 146.Ka3 Qg5 147.Rh1 Nf5 148.Rf1 Qf6 149.Qh2 Kg7 150.Qxf4 Nd4 151.Qg3+ Qg6 152.Qf4 Qf6 153.Qg3+ Qg6 154.Qf2 Qf6 155.Qg2+ Qg6 156.Qf2 Qf6 157.Qg1+ Qg6 158.Qh2 Nxb5+ 159.axb5 Rxb5 160.Rg1 Rb4 161.Rxg6+ Kxg6 162.Qf2 Kg7 163.Kb2 Kg8 164.Qf3 Kg7 165.Qf5 Kg8 166.Kc2 Kg7

167.Kb2 ½-½ (167) Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

[98] **6...e5** 7.e4 d6 8.h4 [8.Bf3 Bd7 9.g4 b5 10.g5 Ne8 11.Nxb5 Bxb5 12.cxb5 a6 13.b6 Qxb6 14.h4 Nc7 15.h5 Nb5 16.Bg4 Nd4 17.Nf3 a5 18.Kf1 Na6 19.Kg2 Qb7 20.Rh3 c4 21.Be3 Rae8 22.Rb1 Nc5 23.Nd2 f5 24.gxf6 Rxf6 25.h6 Bf8 26.Rh2 Rb8 27.Qf1 Qf7 28.f3 Be7 29.Rh3 Kh8 30.Qxc4 Rb4 31.Qf1 a4 32.b3 Qf8 33.bxa4 Rxa4 34.Rb2 Rf7 35.Qb1 Ra8 36.Nb3 Ncxb3 37.axb3 Bf6 38.b4 Rb8 39.Rh1 Bd8 40.Qd3 Bb6 41.Rf1 Qe7 42.Qd2 Rbf8 43.Bg5 Qb7 44.b5 Qb8 45.Rbb1 Rc7 46.Qd3 Rcf7 47.Be6 Rf6 48.Qc4 R6f7 49.Bxf7 Rxf7 50.Rbc1 Bc5 51.b6 Qc8 52.Kg3 Rf4 53.Bxf4 exf4+ 54.Kg2 Qd8 55.Rh1 Kg8 56.b7 Kf7 57.Qa4 Nc2 58.Rxc2 Qg5+ 59.Kf1 Qd8 60.Qa8 Qxa8 61.bxa8Q Ke7 62.Rb2 Bb6 63.Rxb6 Kf7 64.Qd8 g5 65.Rb7+ Kg6 66.Rg7# 1-0 (66) LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642)-Stockfish Dev (3673) tcec-chess.com INT 2023] 8...Na6 9.Bh3 Rb8 10.a4 Bd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.h5 Bg7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.Nh4 Kh7 17.Ng2 Ne8 18.Qf3 Bf6 19.Kd1 Be7 20.Kc2 Ng7 21.Rh2 g5 22.g4 a5 23.Nd1 Rfd8 24.Nde3 Qe8 25.Nf1 Rd7 26.Kb3 Qd8 27.Ka3 Ra8 28.Rh3 Bf8 29.Rh1 Ra6 30.Nfe3 Ne8 31.Raf1 Qf6 32.Qd1 Qd8 33.Rfg1 Kh8 34.Nf1 Ra7 35.Rh3 Ra6 36.Rb3 b6 37.Qe2 Be7 38.Ng3 Bf8 39.Rf1 Ng7 40.Qf3 Ne8 41.Qc3 Ng7 42.Ne2 Be7 43.Qf3 Bf8 44.Ne3 Ne8 45.Qf5 Kg8 46.Rb1 Kh8 47.Rf1 Kg7 48.Qf3 Kh8 49.Nd1 Kh7 50.Ndc3 Bg7 51.Ng3 Bf8 52.Nb1 Ra8 53.Qf5+ Kg8 54.Qf3 Kh7 55.Qf5+ Kh8 56.Rh1 Kg7 57.Nf1 Ra6 58.Qf3 Kh7 59.Rg1 Ra8 60.Qf5+ Kh8 61.Nc3 Kg7 62.Nb5 Kh8 63.Nc3 Kg7 64.Nd1 Raa7 65.Nde3 Ra8 66.Ng3 Rda7 67.Ng2 Rd7 68.Nf1 Kh8 69.Qf3 Ra6 70.Qc3 Kh7 71.Rh1 Qc7 72.Qf3 Qd8 73.Qf5+ Kh8 74.Ne1 Kg7 75.Ng2 Kh8 76.Ng3 Kg7 77.Qf3 Kh7 78.Ka2 Rb7 79.Rc3 Rd7 80.Kb3 Kg7 81.Kc2 Qc8 82.Rd3 Kh8 83.b3 Qa8 84.Qe3 Kg8 85.Ne2 Kh7 86.Qc1 Kg7 87.Ne3 Kh7 88.Kd1 Kg7 89.Kc2 Kh7 90.Qf1 Kh8 91.Nc3 Bg7 92.Qe2 Bf6 93.Nf5 Kh7 94.Qf3 Qd8 95.Rdd1 Nc7 96.Rc1 Ra8 97.Ne3 Bh8 98.Kd3 Kg7 99.Nb5 Ne8 100.Qf5 Nf6 101.Ra1 Ng8 102.Qf3 Nf6 103.Rh2 Kh7 104.Qf5+ Kg7 105.Ng2 Nh7 106.Rh3 Ra6 107.Rf3 Qe7 108.Rh1 Ra8 109.Ke2 Qe8 110.Ne3 Qe7 111.Ra1 Qe8 112.Nf1 Qe7 113.Na3 Qd8 114.Nb5 Qe7 115.Ne3 Qe8 116.Rg3 Qd8 117.Kf1 Rb8 118.Qf3 Kg8 119.Ke2 Qf8 120.Nc3 Kg7 121.Kd2 Kg8 122.Qe2 Re8 123.Rgg1 Ra8 124.Rh1 Ra6 125.Ke1 Ra8 126.Kf1 Kg7 127.Nf5+ Kg8 128.f3 Rb7 129.Nb5 Rd7 130.Qd1 Rad8 131.Ke2 Nf6 132.Nc3 Re8 133.Kd3 Ra8 134.Nb5 Rad8 135.Ke2 Rb8 136.Kf2 Rbd8 137.Nc3 Re8 138.Ra3 Rc7 139.Ke3 Rd7 140.Kd2 Ra7 141.Nb5 Rd7 142.Ke2 Ra8 143.Ne3 Rad8 144.Kd2 Re8 145.Nf5 Ra8 146.Ra1 Rb8 147.Na3 Re8 148.Ke2 Ra8 149.Nc2 Ra6 150.Kd2 Kh7 151.Kc1 Qa8 152.Na3 Qf8 153.Nb5 Ra8 154.Kd2 Kg8 155.Ke2 Kh7 156.Kf1 Kg8 157.Nc3 Rc7 158.Ke2 Rd7 159.Kd2 Re8 160.Nb5 Red8

161.Qg1 Rb7 162.Ke1 Kh7 163.Rh2 Kg8 164.Ng3 Kh7 165.Ne2 Kg7 166.Kd2 Ng8 167.Nbc3 Ne7 168.Ng3 Ng8 169.Nf5+ Kh7 170.Nb5 Nf6 171.Kc2 Ne8 172.Qe3 Kg8 173.Kb1 Nf6 174.Qd3 Ne8 175.b4 cxb4 176.Rc2 Nf6 177.Qd1 Rbd7 178.Kb2 Rb7 179.Qe2 Bg7 180.Qd3 Bh8 181.Re1 Bg7 182.Rd2 Bh8 183.Rc2 Kh7 184.Rb1 Ne8 185.Rd2 Nf6 186.Rc2 Rdd7 187.Ne3 Qd8 188.Rg1 Kg7 189.Nf5+ Kh7 190.Kb1 Ne8 191.Rd1 Rb8 192.Qe3 Rbb7 193.Ra2 Nf6 194.Qd3 Ne8 195.Ng3 Nf6 196.Re2 Ne8 197.Rc2 Ng7 198.Ra2 Qf8 199.Re2 Qe8 200.Kb2 Qe7 201.Rf1 Qd8 202.Rd2 Kg8 203.Kc1 Kh7 204.Rh1 f6 205.Kb2 Ne8 206.Rc1 Re7 207.Nf5 Rf7 208.Qb3 Rfd7 209.Kb1 Bg7 210.Kb2 Bh8 211.Rdc2 Qb8 212.Ne3 Kg7 213.Re1 Kg8 214.Kc1 Kf7 215.Kd2 Kg8 216.Ke2 Kf7 217.Rcc1 Kg8 218.Qa2 Rh7 219.Nf5 Bg7 220.Kd2 Rd7 221.Kc2 Bh8 222.Kb2 Qc8 223.Qb3 Bg7 224.Qe3 Qa6 225.Re2 Qb7 226.Qb3 Qc8 227.Rf2 Qd8 228.Qe3 Bh8 229.Qd2 Kf8 230.Ra1 Kg8 231.Rff1 Qb8 232.Kb1 Qc8 233.Rf2 Kf8 234.Qe3 Qb7 235.Rb2 Qa6 236.Qe2 Qa8 237.Kc2 Qd8 238.Rh1 Qc8 239.Qe3 Qb8 240.Qd3 Qd8 241.Kb3 Bg7 242.Ra1 Qc8 243.Qe3 Qb8 244.Rba2 Bh8 245.Qe2 Kg8 246.Kc2 Kf8 247.Rb2 Qd8 248.Qd3 Kg8 249.Rbb1 Bg7 Game shortened because chessbase doesn't like games over 250 moves. 300 moves of this nonsense were played. ½-½ (249) Stockfish Dev (3673)-LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 The Week in Chess 1530 [Crowther, Mark]

99 **7...e6** 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 [9...a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 h5 12.Nc4 h4 13.Bf4 h3 14.Bf3 Bf8 15.e4 Qc7 16.Re1 Nbd7 17.e5 dxe5 18.d6 Qb8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Qxd6 22.Qxd6 Bxd6 23.Ree1 Bf5 24.Rad1 Bf8 25.Bxb7 Rb8 26.Bxa6 Rxb2 27.Bc4 Ng4 28.Re2 Rb4 29.Bd5 Bg7 30.Ne4 Rxa4 31.Nd6 Bd4 32.Bxf7+ Kg7 33.Bb3 Ra3 34.Be6 Bxe6 35.Rxe6 Bxf2+ 36.Kf1 Ne3+ 37.Kxf2 Nxd1+ 38.Ke2 Nc3+ 39.Kf3 Nb5+ 40.Kg4 Nxd6 41.Rxd6 Ra7 42.Rc6 Ra5 43.Kxh3 Kh6 44.Kg4 Ra4+ 45.Kf3 Ra3+ 46.Kf4 Ra4+ 47.Kf3 Ra3+ 48.Kg2 Ra2+ 49.Kf3 Ra3+ ½-½ (49) Lazavik,D (2553)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023]

[9...Na6 10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Nd2 Re8 14.a4 Nb4 15.Nc4 Bf8 16.Bd2 b6 17.Qb3 a5 18.Rad1 Ba6 19.Bc3 b5 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb4 cxb4 22.Rc1 Bg7 23.e3 Rc8 24.Bf1 Rc5 25.Nd2 Bd7 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.Qc2 Qf6 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.b3 Qc3 30.Qa2 a4 31.bxa4 Bxa4 32.Ne4 Qa3 33.Qd2 Bd7 34.Nd6 Ra8 35.Rc1 b3 36.Bd3 b2 37.Rb1 Qb4 38.Qc2 Ra1 39.Nc4 Ba4 40.Qd1 Bxd1 0-1 (40) Jumabayev,R (2654)-Adhiban,B (2659) chess.com INT 2020]

10.Re1

[10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Rc1 a6 13.b4 Nd7 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Na4 b6 16.Nd4 h6 17.Be3 Rxe3 18.fxe3 Bd7 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.Qd3 Re8 21.Qxa6 Rxe3 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Qxb5 Bd4 24.Kh1 Qe7 25.Bf3

Kg7 26.a4 Qe5 27.Kg2 Nf6 28.Qc4 g5 29.Kh1 g4 30.Bg2 Rxe2 31.Rf4 Rxg2 32.Kxg2 Nxd5 33.Rxg4+ Kf8 34.Qa6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 Qf5+ 36.Rf4 Qh5+ 37.Ke4 Qd5+ 38.Kd3 Kg7 39.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 40.Ke2 Nd5 41.Qc4 Qe5+ 42.Kf2 Nf6 43.Kg2 Qf5 44.Qf4 Qg6 45.Rf1 Nd5 46.Qf3 Nf6 47.a5 Ne4 48.a6 Nd2 49.Qxf7+ Qxf7 50.Rxf7+ Kxf7 51.a7 Ke6 52.a8Q d5 53.Qe8+ Kd6 54.Qd8+ Kc6 55.Qa8+ Kd6 56.Qf8+ Ke5 57.Qxc5 Ne4 58.Qe3 d4 59.Qd3 Nc5 60.Qc4 Ne6 61.Kf2 Ng5 62.Ke2 Ne4 63.Qb5+ Ke6 64.Kd3 Nd6 65.Qh5 Nf5 66.g4 Nd6 67.Kxd4 Nf7 68.Qf5+ Ke7 69.h4 Kf8 70.Qf6 Kg8 71.Kd5 h5 72.g5 Nh8 73.g6 1-0 (73) Grischuk,A (2689)-Obregon Rivero,J (2486) chess.com INT 2024]

[10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.a4 b6 12.h3 Ba6 13.Re1 Ne5 14.f4 Nc4 15.e4 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 Nd7 17.Kh2 h5 18.Qf3 c4 19.Be3 Nc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.e5 dxe5 22.f5 e4 23.Rxe4 Rb8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.f6 Bh6 26.Ne4 Rxb2 27.Nxc5 Bc8 28.d6 h4 29.Rd1 hxg3+ 30.Qxg3 Qe2 31.Re1 Bf4 32.Rxe2 Bxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Rxe2 34.Bd5 c3 0-1 (34) Goldin,A (2542)-Puranik,A (2625) chess.com INT 2024]

10...Nbd7

[10...Bf5 11.Nd2 Na6 12.e4 Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 14.Nc4 Qb8 15.Bf4 Bf8 16.a4 Nb4 17.Qd2 Nh5 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.g4 Bd3 22.Bf1 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 Nf6 24.Bg5 Bg7 25.Bf4 Qd8 26.Nxd6 Rf8 27.Kg2 Qd7 28.Bg3 h5 29.g5 Ne8 30.Re6 h4 31.Bf4 h3+ 32.Kg3 Nxd6 33.Bxd6 Rf5 34.Rae1 Bf8 35.Rxg6+ Kh7 36.Ree6 Re8 37.Bxf8 Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Rxf8 39.f4 1-0 (39) Ding,L (2801)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) London ENG 2019]

11.e4

[11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Rc1 a6 14.b4 h6 15.Bd2 Qd8 16.a3 b5 17.e4 Bb7 18.Rc2 Rc8 19.Qc1 Kh7 20.Bf1 Nhf6 21.h3 Re7 22.Qb1 Nb6 23.bxc5 Rxc5 24.a4 Nc4 25.Bc1 Qe8 26.axb5 Nxe4 27.bxa6 Bxa6 28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Rce2 Rxe2 30.Bxe2 Qc8 31.Qe4 Bb7 32.Qg4 Bxd5 33.Qxc8 Rxc8 34.Rd1 Be4 35.Bf4 d5 36.h4 f5 37.Ne1 d4 38.Nd3 Nb6 39.f3 Bd5 40.Be5 g5 41.Kf2 Bc4 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.f4 gxf4 ½-½ (43) Fedoseev,V (2691)-Kuybokarov,T (2584) Douglas IOM 2023]

11...a6 12.a4 Ng4 13.Nh4 Nge5 14.f4 Nc4 15.Qc2 Rb8 16.Nf3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bf1 b4 19.Bxc4 bxc3 20.bxc3 Nb6 21.Bb5 Bd7 22.Rb1 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Nc4 24.Rxb8 Qxb8 25.Nd2 Na5 26.Kg2 f5 27.Re3 c4 28.Ba3 Qb5 29.Bb4 Nb7 30.Qa2 Rc8 31.Nf3 fxe4 32.Rxe4 Qxd5 33.Qe2 Bf6 34.g4 Qc6 35.Kg3 Nc5 36.Re6 Bg7 37.Ng5 h6 38.Rxd6 1-0 (38) Mamedyarov,S (2733)-Asadli,V (2553) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2024

7...a6 8.0-0 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.Nxb5 Ba6 11.Nc3 Nbd7 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Rb1 Rfb8 14.a4 h6 15.Bf4 Qb7 16.b3 Nb6 17.e4 Bxf1 18.Bxf1 Nh5 19.Bd2 Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Nxa4 21.Bd2 Kh7 22.Qc1 c4 23.Bxc4 Nc5 24.e5 Rc8 25.Qd1 Ne4 26.e6 f5 27.Be1 Ra2 28.Nd4 Qb6 29.Kf1 Nhf6 30.f3 Nd2+ 31.Bxd2 Qxd4 32.Be1 Rxc4 33.bxc4 Qxc4+ 34.Kg1 Nxd5 35.Bf2 Nc3 36.Qb3 Qc6 37.Rf1 Qxf3

0-1 (37) Mayank,C (2472)-Sindarov, J (2682) chess.com INT 2024

100 **11.h3** Bxf3 12.Bxf3 a6 13.Be2 e6 14.Kg2 exd5
[14...Qe7 15.Bf4 exd5 16.exd5 Nd7 17.Qd2 f5 18.Rae1 Ne8 19.h4 Be5 20.Bh6 Ng7 21.Bd1 Qf7 22.a5 b6 23.axb6 Rxb6 24.b3 Rbb8 25.Ne2 Nf6 26.Nf4 Rfe8 27.Nd3 Ne4 28.Qc1 Bc3 29.Re2 Bd4 30.Ra2 Qb7 31.Ra3 Ra8 32.Bf3 Nf6 33.Bd2 Ne4 34.Bf4 a5 35.Re1 Ra7 36.Be3 Bxe3 37.Rxe3 Nf6 38.Rxe8+ Ngxe8 39.Qe1 Qc7 40.Ra1 Ng7 41.Nf4 Ra8 42.Ra2 Qa7 43.Qa1 Qe7 44.Re2 Qf7 45.Re6 Nfe8 46.Qa4 Ra7 47.Re1 Qd7 48.Qc6 Kf8 49.Qb6 Qc7 50.Qb5 Qd8 51.h5 g5 52.Ne6+ Nxe6 53.dxe6 Nf6 54.Qa4 g4 55.Bd5 f4 56.h6 f3+ 57.Kg1 Ke7 58.Qb5 Qc7 59.Be4 Qc8 60.Bf5 Qb7 61.Qd7+ Qxd7 62.exd7+ Kd8 63.Re6 Nxd7 64.Rxd6 Ke7 65.Re6+ Kf7 66.Bxg4 a4 67.bxa4 Rxa4 68.Re3 Nb6 69.Bf5 Nxc4 70.Re1 Kg8 71.Bc2 Ra3 72.g4 Rc3 73.Bb1 Ra3 74.Kh2 Nd2 75.Bf5 c4 76.Kg3 Kf8 77.Bxh7 Nb3 78.g5 Ra8 79.Be4 Rb8 80.g6 Rd8 81.Kg4 Nc5 82.Bf5 Rd4+ 83.Kg5 Ne4+ 84.Rxe4 Rxe4 85.Bxe4 Ke7 86.Bxf3 c3 87.Be4 c2 88.Bxc2 1-0 (88) LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]
15.exd5 Re8 16.a5 Nd7 17.Ra3 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Qc2 Qa8 20.Kg1 a5 21.Re1 Bd4 22.Kg2 Bg7 23.Qd2 h5 24.Bd1 Rxe1 25.Qxe1 Ne6 26.Nb5 Nd4 27.Qxa5 Qb8 28.Qa7 Nxb5 29.cxb5 Qd8 30.Be2 Rb8 31.Bf4 Be5 32.Bxe5 Nxe5 33.b3 Nd7 34.Ra6 Rb6 35.h4 Kg7 36.Ra2 Rb8 37.Qa5 Nb6 38.Bc4 Kg8 39.Qc3 Rb7 40.Qe3 Kg7 41.Ra6 Qf6 42.Qe2 Re7 43.Qd2 Rb7 44.Qa5 Qd8 45.Qe1 Rb8 46.Qe3 Rb7 47.Be2 Kf8 48.Qh6+ Kg8 49.Qg5 Qxg5 50.hxg5 Kg7 51.Kh3 Kg8 52.f4 Kf8 53.Bc4 Kg7 54.Ra2 Re7 55.Ra1 Kf8 56.Ra6 Rb7 57.Kg2 Kg8 58.Kf2 Kf8 59.Ke3 Kg7 60.Kf3 Kh7 61.Ke4 Kg7 62.f5 Kf8 63.Bd3 Kg8 64.fxg6 fxg6 65.Kf3 Kg7 66.Be4 Kf7 67.Ke3 Ke7 68.Kd2 Kf7 69.Kd3 Kg7 70.Kc3 Kf7 71.b4 cxb4+ 72.Kxb4 Ke7 73.Bxg6 Nxd5+ 74.Ka5 Rc7 75.Be4 Nc3 76.Bc6 Ke6 77.g6 Kf6 78.Kb4 Nxb5 79.Bxb5 Rb7 80.Rxd6+ Kg7 81.Rd5 Kh6 82.Kc3 Rc7+ 83.Kd4 Re7 84.Bd3 Ra7 85.Be4 Ra4+ 86.Ke5 Ra6 87.Rd7 Rb6 88.g7 h4 89.g8Q Rb5+ 90.Bd5 Rxd5+ 91.Kxd5 1-0 (91) Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

101 **4...0-0** 5.Bg5
[5.f3 c5 *(5...c6 6.Nge2 a6 7.Be3 b5 8.c5 b4 9.Na4 a5 10.Nf4 d6 11.cxd6 exd6 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Qd2 Ba6 15.Rac1 Qc8 16.Rc2 Qb7 17.Rfc1 Bb5 18.b3 h5 19.h4 Nh7 20.Nb2 Nhf8 21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 a4 23.Qf2 axb3 24.Bxb3 c5 25.dxc5 Nxc5 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Qxc5 Rac8 28.Qg5 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 Kh7 30.Nd5 Qa7+ 31.Kh2 Qd4 32.Qe3 Qa1 33.g3 Ne6 34.Nf4 Bd4 35.Qc1 Qxc1 36.Rxc1 Nxf4 37.gxf4 Be3 38.Rc4 Bxf4+ 39.Kg2 Rd8 40.Rxb4 Rd2+ 41.Kf1 Rh2 42.Rb7 Rxh4 43.Rxf7+ Kh6 44.a4 Kg5 45.a5 Rh1+ 46.Ke2 Rb1 47.Bc4 Ra1 48.a6 Ra3 49.e5 Bxe5 50.Re7 Bd4 51.Re6 Kf4 52.Rxg6*

Re3+ 53.Kd2 Rxf3 54.Bd3 Rf2+ 55.Be2 Be3+ 56.Kd3 Ba7 57.Rf6+ Ke5 58.Rh6 Rf7 59.Rxh5+ Kd6 60.Kc2 Kc7 61.Bc4 Re7 62.Rh6 Kd8 63.Kd3 Kc8 64.Bb5 Kc7 65.Rc6+ Kd8 66.Kc4 Rc7 67.Kd5 Rxc6 68.Kxc6 Kc8 69.Bc4 1-0 (69) Tang,A (2523)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2023*; 5...b6 6.Be3 Bb7 7.Qd2 e6 8.Nge2 d6 9.h4 c5 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.Bh6 Nbd7 13.h5 Nxh5 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.g4 Nxf3 17.Qe3 Qg5 18.Qxg5 Nxg5 19.gxh5 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Nc3 Re5 22.h6+ Kh8 23.Bg2 f5 24.Nb5 Rd8 25.Rhe1 a6 26.Nxd6* 1-0 (26) So,W (2767)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2019*)* 6.d5 e6 7.Nh3 d6 8.Nf2 a6 9.a4 Ne8 10.h4 exd5 11.cxd5 Nd7 12.h5 Qe7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Qc2 *(14.g4 Nc7 15.Be3 b5 16.Qd2 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Re8 18.h6 Bh8 19.Kf1 Rb3 20.Kg2 Qf8 21.Qc2 Rb7 22.Rh3 Nb6 23.Ra3 Bd7 24.f4 Bb5 25.g5 Bxe2 26.Nxe2 Nd7 27.b3 f5 28.gxf6 Bxf6 29.Ra4 Nb6 30.Ra2 Nd7 31.Qd1 Reb8 32.Bc1 Rb6 33.Ra4 Nb5 34.Ng4 Qe7 35.Nxf6+ Nxf6 36.f5 Qe5 37.Bf4 Qb2 38.Bg5 R6b7 39.Rf3 Nh5 40.Kh3 Qe5 41.Kg2 Rc7 42.Qd3 Re8 43.Bd2 Rf7 44.Rxa6 Nd4 45.Nxd4 cxd4 46.Ra4 gxf5 47.exf5 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 Qxd3 49.Rxd3 Rxf5 50.Rdxd4 Kf7 51.Ra7+ Re7 52.Ra6 Rd7 53.Bb4 Nf6 54.Bxd6 Rh5+ 55.Kg2 Rxd5 56.Rxd5 Nxd5 57.b4 Rb7 58.Ra8 Ke6 59.Bc5 Nxb4 60.Bxb4 Rxb4* ½-½ (60) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 14...Nc7 15.Be3 b5 16.Qd2 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Re8 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.0-0 Ne5 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.d6 Qd8 22.dxc7 Qxc7 23.f4 Nc6 24.e5 Rd8 25.Qc1 g5 26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Nd5 Qb7 28.Ne4 gxf4 29.Nd6 Qa7 30.Nb6 Nxe5 31.Ndxc8 Rbxc8 32.Rxa6 Qb8 33.Nxc8 Nxc4 34.Qxc4 f3 35.Nd6 Bd4+ 36.Kh1 fxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Rxd6 38.Rxd6 Qxd6 39.b3 Qg6+ 40.Kh2 Qh5+ 41.Kg3 Qg6+ 42.Kh4 Qe4+ 43.Kh3 Qe3+ 44.Kh4 ½-½ (44) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[5.h3 c6 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nf3 a6 8.0-0 b5 9.Re1 Nfd7 10.Be3 b4 11.Na4 c5 12.e5 cxd4 13.Bxd4 dxe5 14.Be4 exd4 15.Bxa8 e5 16.c5 Qc7 17.Qc2 a5 18.c6 Rd8 19.Rad1 Nf8 20.Qc4 Ba6 21.Qc5 Ne6 22.Qb6 Bc4 23.Bb7 Bxa2 24.Ra1 Bb3 25.Qxc7 Nxc7 26.Nc5 Bc2 27.Nxe5 Rd5 28.Ned3 Bf8 29.Re2 b3 30.Ne4 Be7 31.Rd2 Nba6 32.Bxa6 Nxa6 33.h4 Kg7 34.Ra4 Bxh4 35.Rc4 Nc7 36.Ndc5 d3 37.Nc3 Rxc5 38.Rxc5 Bf6 39.Nd5 Nxd5 40.Rxd5 Bxb2 41.c7 a4 42.c8Q a3 43.Rd8 a2 44.Rg8+ Kf6 45.Qd8+ Kf5 46.g4+ Kxg4 47.f3+ Kf4 48.Qh4+ Kf5 49.Qe4+ Kf6 50.Qf4+ Ke6 51.Re8+ Kd5 52.Qxf7+ Kc5 53.Rc8+ Kd6 54.Rd8+ Kc6 55.Qc4+ Kb7 56.Qb5+ Kc7 57.Rd7+ Kc8 58.Qb7# 1-0 (58) Rofchade (3423)-Scorpionn (3496) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

[5.Be2 c6 6.Be3 d5 7.e5 Ne8 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.h4 Nc6 10.h5 Nc7 11.Qd2 f6 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Bh6 Rf7 14.Nf3 Qf8 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.0-0-0 Ne6 18.Rh5 fxe5 19.dxe5 d4 20.Ne2 d3 21.Nc3 Rd8 22.Rdh1

f4 23.Ne4 Rf5 24.Bg5 Nxe5 25.Nh4 Nc4 26.Qb4 d2+ 27.Kc2 Rc8 28.Ng6 Ne5+ 0-1 (28) Xiong,J (2700)-Jobava,B (2582) chess.com INT 2021]

5...d6 6.Qd2

[6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 h6 8.Bd2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Ng3 h5 15.Bg5 Qa5 16.f4 Ng4 17.Nxh5 gxh5 18.h3 Ne3 19.Qxh5 Qd2 20.Be2 Nxf1 21.Rxf1 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Qxe4 23.f5 Bxf5 24.Bf3 Bg6 0-1 (24) Santiago,Y (2466)-Sindarov,J (2707) chess.com INT 2025]

6...c6

[6...Qe8 7.Bd3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.Nge2 Na6 10.f3 Bd7 11.0-0 c6 12.Rfc1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Nc5 14.Bc2 b5 15.Be3 b4 16.Nd1 Bb5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Bd3 Rc8 19.b3 h5 20.Bxb5 Qxb5 21.Nb2 Rfd8 22.Rc2 Kh7 23.Rd1 Ne8 24.Qd3 Qb6 25.Nc4 Qa7 26.Kh1 Nd6 27.Nxd6 Rxd6 28.Ng3 Bh6 29.Nf1 c4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Qxc4 Qf2 32.Qc7 Rf6 33.Qxe5 Rxf3 34.Qa1 Rc3 35.Nd2 Rc2 36.d6 Rxd2 37.Rxd2 Qxd2 38.e5 Bf4 39.h3 Qd5 40.Qf1 Bxe5 0-1 (40) Grischuk,A (2745)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2022]

[6...Na6 7.Bd3 c5 8.d5 e6 9.Nge2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.0-0 Bd7 12.a4 Nb4 13.Bb1 Qe7 14.Kh1 a6 15.a5 Rab8 16.Ra3 b6 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.f4 h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.e5 Rxe5 21.Ng3 Re8 22.f5 Qd4 23.Qc1 gxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Nd3 26.Nxd4 Nxc1 27.Nf5 Nb3 28.Na4 Rb4 29.Nxd6 Rf4 30.Rg1 Rb8 31.g3 Rf2 32.Rg2 Rf1+ 33.Rg1 Rf2 34.Rg2 Rf1+ 35.Rg1 Rf2 36.Rg2 Rf6 37.Ne4 Rf5 38.Nac3 Bd4 39.Rc2 a5 40.Kg2 Kg7 41.Nd6 Re5 42.Nc4 Re1 43.Nxa5 Rg1+ 44.Kh3 Nxa5 45.Rxa5 Re1 46.Ne2 Bxb2 47.Raxc5 Be5 48.Rd2 Re8 49.Nd4 Bxd4 50.Rxd4 R1e5 51.Rc2 Rd8 52.d6 Rd7 53.Rc7 Rxc7 54.dxc7 Rc5 55.Rd7 Kf6 56.Kh4 Kg6 57.g4 Rc3 58.h3 Kf6 59.Rd6+ Kg7 60.Rd7 Kf6 61.Rd6+ Kg7 62.Rd7 ½-½ (62) Adhiban,B (2611)-Salem,A (2677) Almaty KAZ 2022]

7.Bd3 Na6 8.Nge2 Nc7 9.f3 c5

[9...Rb8 10.Be3 e5 *(10...a5 11.h4 h5 12.0-0-0 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Be4 Ne6 16.Bxc6 b4 17.Bxd7 bxc3 18.Nxc3 Qc7 19.Bb5 Qxe5 20.f4 Qf5 21.Nd5 Kh7 22.Nxe7 Qg4 23.Nc6 Rb7 24.Nxa5 Rc7 25.Bb6 Qf5 26.Bxc7 Nxc7 27.Bc6 Ne6 28.Rhf1 Qc5 29.b4 Qb6 30.a3 Nd4 31.Qe3 Bf5 32.Rf3 Qa7 33.Bd5 Rc8 34.Rd2 Bf6 35.Qf2 Kg7 36.Re3 Rb8 37.Be4 Bxe4 38.Rxe4 Nb3+ 39.Kc2 Qa8 40.Kxb3 Qxe4 41.Qf3 Qxf3+ 42.gxf3 Bxh4 43.Rg2 Be1 44.Nc6 Re8 45.Ne5 h4 46.c5 Bg3 47.Nd3 Re3 48.Kc4 Rxf3 49.c6 h3 50.Rg1 h2 51.Rh1 Re3 52.c7 Re2 53.Kd5 Rc2 54.Nc5 Rg2 55.c8Q Bxf4 56.Nd7 g5 57.Ke4 Rf2 58.Qf8+ Kg6 59.Qg8+ Kh5 60.Nf6+ Kh4 61.Qc8 Rg2 62.Qh8+ Kg3 63.Qh5 g4 64.Qxg4+ Kf2 65.Qf3#* 1-0 (65) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 11.d5 a5 12.0-0 Na6 13.a3 Bd7 14.b3 *(14.Rfb1 Nc5 15.Bc2 cxd5 16.cxd5 a4 17.Nc1 Ra8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Rc1 b5 20.Kh1 Rfc8 21.Nb4 Qd8 22.Rf1 Nh5 23.g3 Nb7 24.Qe2 Na5 25.Bd3 Nc4 26.Rac1 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Qe8 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.dxc6 Qxc6 30.Bxb5*

Qb7 31.Rb1 Rc5 32.Qe2 Nf6 33.Bxa4 h5 34.Bb5 d5 35.exd5 Nxd5 36.Nxd5 Rxd5 37.Bd3 Rd4 38.Be4 Qa6 39.Qxa6 Rxa6 40.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 41.Rxd1 f5 42.Bd3 Ra5 43.Bc4+ Kh7 44.Rd5 Ra8 45.Rd2 Bf8 46.Kg2 Rc8 47.Rc2 Kg7 48.Kf2 g5 49.Bd3 Rxc2+ 50.Bxc2 Bc5+ 51.Ke2 Kf6 52.h3 Bd6 53.g4 hxg4 54.hxg4 fxg4 55.fxg4 e4 56.Bxe4 Ke7 57.Kd3 Kd7 58.Kc4 Bf4 59.a4 Kc7 60.Kc5 Be3+ 61.Kb5 Bd2 62.Bf3 Be1 63.Ka6 Bd2 64.Bh1 Be1 65.Bb7 Bd2 66.Bg2 Be1 67.Bh1 Bd2 68.a5 Be1 69.Bf3 Bd2 70.Bg2 Be1 71.b3 Bd2 72.Ba8 Be1 73.Bh1 Bd2 74.Bf3 Be1 75.Kb5 Bd2 76.Ba8 Be1 77.b4 Bd2 78.Bd5 Be1 79.Bh1 Bd2 80.Kc5 Be1 81.Bf3 Bd2 82.Bd5 Be1 83.Bg8 Bd2 84.Bb3 Be1 85.Bd5 Bd2 86.Bf7 Be1 87.Bb3 Bd2 88.Kb5 Be1 89.Bd1 Bd2 90.Be2 Be1 91.Bd3 Bd2 92.Kc5 Be1 93.Bf5 Bd2 94.Bg6 Be1 95.Bd3 Bd2 96.Bb1 Be1 97.Bc2 Bd2 98.Bd1 Be1 99.Kc4 Bd2 100.Bf3 Be1 101.Ba8 Bd2 102.Bh1 Be1 103.Kc5 Bd2 104.Bg2 Be1 105.Kb5 Bd2 106.Bf1 Be1 107.Kc5 Bd2 108.Be2 Be1 109.Bc4 Bd2 110.Be6 Be1 111.Bf7 Bd2 112.Kb5 Be1 113.Bc4 Bd2 114.Ba2 Be1 115.Bg8 Bd2 116.Kc5 Be1 117.Ba2 Bd2 118.Kc4 Be1 119.Kb5 Bd2 120.Ka4 Be1 121.Bf7 Bd2 122.Bg6 Kd6 123.Bd3 Be1 124.Bg6 Bd2 125.b5 Kc5 126.Bh7 Be1 127.Bf5 ½-½ (127) Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499)-LCZero 0. 30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023) 14...Nc5 15.Bc2 cxd5 16.cxd5 Nh5 17.Rfb1 f5 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Na6 20.Kh1 Qe7 21.Na4 Nf6 22.Nec3 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Bxa4 25.Rxa4 Rfc8 26.Raa1 Qd8 27.h3 Nc7 28.b5 Ne8 29.b6 Nf6 30.Bg5 Bf8 31.Kh2 Be7 32.Be3 Kh8 33.Rb2 Qg8 34.Rc1 Bd8 35.Ra1 Be7 36.Rba2 Ra8 37.Ra7 Rab8 38.R7a3 Ra8 39.Ra7 Rab8 40.Rb1 Nd7 41.Rb4 Qf7 42.Ra3 Qf8 43.Bd3 Qf7 44.Qa2 Nc5 45.Bb1 Nd7 46.h4 Nf6 47.Ra5 Nd7 48.Qb3 Bd8 49.Bf2 Ra8 50.Ra7 Rab8 51.Qa2 Be7 52.Ra3 Nf6 53.Ra5 Nd7 54.Qe2 Nc5 55.g3 Qxd5 56.Kg2 Ra8 57.Ra7 Rab8 58.Ra2 Ra8 59.Ra7 Rab8 60.Ra3 Ra8 61.Ba2 Qc6 62.Ra7 Rab8 63.Ra3 Ra8 64.Ra7 Rab8 65.Be3 Nd7 66.Rb5 Nc5 67.Rb4 Nd7 68.Rb5 Nc5 69.Bb1 Rf8 70.Raa5 e4 71.fxe4 Bf6 72.Bxc5 dxc5 73.Rxc5 Qxb6 74.Rab5 Qe6 75.Ba2 Qa6 76.e5 Rbe8 77.Rd5 Be7 78.Rd2 Rc8 79.Bd5 Rc5 80.Rxb7 Qxe2+ 81.Rxe2 Rxd5 82.Rxe7 Rdd8 83.Rc7 Kg8 84.e6 Rfe8 85.Rf2 Rxe6 ½-½ (85) Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677)-LCZero 0. 31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]*

10.Be3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 a6 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Kb1 bxc4 14.Bxc4 Be6 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qxd8 Raxd8 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Ne4 h5 21.Rc1 Nd5 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Bd2 Nf4 24.Rc6 Ra8 25.g3 Ne2 26.Be3 Kf7 27.Kc2 a5 28.b3 Nd4+ 29.Bxd4 exd4 30.Kd3 h4 31.Rc5 e5 32.Rc6 g5 33.Rc5 Kg6 34.g4 h3 35.Rc6 Kf7 36.Rc4 e6 37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Rc6 Kf7 39.Nd6+ Kg6 40.Nc4 Kf7 41.Rc5 Kg7 42.Rb5 Kg6 43.Rb6 Kf7 44.Nd6+ Kg7 45.Ne4 Kf7 46.Rb7+ Kg6 47.Rb5 Kf7 48.a4 Kg6 49.Rb6 Kf7 50.Nd6+ Kg7

51.Ne4 Kf7 52.Rb5 Kg7 53.Kd2 Bd8 54.Rxe5 Rb8 55.Rb5 Rc8 56.Nxg5 Bxg5+ 57.Rxg5+ ½-½ (57) LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648)-Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

102 **5.Nge2** c5

[5...0-0

A) 6.h3 a5 *(6...a6 7.Ng3 c6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 b5 10.Be3 e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Bc2 Ne8 14.b4 Nd7 15.a4 bxa4 16.Bxa4 Rb8 17.b5 Nc5 18.bxa6 Bxa6 19.Re1 Nxa4 20.Rxa4 Bc8 21.Ra7 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Nh5 Bh8 24.Qf3 f4 25.Bd2 Qg5 26.Ng3 Qg6 27.Nge4 Ng7 28.Rea1 h5 29.Kh2 Nf5 30.Qd3 Bg7 31.Rg1 h4 32.Ne2 Rb7 33.Ra8 Rbf7 34.Bb4 Qh6 35.Rc1 Bd7 36.Ra6 f3 37.Bd2 Qh5 38.gxf3 Ng3 39.Ng1 Rxf3 40.Nxf3 Rxf3 41.Ra8+ Bf8 42.Bh6 Nxe4 43.Rg1+ Kh7 44.Qxe4+ Bf5 45.Bxf8 Rxh3+ 46.Kg2 Bxe4+ 47.Kxh3 Qf5+ 48.Rg4 Qf3+ 49.Kxh4 Qxf2+ 50.Kg5 Qf5+ 51.Kh4 Qf2+ 52.Kg5 Qf5+ 53.Kh4 Qf2+* ½-½ (53) Caruana,F (2835)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com INT 2020*; 6...c6 7.Ng3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.Be2 Na6 10.Be3 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Nf1 a4 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.0-0 Ne8 16.Qc2 Qc7 17.Rad1 Nd6 18.Nc4 Ra5 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.b3 a3 21.Qd2 h5 22.Na4 Qa7 23.Qe3 b6 24.Nc3 Kh7 25.g4 Bh6 26.g5 Bg7 27.f4 exf4 28.Qxf4 Qb8 29.Qg3 Re8 30.Rf6 Bxf6 31.gxf6 b5 32.Bxh5 Nxe4 33.Bxg6+ fxg6 34.Qh4+ Kg8 35.Nxe4 Qe5 36.Qh6* 1-0 (36) Caruana,F (2835)-Amin,B (2686) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 7.Ng3 h5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.d5 h4 10.Nf1 Ne5 11.Bg5 c6 12.Ne3 a4 13.a3 cxd5 14.cxd5 b5 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Bxh4 Qb6 17.Nc2 Rfc8 18.Nb4 Bb7 19.Rc1 Bh6 20.Rc2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.Kh1 Bf4 23.Ne2 Bh6 24.Nc3 Bf4 25.Qf3 Be5 26.Bg3 Nd7 27.Qg4 Nf6 28.Qh4 Kg7 29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Qg3 Qd6 31.Qe3 Nh5 32.Ne2 e6 33.Rd2 exd5 34.Nxd5 Qc5 35.Qxc5 Rxc5 36.Nec3 Bc6 37.Kh2 Rb8 38.Nb4 Be8 39.g3 Nf6 40.Rfd1 Rb7 41.Kg2 Bd7 42.f3 Be6 43.g4 Rc8 44.Kg3 g5 45.Nxa4 Nh7 46.Nc3 Nf8 47.Rd8 Rbb8 48.Rxc8 Rxc8 49.Rd2 Ng6 50.Nbd5 Nf4 51.Nxf4 exf4+ 52.Kg2 Kf6 53.Rd1 Ke5 54.a4 Rb8 55.Rd2 Rb7 56.Kf2 Rb8 57.Ke1 Rb7 58.Kd1 f6 59.Kc2 Rh7 60.Rh2 Kd4 61.Kd2 Rb7 62.Nb5+ Kc5 63.Kc2 Rd7 64.Nc3 Rd3 65.Rf2 Rd7 66.Rf1 Rh7 67.Rh1 Rd7 68.a5 Rh7 69.a6 Kb6 70.Ra1 Bc8 71.a7 Bb7 72.a8Q Bxa8 73.Rxa8 Rxh3 74.Nd5+ Kc5 75.Ra3 Kd4 76.Nxf6 Rh2+ 77.Kb1 1-0 (77) Caruana,F (2764)-Chigaev,M (2617) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 6.Ng3

B1) 6...a6 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bc1 c5 10.h3 cxd4 11.hxg4 dxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qa5 14.Be2 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Kg7 17.f4 Nd7 18.Rh4 Nc5 19.Rah1 Rh8 20.g5 h5 21.f5 Bd7 22.Ke3 b5 23.Bxh5 gxh5 24.Nxh5+ Kf8 25.Nf6 Rxh4 26.Rxh4 exf6

27.gxf6 Kg8 28.Rg4+ Kf8 29.Rh4 Kg8 30.Rg4+ Kf8 31.Rh4 ½-½ (31) So,W (2757)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 6...e5 7.d5 a5 *(7...Na6 8.h4 h5 9.Bg5 c6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Qd2 cxd5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nxd5 Qd8 14.Bxh5 Be6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Be2 Rac8 17.b3 Nc5 18.Qg5 Qf4 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Bf3 Qxg5 21.hxg5 Kg7 22.Be2 Kf8 23.f3 Ke7 24.Nf1 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.Ne3 Rh5 27.Kf2 Rxg5 28.g4 f5 29.b4 Nd7 30.Kg3 f4+ 31.Kh4 Kf6 32.Nd5+ Bxd5 33.Rxd5* 1-0 (33) Kuzubov,Y (2606)-Bachmann,A (2578) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 8.h4 h5 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.Be2 Na6 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.f3 a4 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Kb1 a3 15.b3 Nh7 16.Be3 f5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.d6 c6 19.Na4 Rxa4 20.bxa4 f4 21.Nf1 Qa8 22.a5 Rb8 23.Qc3 Nf8 24.Ka1 Ne6 25.Qxa3 b5 26.Nd2 Nd4 27.Bd3 b4 28.Qa4 Rb7 29.Nb3 Ra7 30.Rd2 Bf8 31.Nxd4 Rxa5 32.Qc2 cxd4 33.c5 Kg7 34.Rb1 Qa7 35.Rxb4 Rxc5 36.Rb7 Rxc2 37.Rxa7 Rxd2 38.Rxd7+ Kh6 39.Bc4 g5 40.Rd8 Bxd6 41.Rxd6+ Kg7 42.Rd7+ Kh6 43.hxg5+ Kxg5 44.a4 Rc2 45.Bb3 Rc5 46.Kb2 Kh4 47.Rg7 d3 48.Rd7 Kg3 49.Rxd3 Kxg2 50.Rc3 Ra5 51.Rxc6 h4 52.Rg6+ Kxf3 53.Bd1+ Kxe4 54.Rh6 Ke3 55.Rxh4 e4 56.Kc3 f3 57.Rh3 Rc5+ 58.Kb4 Rc1 59.Bxf3 exf3 60.a5 Ke2 61.a6 Ra1 62.Kb5 f2 63.Rh2 Rxa6 64.Rxf2+ Kxf2 65.Kxa6 ½-½ (65) Le,Q (2728)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022;

B3) 6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bd3 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Bg5 a6 13.a4 Nbd7 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Bh4 Qb4 17.a5 b5 18.axb6 Nxb6 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.Bxh5 Nc4 21.Qf4 Qxb2 22.Nce2 Qd2 23.Qf3 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Ne5 25.Qa3 gxh5 26.h3 Ng6* 0-1 (26) Kuzubov,Y (2606)-Asadli,V (2560) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8...exd5 9.cxd5 h5 10.Bg5 a6 11.a4 Qc7 12.0-0 Nh7 13.Bf4 h4 14.Nge2 h3 15.g3 Nd7 16.Bc2 Ne5 17.f3 g5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 gxf4 20.gxf4 Bg7 21.Ng3 f5 22.Kh1 Kh8 23.Qh5 Qf7 24.Qxh3 fxe4 25.f5 Be5 26.Ncxe4 Rg8 27.Rae1 Bd7 28.Nc3 b5 29.Qh5 Qxh5 30.Nxh5 Rg5 31.Rxe5 dxe5 32.Ng3 Nf6 33.Nce4 Nxe4 34.Bxe4 bxa4 35.Rc1 Rb8 36.Rc2 Rb4 37.Re2 Bb5 38.Rf2 Rxg3 39.hxg3 Rxe4 40.f6 Kg8 0-1 (40) Kuzubov,Y (2605)-Bogdanov,E (2515) Tartu EST 2025;

B4) 6...c6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.h4 e5 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 h5 11.Bg5 a6 12.Bxh5 gxh5 13.Nxh5 Qb6 14.Nxg7 Kxg7 15.Rh3 Rg8 16.Qf3 Kf8 17.Rg3 Qxb2 18.Rb1 Qc2 19.Rc1 Qb2 20.Rb1 Qc2 21.Rc1 Qb2 22.Kd1 Ke7 23.Qf5 Rg6 24.Rb1 Qa3 25.Rf3 Nc5 26.Bxf6+ Ke8 27.Qh5 Bg4

28.Qh8+ Kd7 29.Qxa8 Bxf3+ 30.gxf3 Rxf6 31.Kc2 Rxf3 32.Rxb7+ Nxb7 33.Qxb7+ Ke8 34.Qc8+ Ke7 35.Qc7+ Ke8 36.Qc8+ Ke7 37.Qc7+ Ke8 38.Qc8+ ½-½ (38) Lagarde,M (2640)-Guseinov,G (2665) Tornelo INT 2021;

B5) 6...Re8 7.Be2 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.Bf4 e6 11.0-0 exd5 12.exd5 Nc5 13.Bf3 a5 14.a4 Nfd7 15.Be3 Ne5 16.Be2 h5 17.Re1 h4 18.Nf1 Bf5 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Ne3 Bc8 21.Nb5 Ra6 22.d6 cxd6 23.Nd5 Rf8 24.Qd2 Be6 25.f4 Nc6 26.Ndc7 Nd4 27.Nxa6 bxa6 28.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 h3 30.Bf3 Qf6 31.Rac1 hxg2+ 32.Qxg2 Kg7 33.Bg4 Bxg4 34.Qxg4 Rb8 35.Re2 Bxb2 36.Rf1 Rh8 37.Rg2 Rh4 38.Qf3 Bd4 39.f5 Be5 40.Qe2 g5 41.Qe3 Kh6 42.Qd2 Rxc4 43.Qxa5 d5 44.Qd2 Rd4 45.Qe3 Bf4 46.Qc3 c4 47.Rgg1 Qe5 48.Re1 Re4 49.Qxe5 Rxe5 50.Rxe5 Bxe5 51.Kg2 c3 0-1 (51) Mousavi,S (2501)-Dubov,D (2710) Qingdao CHN 2023;

B6) 6...Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 e6 9.f4 Ned7 10.0-0 Re8 11.Bf3 Nc5 12.Re1 Nfd7 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Qe2 Nba4 15.Nxa4 Nxa4 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.b3 Nc3 19.Rbc1 exd5 20.cxd5 c6 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Bf2 Qa5 23.a4 Qb4 24.Qd3 Qxb3 25.Bxa7 Qxa4 26.Bf2 Qb4 27.h4 Bb5 28.Qe3 Nd5 29.exd5 Rxe3 30.Rxc8+ Re8 31.Rexe8+ Bxe8 32.Rxe8+ Bf8 33.Ne4 h6 34.f5 gxf5 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Nh5+ Kg8 37.Bg3 f6 38.Nxf6+ Kf7 39.Re6 f4 40.Be1 Qc5+ 41.Kh2 b5 42.Nd7 Qc1 43.Nxf8 Kxf8 44.Bb4 Kg7 45.Bxd6 Qd2 46.Be5+ Kg8 47.Bh5 1-0 (47) Le,Q (2713)-Amin,B (2683) Moscow RUS 2019;

B7) 6...h5 7.Be2 *(7.Bd3 e5 8.d5 Nh7 9.Be3 h4 10.Nf1 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 h3 13.g3 Nd7 14.Rg1 Qf6 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.gxf4 a6 17.Nc3 exf4 18.Rxg6 Ng5 19.Be2 Ne5 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.c5 Qf6 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Na4 Bd7 24.Nb6 Bb5 25.Nxa8 Ngxf3+ 26.Bxf3 Nd3+ 27.Qxd3 Bxd3 28.Nc7 Kh6 29.Rd1 Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Qxb2 31.Ne6 Qc3 32.Be2 Qc2 33.Rd4 Rg8 34.Rd3 Qb1+ 35.Be1 Rg3 36.Nxf4 Rxd3 37.Bxd3 Qxa2 38.Nxh3 Qxh2 39.Nf2 Kg7 40.Bc3+ Kf7 41.e5 dxe5 42.Be4 b5 43.Ke2 Ke8 44.Bf3 Kd8 45.Bb4 Qf4 46.Ne4 Qc1 47.Ba5+ Kc8 48.d6 Qc4+ 49.Kf2 Qa2+ 50.Bd2 Kd7 51.Bg4+ Kc6 52.d7 Qf7+ 53.Ke1 Qd5 54.Bf3 Kb6 55.Nf6 Qd6 56.Nd5+ Kc6 57.Ne7+ Kxd7 58.Nd5 Qa3 59.Ke2 a5 60.Nf6+ Kd8 61.Bd5 b4 62.Ne4 b3 63.Nc3 Qc5 64.Bxb3 e4 65.Bd5 e3 66.Be1 a4 67.Kd3 a3 68.Ba2 Qb6 69.Bd5 Qh6 70.Ke2 Ke7 71.Ba2 Kd6 72.Bg3+ Kc5 73.Be1 Qf4 74.Kd3 Qf1+ 75.Kxe3 Qxe1+ 76.Kd3 Qf1+ 77.Kc2 Kd4 78.Nb1 Qe2+ 79.Nd2* 0-1 (79) Le,Q (2739)-Vakhidov,J

(2546) New York USA 2024; *7.Bg5 Nh7 8.Be3 h4 9.Nge2 e5 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nc1 f5 13.f3 a5 14.Nd3 b6 15.0-0-0 Na6 16.Be2 Nc5 17.g3 Bd7 18.Rhg1 h3 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.g4 Bd7 22.Ne4 a4 23.Rg3 Rb8 24.Rxh3 Rb4 25.Bd3 Qe7 26.Qe1 Rfb8 27.Rd2 Nf6 28.Qh4 Qf7 29.Rc2 a3 30.b3 Rxb3 31.axb3 Rxb3 32.Kd2 Nxe4+ 33.Bxe4 Ba4 34.Qd8+ Bf8 35.Qa8 Rb4 36.Ra2 Rxc4 37.Bh6 Rd4+ 38.Ke3 Be8 39.Bg5 c4 40.Qxa3 c6 41.Qa7 cxd5 42.Qxf7+ Bxf7 43.Bc2 c3 44.Ra8 Kg7 45.Bh6+ Kf6 46.Bxf8 Rd2 47.f4 d4+ 48.Kf3 Bd5+ 49.Kg3 Rg2+ 50.Kh4 Bxa8 51.Bb3 Rb2 52.Ba4 c2 53.Bxc2 Rxc2 54.Bxd6 exf4 55.Bxf4 Be4 56.Ra3 d3 57.Ra6+ Ke7 58.Ra7+ Ke6 59.Ra6+ Kd5 60.Rd6+ Kc4 61.h3 Rf2 62.Kg5 Kc3 63.h4 Rg2 64.Be5+ Kc2 65.Rd4 d2 66.Rc4+ Kb3 67.Rc3+ Kb4* 0-1 (67) Mchedlishvili,M (2587)-Amin,B (2680) Dubai UAE 2021 *)*

B7a) 7...a5 8.Bg5 Nh7 *(8...Nbd7 9.Qd2 Nh7 10.Bh6 e5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.f4 h4 13.Nf1 exf4 14.Qxf4 Qg5 15.Qf2 Re8 16.Nd2 Ndf6 17.Bf3 h3 18.g3 Bg4 19.0-0 Re7 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Re2 b6 22.Rfe1 Qh5 23.Bxg4 Nxg4 24.Qf4 Qg5 25.Nf3 Qxf4 26.gxf4 Nhf6 27.Ng5 c6 28.Nxh3 Nh5 29.Rg2 Ngf6 30.e5 Nd7 31.Ne4 dxe5 32.dxe5 Rd8 33.Nd6 Kh6 34.Ng5 Rf8 35.Rg4 Nc5 36.Rh4 Ne6 37.Nxe6 fxe6 38.Rf1 Rd7 39.b3 c5 40.Kg2 Rg7 41.Ne4 Rf5 42.Nf6 Rf7 43.Rf2 Rf8 44.Rg4 Nxf6 45.exf6 R8xf6 46.Re2 Rxf4 47.Rxf4 Rxf4 48.Rxe6 Rd4 49.a4 Rd2+ 50.Kg1 Kh5 51.Rxb6 Rd3 52.Rb5 g5 53.Rxa5 Rxb3 54.Rxc5 Ra3 55.a5 Ra2 56.Kf1 Rxh2 57.Rc8 Ra2 58.Rh8+ Kg4 59.Ra8 Kg3 60.a6 g4 61.a7 Ra1+ 62.Ke2 Kg2 63.c5 g3 64.c6 Ra2+ 65.Ke3 Ra3+ 66.Kd4 Ra4+ 67.Kd5 Ra1 68.Kd6 Rd1+ 69.Kc7 Rc1 70.Rg8 Ra1 71.a8Q Rxa8 72.Rxa8 Kf3 73.Rg8 g2 74.Rxg2 Kxg2 75.Kd7 Kf3 76.c7 Kf2 77.c8Q Kf3 78.Qc6+ Kf2 79.Qe6 Kf3 80.Kd6 Kf2 81.Qe5 Kf3 82.Ke6 Kf2 83.Kf5 Kf3 84.Qc3+ Kf2 85.Kf4* 1-0 (85) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024*)*
9.Be3 e5 10.d5 h4 11.Nf1 Na6 12.Nd2 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Nc5 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Nf3 Qf6 18.Qd2 Rae8 19.Rae1 Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Ng5 Nxg5 22.Bxg5 Qxb2 23.Qxa5 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Qxe2 25.Rg1 0-1 (25) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024;

B7b) 7...e5 8.d5 h4 9.Nf1 Nfd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 a5 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.0-0-0 Nba6 14.Kb1 Nb4 15.Rg1 a4 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.a3 Na6 18.Nxa4 fxe4 19.fxe4 b6

20.Nc3 Nb8 21.h3 Kh7 22.g3 Bh6 23.Qd3 Nd7 24.Bg4 Nf6 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.g4 Ne8 27.Nh2 Bf4 28.Nf3 g5 29.Ne2 Qe7 30.Rdf1 Nd6 31.Ne1 Kh6 32.Rf3 Rb8 33.a4 Ra8 34.b3 Rae8 35.Rgf1 Qh7 36.Nc3 Re7 37.Ng2 Qg6 38.Ne3 Ref7 39.Nf5+ Kh7 40.Kc2 Kh8 41.Ra1 Ra8 42.Rff1 Nb7 43.Nb5 Rd8 44.Qc3 Qf6 45.Na7 Na5 46.Rad1 Rfd7 47.Nb5 Kh7 48.Rd3 Nc6 49.Kd1 Nd4 50.Nbxd4 cxd4 51.Qb4 Ra8 52.Ke2 c5 53.Qa3 Rda7 54.Ra1 Qd8 55.Rdd1 Qd7 56.Kd3 Kg6 57.Qb2 Ra6 58.Ra2 R6a7 59.Rda1 Kh7 60.b4 Rxa4 61.bxc5 Rxa2 62.Rxa2 Rxa2 63.Qxa2 bxc5 64.Qa6 Qc7 65.Qh6+ Kg8 66.Qg6+ Kf8 67.Qd6+ Qxd6 68.Nxd6 Bc1 69.Nb7 Ba3 70.Na5 Ke7 71.Nc6+ Kd6 72.Kc2 Bb4 73.Nd8 Ke7 74.Ne6 Kf6 75.Nc7 Ke7 76.Kb3 d3 77.Nb5 Kd7 78.Na7 d2 79.Kc2 Kd6 80.Nc6 Bc3 81.Nd8 Ke7 82.Ne6 1-0 (82) Le,Q (2731)-Firouzja,A (2777) Saint Louis USA 2023]

[5...h5 6.f3 0-0 7.Bg5 *(7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.Nxb5 c6 11.Nbc3 Nbd7 12.Nf4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nfxd5 cxd5 17.Bd4 Qh4+ 18.Bf2 Qb4 19.Rd1 d4 20.Nd5 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Rxa2 22.Bxd4 Ra1+ 23.Bd1 Be6 24.b3 Rb1 25.Nc3 Rc1 26.Ne2 Rb1 27.0-0 Rd8 28.Bc2 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Rb8 30.Bd1 Rb7 31.Rb2 Nd3 32.Rb1 Bf5 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Bc2 Rc7 35.Nd4 Nb4 36.Bxf5 gxf5 37.Nxf5+ Kf6 38.Ne3 Kg6 39.Ke2 Ra7 40.Rb2 Ra1 41.Nc2 Nc6 42.Nxa1* 1-0 (42) So,W (2757)-Chigaev,M (2622) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 7...a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.Nxb5 c6 11.Nbc3 Nbd7 12.Rd1 Qa5 13.Nc1 e5 14.Nb3 Qb4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Be2 c5 17.0-0 c4 18.Nc1 Rb8 19.b3 Ba6 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Qxc4 22.Nb3 Nb6 23.Rc1 Qb4 24.Rfd1 Nh7 25.Bh4 Nc4 26.Qe2 Nb6 27.Bf2 Rfc8 28.Nd5 Nxd5 29.Rxc8+ Rxc8 30.exd5 Nf6 31.Qxe5 Rc2 32.Qe1 Qxe1+ 33.Bxe1 Rxa2 34.Nc5 Rc2 35.Bf2 Ne8 36.Ne4 f5 37.d6 Nf6 38.Nxf6+ Bxf6 39.d7 Bd8 40.h4 Kf7 41.Be3 Rc4 42.Bg5 Bb6+ 43.Kh1 1-0 (43) So,W (2757)-Chigaev,M (2622) chess.com INT 2024]

[5...e5 6.d5 a5 *(6...h5 7.h4 a5 8.Ng3 Na6 9.Be2 Bd7 10.Bg5 Bh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Rh8 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Kb1 Nc5 15.f3 b6 16.Nf1 Qf8 17.Ne3 Qh6 18.Rdf1 Ng8 19.g4 Qf4 20.Bd3 Qh6 21.Bc2 Ne7 22.g5 Qg7 23.f4 exf4 24.Rxf4 Qe5 25.Nf5 Rf8 26.Nd4 Bg4 27.Rhf1 Nd7 28.Ba4 Bh3 29.R1f3 Bg4 30.Rf2 Qg7 31.Ne6* 1-0 (31) Le,Q (2728)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 7.Ng3 h5 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.h4 Bh6 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Qd2 Rh8 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.Kb1 a4 14.Bd3 Qe7 15.Bc2 Qf8 16.Nb5 Kd8 17.Qg5 Ncd7 18.Nc3 a3 19.Ba4 Qh6 20.Qxh6 Rxh6 21.Bxd7 Bxd7 22.b3 Ng4 23.Rd2 f5 24.Kc2 Ke7 25.Re2 Rf8 26.f3 Nf6 27.b4 f4 28.Nf1 Ra8 29.Rg1 Rhh8 30.g3

fxg3 31.Rxg3 Rhg8 32.Reg2 Kf7 33.Nd2 b6 34.Ne2 c6 35.Nc3 cxd5 36.cxd5 Rac8 37.Kb3 b5 38.Ndb1 Rb8 39.Nxa3 Nh7 40.Rh2 g5 41.hxg5 Kg6 42.Ne2 Rgf8 43.Nc2 Rf7 44.Ne1 Rg8 45.Ng2 Nxg5 46.f4 exf4 47.Ngxf4+ Kf6 48.Rxh5 Rfg7 49.Nc3 Nf7 50.Rxg7 Rxg7 51.Rh1 Rg4 52.Rf1 Ke7 53.Nd3 Rg3 54.Kc2 Be8 55.Rf2 Ng5 56.Nf4 Rxc3+ 57.Kxc3 Nxe4+ 58.Kd4 Nxf2 59.Ne2 Ng4 60.Nc3 Nf6 61.a3 Kd8 62.Nd1 Kc7 63.Ne3 Bf7 0-1 (63) Kuzubov,Y (2606)-Tabatabaei,M (2707) chess.com INT 2024]

6.d5 e5 7.h4

[7.h3 Na6 8.Ng3 h5 9.Bg5 Bh6 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Be2 Rh8 12.Nf1 Nc7 13.Qd3 Kf8 14.Nd2 Kg7 15.a3 Nd7 16.Qe3 Rb8 17.b4 Ne8 18.0-0 Qe7 19.Rfb1 Ra8 20.Na4 b6 21.Nc3 Nef6 22.Bd1 Bb7 23.Ba4 Rac8 24.Rb3 h4 25.Rab1 Rhd8 26.Bxd7 Rxd7 27.b5 Rb8 28.Nf3 Nh7 29.a4 f5 30.a5 f4 31.Qe2 Rf8 32.Kf1 Qd8 33.Nd2 g5 34.f3 Rg8 35.Qe1 Nf6 36.Ra3 Bc8 37.Rba1 Rb7 38.Ke2 Kh7 39.Kd3 Rbg7 40.Kc2 Nh5 41.Nd1 Ng3 42.axb6 axb6 43.Nf2 Bb7 44.Nb1 Nh5 45.R1a2 Kg6 46.Nc3 Rf8 47.Ng4 Rff7 48.Qa1 Nf6 49.Nxf6 Kxf6 50.Nd1 Kg6 51.Nb2 Rc7 52.Nd3 Rcd7 53.Ra7 Rc7 54.Nf2 Rgd7 55.Kb3 Rg7 56.Ng4 Rgf7 57.Kc2 Rg7 58.R7a4 Qb8 59.R4a3 Qh8 60.Nf2 Rcf7 61.Kd3 Rh7 62.Ke2 Qd8 63.Kf1 Qe7 64.Ra7 Rf8 65.R2a6 Qd8 66.Ra4 Qd7 67.Ng4 Rb8 68.Ra2 Qc7 69.R2a3 Rg7 70.Ke2 Qd8 71.Ra2 Rh7 72.Kd1 Rf7 73.Kd2 Rg7 74.Kc2 Rf7 75.Nf2 Kh5 76.Kd2 Kg6 77.Nd3 Rh7 78.R2a3 Re7 79.Kd1 Qc7 80.Qa2 Rc8 81.Nf2 Qd8 82.Ke2 Rf7 83.Kd2 Rb8 84.Qa1 Qc7 85.Kc2 Rh7 86.Kc3 Rg7 87.Nd1 Qd8 88.Qb2 Re7 89.Kb3 Rf7 90.Nf2 Qc7 91.Ra2 Kh5 92.Qa1 Qd8 93.Ng4 Rc8 94.Kc3 Kg6 95.Qd1 Qc7 96.Qh1 Qb8 97.Ra1 Rcf8 98.Qd1 Re8 99.Qd3 Kg7 ½-½ (99) Koivisto (3493)-Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

7...h5

[7...Bd7 8.Ng3 h5 9.Be2 Ng8 10.Nf1 Bh6 11.Qd3 Na6 12.Qg3 Qe7 13.Nb5 Bxc1 14.Rxc1 Nf6 15.Nd2 0-0 16.Qg5 Kg7 17.f3 Bxb5 18.cxb5 Nb8 19.a4 Qc7 20.Nc4 Nbd7 21.a5 b6 22.a6 Ne8 23.Ne3 Kh7 24.Bd3 Ndf6 25.Qg3 Qd7 26.Qf2 Rb8 27.Kd2 Nc7 28.Qe2 Rh8 29.Kc2 Kg7 30.Rcf1 Rbe8 31.Kb1 Rh7 32.Rf2 Kf8 33.g3 Qe7 34.Rhf1 Rg7 35.Qd2 Qd7 36.g4 Qe7 37.g5 Nd7 38.Nc4 Rd8 39.Re2 Kg8 40.f4 exf4 41.Qxf4 Ne5 42.Nxe5 dxe5 43.Qf6 Kf8 44.Qxe7+ Kxe7 45.Rc2 Ne8 46.b4 cxb4 47.Rfc1 f6 48.gxf6+ Kxf6 49.Rg1 g5 50.hxg5+ Rxg5 51.Rf2+ Kg6 52.Rxg5+ Kxg5 53.Rf5+ Kg4 54.Rxe5 Nd6 55.Re7 Nc8 56.Rf7 Kg5 57.Bf1 Re8 58.Kb2 Rxe4 59.d6 Nxd6 60.Rxa7 Re8 61.Rg7+ Kf6 62.Rh7 Re3 63.a7 Ra3 64.Bg2 Nc4+ 65.Kc1 Rc3+ 66.Kd1 Nb2+ 67.Ke2 Rc2+ 68.Ke1 Nd3+ 69.Kd1 b3 70.a8Q Nb2+ 71.Ke1 Rc1+ 72.Kf2 Rc2+ 73.Kg3 Rc3+ 74.Kh2 Rg3 75.Qd8+ Ke6 76.Qd5+ Kf6 77.Rf7+ Kg6 78.Qf5+ Kh6 79.Rh7# 1-0 (79) Obsidian (3555)-Seer (3542) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

8.Bg5 Na6 9.Qd2

[9.f3 Nc7 10.Nc1 0-0 11.Be2 Bd7 12.a4 Qe8 13.Be3 Na6 14.Nd3 Nb4 15.Nf2 Kh8 16.g4 Rg8 17.Bf1 Nh7 18.Bh3 Bf6 19.Kd2 Qe7 20.Qe2 Bxh4 21.gxh5 g5 22.Bxd7 Bxf2 23.Bf5 Bg3 24.Rag1 Bf4 25.h6 Rad8 26.Rg2 Rde8 27.Rhg1 a6 28.a5 Qd8 29.Qe1 Bxe3+ 30.Qxe3 f6 31.Ra1 b6 32.Qg1 bxa5 33.Qh1 Re7 34.Qh5 Qb6 35.Nd1 Ra8 36.Re2 Qb7 37.Re3 Rb8 38.Rb3 Qb6 39.Rba3 Reb7 40.Ne3 Re7 41.b3 Qb7 42.Rxa5 Qc7 43.R5a3 Qa7 44.Rd1 Qb6 45.Ke2 Ra7 46.Rd2 Qd8 47.Kf2 Nf8 48.Kg3 Rab7 49.Ra1 a5 50.Bg6 Ra7 51.Rh1 Rb6 52.Nf5 Rbb7 53.h7 Rg7 54.Nxg7 Rxg7 55.Bf5 Ra7 56.Rf1 Qe7 57.Ra1 Ra8 58.Kf2 Qb7 59.Qh6 Qe7 60.Ke3 Qd8 61.Rh2 Qe7 62.Kd2 Ra7 63.Rhh1 Nxd5 64.exd5 Ra8 65.Ra2 e4 66.fxe4 Ra7 67.Rha1 Qg7 68.Qxg7+ Kxg7 69.Rxa5 Rxa5 70.Rxa5 Nxh7 71.Ra7+ Kg8 72.Bxh7+ Kf8 73.Bf5 Ke8 74.Ke3 Kd8 75.Kf3 g4+ 76.Kg3 Ke8 77.Kxg4 Kd8 78.Kh5 Ke8 79.Kg6 Kf8 80.Kxf6 Kg8 81.Ra8# 1-0 (81) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-Koivisto (3493) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

9...Qd7 10.g3 Ng4 11.f3 f6 12.fxg4 fxg5 13.hxg5 Bf8 14.gxh5 Rxh5 15.Rxh5 gxh5 16.Nb5 Qg7 17.Nec3 Be7 18.Be2 Bxg5 19.Bxh5+ Ke7 20.Qe2 Bh6 21.a3 Bd7 22.Kd1 Rf8 23.Kc2 Qxg3 24.Rf1 Rxf1 25.Qxf1 Qh2+ 26.Be2 Be3 27.Kb3 Qf4 28.Qg2 Qg5 29.Qf3 Bd2 30.Nb1 Qe3+ 31.Qxe3 Bxe3 32.Nxa7 Nc7 33.Nb5 Ne8 34.N1c3 Bd4 35.Bh5 Ng7 36.Bf3 Ne8 37.a4 b6 38.Bh5 Nf6 39.Bg6 Ng4 40.Bf5 Bxc3 41.Bxd7 Kxd7 42.Nxc3 Ne3 43.Ne2 Ng4 44.Ng3 Ne3 45.Nh1 Ng4 46.Kc2 Kc7 47.Kd3 Kd8 48.Ke2 Nf6 49.Ke3 Ke8 50.Nf2 Kf8 51.Nh3 Ke7 52.Ng5 Kd7 53.Kf3 Ke8 54.Ne6 Kd7 55.Ng7 Kc8 56.Ke3 Kd7 57.Kd3 Kc8 58.Nf5 Kc7 59.Ke3 Nh5 60.Ke2 Nf4+ 61.Kd2 Nh5 62.Nh6 Nf6 63.Ke3 Nh5 64.Ke2 Kd7 65.Kf2 Nf6 66.Ke3 Nh5 67.Ng4 Kc7 68.Nf2 Nf6 69.Ke2 Kd7 70.Kd3 Kc7 71.Ke3 Kd8 72.Kf3 Kd7 73.Ke2 Ke8 74.Kd3 Kd7 75.Nh3 Kd8 76.Ng5 Ke7 77.Kd2 Kd7 78.Ke3 Ke8 79.Nf3 Kd7 80.Ne1 Kc8 81.Kf3 Kc7 82.Nd3 Kd7 83.Nf2 Kd8 84.Kg3 Nh5+ 85.Kg2 Nf4+ 86.Kf3 Kd7 87.Nd1 Kd8 88.Ke3 Kd7 89.b3 Kc7 90.Nc3 Kd7 91.Nb5 Nh3 92.Kd2 Nf4 93.Nc3 Nh3 94.Ne2 Kc7 95.Ng3 Kd7 96.Ke3 Kc7 97.Nh5 Ng5 98.Ng7 Kd8 99.Nf5 Kc7 100.Nh4 Kd8 101.Nf3 Nxf3 102.Kxf3 Ke8 103.Kg2 Kf8 104.Kh2 Kg8 105.Kh1 ½-½ (105) Seer (3542)-Obsidian (3555) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

5.Bd3 e5

[5...0-0 6.Nge2

A) 6...c5 7.d5 e6

A1) 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 *(9.exd5 Ng4 10.Bc2 Na6 11.a3 Nc7 12.Rb1 Rb8 13.a4 Na6 14.Na2 Re8 15.b3 Qh4 16.h3 Ne5 17.Ng3 Bxh3 18.Ne4 Bg4 19.f3 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Rxe4 21.Bxe4 Qg3+ 22.Kh1 Qh3+ 23.Kg1 Bd4+ 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.fxg4 Qxg4+ 26.Bg2 Re8 27.Rb2 Nc5 28.Rbf2 Nd3 29.Rxf7 Nxc1 30.Nxc1 d3 31.R7f2 Qd4 32.Rd1 d2 33.Rdxd2 Re1+ 34.Kh2 Qe5+ 35.Kh3 Rxc1 36.Bf3 Rg1 37.Bg2 Re1 38.Bf3 Re3 39.c5 Qf4* 0-1 (39) Balog,I (2619)-Hellers,F (2595) Zagreb

CRO 2023 *)* 9...a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Bc2 *(11.Ng3 h5 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Qd2 Nh7 14.Bh4 Ne5 15.Be2 c4 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.f4 Nd3 18.Bxd3 cxd3 19.Rae1 Rae8 20.e5 dxe5 21.f5 e4 22.Ncxe4 gxf5 23.Nc3 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Qg6 25.Be7 Re8 26.d6 h4 27.Nf1 h3 28.Ne3 Bh6 29.Qf2 Bc6 30.Ned5 d2 31.Rd1 Qg4 32.Qf3 Kg7 33.Kg1 Be3+ 34.Kh1 Qxf3 35.gxf3 f4 36.b4 b5 37.a5 f6 38.Rb1 Kf7 39.Rf1 Rg8 40.Rd1 Rg2 41.Bd8 Ng5 42.Rf1 Nxf3 43.Rxf3 Rg1#* 0-1 (43) Swiercz,D (2656)-Salem,A (2690) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...Re8 12.h3 c4 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Bd4 Nc5 15.Ng3 h5 16.Qf3 Qe7 17.Qf4 Nfd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd2 h4 20.Nge2 Ne5 21.Qd4 Qf6 22.a5 Rb8 23.f4 Ned3 24.Qxc4 Nxb2 25.Qa2 Nbd3 26.Bxd3 Nxd3 27.Qc4 Nc5 28.e5 Qe7 29.Nd4 dxe5 30.fxe5 Qxe5 31.Rae1 Qxe1 32.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 33.Kf2 Rc1 34.Qxc5 Bd7 35.Qa3 Rh1 36.Qd6 Rc8 37.Ne4 1-0 (37) Dubov,D (2701)-Dragun,K (2528) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 8.Bg5 Nbd7 *(8...h6 9.Bh4 exd5 10.Nxd5 g5 11.Bg3 Nc6 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Rc1 Ne5 15.b3 Rad8 16.Be2 Ng6 17.0-0 Nf4 18.Bd3 Qe7 19.Bb1 Be5 20.Re1 Qf6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Rfe8 23.Qc2 Kf8 24.Kf1 h5 25.Rcd1 h4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Kg1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Re8 29.Rxe8+ Kxe8 30.g3 hxg3 31.hxg3 ½-½* (31) Moroni,L (2558)-Amar,E (2539) Budapest HUN 2024*)* 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 exd5 11.Nxd5 g5 12.Bg3 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne5 14.f4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 Ng6 16.Bg3 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Bg7 18.Nf4 Ne5 19.Be2 Qg5 20.Nh5 Bf5 21.Rb3 Be4 22.Rf2 Qe7 23.Qd2 Ng6 24.Nxg7 Kxg7 25.Qb2+ Kg8 26.Rxb7 Qd8 27.Rf6 Rb8 28.Rfxf7 1-0 (28) Dubov,D (2693)-Tsydypov,Z (2514) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 6...c6 7.f3 Na6 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Nh5 10.Qd2 f5 11.0-0-0 Qe7 12.a3 c5 13.Rhg1 f4 14.Bf2 Nc7 15.b4 b6 16.Qb2 Bd7 17.Kd2 g5 18.h3 Nf6 19.Rb1 h5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.a4 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Bh4 Qd6 24.a5 Rab8 25.Qa3 Kf7 26.Rh1 Rh8 27.Bf2 g3 28.Rxh8 Rxh8 29.Bg1 Ra8 30.Nc1 Nfe8 31.Bc2 Bf8 32.Nd3 Qf6 33.Ba4 Bxa4 34.Qxa4 Bd6 35.Qd7+ Qe7 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.axb6 axb6 38.Rxb6 Ra2+ 39.Nxa2 1-0 (39) Sarana,A (2713)-Dudin,G (2545) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 6...e5 7.d5 a5

C1) 8.0-0 Na6 9.Ng3 *(9.f3 Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Rc1 Nac5 13.Bb1 Nb6 14.b3 Bd7 15.f4 Qe7 16.Kh1 a4 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.Rf3 axb3 19.axb3 Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Qg1 Bf5 23.Nd4 Nd7 24.Rf1 Bg6 25.Rxf8+ Nxf8 26.Bc2 Nd7 27.Ne6 c6 28.dxc6 bxc6 29.Nd4 Bxd4 30.Bxd4 e3 31.Bxg6 e2 32.Bxh7+ Qxh7*

33.Qc1 Qe4 34.Bc3 Qf5 35.Qg1 Ne5 36.h3 Qf1 37.Bd2 c5 38.Kh2 Qxg1+ 39.Kxg1 Nd3 40.h4 Kf7 41.h5 Kf6 42.g4 e1Q+ 43.Bxe1 Nxe1 44.Kf2 Nc2 45.Kg3 Nd4 46.Kf4 Nxb3 47.g5+ Kf7 48.Ke4 Ke6 49.h6 Nd2+ 50.Kf4 Nxc4 51.h7 Ne5 52.h8N d5 53.g6 Kf6 54.g7 Nd3+ 0-1 (54) Seemann,J (2487)-Amin,B (2652) Stockholm SWE 2025 *)* 9...h5 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.Qd2 Nh7 12.Bh6 Nc5 13.Bc2 Qe7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rae1 h4 16.Nge2 g5 17.h3 Rg8 18.Nd1 Nf8 19.Ne3 Ng6 20.Nc3 Kf8 21.Bd1 Nf4 22.Bg4 Bxg4 23.hxg4 Rh8 24.Nf5 Qd8 25.g3 Ng6 26.Kg2 Ke8 27.Rh1 Kd7 28.Rh3 Qf6 29.Reh1 Ne7 30.Qc2 Nxf5 31.exf5 hxg3 32.Kxg3 Rxh3+ 33.Rxh3 e4 34.Kg2 Re8 35.Re3 Qe5 36.a3 Qf4 37.Qe2 Rh8 38.Rh3 Rxh3 39.Kxh3 Nd3 40.Kg2 Qc1 41.Qxe4 Nf4+ 42.Kh2 Qxb2 43.Qd4 Qc2 44.Ne4 b6 45.Nf6+ Kc8 46.Ne4 Kb7 47.Nxg5 Nd3 48.Ne4 Ne5 49.Kg3 Nxc4 50.f3 Ne5 51.Qe3 Qc4 52.Nf6 b5 53.f4 Nd3 54.g5 b4 55.axb4 axb4 56.g6 fxg6 57.fxg6 b3 58.g7 b2 59.g8Q b1Q 60.Nd7 Qxf4+ 61.Qxf4 Qg1+ 62.Kf3 Qxg8 63.Qf5 Nb4 64.Nf6 Qg1 65.Qe4 Qf1+ 66.Kg4 Nd3 67.Qf5 Ne5+ 68.Kg5 Qg2+ 69.Kh6 Kb6 70.Qb1+ Kc5 71.Qc1+ Kd4 72.Qd1+ Ke3 73.Qc1+ Kd4 74.Qa1+ Kc4 75.Qc1+ Kd3 76.Qb1+ Ke3 77.Qc1+ Kf3 78.Qd1+ Kf4 79.Qh5 Qg3 80.Kh7 Qd3+ 81.Kg7 Qg3+ 82.Kf8 Ke3 83.Ke7 Qg7+ 84.Ke6 Nd3 85.Qh3+ Kd4 86.Qh4+ Kc3 87.Ne4+ Kb3 88.Nf6 Qg6 89.Kd7 Qf7+ 90.Kd8 Ne5 91.Qh3+ Kc4 92.Ne8 Kxd5 93.Nxc7+ Kc6 94.Qc3+ Nc4 0-1 (94) Dubov,D (2710)-Firouzja,A (2759) lichess.org INT 2021;

C2) 8.f3 Na6 9.Be3 Bd7 *(9...Nh5 10.Qd2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Rhg1 Nb4 14.Bb1 Qh4 15.g4 fxg4 16.fxg4 Nf4 17.a3 Na6 18.Bf5 Rad8 19.Ng3 Be8 20.Nce4 b6 21.Kb1 Bg6 22.Rdf1 Kh8 23.Ka2 Ra8 24.Bd7 Qe7 25.Bc6 Rad8 26.Bb5 Nb8 27.Ba4 Qh4 28.Nf5 Bxf5 29.gxf5 Rxf5 30.Bc2 Rdf8 31.Rg3 Bh6 32.Rfg1 R5f7 33.Rg4 Qe7 34.h4 Nd7 35.Ng5 Bxg5 36.hxg5 Ng6 37.Rh1 Rg8 38.Rg3 Ndf8 39.Rh6 Rgg7 40.Qh2 Kg8 41.Rg4 Qd7 42.Rg1 Ne7 43.Bd2 Nfg6 44.Be4 a4 45.Rh1 b5 46.Qe2 Nf5 47.Bxf5 Qxf5 48.cxb5 Qc2 49.Ka1 Nf4 50.Qh2 Nd3 51.Bc3 Qxh2 52.R6xh2 Rxg5 53.Rh4 Nf4 54.Bd2 h5 55.Kb1 Kf8 56.Bxf4 exf4 57.Rxh5 Rxh5 58.Rxh5 f3 59.Rh1 f2 60.Rf1 Ke7 61.Kc2 Rf3 62.Kd2 Kd7 63.b6 cxb6 64.Ke2 Rf5 65.Rxf2 Rxd5 66.Rf4 b5 67.b3 axb3 68.Rb4 Kc6 69.Rxb3 Rd4 70.Ke3 Rh4 71.Kd2 Kc5 72.Rc3+ Rc4 73.Rh3 Kb6 74.Rh6 Rc6 75.Rh4 Ka5 76.Rd4 Kb6 77.a4 Kc5 78.axb5 Rb6 79.Kd3 d5 80.Rh4 Rxb5*

81.Rg4 Rb4 82.Rxb4 Kxb4 83.Kd4 Kb5 84.Kxd5 ½-½ (84) Makhnev,D (2486)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 10.Qd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 Ne8 *(11...c6 12.0-0 cxd5 13.cxd5 b5 14.a4 b4 15.Nd1 Rc8 16.Nf2 Be8 17.Rfc1 Nfd7 18.Nd3 f5 19.b3 fxe4 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.fxe4 Bd7 22.Ng3 h5 23.h3 Kh7 24.Kh2 Qe7 25.Rf1 Rxf1 26.Rxf1 Rf8 27.Rxf8 Qxf8 28.Qf2 Qe7 29.Nf1 Bc8 30.Bxc5 dxc5 31.Bd3 h4 32.Ne3 Bh6 33.Nc4 Bf4+ 34.Kh1 Qg5 35.Nxa5 Kg7 36.Nc4 Ba6 37.a5 Bg3 38.Qxc5 Qc1+ 39.Qg1 Qc3 40.Bf1 Qe1 41.Qa7+ Kg8 42.Kg1 Bxc4 43.Qb8+ Kh7 44.Qc7+ Kh6 45.Qxc4 Bf4 46.Qe2 Qg3 47.Qf3 Qe1 48.a6 Qd2 49.Qe2 Qc3 50.Qd3 Qe1 51.Qe2 Qc3 52.Qf3 Qd2 53.Kh1 Qa2 54.Qg4 Qf2 55.Qf3 Qa2 56.Qd3 Qf2 57.Qe2 Qd4 58.Qe1 Kg5 59.Be2 Bg3 60.Qf1 Bf4 61.Bf3 Kh6 62.Qe1 Kg5 63.Qg1 Be3 64.Qf1 Bf4 65.Qb1 Qf2 66.Qd1 Qg3 67.Kg1 Be3+ 68.Kh1 Bf4 69.Qg1* 1-0 (69) Sarana,A (2685)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12.0-0 b6 13.g4 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Ng3 Rf7 18.Nce4 Qd7 19.Kh1 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Rxf6 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Ne4 Rf4 23.Rf2 Raf8 24.Rg1 Kh8 25.Rg3 Bh6 26.Qe2 Qf7 27.Kg2 Rh4 28.Rg4 Rg8 29.Rxg8+ Qxg8+ 30.Kh1 Bf4 31.Rg2 Qf7 32.Qe1 Qh5 33.Rg8+ Kxg8 34.Nf6+ Kf7 35.Nxh5 Rxh5 36.h4 Bg5 37.Qxa5 Rxh4+ 38.Kg2 Bd8 39.Qb5 Rd4 40.a4 Rd2+ 41.Kf1 Rd1+ 42.Ke2 Ra1 43.a5 h5 44.a6 h4 45.Kf2 e4 46.a7 h3 47.Qd7+ Be7 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qc8+ Kf7 50.a8Q Bh4+ 51.Ke2 Rxa8 52.Qxa8 h2 53.Qa1 exf3+ 54.Kxf3 Bf6 55.Qh1 Be5 56.Kg2 Ke7 57.Qf1 Kd7 58.b3 Kc8 59.Qe1 Kb7 60.Kh3 Kc8 61.Kg4 Kb7 62.Kf5 Bg3 63.Qf1 Be5 64.Ke6 Kb6 65.Kd7 Ka5 66.Qe1+ Kb6 67.Kc8 Bg3 68.Qh1 Be5 69.Kb8 Ka5 70.Qe1+ Kb6 71.Kc8 Bg3 72.Qa1 Be5 73.Qa8 h1Q 74.Qb7+ Ka5 75.Qb5# 1-0 (75) Sarana,A (2693)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2611) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 6...a5 7.f3 Na6 8.Be3 c6 9.Qd2 e5 10.d5 Nc5 11.Bc2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.a4 Qb8 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Kh1 b5 16.axb5 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qxb5 18.Nc3 Qb4 19.Rfb1 Nfd7 20.Na4 Qxd2 21.Bxd2 Nxa4 22.Bxa4 Nc5 23.Bc6 Nb3 24.Bxa8 Rxa8 25.Bb4 Nxa1 26.Rxa1 Bf8 27.Rxa5 Rb8 28.Bc3 Bh6 29.Ra6 Bc1 30.Rxd6 Bxb2 31.Bxb2 Rxb2 32.h4 Kg7 33.h5 Rd2 34.Kh2 Rd4 35.g4 gxh5 36.gxh5 h6 37.Kg3 Rd2 38.Ra6 Rd1 39.f4 Re1 40.f5 Re3+ 41.Kg2 Rxe4 42.f6+ Kh7 43.Ra7 Kg8 44.Ra8+ Kh7 45.Rf8 Rf4 46.d6 Rd4 47.Rxf7+ Kg8 48.Rg7+ 1-0 (48) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2617) Singapore SGP 2023;

E) 6...Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Bc2 a5 10.b3 Nh5 11.Rb1 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Ng3 Nf4 14.a3 Qg5 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Nd7 17.Nb5 Nf6 18.Nxc7 Ra2 19.Bb3 Ng4 20.Qf3 Ra7 21.h3 Qh4 22.c5 Rf6 23.cxd6 Bd7 24.Ne6 Nxh3+ 25.gxh3 e4 26.Qg2 Ne5 27.Nxg7 Rg6 28.Ne6 Ra8 29.Kh1 Kf7 30.Nxf5 Qf6 31.Ng3 Nf3 32.Bc2 Nh4 33.Qxe4 Rxg3 34.Qxh7+ Ke8 35.Qe7+ Qxe7 36.dxe7 Rxh3+ 37.Kg1 Kxe7 38.Bg5+ Kd6 39.Bf4+ Kxd5 40.Bb3+ Rxb3 41.Rxb3 Bxe6 42.Rd1+ Ke4 43.Re3+ Kf5 44.Re5+ Kf6 45.Re3 Rg8+ 46.Bg3 Nf5 47.Rc3 Rg4 48.Kf1 Rxb4 49.Re1 Rb6 50.Kg1 Rc6 51.Rf3 Bd5 52.Rf4 Rc4 53.Rxc4 Bxc4 54.Be5+ Ke6 55.Bc3+ Kd7 56.Kg2 b5 57.Kf3 Ne7 58.Ke4 Nd5 59.Kd4 Nf4 60.Re4 Ne6+ 61.Ke5 Nc5 62.Rd4+ Kc6 63.Rd6+ Kc7 64.Ba5+ Kb7 65.Rb6+ Ka7 66.Rh6 Nd3+ 67.Kd4 Nxf2 68.Rf6 Nd3 69.Rf3 Kb7 70.Bc3 Kc6 71.Rf6+ Kd7 72.Rf3 Ke6 73.Rh3 Kf5 74.Rf3+ Ke6 75.Re3+ Kf5 76.Bd2 Kf6 77.Rf3+ Ke6 78.Rg3 Kf5 79.Be3 Ke6 80.Rg6+ Kf5 81.Rg5+ Kf6 82.Rh5 Kg6 83.Rh6+ Kf5 84.Rh8 Kg4 85.Rg8+ Bxg8 86.Kxd3 Bc4+ 87.Kd4 Kf3 88.Bd2 Ke2 89.Bb4 Kd1 90.Be7 Kc2 91.Bf8 Kb3 92.Be7 b4 93.Bxb4 ½-½ (93) Moroni,L (2565)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2022;

F) 6...Nc6

F1) 7.0-0

F1a) 7...e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 *(9.Bb1 Re8 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Qh4 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.Bd3 a6 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.Rc2 Re7 17.Ne2 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 Bg7 20.h3 f5 21.exf5 Re3 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.f5 gxf5 24.Nf4 Qg5 25.Re2 Rae8 26.Ne6 Bxe6 27.dxe6 R8xe6 28.Rxf5 Qg3 29.Rxe3 Rxe3 30.Bf1 c6 31.Qh5 Re7 32.Rf3 Qe1 33.Qg5 a5 34.b3 Re8 35.h4 Qe5 36.Qxe5 Bxe5 37.g4 a4 38.g5 a3 39.Kg2 Bd4 40.Bd3 Re1 41.Kh3 Ra1 42.Rf4 c5 43.Be4 Rxa2 44.Bd5+ Kh7 45.h5 Rf2 46.Be4+ Kg7 47.h6+ Kg8 48.Rxf2 Bxf2 49.Bb1 Be3 50.Kg4 Bc1 51.Kh5 Bd2 52.Kg6 Be3 53.Kf6 Kh8 54.Kf5 Bd2 55.Kg4 Be3 56.Kh5 Bd2 57.g6 Bc3 58.Kg4 Kg8 59.Kf5 b6 60.g7 Bd4 61.Kg6 Bxg7 62.hxg7 a2 63.Bxa2 b5 64.cxb5 d5 65.b4 c4 66.b6 c3 67.b7 c2 68.b8Q#* 1-0 (68) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Kovalev,V (2623) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 9...exd4 10.Ne2 Re8 *(10...Qe7 11.f3 Nd7 12.Bf4 c5 13.Bg3 Ne5 14.b3 f5 15.exf5 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bxf5 17.Qd2 d3 18.Nc3 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.Rac1 Rae8 21.Bf2 Re7 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Nb5 a6 24.Na3 Re2 25.Qf4 Rxg2 26.Rg1 Rxa2 27.Nb1 Bh3 28.Qxf6 Rxf6 29.Rg3 Bf5 30.Rg2 Ra1 31.Rd2 Rf7 32.Re1 Kf8 33.Kg2 Re7 34.Rxe7 Kxe7 35.Rb2 Kf6 36.Kg3 g5 37.h4*

gxh4+ 38.Kxh4 Ke5 39.Kg3 h5 40.f4+ Ke4 41.Nd2+ Ke3 42.c5 Rg1+ 43.Kh2 Rg6 44.Nc4+ Kxf4 45.Rf2+ Kg5 46.Nxd6 Bg4 47.Ne4+ Kh4 48.d6 Rg8 49.Rf4 Rc8 50.b4 a5 51.bxa5 d2 52.Nxd2 Rxc5 53.Rxd4 Rxa5 54.d7 1-0 (54) Sarana,A (2682)-Warmerdam,M (2636) chess.com INT 2023*)* 11.f3 *(11.Ng3 c6 12.h3 Qb6 13.f4 h5 14.Qf3 cxd5 15.cxd5 h4 16.Nh1 Bd7 17.a4 Rac8 18.f5 gxf5 19.Nf2 Rxc1 20.Raxc1 Bh6 21.Rc2 f4 22.Bb5 Bxb5 23.axb5 d3 24.Qxd3 Rxe4 25.Kh2 Re5 26.Ng4 Nxg4+ 27.hxg4 Kg7 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 Bg5 30.Qc4 Bf6 31.b4 Be5 32.Rf3 Qd8 33.Qd3 Qd7 34.Kh3 Qd8 35.Rf1 Qb6 36.g5 Qd8 37.Qf5 Qb6 38.Kxh4 Qxb5 39.Rf3 Qe2 40.g6 fxg6 41.Qd7+ Kh6 42.Qd8 Qxg2 43.Qf8+ Bg7* 0-1 (43) Moiseenko,A (2573)-Sadhwani,R (2627) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...Nd7 *(11...c5 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Qd2 a5 14.a4 Nd7 15.f4 Qc7 16.Ng3 Ra6 17.b3 Rb6 18.Rab1 Rb4 19.Bc2 b5 20.axb5 Nb6 21.Bd3 a4 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.bxa4 Rxa4 24.e5 dxe5 25.f5 e4 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.Nxe4 Bf5 28.d6 Qc8 29.Rxf5 gxf5 30.Ng3 f4 31.Nf5 Qe6 32.Bxf4 Ra3 33.Ne7+ Rxe7 34.dxe7 Qxe7 35.Qd2 Rc3 36.Re1 Qd8 37.Bc7 Rxd3 38.Bxd8 Rxd2 39.Bxb6 d3 40.Bxc5 Rc2 41.Rd1 Rxc4 42.Be3 Bd4 43.Rxd3 Bxe3+ 44.Rxe3 Rb4 45.Re5 Kg7 46.g3* 1-0 (46) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2617) Singapore SGP 2023 *)* 12.Bf4 a6 13.Rc1 Qf6 14.Qd2 Qe7 15.Bb1 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.Nb3 Ne5 19.c5 Rad8 20.cxd6 Rxd6 21.Qb4 g5 22.Be3 Nd7 23.Qxb7 1-0 (23) Sarana,A (2685)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore SGP 2023;

F1b) 7...Nd7

F1b1) 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 *(9.Bc2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nde5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.c5 Nc4 13.Bc1 dxc5 14.Qe2 Be6 15.Bb3 Ne5 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Rd1 Qh4 18.f4 Ng4 19.h3 Bd4+ 20.Rxd4 cxd4 21.hxg4 dxc3 22.bxc3 Rad8 23.Be3 h5 24.gxh5 gxh5 25.Rf1 Qg4 26.Rf3 Kh7 27.Kh2 Rg8 28.Bd4 Rdf8 29.Qf2 h4 30.Be5 Rg6 31.Rh3 Rh6 32.Bxc7 Rg8 33.Be5 Qg3+ 34.Qxg3 hxg3+ 35.Kg1 Rxh3 36.gxh3 Rd8 37.Bd4 c5 38.Bxc5 Rd1+ 39.Kg2 Rd2+ 40.Kxg3 Rxa2 41.f5 exf5 42.exf5 a5 43.Kf4 a4 44.Ke5 a3 45.f6 Re2+ 46.Kd5 a2 47.f7 Rd2+ 48.Kc4 Rd8 49.f8Q Rxf8 50.Bxf8 a1Q 51.Bb4 Qa2+ 52.Kb5 Kg6* 0-1 (52) Dreev,A (2623)-Naroditsky,D (2616) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

F1b11) 9...Nd4 10.Nb5 *(10.Bb1 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f3 a5 14.Kh1 Nf6 15.Rg1 h5 16.Bc2 b6 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.Raf1 Bd7 19.h3 Nh7 20.Bc1 h4 21.g4 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Kh8 23.Rfg1 Rf7 24.Qg2 Qf8 25.f4 e4 26.Ne2 Bf6 27.Be3 Rg7 28.Nd4 Rxg3 29.Qxg3 Qg7 30.Qxg7+ Bxg7 31.Bd1 Bf6 32.Bh5 Rg8 33.Bg6 Nf8 34.Bxf5 Bxf5 35.Nxf5 Bxb2 36.Rxg8+ Kxg8 37.Ng3 Ng6 38.Nxe4 Ne7 39.Kg2 b5 40.cxb5 Nxd5 41.Kf3 a4 42.b6 cxb6 43.Nxd6 Nb4 44.Nc4 a3 45.Bxb6 Nxa2 46.Bc5 Nb4 47.Nxa3 Bxa3 48.Bxb4 Bxb4 49.f5 Bf8 50.f6 Kf7 51.h4 Kxf6 52.h5 Kg5 53.h6 Kxh6* ½-½ (53) Jumabayev,R (2628)-Sadhwani,R (2619) chess.com INT 2022; *10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Nb5 Re8 12.Nbxd4 Nc5 13.f3 a5 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.Kh1 Qh4 16.Qd2 c6 17.Nc3 f5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Rad1 f4 20.Nb3 Re5 21.Qf2 Qe7 22.Rd2 Be8 23.Rfd1 Nb7 24.c5 dxc5 25.Na4 Rh5 26.Bd3 Bf7 27.Ba6 Bxb3 28.axb3 Bd4 29.Rxd4 cxd4 30.Qxd4 Nd6 31.Bf1 Nf7 32.Bc4 c5 33.Qd7 Kf8 34.Nb6 Rd8 35.Qxe7+ Kxe7 36.Nd5+ Kf8 37.Ra1 g5 38.Rxa5 Rh6 39.Kg1 Ne5 40.Rxc5 Rc6 41.Rb5 Nxc4 42.bxc4 Rxc4 43.h4 g4 44.Kh2 Rc2 45.Nxf4 gxf3 46.Ne6+ Ke7 47.Nxd8 Kxd8 48.Rb7 h5 49.Rb5 Ke7 50.Rxh5 Rxg2+ 51.Kh3 Rxb2 52.Kg3 f2 53.Rf5 Re2 54.Rf4 f1Q 55.Rxf1 Rxe4 56.h5 Re3+ 57.Kg4 Re2 58.Kg5 Rg2+ 59.Kh6 Rg3 60.Kh7 Rg2 61.h6 Rg3 62.Kh8 Rg2 63.Rf3 Rg1 64.Kh7 Rg2 65.Ra3 Rg1 66.Ra8 Kf7 67.Ra7+ Kf6 68.Rg7 Rh1 69.Rb7 Rh2 70.Rb1 Rg2 71.Rb6+ Kf7 72.Rb7+ Kf6 73.Kh8 Rh2 74.Kh7 Rg2 75.Rc7 Rg1 76.Rg7 Rh1 77.Rg2 Kf7 78.Rf2+ Ke7 79.Re2+ Kf7 80.Rf2+ Ke7 81.Rg2 Kf7 82.Rg4 Rh2 83.Rg5 Rh1 84.Rf5+ Ke7 85.Rf4 Rg1 86.Rc4 Kf7 87.Rc7+ Kf6 88.Rd7 Rg2 89.Rd8 Kf7 90.Rd1 Kf6 91.Rh1 Kf7 92.Kh8 Rg8+ 93.Kh7 Rg2 94.Rh3 Rg1 95.Rf3+ Ke7 96.Kh8 Rg6 97.Kh7 Rg1 98.Rc3 Kf7 99.Rc6 Rg2 100.Rb6 Rg1 101.Rb7+ Kf6 102.Kh8 Rh1 103.h7 Rg1 104.Ra7 Rg2 105.Ra8 Kf7 106.Rg8 Ra2*

107.Rg7+ Kf6 108.Rg1 Kf7 109.Rg3 Ra8+ 110.Rg8 Ra1 111.Rg7+ Kf8 112.Rg2 Kf7 113.Rf2+ Ke7 114.Rg2 Kf7 115.Rf2+ Ke7 116.Rg2 Kf7 ½-½ (116) Jumabayev,R (2637)-Swiercz,D (2649) chess.com INT 2021*)* 10...Nxb5 11.cxb5 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 e4 14.Bc4 Bxb2 15.Nd4 Bxa1 16.Ne6 Qf6 17.Nxf8 Qc3 18.Re1 Bb2 19.Ne6 Qxc4 20.Qh5 Nf8 21.Qg5+ Ng6 22.Qd8+ Kf7 23.Nxc7 Bc3 24.Qe8+ Kg7 25.Qd8 Kf7 26.Qe8+ Kg7 27.Qd8 ½-½ (27) Nisipeanu,L (2652)-Jones, G (2672) Munich GER 2022;

F1b12) 9...Ne7 10.g4 *(10.b4 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.c5 Ng6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nb5 Nf6 16.Rc1 Rf7 17.Qc2 Ne8 18.Nxa7 Bd7 19.Bb5 g4 20.Kh1 g3 21.Bg1 gxh2 22.Bf2 Qg5 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Qa4 Nf6 25.Rc8+ Rxc8 26.Nxc8 Bf8 27.Qc2 Rg7 28.Nc1 h5 29.Nb6 Ne7 30.Be1 h4 31.Kxh2 Nh5 32.Nd3 Ng3 33.Rg1 Kh7 34.Nc4 Ng8 35.a4 Nf6 36.a5 Qh5 37.Nf2 h3 38.Nxh3 Kg8 39.b5 Nh7 40.Rh1 Ng5 41.Bxg3 Nxf3+ 42.gxf3 Rxg3 43.Qg2 Rxg2+ 44.Kxg2 Qh4 45.Nf2 Qd8 46.a6 bxa6 47.bxa6 Qc7 48.Ra1 Qa7 49.Nb6 Kf7 50.Nc8 Qd4 51.Ra2 Qc4 52.Ra5 Qxc8 53.a7 Qa8 54.Nd3 Be7 55.Nb4 Bd8 56.Ra6 Bb6 57.Rxb6 Qxa7 58.Rxd6 Qe3 59.Nc6 Qe2+ 60.Kg1 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qg3+ 62.Kf1 Qxf3+ 63.Ke1 Qxe4+ 64.Kd2 f3 65.Rd7+ Kf6 66.Rd8 Kg7 67.Rd7+ Kf6 68.Rd8 Qe2+ 69.Kc3 f2 70.Rf8+ Kg7 71.Rf5 Qe3+ 72.Kb4 Qe4+ 73.Kc5 Qxf5 74.Kd6 f1Q 75.Ke7 Qf8+ 76.Ke6 Q1f6+ 77.Kd7 Q6d6#* 0-1 (77) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Firouzja,A (2728) Europe-Echecs INT 2020 *)* 10...Nc5 11.f3 f5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Ng3 e4 15.fxe4 fxg4 16.Nf5 Nxf5 17.exf5 Qg5 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.Ne4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Qh4 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.Qd2 Re3 23.Ne2 Be5 24.Nf4 Rf3 25.Rxf3 gxf3 26.Ne6 f2 27.Kg2 Qxh2+ 28.Kf1 Bxe6 29.Qg5+ Kh8 30.dxe6 Qh1+ 31.Ke2 Qxa1 32.Kxf2 Qxb2+ 33.Kf3 Bf6 34.Qh6 Rg8 35.e7 Qg2+ 36.Ke3 Bg5+ 0-1 (36) Sarana,A (2685)-Firouzja,A (2777)

chess.com INT 2023;
F1b2) 8.Bc2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 *(9...Ne7 10.Rb1 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.b4 a5 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Ng6 15.f3 Qh4 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Bf2 Qg5 18.c5 Nc4 19.Qc1 Nf4 20.Nxf4 exf4 21.Ne2 Ne3 22.Bxe3 fxe3 23.f4 Qe7 24.cxd6 cxd6 25.Rb3 Re8 26.Rf3 Ra1 27.Bb1 Bd4 28.Nxd4 e2 29.Rg3+ Kf7 30.Nxe2 Qxe2 31.Rbc3 Qe1+ 32.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 33.Kf2 Rexb1 34.Rxc8 Rb2+ 35.Ke3 Ra3+ 36.Kd4 Rd2+ 37.Kc4 Rxg3* 0-1 (37) Hakobyan,A (2616)-Livaic,L (2557) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2

F1b21) 11...Ne5 12.Nxd4 Nxc4

F1b211) 13.b3 Qf6 14.bxc4 Qxd4 15.Qxd4 Bxd4 16.Rb1 b6 *(16...f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 b6 21.Rxf5 gxf5 22.Kf2 Re8 23.Rd1 Kf7 24.Rd4 Kf6 25.Kf3 h5 26.g3 Rg8 27.h3 Ke5 28.Rh4 Rg5 29.a4 a6 30.e4 b5 31.cxb5 axb5 32.axb5 fxe4+ 33.Rxe4+ Kxd5 34.Re7 Rf5+ 35.Ke3 Kc5 36.Ke4 Rg5 37.Kf4 Rd5 38.Rxc7+ Kb6 39.Rc1 Rd3 40.g4 Rxh3 41.g5 Rh4+ 42.Kf5 Rg4 43.Rh1 Kxb5 44.Rxh5 Rg2 45.g6 d5 46.Rg5* 1-0 (46) Dubov,D (2710)-Firouzja,A (2759) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 17.Rd1 Bc5 18.Re1 Bd7 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Rae8 21.f4 f6 22.h4 Kg7 23.Kf2 Re7 24.Rbe1 Rfe8 25.g3 Rf8 26.Bd1 Rfe8 27.Bf3 Bc8 28.Ra3 a5 29.Rc3 f5 30.e5 dxe5 31.fxe5 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.c5 b5 34.c6 Kf6 35.Rc5 Ba6 36.a4 Ke7 37.Rc1 bxa4 38.Rc5 Kd6 39.Rxa5 Bc4 40.Rxa4 Bxd5 41.Ra8 Bxf3 42.Kxf3 Kxc6 43.Rh8 Re7 44.Kf4 Kd5 45.Rd8+ Ke6 46.Kg5 c5 47.Rc8 Kd6 48.Rd8+ Rd7 49.Rc8 Rc7 50.Rd8+ Ke6 51.Rd3 c4 52.Rc3 Ke5 0-1 (52) Dubov,D (2710)-Firouzja,A (2759) lichess.org INT 2021;

F1b212) 13.Rb1 Qf6 *(13...Bd7 14.b3 Nb6 15.Bb2 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rfd1 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.h3 Qb6 21.Nf3 Bxb2 22.Rxb2 Rad8 23.Qd4 Qxd4 24.Rxd4 Nc3 25.Rc4*

Ne2+ 26.Kh2 Be6 27.Re4 Bd5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Bd3 Nf4 30.Ba6 Kg7 31.Rc2 Re7 32.Nd4 Nxg2 33.Nxc6 Re1 34.Nb4 Bf3 35.Nd3 Re6 36.Kg3 Be4 37.Rd2 Rxa6 38.Nc5 Ra5 39.Nxe4 Re5 40.f3 Ne3 41.Kf4 Re7 42.Kxe3 f5 43.Rd6 fxe4 44.fxe4 Kh6 45.Ra6 Kg5 46.b4 Kh4 47.Kf4 g5+ 48.Kf5 h5 49.e5 Rf7+ 50.Kg6 Rf3 51.e6 Rxh3 52.e7 Re3 53.Kf7 Rxe7+ 54.Kxe7 g4 55.Rg6 Kg3 56.Ke6 h4 57.Kf5 h3 58.Rxg4+ Kf2 59.Rh4 1-0 (59) Sarana,A (2685)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore SGP 2023*)*
14.Nb5 Bd7 15.Nc3 Rfe8 16.Ne2 c5 17.b3 Ne5 18.Bb2 Qh4 19.f3 Bb5 20.Qd2 f5 21.h3 Bh6 22.Qd1 Be3+ 23.Kh1 f4 24.Qe1 Qh5 25.Rd1 g5 26.Ng3 fxg3 27.Qxe3 Bxf1 28.Rxf1 Ng6 29.b4 Nf4 30.Kg1 b6 31.Qe1 Qh4 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Ba4 Rab8 34.Bf6 Rf8 35.Bc3 Rf7 36.e5 Nxd5 37.e6 Re7 38.Bb3 c4 39.Bc2 Nxc3 40.Qxc3 Rxe6 41.Be4 Rxe4 42.fxe4 Qxe4 43.Qxg3 Qe5 44.Qf3 Qe6 45.Qg3 h6 46.Re1 Qf6 47.Rf1 Qd4+ 48.Kh1 Rf8 49.Re1 d5 50.Qd6 Qf6 51.Qxd5+ Qf7 52.Qd4 c3 53.Qxc3 Re8 54.Ra1 Re7 55.a4 Qe8 56.Qc4+ Qf7 57.Qd4 Qg7 58.Qd5+ Kh7 59.Qd3+ Qg6 60.Qa3 Qf6 61.Rd1 h5 62.Qd3+ Kg7 63.Qd2 g4 64.Qd3 Qf4 65.Rf1 Qe5 66.Rf5 Qe1+ 67.Rf1 Qe5 68.Qa3 gxh3 69.Qxh3 Re6 70.Qf3 Rf6 71.Qb7+ Kg6 72.Rxf6+ Qxf6 73.Qxa7 Qh4+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kh2 Qh4+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kh2 Qh4+ 78.Kg1 ½-½ (78) Sarana,A (2688)-Dubov,D (2710) chess.com INT 2023;

F1b22) 11...Re8 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.f3 a5 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.b3 Qh4 16.Bb2 Be5 17.f4 Bxf4 18.Nf3 Qh6 19.Re1 Be3+ 20.Kh1 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Qd3 Rae8 23.Qc3 R8e5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bc1 Bxc1 26.Qxc1 Qh4 27.Rxe5 dxe5 28.Qe1 Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1 f6 30.c5 Kf7 31.a3 b6 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 bxc5 34.bxc5 c6 35.Rd1 cxd5

36.Rxd5 Ke7 37.Kg1 Be6 38.Rd2 Bd7 39.Kf2 f5 40.Rd5 Ke6 41.Rd6+ Ke7 42.h4 f4 43.g3 fxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Bf5 45.Kf3 h6 46.Ke3 Bb1 47.Rd2 Bf5 48.c6 g5 49.h5 Bg4 50.c7 Bd7 51.Ke4 Ke6 52.Rc2 Bc8 53.Rc6+ Kd7 54.Rxh6 Kxc7 55.Kxe5 g4 56.Rg6 1-0 (56) Sarana,A (2697)-Nihal,S (2693) chess.com INT 2024;

F2) 7.Bc2 e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Re8 11.f3 c5 12.0-0 b5 13.cxb5 a6 14.Bd3 Qb6 15.a4 c4 16.Bxc4 d3+ 17.Kh1 dxe2 18.Qxe2 axb5 19.Be3 Qa5 20.Bxb5 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.Qxa6 Rxa6 23.Ra3 Rb8 24.b3 Nd7 25.Rb1 Nc5 26.a5 Bc3 27.e5 Bxe5 28.b4 Rb5 29.Bd2 Kg7 30.Re1 Nd7 31.Rd3 Ra8 32.Rc1 Bf6 33.f4 Re8 34.g3 Nb8 35.Rc7 Na6 36.Rc4 Reb8 37.g4 Nxb4 38.Rb3 Nxd5 39.Rxb5 Rxb5 40.g5 Bd8 41.Ra4 Rb1+ 42.Kg2 Rb2 43.Rd4 Bxa5 0-1 (43) Sarana,A (2713)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024]

[5...Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 Nd4 8.0-0 c5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Qe7 11.a3 0-0 12.b4 Nd7 13.f3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Qb1 a6 16.Ng3 Qf7 17.Nce2 Nxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Qg6 19.Ra2 h5 20.Bd3 Nb8 21.bxc5 h4 22.Ne2 dxc5 23.Kh1 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Ba6 26.Nc3 Qd6 27.a4 Nd7 28.Rc2 Bb7 29.Bg5 h3 30.Bc4 Rfb8 31.Be7 Qh6 32.d6+ Kh8 33.Qe1 Nb6 34.Bb5 Nc8 35.Bd7 Nxd6 36.Bxd6 Qxd6 37.Bxf5 e4 38.Nxe4 Bxe4 39.Qxe4 hxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Qd4 41.Rxg7 Kxg7 42.Qe7+ Kh6 43.Rg1 Qd5 1-0 (43) Makhnev,D (2551)-Sivuk,V (2572) Karaganda KAZ 2024]

[5...a5 6.Nge2 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Bd7 9.h3 Nc5 10.Be3 b6 11.Bc2 h5 12.b3 Bh6 13.Qd2 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Kf8 15.a3 Kg7 16.f4 Qe7 17.Rf2 exf4 18.Qxf4 Rhf8 19.Raf1 Nh7 20.Nd4 Qe5 21.Qxe5+ dxe5 22.Ndb5 Na6 23.h4 f6 24.Nd1 Bxb5 25.cxb5 Nc5 26.Ne3 Rf7 27.g3 Nb7 28.Kg2 Nd6 29.Bd3 Raf8 30.Kh3 f5 31.exf5 e4 32.Be2 Nxf5 33.Nxf5+ Rxf5 34.Rxf5 Rxf5 35.Rc1 Rf7 36.Rc6 Nf6 37.d6 cxd6 38.Rxd6 Nd7 39.Kg2 Re7 40.Kf2 e3+ 41.Kf3 Ne5+ 42.Kf4 Nd7 43.Rc6 Nf6 0-1 (43) Fernandez,D (2525)-Chigaev,M (2623) chess.com INT 2024]

6.d5 Nbd7 7.Nge2 h5 8.f3 Nc5 9.Bc2 a5 10.Be3 Bh6

[10...h4 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Kb1 Qf8 14.g3 Bh6 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bg1 h3 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 b6 19.Nc3 Qe7 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.fxe5 Nfd7 22.e6 Ne5 23.Bd4 Bg7 24.exf7+ Qxf7 25.Rhf1 Qd7 26.Bxc5 bxc5 27.b6 Ke7 28.Ba4 Qc8 29.Qd2 Bh6 30.Qf2 Bg7 31.Qf4 Rh5 32.Bc6 Rb8 33.g4 Qxg4 34.bxc7 Rc8 35.Nb5 Qxf4 36.Rxf4 Nxc6 37.dxc6 Be5 38.Rf2 g5 39.Rdf1 Bf4 40.e5 dxe5 41.Rd1 Rhh8 42.Rd7+ Ke6 43.Na7 e4 44.Nxc8 Rxc8 45.Re2 e3 46.Kc2 g4 47.Kd3 Kf5 48.Rf7+ Kg5 49.Kc4 Bxc7 50.Kxc5 Bf4 51.Kb6 Rb8+ 52.Ka7 Rc8 53.Kb7 Rb8+ 54.Ka6 Rc8 55.Kb6 Rb8+ 56.Kxa5 Ra8+

57.Kb6 Rb8+ 58.Rb7 Rc8 59.Rg7+ Kf5 60.c7 Ke4 61.Rc2 Kf3 62.Re7 Rf8 63.c8Q Rxc8 64.Rxc8 Bxh2 65.Rf8+ Kg2 66.Kb5 Bg1 67.a4 h2 68.Rh8 g3 69.a5 Kf3 70.a6 g2 71.a7 h1Q 72.a8Q+ Ke2 73.Rxh1 1-0 (73) Sarana,A (2703)-Melkumyan,H (2640) chess.com INT 2024]

11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Rh8 13.g3 Bd7 14.a3 a4 15.0-0-0 Qe7 16.Kb1 Kd8 17.h3 Kc8 18.g4 Be8 19.g5 Nfd7 20.h4 Nb6 21.Bd3 Rf8 22.Rdg1 Ra5 23.Nd1 Nb3 24.Qb4 f6 25.gxf6 Qxf6 26.Rg3 Rc5 27.Ne3 Kb8 28.Ka2 Qh8 29.Rf1 Rf6 30.Rg5 Qf8 31.Rg3 Na5 32.Rf2 Rf4 33.Ng2 Rg4 34.Rh3 Naxc4 35.Qe1 Rxg2 36.Rxg2 Na5 37.Nc3 Nb3 38.Qe3 Bd7 39.Rhg3 Qf4 40.Qxf4 exf4 41.Rxg6 Nc1+ 42.Kb1 Nxd3 43.Rh6 Nc4 44.Rxh5 Ncxb2 45.Rxb2 Rxc3 46.Rh2 Rb3+ 47.Ka2 Bb5 48.Rh8+ Ka7 49.Rc8 Bc4 50.Ka1 Rxa3+ 51.Kb1 Rb3+ 52.Ka1 Rc3 53.Rh1 a3 54.Rxc7 Nb4 55.h5 Rc2 56.h6 Ra2+ 57.Kb1 Rb2+ 58.Kc1 Nd3+ 59.Kd1 Bb3+ 60.Rc2 Rxc2 61.h7 Rg2# 0-1 (61) Sarana,A (2706)-Carlsen,M (2830) chess.com INT 2024

5.f4 0-0

[5...c5 6.d5 0-0 7.Be2 e6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.g4 Nc6 10.h4 *(10.Nh3 Nd4 11.Nf2 a6 12.0-0 g5 13.f5 Nd7 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Kh1 b5 16.cxb5 Nxe2 17.Qxe2 Bb7 18.a4 Qe7 19.bxa6 Bxa6 20.Nb5 exf5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Rg1 Rf7 23.Bxg5 Qe6 24.Rad1 Raf8 25.Rg2 Qb3 26.Qe3 Qxa4 27.Nc3 Qc2 28.Nh3 Rf1+ 29.Ng1 R1f2 30.Rxf2 Rxf2 31.Rd2 Rxd2 32.Qxd2 Qxd2 33.Bxd2 Nd3 34.Kg2 Nxb2 35.Nd5 Nd3 36.Ne2 Bb7 37.Ndc3 Kf7 38.Bg5 Ba6 39.Bd2 Be5 40.h4 Bf6 41.Kg3 Ne5 42.h5 Nd7 43.Kf3 Be5 44.Nd5 Nf6 45.Nxf6 Kxf6 46.Nc3 Bc4 47.Kg4 Bb3 48.Nd5+ Bxd5 49.exd5 Ke7 50.Bc1 c4 51.Kg5 Bd4 52.Kf5 Kd7 53.Ke4 Be5 54.Be3 Kc7 55.Kf3 Kb7 56.Ke2 Ka6 57.Kd2 Ka5 58.Kc2 Kb4 59.Ba7 c3 60.Be3 Kc4 61.Bc1 Kxd5 62.Kd3 Ke6 63.Ba3 d5 64.h6 Kf6 65.Bc1 Kf5 66.Ba3 d4 67.Bf8 Bf4 68.Bg7 Be3 69.Bh8 Kf4 70.Bg7 Kf3 71.Bf6 c2 72.Kc4 c1Q+ 73.Kb4 Ke4 74.Kb3 Kd5 75.Ka2 Qc3 76.Bh8 Bc1 77.Bxd4 Kxd4 0-1 (77) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)* 10...Nd4 11.h5 b5 12.cxb5 Bb7 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Qd3 a6 15.g5 Nd7 16.bxa6 Bxa6 17.Qh3 Kf7 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Qg2 Qa8 20.Be3 Nf5 21.Qf3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.0-0-0 d4 25.Qd3 Kg8 26.Nf3 Rxf4 27.Qc4+ Rf7 28.Nd5 Rd6 29.Nf6+ Nxf6 30.gxf6 Qxf3 31.fxg7 Kxg7 32.Kb1 Rd5 33.a3 Rh5 34.Rhf1 Qe4+ 35.Ka2 Rc7 ½-½ (35) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

6.Nf3 Nbd7

[6...c5 7.d5

A) 7...e6 8.Be2 *(8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Ng5 Nd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxh7 Rf5 14.Ng5 exf4 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Nh3 f3 17.Rxf3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Be6 19.Be3 Bxc4 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.Nd5 Qe5 22.b3 Bb5 23.Bxc5 Be2 24.Ne7+ Qxe7 25.Bxe7 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Rc8 27.Rd7 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Rc2+ 29.Kf1 Bh6 30.Rxb7 Rxh2 31.Ng5 Bxg5 32.Bxg5 Rxa2*

33.b4 a6 34.Ra7 Ra4 35.Kf2 Rxb4 36.Rxa6 Rb2+ 37.Ke3 f4+ 38.Kd4 Rb5 39.Bh6 Kf7 40.Ra8 g5 41.Ra6 Nf6 42.Rc6 Rf5 43.Ra6 Rd5+ 44.Kc4 Re5 45.Kd4 Rf5 46.Kc4 Ng8 47.Ra7+ Kg6 48.Bg7 Nf6 49.Bh8 Ne8 50.Kd4 Rf7 51.Ra6+ Kh5 52.Be5 Ng7 53.Ke4 Nf5 54.Ra8 Ng3+ 55.Kd5 Re7 56.Rh8+ Kg6 57.Rg8+ Kf5 58.Rf8+ Kg6 59.Rg8+ Kf5 60.Rf8+ Kg6 61.Rg8+ ½-½ (61) Ponkratov,P (2595)-Karthik,V (2563) chess.com INT 2023*)* 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nd2 *(11.Qc2 a6 12.a4 Qc7 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.Kh1 c4 15.a5 Nc5 16.Bf3 Nd3 17.Ra4 Nxc1 18.Qxc1 Bd7 19.Ra3 b5 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.Nd1 Bb5 22.Ne3 Rc8 23.Rc3 Rbb8 24.b3 Nh5 25.bxc4 Nxf4 26.Bg4 Be5 27.Bxc8 Qxc8 28.Rb3 Bd7 29.Rxb8 Qxb8 30.Nf3 Bg7 31.Qa3 Qb6 32.Ng5 Be5 33.g3 Bh3 34.gxf4 Bxf1 35.Nxf1 Bxf4 36.Nh3 Be5 37.Kg2 a5 38.Nf2 h5 39.Nd3 Bd4 40.Nd2 Qd8 41.Nf3 Bg7 42.h4 Qd7 43.Qxa5 Qg4+ 44.Kf2 Qxe4 45.Qd8+ Bf8 46.Nc1 Qxc4 47.Qg5 Qc7 48.Ne2 Be7 49.Qe3 Bf6 50.Qe4 Kg7 51.Nf4 Qc5+ 52.Kg3 Qc3 53.Qd3 Qa1 54.Nh3 Qc1 55.Nhg5 Qa1 56.Ne4 Bb2 57.Qe3 Be5+ 58.Kg2 Qb2+ 59.Qf2 Qb4 60.Qe2 Bf4 61.Nf2 Qc3 62.Qd3 Qa1 63.Qd4+ Qxd4 64.Nxd4 Kf6 65.Kf3 Bh6 66.Ke4 Ke7 67.Nd3 Bg7 68.Nf3 Bf6 69.Nf4 Bc3 70.Kd3 Bf6 71.Nh3 Bb2 72.Nhg5 Bc1 73.Ne4 Bf4 74.Kc4 Kd7 75.Kb5 Ke7 76.Kc6 f6 77.Kc7 Be3 78.Kc6 Bf4 79.Nd4 g5 80.Nf5+ Kf7 81.Nexd6+ Kg6 82.Ne7+ Kg7 83.Kd7 g4 84.Ne4 Kf7 85.Nf5 Be5 86.d6 Bf4 87.Neg3 Be5 88.Nxh5 Kg6 89.Nhg3* 1-0 (89) Moranda,W (2618)-Matlakov,M (2688) Tornelo INT 2021*)* 11...c4 12.Kh1 b5 13.Nxb5 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.Nxd6 *(15.Bf3 Nc5 16.Bxe4 Nxe4 17.Qe2 Bf5 18.Be3 Qb6* 1-0 (18) Jobava,B (2603)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020*)* 15...Rd4 16.Qc2 Nb6 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.Be3 Rxd5 19.Bf3 Rd3 20.Rad1 Qd7 21.Bc1 Qf5 22.Qe2 Qb5 23.b3 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Bf6 25.h3 Qb4 26.bxc4 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Nxc4 28.Kh2 Kg7 29.g4 h6 30.Kg3 g5 31.Bd5 a5 32.Kf3 Nb6 33.Be3 Rc3 34.Ke4 gxf4 35.Bxb6 Rxh3 36.Kxf4 a4 37.Bd4 1-0 (37) Adhiban,B (2603)-Karthikeyan,M (2623) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 7...b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.a4 axb5 10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.Be2 *(11.Rb1 Bxb5 12.axb5 Nbd7 13.0-0 Qb6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.Bg5 e6 18.dxe6 Qxe6 19.Nd5 Qxe5 20.Bf4 Qd4+ 21.Be3 Qe5 22.Bf4 Qd4+ 23.Kh1 Be5 24.Bg5 Qxd1 25.Rbxd1 f6 26.Ne7+ Kf7 27.Rxd7 Ke8 28.Rfd1 Rf7 29.Be3 Bd4 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Nd5 Kxd7 32.Nb6+ Kc7 33.Nxa8+ Kb7 34.Rxd4 Kxa8 35.h4 f5 36.g3 Re7 37.Kg1 Kb7 38.Rd8 Kb6 39.Rb8+ Kc7 40.Ra8 Kb6 41.Rb8+ Kc7 42.Rf8 Kb6 43.Rc8 Kxb5 44.Kf2 Rb7 45.Rc3 Ka5 46.Ra3+ Kb4 47.Rc3 Ka5 48.Rc2 Kb6* ½-½ (48) AllieStein v0.6-n14.3beta (3815)-LCZero v0.24-

sv-t60-3010 (3840) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 11...Nbd7 12.0-0 Ne8 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.h3 Qa8 15.Qc2 Rb6 16.a5 Ra6 17.Qa4 Nb6 18.Qa2 Nc7 19.Bd2 Rb8 20.axb6 Rxa2 21.bxc7 Rxa1 22.cxb8Q+ Qxb8 23.Rxa1 Bd4+ 24.Kh2 Qxb2 25.Ra8+ Kg7 26.Ne2 Bf6 27.Ra7 h5 28.h4 Qc2 29.Ng3 Bxh4 30.e5 Kf8 31.Ra8+ Kg7 32.Ra7 Kf8 33.Be1 Bxg3+ 34.Bxg3 Qf5 35.Ra6 Qd7 36.exd6 exd6 37.f5 Qxf5 38.Bxd6+ Ke8 39.Bxc5 Qxd5 40.Be3 Qd8 41.Bd4 Qb8+ 42.Be5 Qc8 43.Rf6 Qc1 44.Rf4 Qe3 45.Bc7 Qe7 46.Be5 Qe6 47.Bf6 Kf8 48.Bd4 Ke8 49.Bf6 Kf8 50.Bd4 Ke8 51.Bg7 Qe3 52.Kg3 Qd3 53.Bf6 Qd6 54.Bh4 Qc7 55.Bg5 Qb8 56.Kh3 Kf8 57.Rf6 Qc7 58.Bf4 Qc3 59.Be5 Qc1 60.Kh2 Ke8 61.Rf4 Qe3 62.Bc7 Qe7 63.Be5 Qe6 64.Bg7 Qe3 65.Kg3 Qe6 66.Kf2 Qb6+ 67.Bd4 Qd6 68.Be5 Qe6 69.Bg7 Qd5 70.Bf6 Qc5+ 71.Bd4 Qd6 72.Be5 Qb6+ 73.Kg3 Qe6 74.Bf6 Qd6 75.Ne5 g5 76.Rf5 Qe6 77.Rf1 Qb3+ 78.Kh2 Qe3 79.Rf3 Qd4 80.Nd3 Qd6+ 81.Kg1 Qb6+ 82.Kh1 Qb5 83.Re3+ Kd7 84.Re7+ Kd6 85.Re3 Kd7 86.Kh2 Qf5 87.Rf3 Qb5 88.Re3 Qf5 89.Rf3 Qb5 90.Rg3 g4 91.Re3 Qb6 92.Re7+ Kc8 93.Re8+ Kb7 94.Be5 Qg6 95.Re7+ Kc6 96.Rc7+ Kb5 97.Rc5+ Ka4 98.Rc4+ Kb5 99.Rb4+ Kc6 100.Rd4 h4 101.Rd6+ Qxd6 102.Bxd6 Kxd6 103.Kg1 Kd5 104.Kf2 Ke4 105.Nc5+ Kd4 106.Nd7 f5 107.Nf8 f4 108.Ng6 h3 109.gxh3 ½-½ (109) LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3840)-AllieStein v0.6-n14.3beta (3815) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[6...Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 *(7...c5 8.d5 Nbd7 9.0-0 Ne8 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc7 12.e5 dxe5 13.f5 Ne8 14.Nce4 Ndf6 15.Be3 Nd6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Rae1 b5 19.b3 bxc4 20.bxc4 Rab8 21.Qf3 Rb2 22.Qh3 Qd7 23.Bxc5 Qxh3 24.Nxh3 Re8 25.Rf2 Rb7 26.Ba3 Rc8 27.d6 exd6 28.Bxd6 Rxc4 29.Ng5 Ng4 30.Rfe2 Rd7 31.Bb8 f6 32.h3 Nh6 33.Ne6 Kf7 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Rb2 Nf5 36.Reb1 Kh6 37.Kh2 a5 38.Rf2 Kg5 39.Rb6 Rb4 40.Rxb4 axb4 41.Rc2 Ne3 42.Rc6 Rd2 43.Kg3 Nxg2 44.h4+ Nxh4 45.Rc4 Nf5+ 46.Kf3 Rxa2 47.Rxb4 Nd4+ 48.Ke3 Nc6* 0-1 (48) Mikaelyan, A (2508)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8.Bxf3 e5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.d5 c6 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Qd2 cxd5 13.cxd5 Ne8 14.h4 Nd6 15.h5 Nc4 16.Qe2 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qb6 18.Qxb6 Nxb6 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.g4 Bf6 21.Be2 Nc8 22.Kf2 Nd6 23.Kf3 a6 24.Na4 Bg5 25.Nb6 Rad8 26.a4 Kg7 27.Rag1 Rh8 28.b3 Rdf8 29.Nc4 Rd8 30.Rxh8 Kxh8 31.Bd3 Bf4 32.Rg2 Kg7 33.Nxd6 Rxd6 34.Rc2 Rb6 35.Bc4 Kf6 36.Rc3 Ke7 37.a5 Rb4 38.d6+ Kxd6 39.Bxf7 g5 40.Bc4 b6 41.Rd3+ Ke7 42.axb6 Rxb6 43.Rd1 Rh6 44.Ra1 Rh3+ 45.Kg2 Rg3+ 46.Kf2 Rxg4 47.Rxa6 Rh4 48.Re6+ Kd8 49.Bf1 g4 50.b4 Rh2+ 51.Bg2 Rh7 52.b5 Rd7 53.Rg6 Rd2+ 54.Kf1 g3 55.Bh3 Rf2+ 56.Kg1 Kc7 57.b6+ Kb7 58.Be6 Rb2 59.Bd5+ Ka6 60.b7+ Ka7 61.Rg8 Be3+ 62.Kf1 g2+ 63.Rxg2 Rxg2 64.Kxg2 Kb8 65.Kf3

Bf4 66.Kg4 Bh2 67.Kf5 Bf4 ½-½ (67) Ponkratov,P (2635)-Narayanan,S (2662) chess.com INT 2022]

7.e5 Ne8 8.c5 dxc5 9.dxc5 c6 10.Be3 Nc7 11.Bc4

[11.Qd2 Nb8 12.Qf2 Nba6 13.Rd1 Qe8 14.Be2 Nb4 15.0-0 Nbd5 16.Nd4 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Kh8 18.Bc4 b6 19.Ne4 Nd5 20.Qf3 Bf5 21.Nxc6 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxc6 23.Qxd5 Qxc5+ 24.Qxc5 bxc5 25.Rd7 e6 26.g3 a5 27.Kg2 a4 28.Rfd1 Rab8 29.R1d2 Rb4 30.b3 axb3 31.axb3 Rbb8 32.Kf3 Kg8 33.Ke4 h5 34.h3 Rfe8 35.R2d3 Kf8 36.Rd1 Re7 37.R7d6 Ree8 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 Kg8 40.R6d2 Kf8 41.Rd7 Re7 42.R7d6 Ree8 43.R6d3 Kg8 44.Rd7 Kf8 45.R1d6 Rbc8 46.Rd3 Ra8 47.Rd1 Rab8 48.R1d2 Ra8 49.R7d6 Kg8 50.Rd1 Rab8 51.R6d3 Kf8 52.Rd7 Re7 53.R7d6 Ree8 54.R1d3 Kg8 55.Rd7 Kf8 56.R3d6 Rbc8 57.Rd2 Rb8 58.R2d3 Re7 59.R7d6 Ree8 60.Rc6 Rbc8 61.Rcd6 Rb8 62.Rd2 Kg8 63.Rd7 Kf8 64.Ra2 Rbd8 65.Rd6 Kg8 66.Rad2 Ra8 67.Rd7 Kf8 68.R7d3 Kg8 69.Rd1 Rab8 70.Kf3 Ra8 71.Rd7 Kf8 72.R7d6 Rec8 73.Ke4 Re8 74.Rc6 Rac8 75.Ra6 Ra8 76.Ra4 Rad8 77.Rd6 Kg8 78.Ra7 Bf8 79.Rxd8 Rxd8 80.f5 gxf5+ 81.gxf5 Rd4+ 82.Kf3 exf5 83.Bxf7+ ½-½ (83) LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642)-Stockfish Dev (3673) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

11...b6 12.b4 bxc5 13.bxc5 Ba6 14.Bb3 e6 15.Kf2 f6 16.Qd6 fxe5 17.Rhd1 Nf6 18.Qxc6 Qc8 19.Nxe5 Bb7 20.Qd6 Nfd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.Qxc6 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Rf7 25.Qe4 Nd5 26.g3 Rb8 27.Bd4 Rf5 28.Rc1 Qc6 29.Ba1 Kf7 30.Kg1 Rb5 31.Qd4 Nf6 32.Ba4 a6 33.Qd8 Qe4 34.Bxf6 Qe3+ 35.Kg2 Qe2+ 36.Kh3 Rxf6 37.Qd7+ Kf8 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Bxb5 axb5 40.Qd7+ Kf8 41.Qd8+ Kf7 42.Qd7+ Kf8 43.Qd1 Qxd1 44.Rxd1 Rf5 45.Rc1 Ke8 46.c6 Rh5+ 47.Kg4 Kd8 48.h3 Rd5 49.Re1 Ke7 50.Rc1 Kd8 51.Rc3 h5+ 52.Kf3 b4 53.Rb3 Rc5 54.Ke4 Rxc6 55.Rxb4 Ke7 56.Kd4 h4 57.gxh4 Ra6 58.a4 Ra5 59.Ke3 Rh5 60.Kf3 Ra5 61.Re4 Kd6 62.Ke3 Rh5 63.Kf3 Ra5 64.Rb4 Ke7 65.Rc4 Kf6 66.Re4 Ke7 67.Kg4 Kf6 68.Kf3 Ke7 69.Rd4 Kf6 70.Kg3 Rc5 71.Rd3 Ra5 72.Ra3 Kf7 73.Kf3 Ke7 74.Kg4 Kf6 75.Kf3 Kf5 ½-½ (75) Stockfish Dev (3673)-LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

5.Be3 Ng4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.d5 g5 9.Bg3 Qa5 10.Qd2 f5 11.h3 Ne5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.Bd3 Rf8 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qd3 Rf6 18.0-0 0-0-0 19.Rfe1 Rdf8 20.Re3 h5 21.Ne4 g4 22.Nxf6 Bxf6 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Nh2 Bxb2 25.Rb1 Ne5 26.Qb3 g3 27.Rxg3 1-0 (27) Caruana,F (2805)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2589) chess.com INT 2024

[103] **5...e5** 6.d5

[6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8

A) 8.Bg5 c6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Kc7 11.Rc1 Re8 12.Be3 Bf8 13.Ng5 Re7 14.f4 h6 15.Nf3 Nh5 16.fxe5 Bg7 17.0-0 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxh5 gxh5 20.Bxh6 Be6 21.Nd5+ Bxd5 22.cxd5 Bxb2 23.Bf4+ Kd7 24.dxc6+ bxc6 25.Rfd1+ Ke8 26.Rxc6 Rxe4

27.Bg5 Bg7 28.Rcd6 Kf8 29.Rd8+ Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Re8 31.Rd7 a6 32.Kf2 Kg8 33.Kf3 Re6 34.Rd5 Kh7 35.Bf4 Kg6 36.Rg5+ Kh6 37.a4 Bf6 38.Rd5+ Kg6 39.Be3 Rc6 40.Bc5 Re6 41.Bf2 Rc6 42.Rc5 Rxc5 43.Bxc5 Kf5 44.Ke3 Bb2 45.Bf8 Ke5 46.Bg7+ f6 47.Kf3 Bd4 48.Kg3 Kf5 49.Bf8 Bc3 50.Bc5 Bd2 51.Kf3 Ke5 52.Bb6 Bc3 53.Bd8 Kf5 54.Ke3 Bb2 55.Kd3 Be5 56.Bb6 Kf4 57.Bf2 Bd6 58.Be1 f5 59.Bf2 Be5 60.Be1 Bd6 61.Kd4 Bf8 62.Bf2 Be7 63.Kd5 Ba3 64.Kc6 Bb4 65.Kd5 Bd2 66.Ke6 Bc3 67.Kf7 Kg5 68.Be3+ f4 69.Bc1 Kf5 70.Ke7 Be5 71.Bd2 Bb2 72.Kd6 Ke4 73.Kc6 f3 74.gxf3+ Kxf3 75.Kb6 Kg3 76.Kxa6 Kxh3 77.a5 Kg4 78.Kb7 Bd4 79.a6 h4 80.Ba5 h3 81.Bc7 Kf3 82.Bd6 Kg2 83.a7 Bxa7 84.Kxa7 h2 85.Bxh2 ½-½ (85) Rakhmanov,A (2632)-Amin,B (2691) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...Nbd7 9.Be3 c6 10.c5 Bf8 11.Ng5 Ke8 12.Bc4 Bxc5 13.Nxf7 Rf8 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxe5 Nfxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.0-0-0 Rf5 18.Nd3 Nd6 19.Rhe1+ Kf8 20.Bb3 Rf6 21.Nc5 Nf7 22.Ne4 Rf4 23.g3 Rf5 24.Bxf7 Rxf7 25.Rd8+ Ke7 26.Rh8 Kd7 27.f4 Kc7 28.Ng5 Rd7 29.Ree8 b6 30.g4 c5 31.Ne6+ Kb7 32.f5 gxf5 33.gxf5* 1-0 (33) Andreikin,D (2728)-Vitiugov,N (2727) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 9.Be3 Be6 10.Ng5 Nd4 11.0-0-0 c5 12.Nd5 h6 13.Nxe6+ fxe6 14.Nxf6 Bxf6 15.h4 Ke7 16.g3 g5 17.hxg5 Bxg5 18.f4 Bf6 19.Bd3 Rag8 20.Rh3 h5 21.Rf1 Rg7 22.Kd2 h4 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.gxh4 Rh5 25.Be2 Nxe2 26.Bxc5+ Kd7 27.Kxe2 Bxb2 28.Be3 Kc6 29.a4 Be5 30.Rf2 Rg4 31.Kd3 a6 32.Rf8 Rhxh4 33.Rxh4 Rxh4 34.Rc8+ Kd7 35.Rf8 Ke7 36.Bc5+ Bd6 37.Bxd6+ Kxd6 38.Rf7 b6 39.Ra7 a5 40.Rb7 Kc5 41.Rc7+ Kb4 42.Rc6 e5 43.Rxb6+ Kxa4 44.c5 Ka3 45.c6 Rh1 46.Kc4 Rd1 47.Kc5 a4 48.c7 Rc1+ 49.Kd6 Rxc7 50.Kxc7 Ka2 51.Kd6 a3 52.Kxe5 Ka1 53.Kd6 a2 54.Ra6 Kb2 55.Rxa2+ 1-0 (55) Rakhmanov,A (2620)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore SGP 2023;

C) 8.Be3 Be6 9.0-0-0+ Nfd7 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 *(11.Ng5 Nd4 12.h4 h5 13.Ne2 c5 14.Nc3 Ke7 15.g3 Bh6 16.f4 Bg4 17.Nd5+ Kf8 18.Rd2 f6 19.Nh3 Kg7 20.Nf2 Bf3 21.Rg1 Rad8 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Rd3 Bg4 24.Nxg4 hxg4 25.b4 f5 26.Bg2 exf4 27.gxf4 Ne5 28.Rxd4 Nc6 29.Rdd1 a5 30.a3 axb4 31.axb4 Rhe8 32.Rge1 Ne7 33.Nxe7 Rxd1+ 34.Kxd1 Rxe7 35.exf5 Rd7+ 36.Kc2 gxf5 37.Re5 Kf6 38.Rb5 Bxf4 39.Bxb7 g3 40.Bf3 Rd2+ 41.Kc3 Rf2 42.Rb6+ Kg7 43.Rb7+ Kf6 44.Rb6+ Ke7 45.Rb7+ Kd6 46.Bd5 g2 47.Rg7 Be5+* 0-1 (47) Livaic,L (2558)-Santos Latasa,J (2656) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...h6 12.Bd3 Nd4 13.Bc2 c5 14.Nd2 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.g4 Nxc2 17.Kxc2 Bxd5 18.cxd5 f4 19.d6 fxe3 20.fxe3 Ke8 21.Rhf1 Rf8 22.Ne4 Rc8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Rf1+ Ke8

25.Kc3 c4 26.Kb4 Rc6 27.Rf2 Bf8 28.Rd2 Kf7 29.h4 Ke6 30.g5 hxg5 31.Nxg5+ Kf5 32.Rf2+ Kg4 33.Rf7 Bxd6+ 34.Kc3 Nb6 35.Ne4 Nd5+ 36.Kd2 Bb4+ 37.Ke2 c3 38.Rg7+ Kxh4 39.Kf3 Nf6 40.Ng3 e4+ 41.Kg2 Rc5 42.bxc3 Bxc3 43.Ne2 Bd2 44.Rxb7 Bxe3 45.Kf1 Rf5+ 46.Ke1 Bf2+ 47.Kd2 Rd5+ 48.Kc3 Ra5 49.Kb3 Ra6 50.Rg7 e3 51.a4 Nh5 52.Rg8 Ng3 53.Nf4 Rf6 0-1 (53) Duda,J (2724)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2616) chess.com INT 2023]

[6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.Qd3 Na6 10.Nb3 Nb4 11.Qd2 a5 12.a3 Nc6 13.Qd3 a4 14.Nd2 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Qg3 f5 17.exf5 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Rxe2 19.b4 axb3 20.Bb2 Ne5 21.fxg6 Na4 22.gxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qxb3 Nxb2 24.Nf3 Nbxc4 25.Nd4 Rd2 26.Qc3 Qg8 27.Rae1 Rxd4 0-1 (27) Firouzja,A (2785)-Jones,G (2626) chess.com INT 2022]

6...a5

[6...Nbd7 7.Bg5 a5 8.Nf3 Nc5 9.Nd2 c6 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 h6 12.Be3 0-0 13.b3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Rc8 15.Rc1 b6 16.a3 Ne8 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Na4 19.Nxa4 Rxc1 20.Qxc1 Bxa4 21.b5 Qd7 22.Qc4 Qa7 23.Ra1 1-0 (23) Andreikin,D (2729)-Bernadskiy,V (2619) chess.com INT 2023]

7.Be3

[7.Bd3 Na6 8.Nge2 Bd7 *(8...h5 9.0-0 Bh6 10.Bxh6 Rxh6 11.Qd2 Rh8 12.f4 Nd7 13.f5 Ndc5 14.fxg6 fxg6 15.Rf3 Bd7 16.Raf1 Qh4 17.Nb5 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc5 19.Qe3 0-0-0 20.Nec3 g5 21.Rf6 b6 22.R1f2 Rhg8 23.Kh1 g4 24.g3 Qg5 25.Qxg5 Rxg5 26.h4 Rg7 27.Rf7 Rdg8 28.Kg2 Nd3 29.Rxg7 Rxg7 30.Rf8+ Kb7 31.b3 Rh7 32.Kf1 Nc5 33.Na3 Bc8 34.Ke2 Nd7 35.Rf5 Nc5 36.Rf1 Bd7 37.Rf8 Re7 38.Nc2 Be8 39.Rg8 Bd7 40.Rh8 Rf7 41.Ne1 Ka6 42.Rxh5 b5 43.cxb5+ Bxb5+ 44.Nxb5 Kxb5 45.Rf5 Rg7 46.Ke3 Kb4 47.Nd3+* 1-0 (47) Firouzja,A (2785)-Perez Ponsa,F (2532) chess.com INT 2023*)* 9.Be3 h5 10.Qd2 Nc5 *(10...a4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Kh1 c6 13.f4 cxd5 14.fxe5 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Bg5 Qc8 17.Nd5 Qxc4 18.Nf6+ Bxf6 19.Bxf6 Kh7 20.Ng3 Nc5 21.Nxh5 Ne6 22.Bg7* 1-0 (23) Eljanov,P (2695)-Kadric,D (2579) Viernheim GER 2024*)* 11.Bc2 b6 12.0-0 *(12.0-0-0 h4 13.Bg5 Rh5 14.Be3 a4 15.Rhf1 Qc8 16.f4 Qa6 17.fxe5 Rxe5 18.Bd4 Nh5 19.Bd3 a3 20.b4 Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Kf8 22.b5 Qa5 23.Kc2 Kg8 24.Kb3 Rg5 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qd4+ Kg8 27.Rf2 Re8 28.Rd3 Ree5 29.Rdf3 Be8 30.Qd2 Qa8 31.Qc1 Qd8 32.Kxa3 Qe7 33.Kb3 Bd7 34.a4 f5 35.exf5 Bxf5 36.Nd4 Rg3 37.Nc6 Qf6 38.Nxe5 Qxe5 39.Re2 Qg7 40.Re8+ Kf7 41.Qe3 Qf6 42.Rb8 Ng7 43.Rxg3 hxg3 44.Qxg3 Qd4 45.Qf3 Qd2 46.Qe2 Qc1 47.g4* 1-0 (47) Andreikin,D (2729)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2624) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12...Qe7 13.b3 0-0 14.a3 Nh7 15.b4 Nb7 16.Rae1 h4 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 axb4 19.axb4 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.f4 e4 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Kf7 24.Qd1 Nf6 25.Re3 Rg8 26.Rc3 Rg6 27.Rf2 Rag8 28.Qc1 Ne8 29.Bd1 Rh6 30.Rfc2 Nc5 31.bxc5 bxc5 32.Be3 Nf6 33.Ra2 Kg6 34.Bb3 Rb8 35.Bc4 Nd7 36.Ra7 Nb6 37.Bb3 Rh7

38.Rc2 Rg7 39.Bd2 Kh6 40.Ba5 e3 41.Re2 Qe4 42.Rxc7 Rxc7 43.Rxe3 Qd4 44.Bc3 1-0 (44) Andreikin,D (2729)-Chigaev,M (2627) chess.com INT 2023]

[7.g4 Na6 8.Nge2 *(8.Be3 Nc5 9.f3 h5 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Na6 13.Kb1 Ndc5 14.Nge2 Bd7 15.Nc1 Nb4 16.a3 Nba6 17.b3 Kh7 18.h4 f5 19.Be2 fxe4 20.fxe4 Rf4 21.Bd3 Qe7 22.Bc2 Raf8 23.N1e2 Rg4 24.Rdg1 Rf3 25.Rxg4 Bxg4 26.Nd1 a4 27.b4 Nb3 28.Bxb3 axb3 29.Nf2 Bd7 30.Nd3 c6 31.Ne1 Rf8 32.Nc3 Qf7 33.Kb2 Nc7 34.Bb6 Na8 35.Be3 Nc7 36.a4 cxd5 37.cxd5 Na6 38.Kxb3 Rc8 39.Nd3 Bg4 40.Rc1 Qf3 41.Nf2 Bd7 42.Nb5 Rxc1 43.Qxc1 Bxb5 44.axb5 Nc7 45.Ka4 Ne8 46.b6 Qe2 47.Qd2 Qa6+ 48.Kb3 Qf1 49.Qd3 Qa1 50.Nd1 Bf8 51.Nc3 Ng7 52.Qb1 Qa6 53.b5 Qa8 54.Qf1 Qe8 55.Qc4 Qf7 56.Qc7 Qf3 57.Qxb7 Qxe3 58.Qc7 Qf2 59.b7 Qxh4 60.b8Q Qf4 61.b6 h4 62.Qbc8* 1-0 (62) Andreikin,D (2729)-Hakobyan,A (2612) chess.com INT 2022*)* 8...Nd7 *(8...Nc5 9.Qc2 h5 10.g5 Nh7 11.h4 f6 12.gxf6 Bxf6 13.Be3 b6 14.0-0-0 Bg4 15.Bg2 Qe7 16.f3 Bd7 17.Bf2 0-0 18.Kb1 Bg7 19.Rdg1 Rf7 20.Be3 Raf8 21.Rf1 Kh8 22.b3 Bf6 23.Bf2 Bg7 24.Qd2 Rb8 25.Nb5 Qf8 26.Nec3 Bh6 27.Qe2 Rc8 28.Kc2 Bf4 29.Bh3 Bxh3 30.Rxh3 Nf6 31.Rg1 Kh7 32.Rg2 Qh6 33.Rh1 Rcf8 34.Rhg1 Rg8 35.a3 Qf8 36.b4 Na6 37.Kb3 Qd8 38.Qd3 Qd7 39.Rh1 Bh6 40.Be1 Rgf8 41.Rhg1 Rg8 42.Rh1 Rgf8 43.Rg3 Ng8 44.Rhg1 Ne7 45.Ne2 Rf6 46.Nbc3 Qc8 47.Na4 Qb7 48.Nec3 axb4 49.axb4 Nb8 50.R1g2 Nd7 51.Ra2 Ra8 52.Rgg2 Raf8 53.Rgf2 Qc8 54.Nb5 Qd8 55.Nac3 Nc8 56.Ra8 R6f7 57.Na7 Nxa7 58.Rxd8 Rxd8 59.Ra2 Nc8 60.Nb5 Rdf8 61.Rf2 Nf6 62.Bc3 Ng4 63.fxg4 Rxf2 64.gxh5 R8f3 65.hxg6+ Kg7 66.Qd1 Ne7 67.h5 Bd2 68.Qh1 Bxc3 69.Nxc3 Rg3 70.h6+ Kh8 71.g7+ Kh7 72.Qh4 Rff3 73.Qxe7 Rxc3+ 74.Ka4 Kxh6 75.Qxc7 b5+ 76.Kxb5 Rxg7 77.Qxd6+ Rg6 78.Qxe5 Rc1 79.Qf4+* 1-0 (79) Salem,A (2684)-Swiercz,D (2652) chess.com INT 2022*)* 9.Be3 Bf6 10.Qd2 h6 11.0-0-0 Bg5 12.f4 exf4 13.Nxf4 Ne5 14.Be2 Bd7 15.Kb1 Qe7 16.Nb5 b6 17.Ka1 Bxb5 18.cxb5 Nc5 19.Qc2 0-0-0 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Nd3 Bf6 22.Rhf1 Rd6 23.Rf2 Nxd3 24.Bxd3 h5 25.Rdf1 hxg4 26.hxg4 Qe5 27.a3 Kb8 28.Ka2 Rh3 29.Bc4 Rg3 30.Be2 Re3 31.Bd3 Qd4 32.Rd1 c4 33.Bxc4 Qxe4 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Be2 Be5 36.Bf3 Rf4 37.Re2 Bxb2 38.Kxb2 Rxf3 39.Re8+ Kb7 40.Re7 Kc8 41.a4 Kd8 42.Re4 Rdf6 43.Rde1 Rf2+ 44.Kc3 R6f3+ 45.Kd4 Rd2+ 46.Kc4 Rc2+ 47.Kd4 Rd2+ 48.Kc4 Ra2 49.d6 Rxa4+ 0-1 (49) Niemann,H (2688)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022]

[7.Nf3 Na6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Be3 Ndc5 11.Bc2 0-0 12.g4 Kh8 13.a3 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Rg1 Qf6 18.Ng5 Rf8 19.Nge4 Qf7 20.Qc2 Qh5 21.Ng3 Qg6 22.0-0-0 Rf3 23.Nge4 Qf5 24.h4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Nc5 26.Nxc5 Qxc2+ 27.Kxc2 dxc5 28.d6 cxd6 29.Rxd6 e4 30.Rd7 R3f7 31.Rxf7 Rxf7 32.Bxc5 Rc7 33.b4 a4

34.Rd1 Bf6 35.Rd6 Bxh4 36.Bd4+ Kg8 37.c5 Bg5 38.b5 Kf7 39.b6 Re7 40.c6 bxc6 41.Rxc6 h5 42.Rc5 Kg6 43.Rc7 Kf5 44.Rxe7 Bxe7 45.b7 Bd6 46.Ba7 Kg4 47.Kd2 Kf3 48.Ke1 h4 49.Kf1 h3 50.b8Q Bxb8 51.Bxb8 e3 52.fxe3 Kxe3 53.Kg1 Ke4 54.Bd6 Kd5 55.Bb4 h2+ 56.Kxh2 Kc6 57.Kg3 Kb7 58.Kf3 Ka8 59.Ke4 Kb8 60.Kd5 Ka8 61.Kc5 Kb8 62.Kb5 Ka8 63.Kxa4 Kb8 64.Kb5 Ka8 65.a4 Kb8 66.a5 Ka8 67.a6 Kb8 68.Bc5 Ka8 69.Kb6 Kb8 70.a7+ Ka8 71.Ka6 ½-½ (71) Lobanov,S (2502)-Saric,I (2689) chess.com INT 2024]

7...Na6 8.Nf3

[8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Nge2 Ndc5 10.Bc2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.g4 e4 13.Rg1 Qe7 14.Qd2 fxg4 15.0-0-0 Nb4 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.hxg4 0-0-0 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Bxe4 Qd6 20.a3 Qa6 21.axb4 axb4 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Qxb5 24.Qg5 Rhg8 25.Bd3 c4 26.Qf5+ Rd7 27.d6 Qa4 28.Qe6 Rf8 29.Bf5 Rxf5 30.Qe8+ 1-0 (30) Andreikin,D (2729)-Radjabov,T (2723) chess.com INT 2024]

[8.Be2 h5 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Qc2 Nh7 11.g3 f5 12.a3 0-0 13.exf5 gxf5 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.g4 e4 16.Nd2 Qe7 17.Kb1 Kh8 18.Rhg1 Na4 19.gxf5 Nxc3+ 20.bxc3 Bxf5 21.Bxh5 b5 22.Bg6 bxc4 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Qxe4 Rb8+ 25.Kc2 Qd7 26.Qxc4 Re5 27.Qg4 Qxg4 28.hxg4 Rxd5 29.Rb1 Rdb5 30.Rxb5 Rxb5 31.a4 Rb8 32.g5 Nf8 33.f4 Re8 34.Rg3 Nd7 35.f5 Be5 36.Rh3+ Kg8 37.Nc4 d5 38.Nxa5 Ra8 39.Nc6 Rxa4 40.Nxe5 Nxe5 41.Bd4 Ra2+ 42.Kd1 Ra1+ 43.Ke2 Ra2+ 44.Kf1 Ra1+ 45.Kf2 Ra2+ 46.Ke3 Ra4 47.g6 1-0 (47) Narayanan,S (2651)-Gukesh,D (2758) Douglas IOM 2023]

8...Nc5

[8...0-0 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.g4 Nb6 11.Bd3 *(11.a3 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.Rg1 f4 14.Bxb6 cxb6 15.Qh5 Nc5 16.0-0-0 Bd7 17.Nf3 Be8 18.Qg5 Qxg5 19.Nxg5 Rf6 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Nb3+ 22.Kb2 Nd4 23.Bd3 Rg6 24.Ne6 Bd7 25.h4 Kf7 26.Ng5+ Kg8 27.h5 Rh6 28.Ne6 Nxe6 29.dxe6 Bxe6 30.Rg5 Kf7 31.Be2 Bf6 32.Rgg1 Be7 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.cxd5 f3 35.Bxf3 Rf6 36.Rg3 Rf4 37.Rc1 Rg8 38.Rxg8 Kxg8 39.Rc3 b5 40.Kc2 Kf7 41.Kd1 Bd8 42.Ke2 Bb6 43.Rc8 Kg7 44.Re8 Rf7 45.Re6 Rf6 46.Rxf6 Kxf6 47.Bg4 Kg5 48.f3 Bd4 49.Kd3 b6 50.Kc2 h6 51.Kd3 Kh4 52.Kc2 Kg3 53.Kd3 Bf2 54.Kd2 Kf4 55.Kd3 Be1 56.Bd7 Kxf3 57.Bxb5 Bxb4 58.Be8 Bc5 59.Bg6 b5 60.Kc3 b4+ 61.Kb3 Ke3 62.Bf5 Kd4 63.Bg6 Kd3 64.Bf5 Bd4 65.Bg6 Bc5 66.Bf5 Kd4 67.Bg6 Ke3 68.Bf5 Kf4 69.Bg6 Kg5 70.Kc4 Kg4 71.Kb3 Kg5 72.Kc4 Kh4 73.Kb3 Kg4 74.Kc4 Kf3 75.Kb3 Ke3* ½-½ (75) Firouzja,A (2749)-Carlsen,M (2862) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 11...Nc5 12.Bc2 c6 13.h4 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.h5 Qc8 16.Rg1 Bf6 17.Qf3 Be7 18.Qh3 Nca4 19.Nxa4 Nxa4 20.0-0-0 g5 21.Kb1 b5 22.Rc1 Qb7 23.Qf3 Rfc8 24.Nf1 h6 25.Ng3 Rc7 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.gxf5 f6 28.Qe2 Rac8 29.Bd3 Nc5 30.f3 Nxd3 31.Qxd3 Rc4 32.b3 Bd8 33.Ka1 Rxc1+ 34.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 35.Bxc1 Bb6 36.Kb1 Bc5 37.Bd2 b4 38.Be3 Bxe3 39.Qxe3 Qf7 40.Qc1 Qxh5 41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Qd7+ Qf7 43.Qxd6 h5 44.Qc6 h4 45.d6 h3

46.Qc2 Kf8 47.Qc8+ Kg7 48.Qc2 Kf8 49.Qc8+ Kg7 50.Qc2 ½-½ (50) Andreikin,D (2729)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023]

[8...Nd7 9.g4 Ndc5 10.Rg1 *(10.a3 a4 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.Rg1 h6 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.0-0-0 Bg5 15.Kb1 Qe7 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.Qe3 0-0-0 18.Ka2 Rdf8 19.Rb1 f5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Bg2 b6 22.Rbe1 Nb7 23.exf5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Qh6 25.Bf1 Rxf5 26.Nce4 Nac5 27.Nxg5 Rf4 28.Nde4 Nxe4 29.Nxe4 Rff8 ½-½ (29) Narayanan,S (2663)-Rapport,R (2754) Schoenaich GER 2023)* 10...Bd7 11.Qd2 c6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.dxc6 Bxc6 14.Qxd6 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Nd2 Bc6 19.Bb6 Ra8 20.Bxa5 e4 21.Bb6 Nb8 22.a3 Nd7 23.Be3 Ne5 24.Kc2 Rd8 25.Be2 Nd3 26.b3 Bf8 27.Ra1 Ne5 28.Bb6 Ra8 29.a4 Nd7 30.Bd4 Nc5 31.a5 Na6 32.Bc3 Rd8 33.Nf1 Nb4+ 34.Kb2 Nd3+ 35.Bxd3 Rxd3 36.Ne3 Rxc3 37.Kxc3 Bg7+ 38.Kb4 Bxa1 39.Kc5 Be8 40.Nd5 f5 41.gxf5 gxf5 42.Ne7+ Kf7 43.Nxf5 Ke6 44.Nd6 Bg6 45.Nxb7 Ke5 46.Nd8 Bd4+ 47.Kb5 Be8+ 48.Nc6+ Kd6 0-1 (48) Jumabayev,R (2597)-Radjabov,T (2723) chess.com INT 2024]

[8...Bd7 9.g4 *(9.Nd2 h5 10.g3 Bh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qe2 Kf8 13.Qe3 Kg7 14.Bd3 Rh8 15.0-0-0 h4 16.f4 Qe7 17.f5 hxg3 18.Qxg3 Nh5 19.Qf3 Nf4 20.Rdg1 Nc5 21.Bf1 Rh4 22.Rg4 Rah8 23.Rxh4 Qxh4 24.fxg6 fxg6 25.Kc2 Rf8 26.Qe3 Nh5 27.Rg1 Qf4 28.Qe2 Kh6 29.Qg2 Rf6 30.Be2 Qh4 31.Bxh5 Qxh5 32.Qg3 Rf4 33.Qe3 Kg7 34.Ne2 Rf6 35.Ng3 Qh6 36.Qe2 Kh7 37.h4 Qf4 38.h5 g5 39.Rf1 Bg4 40.Rxf4 Rxf4 41.Qg2 Kh6 42.Ne2 Bxe2 43.Qxe2 g4 44.Qh2 Rf7 45.Qh4 Rg7 46.Qf6+ Kh7 47.h6 Rg6 48.Qf7+ Kxh6 49.Nf1 Nxe4 50.Kd3 Nc5+ 51.Ke3 g3 52.Qf8+ Rg7 53.Nxg3 Kg6 54.Qf5+ Kh6 55.Qh5#* 1-0 (55) Hong,A (2539)-Sjugirov,S (2695) chess.com INT 2024*; 9.Bd3 Nh5 10.Qd2 0-0 11.0-0-0 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Qxf4 Nc5 14.Bc2 Rb8 15.e5 b5 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Qxd6 Nb7 18.Qf4 bxc4 19.Ne5 Nc5 20.Rhe1 Qc7 21.Re3 Qb7 22.Nxc4 a4 23.Kd2 Qa6 24.a3 f5 25.h4 Ne4+ 26.Bxe4 Qxc4* 0-1 (26) Van Foreest,L (2585)-Shevchenko,K (2649) Jerusalem ISR 2022 *)* 9...Nc5 *(9...a4 10.a3 0-0 11.Be2 c6 12.Nd2 Nc5 13.h4 Qa5 14.f3 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 16.Kf2 b4 17.Nc4 Qd8 18.axb4 Nb3 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Rxa4 Nd4 22.Kg2 f5 23.g5 Nb6 24.Ra7 Nc8 25.Rxg7+ Kxg7 26.Bxd4 exd4 27.Qxd4+ Kg8 28.f4 Qb6 29.Qxb6 Rxb6 30.b5 fxe4 31.Nxe4 Rxf4 32.Nf6+ Kf7 33.Rc1 Ne7 34.Rc7 Rb4 35.Bg4 Rxg4+ 36.Nxg4 Rxb5 37.Nf6 Rxb2+ 38.Kf3 Rb3+ 39.Kg2 Rb2+ 40.Kf3 Rb3+* ½-½ (40) Ioannidis,E (2497)-Predke,A (2652) Petrovac MNE 2024*)* 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Be2 a4 13.a3 Nb3+ 14.Kb1 c5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Qd3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qxd6 Be6 21.Qxc5 Rfb8 22.e5 Qf4 23.Nb5 Bxe5 24.Qe3 Qf6 25.g5 Bf5+ 26.Bd3 Qe6 27.Bxf5 Qxf5+ 28.Qd3 Qxg5 29.Qc2 Bf6 30.Rd7 Qf4 31.Rhd1 Ra6 32.Rc1 Rc6 33.Rd5 Bg5 34.Rxg5 Qxg5 35.Qxa4 Qf5+ 36.Rc2 Qxh3

37.Nd4 Rd6 38.c5 Qf1+ 39.Rc1 Qxf2 40.Nb5 Rd2 41.Qb3 Re8 42.Nd6 Ree2 43.Nc4 Qf5+ 44.Ka2 Qxc5 45.Rc3 Rd8 46.a4 Re1 47.Nb6 Qg1 48.Qb5 Ra1+ 49.Kb3 Qd1+ 50.Kb4 Rb1 51.Nc4 Qd4 52.b3 Qf4 53.Qe5 Rb8+ 54.Ka3 Ra1+ 55.Kb2 Qxe5 56.Nxe5 Rxa4 57.Nc6 Rb7 58.Nd8 Rb6 0-1 (58) Niemann,H (2708)-Asadli,V (2584) Dubai UAE 2023]

9.Qc2

[9.Nd2 Nh5 10.g3 0-0 11.Be2 Nf6 12.g4 c6

A) 13.h4 a4 14.h5 *(14.g5 Ne8 15.h5 Qa5 16.Rb1 f5 17.gxf6 Nxf6 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Kf1 Bd7 20.Kg2 Rf7 21.Rh4 cxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Raf8 24.Nf3 Qd8 25.Qh1 Nd3 26.Bxd3 Rxf3 27.Qh2 Qf6 28.Rf1 g5 29.Rh5 Bg4 30.Be2 Qg6 31.Rxg5 Qxe4 32.Kg1 Rxe3 33.Rxg4 Rxe2 34.Rxe4 Rxe4 35.Qh3 Rf6 36.f3 Re2 37.Rf2 Re1+ 38.Rf1 Re2 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Rf2 Re1+ 41.Rf1 Re2 42.Rf2 Re1+ 43.Rf1 Re2 ½-½ (41) Fedoseev,V (2687)-Naroditsky,D (2621) chess.com INT 2021)* 14...Qa5 15.h6 Bh8 16.Kf1 Bd7 17.Rc1 cxd5 18.cxd5 b5 19.a3 Rac8 20.g5 Ne8 21.Kg2 f6 22.b4 axb3 23.Nxb3 Nxb3 24.Qxb3 fxg5 25.Qb4 Qa8 26.Nxb5 Rb8 27.a4 Bf6 28.Rc4 Bd8 29.Rhc1 Bb6 30.Qd2 Bxb5 31.axb5 Nf6 32.Bxg5 Nd7 33.Rf1 Nc5 34.Bg4 Kh8 35.Qc2 Qa3 36.Qe2 Qb3 37.Rc2 Rf7 38.Ra2 Rbf8 39.Be6 Nxe6 40.dxe6 Qxe6 41.Rd2 Rxf2+ 42.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 43.Qxf2 Bxf2 44.Rxf2 Qg4+ 45.Kf1 Kg8 46.Be7 Qh3+ 47.Ke2 Qh5+ 48.Ke1 Qxh6 49.b6 Qe3+ 50.Re2 Qxb6 51.Bf6 Kf7 52.Bh4 Ke6 53.Bf2 Qb1+ 54.Kd2 h5 55.Be3 Qxe4 0-1 (55) Hansen,E (2613)-Mamedov,R (2646) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 Nc7 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 c5 19.Na4 Bd7 20.Nb6 a4 21.Qc2 Ra6 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Rb1 b5 24.a3 bxc4 25.Bxc4 Nb5 26.Kf1 Ra7 27.Kg2 Nd4 28.Qd3 h6 29.Rh2 Rb8 30.Kh1 Rab7 31.Be1 h5 32.Bc3 Nb5 33.Be1 Bf8 34.Qd1 Nd4 35.Bc3 Nb5 36.Be1 Nxa3 37.Rc1 Nxc4 38.Rxc4 Rxb2 39.Qxa4 Rxh2+ 40.Kxh2 Rb2+ 41.Kg1 Qh3 42.Rc2 Rb1 43.Re2 Qg3+ 44.Kf1 Qxf3+ 45.Rf2 Qh1+ 0-1 (45) Sarana,A (2717)-Kamsky,G (2609) chess.com INT 2024]

9...0-0 10.g4 Bd7

[10...c6 11.0-0-0 *(11.Nd2 a4 12.a3 Qa5 13.Be2 h6 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Kb1 Rfc8 16.f3 h5 17.Rhg1 Rab8 18.Rc1 Be8 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Qxa4 Qxa4 21.Nxa4 cxd5 22.Nb6 d4 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.g5 Nh7 25.h4 Bd7 26.Bf1 Nf8 27.Rh1 f6 28.gxf6 Bxf6 29.Bh3 Bxh3 30.Rxh3 Ne6 31.Rg1 Nf4 32.Rh2 Kf7 33.Nb3 Be7 34.Nc1 Rb8 35.Kc2 b5 36.Nd3 Nxd3 37.Kxd3 b4 38.a4 b3 39.a5 Ra8 40.Rhg2 Ra6 41.Rxg6 Bf6 42.Rh6 Rxa5 43.Rh7+ Ke6 44.Rxh5 Ra2 45.Rh6 Kf7 46.Rh7+ Ke6 47.Rg6 Rxb2 48.Rhh6 Rc2 49.Rxf6+ Ke7* 1-0 (49) Gledura, B (2652)-Niemann,H (2637) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...cxd5 12.cxd5 b6 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.Nd2 Rc8 15.f3 b5 16.Bxc5 Rxc5 17.Nb3 Rc8 18.Qd2

b4 19.Ne2 Qb6 20.Ng3 Rc7 21.h4 Rfc8 22.Bd3 a4 23.Na1 b3 24.h5 Nxd5 25.exd5 e4 26.axb3 axb3 27.Rc1 exd3 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Qxd3 Bb5 30.Qxb3 Bd3+ 0-1 (30) Duda,J (2732)-Shimanov,A (2578) chess.com INT 2023]

11.Be2 a4 12.Nd2 c6 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 Qa5 15.Rb1 Nc7 16.h5 Rfc8 17.Kf1 cxd5 18.exd5 Bf5 19.Qd1 N7a6 20.a3 Qd8 21.Kg2 Qd7 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Rh4 Rf8 24.Qh1 Bxb1 25.Qxb1 Qe7 26.Qh1 Bh8 27.Bg4 Nc7 28.Bxc5 dxc5 29.Nde4 Ra6 30.d6 Rxd6 31.Nxd6 Qxd6 32.Rxh7 Bg7 33.Ne4 Qc6 34.f3 Ne6 35.Kg3 Nd4 36.Nc3 Qd6 37.Nd5 e4+ 38.f4 e3 39.Nf6+ Bxf6 40.Rd7 Ne2+ 41.Kh3 Nxf4+ 42.Kh2 Qe5 43.Qxb7 Qxg5 44.Kg3 Be5 45.Kf3 Ne6+ 46.Ke4 Qxg4+ 47.Kd5 Qf3+ 0-1 (47) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Radjabov,T (2700) London ENG 2024

5...Nbd7 6.Nf3

[6.Be3 e5

A) 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Nxd4 0-0 9.Qc2 *(9.Qd2 c6 10.0-0-0 Re8 11.f3 Ne5 12.Kb1 a6 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Rhe1 Qb6 19.Qg5 Rb8 20.Rd2 Nd5 21.Qg3 Nb4 22.Red1 Nd3 23.Nb3 d5 24.Rxd3 cxd3 25.Qxd3 dxe4 26.Qd6 e3 27.g4 Ba6 28.Re1 Rbd8 29.Qf6 e2 30.f5 Qf2* 0-1 (30) Santos Latasa,J (2631)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024*; 9.g4 Re8 10.Bg2 Nc5 11.Qc2 Nfxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qe7 14.f3 c6 15.Qb3 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.0-0-0 fxe4 18.Rhg1 Kh8 19.Rxg7 Kxg7 20.Rg1+ Kf7 21.c5+ d5 22.Nb5 Rd8 23.Nd6+ Rxd6 24.cxd6 Qxd6 25.fxe4 Bd7 26.Rf1+ Ke6 27.Qc3 Rf8 28.exd5+ cxd5 29.Re1 Kf7 30.Kb1 Bf5+ 31.Ka1 Rc8 32.Qd4 Rc4 33.Qd1 Re4 34.Qb3 b6 35.Rf1 Ke6 36.Bd2 Qh2 37.Qc3 Rc4 38.Qe3+ Kd7 39.Rxf5 Qh1+ 40.Be1 Re4 41.Rxd5+ Ke6 42.Qb3 Qxe1+ 43.Rd1+ Ke7 44.Qd5 Qe2 45.Rc1 Re6 46.Qb7+ Kf6 47.Qxh7 a5 48.a3 Ke5 49.Qg7+ Kd5 50.Qd7+ Ke5 51.Rd1 Kf6 52.Qd4+ Kf7 53.Rg1 Qe5 54.Qd7+ Re7 55.Rf1+ Kg6 56.Qd3+ Kh6 57.Rg1 Re6 58.Qd2+ Qe3 59.Qg2 Qe5 60.Qg4 Qf6 61.h4 Re5 62.Rd1 Rf5 63.Qc4 b5 64.Qc1+ Kh5 65.Qc7 b4 66.a4 Qf7 67.Qxf7+ Rxf7 68.Rd5+ Kxh4 69.Ka2 Ra7 70.Kb3 Kg4 71.Kc4 Kf4 72.Kb5 Ke4 73.Rd8 b3 74.Rc8 Kd4 75.Kb6 Rh7 76.Rc3 Rh8 77.Kxa5 Rb8 78.Ka6 Ra8+ 79.Kb5 Rb8+ 80.Ka5 Kd5 81.Rc7 Kd4 82.Rc6 Kd3 83.Rc5 Kd2 84.Rb5 Rh8 85.Kb4 Kc2 86.Ka3 Rh1 87.Rc5+ Kb1 88.Rc3* 1-0 (88) Duda,J (2731)-Carlsen,M (2856) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 9...Re8 10.0-0-0 c6 11.Kb1 Qe7 12.Bd3 Ne5 13.Rhe1 Nxd3 14.Rxd3 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Qxe4 16.Bd2 Qxe1+ 17.Bxe1 Rxe1+ 18.Rd1 Bxd4 19.Rxe1 Bf5 20.Re4 d5 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Rxd4 Bxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Rd8 24.Kd3 Kf8 25.Ra4 a6 26.Rb4 Rd7 27.Rb6 Ke7 28.a4 Kd8 29.a5 Kc7 30.Rf6 d4 31.b4 Kd8 32.g4 Ke7 33.Rb6 Ke8 34.g5 Ke7 35.h4 Ke8 36.f3 Ke7 37.Rf6 Rd5 38.Rb6 Rd7 39.h5 gxh5 40.Rh6 Rd5 41.f4 Rf5 42.Ke4 d3 43.Rxh5 d2

44.Rh1 Rb5 45.Ke3 Rxb4 46.Kxd2 Rxf4 47.Rxh7 Rg4 48.Rh5 Kf8 49.Rh8+ Kg7 50.Rb8 Rxg5 51.Rxb7 Rxa5 52.Rb6 Rd5+ 53.Ke3 a5 54.Ra6 f6 55.Ke4 Rh5 56.Kf4 Kg6 57.Ra8 Rb5 58.Kg4 Rb4+ 59.Kf3 a4 60.Ra5 f5 61.Ra8 Kf6 62.Ke3 Ke5 63.Ra5+ Kf6 64.Ra8 Rh4 65.Ra7 Re4+ 66.Kf3 Rh4 67.Ke3 Re4+ 68.Kf3 Rg4 69.Ra8 Rb4 70.Ke3 ½-½ (70) Sarana,A (2679)-Sindarov, J (2682) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7.d5

B1) 7...Nh5 8.g3 Nc5 9.b4 Na6 10.a3 0-0 11.Be2 Nf6 12.Nf3 c6 13.Nd2 Nc7 14.g4 a5 15.b5 cxd5 16.cxd5 Nd7 17.Nc4 Ne8 18.Na4 f5 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.Rg1 f4 21.Bb6 Qh4 22.Bg4 Ndf6 23.Qf3 Nxg4 24.hxg4 Bd7 25.Rb1 Rc8 26.Nxa5 Bxb5 27.Rh1 Qxh1+ 28.Qxh1 Bxa4 29.f3 Rc2 30.Nxb7 Bf6 31.g5 Bxg5 32.Qg1 h6 33.Bd8 Rf7 34.Bxg5 Rg7 35.Qa7 Rxg5 36.Nd8 Rg7 37.Rb7 Nc7 38.Ne6 Rc1+ 39.Kd2 Rc2+ 40.Kd3 Rgg2 41.Qa5 Rgf2 42.Nd4 exd4 43.Rxc7 Bb5+ 44.Qxb5 Rfd2# 0-1 (44) Andreikin,D (2729)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2588) chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 7...Nc5

B2a) 8.f3 Nh5 *(8...h5 9.b4 Ncd7 10.h4 a5 11.a3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Bd3 Kf8 14.Nge2 Kg7 15.Rc1 Rh8 16.Qd2 axb4 17.axb4 Nh7 18.Qe3 c6 19.g3 c5 20.b5 Ra3 21.Qd2 Ndf6 22.Nd1 Bd7 23.Nf2 Qe7 24.Rc3 Ra1+ 25.Rc1 Ra3 26.0-0 Rha8 27.Rc3 Ra2 28.Rc2 R2a3 29.Rc3 Ra2 30.Rc2 R2a3 31.Rc3 ½-½ (31) Andreikin,D (2729)-Maksimovic,B (2497) chess.com INT 2023)* 9.Nge2 0-0 10.Qd2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.g4 Nf4 13.0-0-0 Nfd3+ 14.Kb1 f4 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.b4 e4 17.bxc5 e3 18.Qc2 dxc5 19.Ne4 c6 20.N2c3 Qa5 21.Bd3 Rb8 22.Qb3 Kh8 23.dxc6 Be6 24.c7 Qxc7 25.Qa3 Bg8 26.Bc2 b5 27.cxb5 a6 28.Qxa6 Ra8 29.Qc6 Qa5 30.a4 Qb4+ 31.Kc1 Qa3+ 32.Kb1 Ba2+ 33.Ka1 Bxc3+ 34.Nxc3 Qxc3+ 0-1 (34) Anton Guijarro, D (2675)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess24.com INT 2020;

B2b) 8.Bd3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Nh5 10.Nge2 f5 11.0-0-0 f4 12.Bd2 b6 13.f3 a5 14.Be1 g5 15.Bf2 0-0 16.b3 Bd7 17.Kd2 Qe7 18.Ra1 Nf6 19.a3 h5 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Bh6 22.Nb5 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 g4 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.Kc2 g3 26.Be1 Rc8 27.Ra7 Be8 28.Qa3 Bg5 29.Qa6 Rd8 30.Nxc7 Rd7 31.Qxb6 Bg6 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.Ne6 Bh6 34.Qb8 Bf7 35.Nf8+ Bxf8 36.Qxf8 Qxf8 37.Rxf8 Ra7 38.Nc3 Kg7 39.Rd8 Ra1 40.Kd2 Bh5 41.Rxd6 Ra3 42.Re6 Rb3 43.Kc2 Rxb4 44.Rxe5 Rxc4 45.Kd3 Rc8 46.Bd2 Bxf3 47.gxf3 1-0 (47) Andreikin,D (2729)-Sanal,V (2576) chess.

com INT 2022;

B2c) 8.Qc2 c6 *(8...a5 9.g4 h5 10.g5 Nh7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0-0 b6 13.Be2 Bd7 14.Kb1 Kh8 15.a3 Qe8 16.h4 f5 17.gxf6 Rxf6 18.Nd2 Qf8 19.Rdg1 Bh6 20.Bxh6 Qxh6 21.f3 a4 22.Ka2 Rg8 23.Nb5 Bxb5 24.cxb5 g5 25.hxg5 Rxg5 26.Rxg5 Qxg5 27.f4 Qxf4 28.Rxh5 Qe3 29.Qd1 Kg7 30.Rh2 Rg6 31.Bg4 Nf6 32.Rh3 Qf2 33.Rf3 Qd4 34.Bh3 Rg1 35.Qc2 Rh1 36.Rg3+ Kf7 37.Be6+ Kf8 38.Rf3 Ke7 39.Rg3 Rg1 40.Rxg1 Qxg1 41.Nb1 Qd4 42.Nc3 Nfxe4 43.Nxe4 Qxe4 44.Qh2 Qc4+ 45.Kb1 Qd3+ 46.Ka1 Nb3+ 47.Ka2 Nc1+ 48.Ka1 Nb3+ 49.Ka2 Qe4 50.Qg1 Kf6 51.Qf2+ Kg5 52.Qg3+ Kf6 53.Qf2+ Kg5 54.Qg3+ Kf6 55.Qg1 Nc5 56.Qf2+ Qf4 57.Qg2 Qc4+ 58.Ka1 Qc1+ 59.Ka2 Qc4+ 60.Ka1 Nxe6 61.dxe6 Kxe6 62.Qg8+* 1-0 (62) Caruana,F (2782)-Maksimovic,B (2482) chess.com INT 2023*)* 9.b4 Na6 10.a3 cxd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.Bd3 Nh5 13.Nge2 Bd7 14.0-0 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 Nc7 17.a4 Bf6 18.Nb5 Nxb5 19.Bxb5 Bc8 20.a5 Bh4 21.Rac1 Bxf2+ 22.Rxf2 a6 23.Bd3 Rf7 24.Nc3 Bd7 25.Qd1 Rc8 26.Rfc2 Qg5 27.Kf1 Ng3+ 28.Ke1 Kg7 29.Qd2 Nh1 30.Kf1 Qh4 31.Kg1 Ng3 32.Ne2 Rxc2 33.Rxc2 Ba4 34.Rc1 g5 35.Nxg3 fxg3 36.Rc8 h5 37.Be2 Bd7 38.Rc7 Kg6 39.Bd1 g4 40.Rxb7 gxh3 41.Rb6 Rf6 42.Rxa6 hxg2 43.Qxg2 Bh3 44.Qd2 Bd7 45.Ra8 Kg7 46.a6 g2 47.Qxg2+ Rg6 48.Rg8+ Kxg8 49.Qxg6+ Kf8 50.Qxd6+ Ke8 51.Qxe5+ Kd8 52.Qb8+ Ke7 53.Qe5+ Kd8 54.Qb8+ Bc8 55.Qb6+ Ke7 56.d6+ Kf8 57.Qf2 Qg5+ 58.Qg2 Qe3+ 59.Qf2 Qg5+ 60.Kh1 Qc1 61.Qf1 Qf4 62.a7 Qh4+ 63.Kg1 Qg3+ 64.Qg2 Qe1+ 65.Kh2 Qh4+ 66.Kg1 Qe1+ 67.Qf1 Qg3+ 68.Kh1 Qh4+ 69.Kg2 Bh3+ 70.Kg1 Qg3+ 71.Kh1 Bxf1 72.a8Q+ Kg7 73.Qa7+ Kh6 74.Qe3+ Kh7 75.Qd2 h4 76.d7 h3 77.d8Q Bg2+ 78.Kg1 h2# 0-1 (78) Tan,Z (2530)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

B3) 7...h5

B3a) 8.Nf3 Bh6 9.Ng5 h4 10.Qd2 *(10.Be2 Kf8 11.Qd2 Kg7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.g3 hxg3 14.fxg3 Nc5 15.Rdf1 b5 16.Rxf6 Qxf6 17.Rf1 Qe7 18.Rxf7+ Qxf7 19.Nxf7 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Kxf7 21.b4 Nd7 22.cxb5 Rxh3 23.bxa6 Bxa6 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Qf2+ Nf6 26.Qf1 Rxg3 27.Qxa6 Rxc3+ 28.Kb2 Nxe4 29.a4 Rf3 30.Qc4 Rf2+ 31.Kc1 Rf4 32.Qxc7+ Kf6 33.a5 Rf1+ 34.Kc2 Rf2+ 35.Kd3 Kf5 36.Qf7+ Kg5 37.Qe7+ Kf5 38.a6 Ra2 39.a7 Nf6 40.b5 e4+ 41.Kc4 e3 42.Qxe3 Ne4 43.b6 Nc5 44.Qxc5*

1-0 (45) Grischuk,A (2778)-Van Foreest,J (2688) Zagreb CRO 2021) 10...Nh5 11.0-0-0 Nc5 12.Nf3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 a5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qxc5 b6 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Be2 Nf6 18.Qg5 Re8 19.Qxh4 a4 20.a3 Ba6 21.Qg5 Nd7 22.Qxd8 Rexd8 23.h4 Nc5 24.Kc2 Kg7 25.h5 Rh8 26.hxg6 fxg6 27.Kd2 Raf8 28.Ke3 Bc8 29.g3 Rxh1 30.Rxh1 g5 31.Bd1 Bd7 32.f3 Kg6 33.Bc2 Kg7 34.Rh5 Kg6 35.Rh2 Kg7 36.Ne2 b5 37.f4 g4 38.fxe5 Rf3+ 39.Kd4 Na6 1-0 (39) So,W (2747)-Ivic,V (2620) chess.com INT 2024;

B3b) 8.Qd2 Nc5 9.Bd3 *(9.f3 a5 10.0-0-0 h4 11.Bd3 Nh5 12.Nge2 Bd7 13.Bc2 a4 14.Kb1 b6 15.Rhe1 0-0 16.Nb5 Bf6 17.Nec3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Be5 20.Qd2 Qf6 21.Rf1 g5 22.Nxc7 a3 23.Nxa8 Rxa8 24.f4 gxf4 25.Ne2 axb2 26.Rxf4 Qd8 27.Nd4 Ra3 28.Rdf1 f6 29.Rxh4 Qe7 30.Nc6 Bxc6 31.Qh6 f5 32.Rxf5 Rg3 33.dxc6 Rxg2 34.Rg4+ Rxg4 35.hxg4 Ne6 36.c5 Nxc5 37.Qg6+ Bg7 38.Rg5 Ne6 39.Bb3 d5 40.Bxd5 Kh8 41.Qxe6* 1-0 (41) Andreikin,D (2729)-Niemann,H (2656) chess.com INT 2022)

B3b1) 9...Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 Bh6 *(10...Nd7 11.h4 Nc5 12.Qc2 a5 13.0-0-0 b6 14.Nge2 0-0 15.f3 f5 16.Kb1 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bg4 18.Rde1 Bf6 19.Bf2 Rf7 20.Nc1 Qd7 21.a3 Be7 22.Be3 Qd8 23.Bf2 Qd7 24.Be3 Qd8* ½-½ (24) Sadhwani,R (2677)-Ghasi,A (2503) London ENG 2024*)* 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Nf3 h4 13.Qe3 Rh8 14.c5 Nh5 15.Ne2 b6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Rfc1 Kf8 19.Rc3 Rc8 20.Rac1 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Kg7 22.Kh2 Qf6 23.Nfg1 Rc8 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.f3 Qe7 26.Nc3 Ng3 27.Qd3 Qg5 28.Nd1 Qf4 0-1 (28) Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Sindarov,J (2701) Samarkand UZB 2023;

B3b2) 9...h4 10.b4 Nxd3+ 11.Qxd3 a5 12.bxa5 Nh5 13.Nge2 f5 14.c5 0-0 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.f3 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Bb6 Qf6 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.0-0 Rac8 21.Ne2 fxe4 22.fxe4 Rxc1 23.Nxc1 g5 24.Ne2 Qg6 25.Bd4 Be5 26.Bxe5 dxe5 27.d6 Bc6 28.Nc3 Kh7 29.Kh2 g4 30.hxg4 Qxg4 31.Rf3 Rg8 32.Qd2 Qe6 33.Rh3 Qf6 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Qxd5 Rg3 36.d7 f3 37.Rxg3 hxg3+ 38.Kxg3 f2 39.d8Q Qf4+ 40.Kh3 Qe3+ 41.Kg4 Qf4+ 42.Kh3 Qe3+ 43.Kh2 1-0 (43) Nihal,S (2693)-Anton Guijarro,D (2670) chess.com INT 2024;

B3c) 8.Bd3 Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Qd2 Rh8 11.h4 *(11.0-0-0 Kf8 12.Kb1 Kg7*

13.h4 a5 14.Nge2 Nc5 15.Bc2 Bd7 16.g3 Re8 17.f3 Rb8 18.g4 hxg4 19.h5 Nxh5 20.Rdg1 Rh8 21.fxg4 Nf6 22.g5 Nh5 23.Rf1 Qe7 24.Rhg1 b5 25.cxb5 Bxb5 26.Rf3 Bxe2 27.Nxe2 a4 28.Rgf1 Rhf8 29.Ka1 Ra8 30.Qc3 Qxg5 31.Rg1 Qe7 32.Rh3 Rh8 33.Qf3 Nf4 34.Nxf4 exf4 35.Rxh8 Rxh8 36.Qxf4 Qf6 37.Qxf6+ Kxf6 38.Rf1+ Ke7 39.b4 axb3 40.axb3 Rh4 41.Re1 Rh2 42.Kb1 Nd7 43.Re3 Ne5 44.Rc3 Kd8 45.Rg3 f6 46.b4 g5 47.Bd1 Rd2 0-1 (47) Eljanov,P (2672)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024; *11.Nge2 Kf8 12.0-0 Kg7 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4 Ne5 15.Raf1 Nh7 16.Nd4 Qe7 17.Nf3 Rf8 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qf2 f6 20.Nb5 c5 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Nd4 Bd7 23.b3 c5 24.Nc2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.Rf3 a5 27.Rg3 Kh7 28.Ne3 Rf7 29.Nd5 Raf8 30.Kh1 Nd4 31.Ne3 Be6 32.Nf5 Bd7 33.Nxd4 cxd4 34.Rf3 Bg4 35.Rf4 Kg7 36.Qd2 g5 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.Rxf7+ Rxf7 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.a3 h4 41.Qf2+ Ke7 42.b4 axb4 43.axb4 h3 44.g3 Be6 45.Kh2 Qf6 46.Qe2 g4 47.b5 Kd7 48.Qb2 Qf3 49.Qxd4 Qg2#* 0-1 (49) Andreikin,D (2729)-Tabatabaei,M (2664) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...Nc5 *(11...Kf8 12.Nf3 a5 13.0-0-0 Nc5 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Rdf1 Kg7 17.f4 Ng4 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Nf6 20.Ne6+ Kh7 21.g4 hxg4 22.Qg5 Rag8 23.Rhg1 Rxg5 24.hxg5 e4 25.gxf6 Qxf6 26.Rxg4 Qh6+ 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Kb1 Kf8 29.Ncxe4 Nxe4 30.Bxe4 Qf6 31.Bc2 Rh2 32.Rgg1 Ba4 33.b3 Qc3 34.Ne6+ Ke7 35.f6+ Kd7 36.Nd4 Qxd4 37.Bf5+ Kd8 38.Rg8+ Be8 39.Re1 Qb2#* 0-1 (39) Andreikin,D (2695)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2608) chess.com INT 2024; *11...a5 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.Kb1 Qe7 15.f3 Kf8 16.Nge2 Kg7 17.Nc1 a4 18.g3 b6 19.Rhf1 Rhf8 20.Nd3 Ra5 21.Nb4 Raa8 22.Rde1 Rae8 23.Qd1 Ra8 24.a3 Qe8 25.Ka2 b5 26.cxb5 Bxb5 27.Nxb5 Qxb5 28.Qe2 Qd7 29.f4 Qg4 30.Qf2 Nfd7 31.Nc6 f6 32.Bd1 Nd3 33.Bxg4 Nxf2 34.Bxd7 Nd3 35.Re3 Nc5 36.f5 Nxd7 37.fxg6 Rae8 38.Rf5 Kxg6 39.g4 hxg4 40.Rg3 Rg8 41.Rxg4+ Kh6 42.Rxg8 Rxg8 43.Rf3* 0-1 (43) Rodshtein,M (2645)-Ghasi,A (2513) London ENG 2025 *)* 12.Bc2 a5 13.Nge2 Kf8 14.b3 Kg7 15.f3 c6 16.Qe3 cxd5 17.exd5 Re8 18.Ng3 e4 19.fxe4 Ng4 20.Qd4+ Ne5 21.0-0-0 Qb6 22.Rhf1 Bg4 23.Rd2 a4 24.bxa4 Qb4 25.Rdf2 Kg8 26.Nb5 Nxa4 27.a3 Qa5 28.Nxd6 Nc5 29.Nb5 Rac8 30.Kb1 Ncd7 31.Bb3 Nc5 32.Ba2 Bd7 33.Qc3 Qb6

34.Rb2 Na4 35.Qb4 Nxb2 36.Qxb2 Nxc4 37.Bxc4 Rxc4 38.Nc3 Qe3 39.Nge2 Rec8 40.Rf3 Qc5 41.d6 Be6 42.Rd3 Qe5 43.d7 Rd8 44.Qb6 Rxd7 45.Rxd7 Bxd7 46.Qd8+ Qe8 47.Qf6 Rxe4 48.Nd4 Re1+ 49.Kb2 Qe7 50.Qf4 Qe5 51.Qf2 Qe3 52.Qf6 Be6 53.Qd8+ Kg7 54.Nf3 Qc1# 0-1 (54) Sarana, A (2679)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.Bd3 e5 *(6...c5 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 b5 9.cxb5 a6 10.bxa6 0-0 11.f4 Ned7 12.Nf3 Qa5 13.0-0 Bxa6 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.e5 Ne8 16.e6 fxe6 17.Ng5 Nc7 18.dxe6 Nb6 19.f5 Qc4 20.Nf7 gxf5 21.Nh6+ Bxh6 22.Bxh6 Rf6 23.Bg5 Rg6 24.Bxe7 Qxe6 25.Re1 Qf7 26.Bh4 Nbd5 27.Qf3 Nxc3 28.bxc3 Rxa2 29.Rxa2 Qxa2 30.Rd1 Qc4 31.Bg3 Nb5 32.Re1 Qf7 33.Bh4 Nc7 34.Re7 Qd5 35.Qf2 Ne6 36.Qb2 Qa8 37.Rb7 Qa4 38.Bf2 Qe4 39.g3 h5 40.Re7 Rg7 41.Qb8+ Kh7 42.Qxd6 h4 43.Rxe6 Qb1+ 44.Re1 Qc2 45.Qe5 hxg3 46.Bxg3 Qd3 47.Re3 Qd1+ 48.Kh2 Qc2+ 49.Re2 Qd3 50.Rg2 Qf3 51.Qf4 Qxc3 52.Qxf5+ Kg8 53.Qd5+ Kh7 54.Qe4+ Kg8 55.Be5* 1-0 (55) Eljanov,P (2672)-Smirin,I (2575) Jerusalem ISR 2024*)* 7.d5

A) 7...0-0 8.g4 *(8.Nge2 c6 9.Bg5 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc5 11.Bc2 a5 12.0-0 Bd7 13.a4 Qb6 14.Rb1 Qa6 15.b4 axb4 16.Rxb4 Qa5 17.Qb1 Rfc8 18.Be3 Be8 19.Nb5 Qd8 20.Rc4 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Nfd7 22.Nc1 Ra5 23.Qb1 Rca8 24.Nd3 Nb6 25.Rxc5 dxc5 26.Nxc5 Qf6 27.Nxb7 R5a7 28.a5 Rxb7 29.axb6 Rab8 30.Ba4 Rxb6 31.Bxb6 Rxb6 32.Qc2 Bf8 33.Rd1 Bd6 34.Rd3 Qe7 35.Rc3 Kg7 36.Rc6 Rxc6 37.dxc6 h5 38.Bb3 h4 39.Qd3 Qc7 40.Qd5 Qe7 41.Kf1 Bc7 42.Ke2 Bb6 43.Qb5 Bc7 44.g3 hxg3 45.fxg3 Qf6 46.Qc5 Kg8 47.h4 Kg7 48.Bd5 Qd8 49.Qb4 Qc8 50.Qb3 Qa6+ 51.Qd3 Qa7 52.Qf3 Bb6 53.Bc4 f6 54.Qb3 Kh6 55.Qb4 Kg7 56.Kf3 Qc7 57.Qb5 Qd8 58.Bd5 Bc7 59.Qc5 f5 60.Kg2 f4 61.Qf2 Qe7 62.Qf3 fxg3 63.Qxg3 Kh6 64.Qf2 Kg7 65.Kh3 Qf6 66.Qxf6+ Kxf6 67.Kg4 Bd8 68.Bc4 Bc7 69.Ba6 Bd8 70.Bc8 Bc7 71.Bd7 Kg7 72.Be8 Kf6 73.Kf3 Bd8 74.Kg3 Ba5 75.Kg4 Bc7 76.Kf3 Bd8 77.Ke3 Ke7 78.Bxg6 Kd6 79.h5 Kxc6 80.Kf3 Kd6 81.h6 Ke6 82.Kg4 Kf6 83.h7 Kg7 84.Kf5 Bc7 85.Ke6 Kh8 86.Bf5 Bb8 87.Kd7 Ba7 88.Ke6 Bd4* ½-½ (88) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Kobo, O (2556) Dortmund GER 2023*)* 8...Nc5 9.Bc2 c6 10.Nge2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.Ng3 a5 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 f6 15.Be3 fxg5 16.hxg5 b5 17.Qd2 Rc8 18.Nce2 b4 19.Rh2 Bg4 20.Kf1 Qd7 21.Ng1 Nc7 22.Kg2 Qf7 23.Bd1 Bd7 24.Be2 Nb5 25.Nf3 Rce8 26.Rah1 Nd4 27.Nxd4 exd4 28.Bxd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Nxe4 30.Rxh7 Qxf2+ 31.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 32.Kg1 Kf8 33.Rh8+ Ke7 34.R1h7+ Kd8 35.Nxe4 Rxe2 36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Nf6+ Kd8 38.Nxe8 Rxe8 39.Rxe8+ Kxe8 40.Kf2 Kd7 41.Ke3 Kc7 42.Kd4 Kb6 43.Kc4 Ka6 44.a4 Kb6

45.b3 Ka6 46.Kd4 Kb6 47.Kc4 Ka6 48.Kd3 Kb6 49.Kd4 Ka6 50.Ke4 Kb6 51.Kd4 Ka6 52.Ke3 Kb6 53.Kd3 Ka6 54.Ke4 Kb6 55.Kd4 ½-½ (55) Andreikin,D (2729)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 7...Nh5 8.Nge2 Nc5 9.Bc2 0-0 10.Be3 a5 11.Qd2

B1) 11...f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.0-0-0 Nf6 *(13...e4 14.g4 fxg4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Rdg1 Bf3 17.Rh2 Kh8 18.Nd4 Qe8 19.Nxf3 Rxf3 20.Bd4 Nd3+ 21.Bxd3 Bxd4 22.Bxe4 Bxc3 23.Qc2 Qe5 24.Bxf3 Qf4+ 25.Kb1 Qxf3 26.Rg3 Qf7 27.Qxc3+ Ng7 28.Qc2 Nf5 29.Qc3+ Ng7 30.Rhg2 Rg8 31.a3 Qf5+ 32.Ka2 Qf7 33.Qxa5 b6 34.Qc3 b5 35.cxb5 Qxd5+ 36.b3 Qf7 37.a4 h5 38.a5 Kh7 39.a6 h4 40.Rxg7+* 1-0 (40) Andreikin,D (2729)-Naroditsky,D (2616) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 14.g4 e4 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdg1 Kh8 17.Rg5 Bg6 18.Nf4 Bf7 19.Rhg1 Bh6 20.Rf5 Nd3+ 21.Bxd3 exd3 22.Bd4 Be8 23.Ne4 1-0 (23) Andreikin,D (2729)-Naroditsky,D (2616) chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 11...Re8 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.h4 a4 15.Rdg1 Rb8 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Qxf4 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Re5 20.Qh2 Kf8 21.f4 Re8 22.Qxh7 Ke7 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Rf8 25.Bxg6 a3 26.b4 Na4 27.d6+ cxd6 28.Nd5+ Ke6 29.Bxf7+ Kxe5 30.Re1+ Kd4 31.Qe4# 1-0 (31) Andreikin,D (2725)-Kovalev,V (2637) chess.com INT 2021;

B3) 11...a4 12.0-0-0 a3 13.b4 Na6 14.b5 Nc5 15.Kb1 Nf6 16.g4 Nfd7 17.Nc1 Nb6 18.Qe2 f5 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.Rhg1 f4 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Nb3 Qe7 23.Nd2 Kh8 24.Qh5 Bd7 25.Bd3 Bf6 26.Nf3 Rg8 27.Kc2 Raf8 28.Kb3 Be8 29.Qh6 Rxg1 30.Rxg1 Rg8 31.Rxg8+ Kxg8 32.Kxa3 Bf7 33.Kb3 Nc8 34.a4 b6 35.h4 Nd6 36.Ng5 Bg6 37.Ne6 Nf7 38.Qf8+ Qxf8 39.Nxf8 Kxf8 40.a5 bxa5 41.Ka4 Bxh4 42.f3 Be1 43.d6 Nxd6 44.Nd5 Nc8 45.Nxc7 Nb6+ 46.Kb3 Bf7 47.Na6 Bb4 48.Nb8 Ke7 49.Nc6+ Kd6 50.Bf1 Be6 51.Nd8 h5 0-1 (51) Andreikin,D (2729)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 7...a5 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Be3 Kh8 10.Qd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 a4 13.g4 Qb8 14.Ng3 b5 15.g5 Ne8 16.cxb5 Bxb5 17.h4 Bc4 18.h5 Kg8 19.f3 Qb4 20.a3 Nb3+ 21.Bxb3 Qxb3 22.Qh2 Rb8 23.Rd2 f5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Qh7+ Kf7 26.exf5 gxf5 27.Nxf5 Rh8 28.g6+ Kf6 29.Ne4+ Kxf5 30.Rh5# 1-0 (30) Andreikin,D (2729)-Maksimovic,B (2503) chess.com INT 2024;

D) 7...h5 8.Nge2 *(8.Nf3 Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Qd2 Rh8 11.0-0 h4 12.b4 Nh5 13.Ne2 a5 14.a3 Qf6 15.Qe3 Nf4 16.Nxf4 exf4 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.Be2 Bd7 20.c5 Ke7 21.Rfc1 axb4 22.axb4 g5 23.f3 c6 24.Kf2 Rhc8 25.dxc6 bxc6 26.cxd6+ Kxd6 27.Rd1 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Rb8*

29.Nc2 Be6 30.Ra3 Kc7 31.Ke1 Kb6 32.Kd2 Bc4 33.Rc3 Rd8+ 34.Ke1 Be6 35.Rc5 f6 36.Rc3 Rd7 37.Ra3 Bc4 38.Rc3 Bb5 39.Ra3 Bd3 40.Rc3 Bxc2 41.Rxc2 Ra7 42.Kd2 Ra1 43.Bd1 Ra4 44.Kc3 Ra3+ 0-1 (44) Ovetchkin,R (2518)-Grandelius,N (2664) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8...Bh6 9.Bxh6 Rxh6 10.Qd2 Rh8 11.h4 a5 12.Rb1 Kf8 13.b3 Kg7 14.Bc2 Nc5 15.a3 Bd7 16.f3 Qe7 17.b4 Na6 18.Kf2 Rhd8 19.Qg5 axb4 20.axb4 c5 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Rhd1 Rab8 23.b5 Nc5 24.Ng3 Kh7 25.Qd2 Be8 26.Kg1 Ne6 27.bxc6 Rxb1 28.Bxb1 Bxc6 29.Nge2 Ne8 30.Qe1 Rb8 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.exd5 Nc5 33.Kh2 Qf6 34.Kh3 Ng7 35.Nc3 Nf5 36.Ne4 Nxe4 37.Bxe4 Nd4 38.Rb1 Rc8 39.Rc1 Qf4 40.g3 Qh6 41.Rc3 Qf8 42.Qe3 Rb8 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.fxg4 Rb2 45.Qg5 Ne2 46.Rc2 Nf4+ 47.Kh2 Rxc2+ 48.Bxc2 f6 49.Bxg6+ Nxg6 50.Qf5 Kg7 51.Qd7+ Kh6 52.Qf5 Qe7 53.Kg3 Nf4 54.Kf3 Kg7 55.g5 fxg5 56.hxg5 Ng6 57.Ke4 Qa7 58.Qf6+ Kh7 59.Kf5 Qf2+ 60.Ke6 Qxf6+ 61.gxf6 e4 62.c5 e3 63.Kxd6 e2 64.c6 e1Q 65.c7 Qg3+ 66.Kc6 Ne5+ 67.Kb7 Qb3+ 68.Kc8 Qxd5 69.f7 Qxf7 70.Kb8 Qb3+ 71.Ka8 Qa4+ 72.Kb8 Qb5+ 73.Ka8 Qa6+ 74.Kb8 Nd7# 0-1 (74) Rakhmanov,A (2620)-Ivic, V (2590) chess.com INT 2023;

E) 7...Nc5 8.Bc2 a5 *(8...h5 9.b4 Na6 10.a3 c6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Nc7 13.Bg5 cxd5 14.exd5 a5 15.Rc1 axb4 16.axb4 Ra3 17.Qd2 Na6 18.Nb5 Rxf3 19.gxf3 Bxh3 20.Rfe1 Qd7 21.Bd3 Nh7 22.Be2 Nxg5 23.Qxg5 Nxb4 24.Red1 b6 25.Ra1 Nc2 26.Ra7 Qc8 27.Nxd6 Qc5 28.Ne4 Qb4 29.Qd2 Qb3 30.Qd3 Qb2 31.Bf1 Bxf1 32.Kxf1 Nd4 33.Kg2 Bh6 34.Rb1 Qc2 35.Qxc2 Nxc2 36.Ra2 Nd4 37.Rxb6 Kg7 38.c5* 1-0 (38) Salem,A (2639)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2607) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)*

E1) 9.Bg5 h5 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Qe7 12.f4 exf4 13.Nf3 Qf8 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 0-0-0 16.Bxf4 Re8 17.Rhe1 h4 18.Nxd7 Nfxd7 19.Nb5 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Na6 21.Qxa5 Bh6 22.Qd2 Bxf4 23.Qxf4 Qc5 24.a3 f5 25.b4 Qf8 26.Re6 Rg8 27.Rxa6 1-0 (27) Akobian,V (2571)-Melkumyan,H (2640) chess.com INT 2024;

E2) 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Be3 *(11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.a3 b5 15.b4 Na6 16.Rb1 Nh5 17.Qd2 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bxh6 axb4 20.axb4 Qf6 21.Bxg7 Qxg7 22.f4 e4 23.Nd1 Nc7 24.Ne3 Ra3 25.Rb3 Rfa8 26.Rxa3 Rxa3 27.Qc1 Ra2 28.Bd1 Ra7 29.Qc3 Qxc3 30.Nxc3 Ng3 31.Rf2 Ra3 32.Rc2 Na6 33.Nf1 Nxf1 34.Kxf1 Nxb4 35.Rb2 Nd3 36.Rb3 Ra1 37.g3 b4 38.Rb1 Ra5 39.Ne2 Kg7 40.Bb3 Kf6 41.Nd4 Nc5 42.Bc4 Ra4 43.Nb3 Ra3 44.Kf2 Bb5 45.Bxb5 Rxb3 46.Rxb3 Nxb3 47.Ke3 Nc5 48.Kd2 b3 49.Kc3 e3 50.g4 Ne4+ 51.Kxb3 Nf2 52.Kc3 Nxh3 53.g5+ Kg6 54.Be8+ Kg7 55.Kd3 Nxf4+*

56.Kxe3 Nxd5+ 57.Kd4 Ne7 58.Ke3 Ng6 59.Kd4 Nf4 60.Ke3 Ne6 61.Kf3 Kf8 62.Bd7 Ke7 63.Bxe6 Kxe6 64.Kf4 d5 65.g6 d4 66.Kg5 d3 67.Kh6 d2 68.g7 d1Q 69.g8Q+ Ke5 70.Qb8+ Qd6+ 71.Qxd6+ Kxd6 72.Kg5 Ke5 0-1 (72) Samunenkov,I (2533)-Ponkratov, P (2564) chess.com INT 2024*)*
11...Bd7 12.a4 cxd5 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.cxd5 Ne8 15.Bd3 Nd6 16.Bb5 Bc8 17.Nc1 Qh4 18.Qe2 f5 19.Nd3 b6 20.f3 Ra7 21.b3 Raf7 22.Bc4 Bd7 23.Rae1 Kh8 24.Bb5 fxe4 25.fxe4 Bxh3 26.gxh3 Nxb5 27.Nxb5 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Qxh3+ 29.Kg1 Rf3 30.Rf2 Bh6 31.Rh2 Rg3+ 32.Kh1 Rff3 33.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 34.Kg2 Rhg3+ 35.Kh1 Rh3+ 36.Kg2 Rhg3+ 37.Kh1 Rh3+ ½-½ (37) Samunenkov,I (2535)-Donchenko,A (2633) Biel SUI 2024;

E3) 9.Be3

E3a) 9...Bd7 10.Nge2 c6 11.dxc6 Bxc6 12.f3 0-0 13.0-0 *(13.Qd2 Qc7 14.h4 Ne6 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.Kf2 Nh5 17.g3 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bg5 Rde8 20.Nd5 Qf7 21.Kg2 b5 22.cxb5 Bxb5 23.Ndc3 Bc6 24.Ba4 Bxa4 25.Nxa4 Nd4 26.Nac3 f4 27.g4 Ng3 28.Nxg3 fxg3 29.Rhf1 Qb7 30.Qd3 Rc8 31.Rd2 d5 32.Qe3 Qc6 33.h5 h6 34.Bh4 Rf7 35.Bxg3 Rcf8 36.Rdf2 Ne6 37.Qd2 Rd7 38.Re1 Ng5 39.Bxe5 d4 40.Bxg7 Rxf3* 0-1 (40) Rakhmanov,A (2650)-Swiercz,D (2647) Riga LAT 2021*)* 13...Nh5 14.Qd2 Nf4 15.Nxf4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Qb6 17.Kh1 Qxb2 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Rfc8 20.a4 Bc3 21.Qf2 Nd3 22.Bxd3 Qxf2 23.Rxf2 Bxa1 24.Bxd6 Rc1+ 25.Kh2 Bd4 26.Re2 Rd8 27.Bf4 Rcc8 28.Bb5 f6 29.Bd2 b6 30.f4 Rc2 31.Kg3 Kf7 32.Kf3 f5 33.g4 fxe4+ 34.Kxe4 Bc5 35.f5 gxf5+ 36.gxf5 Bb4 37.Bg5 Rxe2+ 38.Bxe2 Re8+ 39.Kf3 Re5 40.Bd3 Re1 41.Bf4 Ke7 42.d6+ Bxd6 43.f6+ Ke6 44.Bc4+ Kd7 45.Bb5+ Ke6 46.Bc4+ Kd7 47.Bb5+ Ke6 48.Bc4+ ½-½ (48) Oparin,G (2667)-Chigaev,M (2617) chess.com INT 2023;

E3b) 9...h5 10.Qd2

E3b1) 10...Ng8 11.Nge2 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Nxh6 13.0-0-0 Ng8 14.f4 Qe7 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.Nb5 Na6 17.Ned4 Bd7 18.Nf3 Qg7 19.e5 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Nc5 21.Rde1 0-0-0 22.Qxa5 Nh6 23.exd6 cxd6 24.b6 Rde8 25.Qa8+ Kd7 26.Ba4+ Nxa4 27.Qxb7+ 1-0 (27) Salem,A (2638)-Donchenko,A (2633) Biel SUI 2024;

E3b2) 10...h4 11.0-0-0 *(11.Nf3 Nh5 12.Nxh4 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Nf3 g5 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.Rde1 Qe7 17.e5 dxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Qxe5 20.Re1 f6 21.Rxe5+ fxe5 22.Qe1 0-0-0 23.Qxe5 f3 24.gxf3*

Rxh3 25.Ne4 Na6 26.Nxg5 Rh1+ 27.Kd2 Nb4 28.Bf5 Rf1 29.Nf7 Rxf2+ 30.Ke3 Rf1 31.Bxd7+ Kb8 32.Ke2 Re1+ 33.Kxe1 Nd3+ 34.Ke2 Nxe5 35.Nxe5 Rh8 36.Ke3 Rh2 37.a4 Rxb2 38.f4 c6 39.d6 Rb1 40.f5 Re1+ 41.Kf4 Rd1 42.c5 b6 43.f6 bxc5 44.f7 Rf1+ 45.Nf3 Ka7 46.f8Q Rb1 47.Qd8 Rb7 48.Qxa5+ Kb8 49.Bxc6 Rf7+ 50.Ke5 1-0 (50) Livaic,L (2558)-Sargsyan,S (2639) chess.com INT 2023*)* 11...Nh5 12.Nge2 b6 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.g4 hxg3 15.fxg3 a4 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Bxf4 a3 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.h4 axb2 21.Rdf1 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Rf8 23.e5 dxe5 24.Bxg6 Bxg4 25.Bxf7+ Kd7 26.Qg2 Qxg5 27.Be6+ Nxe6 28.dxe6+ Ke7 29.Rh7+ Kxe6 30.Qd5# 1-0 (30) Wagner,D (2589)-Sargsyan,S (2639) chess.com INT 2023;

E3b3) 10...Bd7 11.Nf3 c6 12.0-0 cxd5 13.cxd5 Rc8 14.a3 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.b4 Na6 17.Na2 axb4 18.axb4 Nh7 19.Nc1 Nxb4 20.Bb3 f5 21.Qxb4 f4 22.Bd2 Rf6 23.Nd3 g5 24.Ra7 Be8 25.Nfxe5 dxe5 26.Nxe5 Rd6 27.Bc3 Rc7 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.dxc6+ Kh8 30.Rea1 Rdxc6 31.Bxg7+ Kxg7 32.Qxb5 Rc1+ 33.Rxc1 Rxa7 34.Qf5 Qf6 35.Qc8 Re7 36.Qg8+ Kh6 37.Bd5 Nf8 38.Rc6 Ne6 39.Rxe6 1-0 (39) Andreikin,D (2729)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024]

[6.g4 c5 7.d5 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.bxa6 Qa5 10.Bd2 Bxa6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Be2 Rfb8 13.Rb1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qa6 15.Qxa6 Rxa6 16.Kd1 Ne8 17.Kc2 Nc7 18.a3 Nb6 19.Be3 Nc4 20.Nd2 Nb6 21.Rhd1 Na4 22.Nc4 Nb6 23.b3 Bxc3 24.Kxc3 Nb5+ 25.Kd3 Nxa3 26.Ra1 Rba8 27.Nxb6 Rxb6 28.Kc3 Nb5+ 29.Kb2 Rab8 30.Ra4 Nd4 31.Bxd4 Rxb3+ 32.Kc2 cxd4 33.Rdxd4 Rb2+ 34.Kd3 Rxf2 35.Ke3 Rh2 36.Rdb4 Rxh3+ 37.Kf2 Rxb4 38.Rxb4 f6 39.Rb7 Kf7 40.Ra7 h5 41.gxh5 Rxh5 42.Ra8 Re5 0-1 (42) Makhnev,D (2551)-Dubov,D (2701) Almaty KAZ 2024]

6...e5 7.d5

[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Be3 0-0 9.Be2 c6 10.Qd6 Re8 11.0-0 Bf8 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Nc5 14.Qc2 a5 15.Rac1 Nh5 16.Na4 b6 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Ne1 Ng7 19.Nd3 Ne6 20.Bg4 Nd4 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.Bxc8 Qxc8 23.c5 h5 24.Qc4 Ra7 25.Rb1 Qd7 26.a4 Kh7 27.b4 axb4 28.Rxb4 f5 29.Re1 Bg7 30.Qc2 Kh8 31.Qe2 Qf7 32.exf5 e4 33.fxg6 Qf5 34.f3 e3 35.Reb1 Qxg6 36.g4 Rf8 37.Kg2 Kh7 38.Rb7 Rf7 39.Rxa7 Rxa7 40.Rb4 Qf7 41.Qc2 Qg6 42.Kf1 Rf7 43.Ke2 hxg4 44.hxg4 Kg8 45.Qb1 Qh6 46.Qg1 Qe6 47.Rb8+ Bf8 48.Qb1 Qd5 49.Ne1 Qe5 50.Qg6+ Rg7 51.Qd6 Qxd6 52.cxd6 Rd7 53.a5 c5 54.Rc8 Rxd6 55.Rxc5 Kf7 56.Kd3 Bg7 57.Nc2 Rh6 58.Rd5 Rh2 59.Nxd4 Ra2 60.Kxe3 Kg6 61.Ke4 Ra4 62.f4 Kf7 63.g5 Bf8

64.f5 1-0 (64) Andreikin,D (2729)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2614) chess.com INT 2023]

7...Nc5 8.Bd3

[8.Qc2 a5 *(8...Nh5 9.b4 Nd7 10.c5 0-0 11.c6 bxc6 12.dxc6 Nb6 13.a4 a5 14.bxa5 Rxa5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Be3 d5 17.Bxb6 cxb6 18.Bb5 Nf4 19.g3 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxh3 21.Rd1 Qe7 22.Kf1 Ng5 23.Nfxg5 Bxg5 24.Kg2 Bf5 25.Qe2 Ra7 26.Rhe1 h5 27.Nxg5 Qxg5 28.Qxe5 h4 29.c7 hxg3 30.fxg3 Raa8 31.Rd4 Qh6 32.Rh1 Qg7 33.Qd6 Rac8 34.Rdh4 Qb2+ 35.Kf3 Qc3+* 1-0 (35) Shirov,A (2666)-Maksimovic,B (2503) Budapest HUN 2024*)* 9.g4 c6 10.Be3 cxd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.0-0-0 a4 14.Kb1 a3 15.b3 Qa5 16.Nd2 Qb4 17.d6 Be6 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nc4 Nd7 21.Qc1 Rf3 22.Ne2 b5 23.Ne3 Rxf2 24.Nc2 Qxe4 25.Nc3 Qc6 26.Qe3 Rf4 27.Rhf1 Rdf8 28.Rxf4 Rxf4 29.Re1 Qxd6 30.Nxb5 Qf8 31.Nbxa3 Nb6 32.Rd1 Nd5 33.Qe1 e4 34.Ne3 Qf6 0-1 (34) Shirov,A (2620)-Ghasi,A (2513) London ENG 2025]

8...Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Nh5 10.Bg5 Nf4 11.Qf1 Bf6 12.Bh6 g5 13.g3 Nxh3 14.Rxh3 g4 15.Rh1 gxf3 16.Qd3 Bg4 17.Nd1 Qd7 18.Ne3 a6 19.0-0-0 0-0-0 20.Kb1 Kb8 21.Rc1 Rhg8 22.Rc3 Rg6 23.Nxg4 Qxg4 24.Qxf3 Qxf3 25.Rxf3 Rdg8 26.Rf5 Kc8 27.Be3 R8g7 28.Kc2 Kd7 29.Rfh5 Ke7 30.Rxh7 Rxh7 31.Rxh7 Rg8 32.Kd3 c5 33.dxc6 bxc6 34.b4 Rb8 35.Kc3 Ke6 36.Rh6 Ke7 37.a4 Bg7 38.Rh7 Kf6 39.g4 Rd8 40.b5 cxb5 41.axb5 axb5 42.cxb5 d5 43.exd5 Rxd5 44.Kc4 Rd8 45.b6 1-0 (45) Firouzja,A (2757)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2597) chess.com INT 2025

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[6...h6 7.Be3 e5 *(7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 c6 9.Nf3 e5 10.d5 Nh5 11.0-0 Nf4 12.Bc2 Nb6 13.Bb3 c5 14.a4 a5 15.Kh2 Qe7 16.Ng1 f5 17.Re1 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.Ng3 Qf7 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Re6 Rae8 23.Qd2 Rxe6 24.dxe6 Qxe6 25.Re1 Qf6 26.Re2 Nd7 27.Qxa5 Ne5 28.Qd2 f3 29.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 30.gxf3 Kh8 31.f4 Qh4 32.Qe3 Bd4 33.Qf3 b6 34.Bd1 Rg8 35.b3 Qf6 36.Bc2 Qg7 37.Re1 Bc3 38.Rf1 Bd2 39.Bxf5 Bxf4+ 40.Kh1 Be5 41.Qe4 Qg5 42.Be6 Rf8 43.Rg1 Qf6 44.Rg6 Qf3+ 45.Qxf3 Rxf3 46.Kg2 Rxb3 47.h4 h5 48.Rh6+ Kg7 49.Rxh5 Rb4 50.Rf5 Bf6 51.h5 Rxa4 52.Kg3 Rb4 53.Kg4 b5 54.h6+* ½-½ (54) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 8.d5 a5 9.Qd2 Na6 10.f3 Nh5 11.Nge2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.g4 f4 14.Bf2 Ng3 15.Rg1 Nxf1 16.Kxf1 b6 17.Ne4 Bf6 18.N2c3 Kg7 19.a3 Nc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Ke2 Bd7 22.a4 Qe7 23.Nb5 Rfc8 24.Kd1 Bh4 25.Kc2 Be8 26.Rg2 Rcb8 27.Rh1 Kh8 28.Kc1 Bg6 29.Qc2 Ra6 30.Re2 Rbb6 31.Qb3 Qh7 32.Qd1 Kg8 33.Qc2 Kh8 34.Rg1 Qd7 35.Qc3 Qe7 36.Kb1 Rb8 37.Kc2 Rbb6 38.Ra1 Kg8 39.Kb1 Kh8 40.Ka2 Rb8 41.Kb3 Rbb6 42.Rg1 Rb8 43.Ka2 Qf7 44.Kb1 Qe7 45.Qc2 Qd7 46.Ka1 Qe7 47.Reg2 Qh7 48.Re2 Qf7 49.Qc3 Qe7 50.Rgg2 Qh7 51.Ka2 Qe7 52.Qd3 Qf7 53.Rg1 Qe7 54.Kb3

Qf7 55.Ka3 Qe7 56.Reg2 Qh7 57.Nbc3 Qd7 58.Qc2 Qf7 59.Rb1 Kg8 60.Rf1 Kf8 61.Rfg1 Ke7 62.Qe2 Rb4 63.Nb5 Kd8 64.b3 Qe7 65.Qc2 Kc8 66.Re2 Qh7 67.Rh1 Kb7 68.Ra1 Ra8 69.Kb2 Rh8 70.Rb1 Ra8 71.Qd3 Rh8 72.Qd2 Ra8 73.Ra1 Rh8 74.Rd1 Rb8 75.Qd3 Rh8 76.Qc2 Ra8 77.Rf1 Bg3 78.Rc1 Bh4 79.Ka1 Rh8 80.Kb2 Ra8 81.Qd3 Rh8 82.Rcc2 Ra8 83.Qd1 Kb6 84.Ka2 Qg7 85.Rb2 Bh7 86.Ka1 Kb7 87.Qb1 Qe7 88.Ka2 Bg8 89.Rbd2 Rd8 90.Kb2 Bh7 91.Qd1 Bg8 92.Qc2 Bh7 93.Rd1 Bg8 94.Ra1 Ra8 95.Qb1 Kb6 96.Qg1 Kb7 97.Qf1 Bh7 98.Rd1 Bg8 99.Rc1 Bh7 100.Ka2 Ra6 101.Ka3 Ka8 102.Kb2 Kb7 103.Qg2 Qd8 104.Rd1 Bg6 105.Rh1 Qa8 106.Ra1 Qd8 107.Qf1 Qe7 108.Ra2 Qd8 109.Ra1 Qe7 110.Qg2 Be8 111.Rc1 Ra8 112.Nbc3 Rb8 113.Na2 Rb6 114.Nac3 ½-½ (114) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[6...Nbd7 7.Nf3 c5 *(7...e5 8.d5 a5 9.Bd3 Nc5 10.Bc2 Bd7 11.Qd2 Qe8 12.g4 Kh8 13.Be3 b6 14.0-0-0 Na4 15.Ne2 b5 16.b3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.Nc3 a4 20.cxb5 axb3 21.axb3 c4 22.bxc4 Qb4 23.Kd2 Nxe4+ 24.Bxe4 Ra2+ 25.Ke1 Ra3 26.Rb1 Qxc3+ 27.Qxc3 Rxc3 28.g5 Rxc4 29.Nd2 Rc5 30.f3 f5 31.gxf6 Bxf6 32.Kf2 Bxb5 33.Rhc1 Rxc1 34.Rxc1 Bg5 35.Rc5 Bd7 36.Nc4 Bxh3 37.Rxc7 Rc8 38.d6 Bd8 39.Rxc8 Bxc8 40.Nxe5 Kg7 41.d7 Ba6 42.Nc6 Bb6+ 43.Kg3 Kf6 44.d8Q+ Bxd8 45.Nxd8 h5 46.Kh4 Bc4 47.Nc6 Bf7 48.f4 Be6 49.Nd4 Bd7 50.Nf3 Bg4 51.Kg3 Bxf3 52.Kxf3 g5 53.f5 Ke5 54.Bd3 Kf6 55.Ke4 h4 56.Bf1 g4 57.Be2 Kg5 58.Ke5 g3 59.Bf1 Kg4 60.f6 h3 61.f7 g2 62.f8Q gxf1Q 63.Qxf1 Kg3 64.Qg1+ Kf3 65.Qh2 Kg4 66.Ke4* 1-0 (66) Kovalenko,I (2674)-Demchenko,A (2654) chess.com INT 2022*)* 8.d5 a6 9.a4 h6 10.Bd2 *(10.Be3 Re8 11.Bd3 e6 12.0-0 exd5 13.exd5 Nh5 14.Re1 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.g4 Nf6 17.Kg2 h5 18.f3 Bd7 19.Bd2 Rxe1 20.Qxe1 Qb6 21.Nd1 Qd8 22.Qg3 hxg4 23.hxg4 Ne8 24.Nf2 b5 25.Rh1 bxa4 26.Qh3 Nf6 27.Qh4 Rb8 28.Bc3 Rb3 29.Ne4 Rxc3 30.bxc3 Qe7 31.Qg5 Kf8 32.Ng3 a5 33.Bc2 a3 34.Ra1 Be8 35.Bd3 a4 36.Qd2 Nd7 37.f4 Qf6 38.Ne4 Qe7 39.g5 f5 40.Ng3 Nb6 41.Rxa3 Qa7 42.Qe3 Nc8 43.Ne2 Bd7 44.Ra1 Nb6 45.Re1 Qb8 46.Rb1 Qa7 47.Qd2 Nc8 48.Kf2 Ke8 49.Qb2 Bf8 50.Ke3 Qa5 51.Kd2 Be7 52.Qb7 Bf8 53.Re1 Be7 54.Rh1 Qd8 55.Rh8+ Bf8 56.Rh7 a3 57.Ng1 Nb6 58.Qa7 Na4 59.Bc2 Nb6 60.Kd3 Bg7 61.Rxg7 Kf8 62.Rh7 Kg8 63.Rh6 Nc8 64.Qxa3 Ne7 65.Nf3 Kg7 66.Qa1 Qe8 67.Qh1 Qg8 68.Kd2 Nc8 69.Nh4 Ne7 70.Qh3 Kf8 71.Nxg6+ Nxg6 72.Bxf5 Qf7 73.Rxg6 Qxg6 74.Qh8+ Qg8 75.Qxg8+ Kxg8 76.Bxd7 Kf7 77.f5 Ke7 78.Be6 Ke8 79.g6 Kf8 80.f6 Ke8 81.g7 Kd8 82.f7 Kc7 83.f8Q Kb6 84.Qxd6+ Kb7 85.g8Q Ka7 86.Qgb8#* 1-0 (86) Rofchade (3467)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 10...Re8 11.Bd3 e6 12.0-0 b6 13.Qc1 Kh7

14.Bf4 exd5 15.exd5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Bh2 Ra7 18.Bc2 a5 19.Qe3 Ng8 20.Nb5 Rd7 21.Rae1 Ba6 22.Qd2 Bxb5 23.axb5 Rde7 24.f3 Nf6 25.b3 Qd7 26.Qe2 Nh5 27.Kh1 Bf6 28.Qf2 Nf4 29.Be4 Qd6 30.h4 Nh5 31.g3 Qd7 32.Rg1 Bg7 33.Qd2 Qh3 34.Qg2 Qd7 35.Rd1 Qd6 36.Qc2 Bf6 37.Rde1 Rg8 38.Qg2 Qd7 39.Qf2 Ree8 40.Bb1 Qd6 41.Qg2 Qd7 42.Re3 Re7 43.Qf2 Rge8 44.g4 Nf4 45.Qg3 Qd6 46.Rge1 h5 47.Rf1 Bg7 48.Bc2 Bh6 49.g5 Bg7 50.Rfe1 Qd7 51.Qf2 Kh8 52.Re4 f5 53.gxf6 Bxf6 54.Bg3 Bg7 55.Qh2 Bh6 56.Rg1 Rg7 57.Bb1 Kh7 58.Rge1 Rge7 59.Rg1 Rg7 60.Be1 Qf5 61.Rf1 Rd7 62.Bc3 Qf6 63.Ree1 Rg7 64.Be4 Kh8 65.Rg1 Reg8 66.Bb1 Re8 67.Re4 Kg8 68.Rge1 Rge7 69.R1e3 Kf7 70.Qg3 Kg8 71.Re1 Kf7 72.Bb2 Kf8 73.Bc3 Kg8 74.Rg1 Rg7 75.Rge1 Rge7 76.R1e3 Kf7 77.Bb2 Kf8 78.Re1 Qd6 79.Rg1 Qf6 80.Bc3 Rg7 81.Rge1 Rge7 82.Bc2 Kg8 83.R4e3 Kh7 84.Re4 Qd6 85.Rg1 Rg7 86.Bd2 Qf6 87.Bc3 Qd6 88.Rge1 Rge7 89.Bb1 Qf6 90.Rd1 Rd7 91.Rg1 Rg7 92.Re3 Rge7 93.Ree1 Qd6 94.Re4 Rg7 95.Bc2 Qf6 96.Rd1 Rd7 97.Bb2 Kg8 98.Bc1 Kf7 99.Ree1 ½-½ (99) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Rofchade (3467) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[6...Nc6 7.Nf3 h6 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Ng4 12.hxg4 Bxd4 13.Bxd4 Kh7 14.Be2 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Rh5 Kg6 17.Kd2 fxg4 18.Rah1 Bf5 19.Rxh6+ Kf7 20.R1h5 Ke7 21.Nd1 c5 22.Bc3 Kd7 23.Ne3 Bb1 24.Bxg4+ Kc7 25.f3 Qe8 26.Rh1 Bg6 27.Re1 Rg8 28.Be6 Qf8 29.Reh1 Re8 30.R1h4 Rxe6 31.dxe6 Qe8 32.Nd5+ Kc6 33.Nf6 Qe7 34.Rg4 1-0 (34) Predke,A (2666)-Yakubboev,N (2621) Riga LAT 2021]

7.d5 e6

[7...a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nge2 h6 11.Be3 exd5 12.cxd5 b6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.0-0 Ra7 15.f4 Rae7 16.Ng3 Nxe4 17.Ncxe4 f5 18.Bc2 Bxb2 19.Rae1 Bg7 20.Nf2 b5 21.Nd1 h5 22.Bf2 h4 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Re1 Qd7 25.Nxf5 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 gxf5 27.Ne3 Qf7 28.axb5 axb5 29.Qb1 b4 30.Nxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxf5+ Kh8 32.Qe4 Bf6 33.Qe2 Nd7 34.Bc2 Nf8 35.Qd3 Kg7 36.Kh2 Ng6 37.Be3 Ne7 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qd3 Qxd5 40.Qb5 Kg7 41.Bd3 Qe6 42.Bf2 Qa2 43.Be3 Qa3 44.Bf2 Qb2 45.Be3 Qc3 46.Bf2 b3 47.Bc4 Qd2 48.Bg1 b2 49.Be6 Qxf4+ 50.Kh1 Qe4 51.Ba2 c4 0-1 (51) Adhiban,B (2672)-Onischuk,V (2622) Riga LAT 2021]

8.Bd3

[8.Nf3 h6 9.Be3 exd5 10.cxd5 b5 11.Bxb5 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Nfd2 Qxb5 14.Nxd6 Qxb2 15.Rc1 Qxa2 16.N2c4 Ba6 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Re1 Rad8 19.Re2 Bxc4 20.Rxa2 Bxa2 21.Nb7 Rb8 22.Na5 Nb6 23.Nc6 Rb7 24.Bxc5 Re8 25.Nb4 Bb2 26.Nxa2 Bxc1 27.Nxc1 Nd7 28.Be3 1-0 (28) Wei,Y (2722)-Yakubboev,N (2630) chess.com INT 2023]

8...exd5

[8...Qb6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Nfxd7 15.b3 Qa6 16.f4 Nd3 17.Rad1 c4 18.bxc4

N7c5 19.e5 Qxc4 20.Rf3 h6 21.Bh4 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Qxh4 23.exd6 Rad8 24.Rdf1 f5 25.Nf4 Rxd6 26.Nb5 Rd7 27.d6 Ne4 28.Qd5+ Kh7 29.Nxg6 Qf6 30.Ne7 Rexe7 31.dxe7 Rxd5 32.e8Q Qb6+ 33.Kh1 Qxb5 34.Qf7 Qd7 35.Qh5 f4 36.Qh4 Ng3+ 37.Rxg3 fxg3 38.Qxg3 Rd1 0-1 (38) Oparin,G (2676)-Firouzja,A (2738) chess.com INT 2024]

9.cxd5 h6 10.Be3 b5 11.e5

[11.Nxb5 c4 12.Bc2 Na6 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Nec3 Nb4 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Nxa7 Bd7 17.a4 Nxc2 18.Qxc2 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bf5 20.Nc6 Qh4 21.Nxb8 1-0 (23) Carlsen,M (2830)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2589) chess.com INT 2024]

11...dxe5 12.Bxc5 Re8 13.Bxb5 Bd7 14.Nge2 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qa5+ 16.Nec3 Na6 17.Ba3 Rab8 18.Nxa7 Nb4 19.Bxb4 Qxb4 20.Nc6 Qxb2 21.Qc1 Rb6 22.0-0 Qxc1 23.Rfxc1 e4 24.a4 e3 25.fxe3 Ne4 26.a5 Ra6 27.Nxe4 Bxa1 28.Nc5 Bb2 29.Rc2 Rxc6 30.dxc6 Be5 31.Nd7 Bg7 32.c7 Rc8 33.Nb6 Re8 34.c8Q Rxc8 35.Rxc8+ Kh7 36.a6 Be5 37.a7 g5 38.a8Q Kg6 39.Qe4+ Kh5 40.Qxe5 f6 41.Qxf6 g4 42.Qf5+ 1-0 (42) Wei,Y (2762)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

[105] **6...c5** 7.d5

[7.Nf3 Qa5 *(7...Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Bd3 a6 13.Qd2 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Bxb5 Bd7 16.Be2 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.Rac1 Ra4 19.b3 Ra3 20.Bd3 Nb7 21.Bb1 c4 22.bxc4 Nc5 23.Nd4 Qb6 24.Nb3 Nxb3 25.axb3 Qxb3 26.Bd4 Rc8 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qd4+ Kg8 29.Bd3* 0-1 (29) Idani, P (2630)-Tsydypov,Z (2514) chess.com INT 2025 *)*

A) 8.Nd2 cxd4 9.Nb3 Qxc3+ 10.bxc3 dxe3 11.Qc2 *(11.Bd3 exf2+ 12.Kxf2 Nbd7 13.c5 dxc5 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rhd1 Nh5 16.Bb5 Ne5 17.Qe3 c4 18.Nd4 Bb7 19.Nf3 Nd3+ 20.Kg1 Rac8 21.Ne1 Ndf4 22.Rd7 a6 23.Ba4 Bxc3 24.Rad1 Ba8 25.Rxe7 Bf6 26.Red7 b5 27.Bc2 Ng3 28.Nf3 Rce8 29.Re1 Nfh5 30.Qa7 Bxe4 31.Bxe4 Nxe4 32.Rc7 Bc3 33.Rd1 Nhg3 34.Kh2 Ba5 35.Rc6 Nc3 36.Rd7 Nf1+* ½-½ (36) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)*

11...exf2+ 12.Kxf2 Be6 13.Nd4 Nbd7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Kg1 Bh6 16.Be2 Nc5 17.Bf3 Rac8 18.Rf1 Be3+ 19.Kh2 Bf4+ 20.Kg1 Be5 21.h4 h5 22.Rh3 Kf7 23.Bd1 Ke8 24.Rhf3 Kd7 25.Qd2 Rg8 26.Bc2 Rcf8 27.a3 a6 28.Qg5 Kc7 29.Qh6 Rf7 30.Qg5 Kb8 31.a4 Rff8 32.g3 Ka8 33.Kh1 Ka7 34.a5 Ka8 35.Kg1 Kb8 36.Kg2 Ka8 37.Kg1 Kb8 38.Kg2 Ka7 39.Rb1 Ka8 40.Bd1 Rg7 41.Bc2 Rh8 42.Rbf1 Rf8 43.Kh1 Rd8 44.Kg2 Rgg8 45.Kh3 Rdf8 46.Qe3 Kb8 47.Kg2 Ka8 48.Kh3 Kb8 49.Qg5 Rg7 50.Kg2 Ka8 51.Kh1 Rd8 52.Qe3 Rgg8 53.Rb1 Ka7 54.Qg5 Ra8 55.Qe3 Rac8 56.Rbf1 Rb8 57.Kg2 g5 58.hxg5 Nh7 59.Rf7 Nxg5 60.Rxe7 h4 61.g4 h3+ 62.Kh1 Rbf8 63.Rxf8 Rxf8 64.Bd3 Rf3 65.Qg1 h2 66.Qb1 Rf8 67.Qb6+ Ka8 68.Qc7 Bf4 69.Bc2 Be5 70.Bd3 Rg8 71.Bb1 Ka7 72.Qb6+ Ka8 73.Qc7 Ka7 74.Qb6+ Kb8 75.Qc7+ Ka8

76.Bc2 Ka7 77.Qb6+ Ka8 ½-½ (77) Stockfish (3601)-Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B) 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Nb3 *(10.0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bd7 12.Re1 Bc6 13.Rb1 Qh5 14.Be2 Qh4 15.Bf3 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Ne5 18.Be2 Rac8 19.b5 Bd7 20.Nd5 Be6 21.Qd4 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rc5 23.b6 Qf6 24.Qe3 axb6 25.Rxb6 Ra8 26.a3 Nc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxb7 Rc3 29.e5 Qxe5 30.Qxe5+ dxe5 31.Rxe5 Rcxa3 32.Rexe7 Rf8 33.h4 Rd3 34.Red7 h5 35.g3 Kf6 36.Kg2 Ke5 37.Re7+ Kf6 38.Red7 Ke5 39.Rb5 Kf6 40.Rb4 Ke5 41.Rb1 Kf6 42.Re1 Rb8* 0-1 (42) Andreikin,D (2729)-Sadhwani,R (2628) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10...Qd8 11.0-0 Be6 12.f4 Rc8 13.Nd2 Nb4 14.Be2 a5 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.a3 Na6 17.e5 Ne8 18.Nf3 Bc6 19.Nd5 dxe5 20.Bb6 Nec7 21.Nxc7 Nxc7 22.Nxe5 Qxd1 23.Rcxd1 Ne6 24.g3 a4 25.Rd2 Bxe5 26.fxe5 f5 27.c5 Ng5 28.h4 Ne4 29.Bc4+ Kg7 30.Rd3 Rfe8 31.Kh2 e6 32.Rd4 h5 33.Be2 g5 34.hxg5 Kg6 35.Rf4 Rh8 36.Rh4 Bd5 37.Bc4 Bxc4 38.Rxc4 Kxg5 39.Rxa4 Nxc5 40.Rab4 Nd3 41.Be3+ Kg6 42.Rb6 Rhe8 43.Bd4 Rc2+ 44.Kh3 Re2 45.Rxb7 Rc8 46.Bc3 Nxe5 47.Bxe5 Rcc2 48.Rg7+ Kh6 49.g4 Re3+ 50.Bg3 Kxg7 51.gxf5 exf5 52.Rb4 Kg6 53.a4 Kg5 54.a5 h4 55.Rxh4 Rxb2 56.a6 Rxg3+ 57.Kxg3 Rb3+ 0-1 (57) Maghsoodloo,P (2730)-Sindarov,J (2661) Tashkent UZB 2023]

7...e6 8.Bd3

[8.Nf3

A) 8...exd5 9.exd5

A1) 9...Bf5 10.Bd3 Re8 *(10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Re8 12.0-0 Na6 13.Rfe1 Qd7 14.a3 Nc7 15.Bf4 a6 16.Nd2 b5 17.Nde4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 bxc4 19.Qxc4 Qb5 20.Qxb5 axb5 21.Rad1 Bxb2 22.Kf1 f5 23.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 24.Kxe1 Bxa3 25.Nb7 Bb4+ 26.Kf1 Na6 27.d6 c4 28.Bg5 h6 29.Bxh6 Nc5 30.Nxc5 Bxc5 31.Bg5 Bb6 32.d7 Bd8 33.Bd2 Kf7 34.Bb4 Be7 35.Rd5 Ke6 36.Rxb5 Bxb4 37.Rxb4 Kxd7 38.Rxc4 Ke7 39.Rc6 Kf7 40.h4 Kg7 41.g3 Ra4 42.Kg2 Rb4 43.Rc3 Ra4 44.Kf3 Kf6 45.Rc6+ Kg7 46.Re6 Rb4 47.Ke3 Ra4 48.f3 Rb4 49.Rd6 Ra4 50.Rd4 Ra6 51.Kf4 Kf6 52.Rc4 Rb6 53.Ke3 Rb3+ 54.Kf4 Rb6 55.Ra4 Rc6 56.Ra3 Rc4+ 57.Ke3 Rc6 58.Kd4 Rd6+ 59.Kc5 Rd1 60.f4 Kg7 61.Kc4 Kh6 62.Rd3 Ra1 63.Kd5 Kh5 64.Ke6 Ra6+ 65.Kf7 Kg4 66.Kg7 Rb6 67.Re3 Ra6 68.Kh7 Rb6 69.Kg8 Ra6 70.Kf7 Rb6* ½-½ (70) Erigaisi,A (2627)-Sadhwani,R (2609) Kolkata IND 2021 *)* 11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.Rae1 Qf6 15.Nb5 Re7 16.Nd2 a6 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Nc3 Rae8 19.Kh1 Qg6 20.Bf4 f5 21.Re3 Ne5 22.Rg3 Qf7 23.Ne2 Kh8 24.Bg5 Bf6 25.Nf4 Rg8 26.Bxf6+ Qxf6 27.Qc3 Rxg3 28.fxg3 Rf7 29.Kh2 Ng6

30.Qxf6+ Rxf6 31.Ne6 Ne5 32.b3 h5 33.Nf4 Rh6 34.Ne6 Rf6 35.Kg1 Kh7 36.Kf2 Kh6 37.Ke3 Rg6 38.Rxf5 Rxg3+ 39.Kxe4 Rxg2 40.Rf6+ Kh7 41.Nf4 Rxa2 42.Rxd6 Nf7 43.Rd7 Kg8 44.Nxh5 Re2+ 45.Kf5 Re5+ 46.Kg4 Rg5+ 47.Kh4 Rg1 48.Rxb7 Ne5 49.Nf6+ Kf8 50.Nd7+ Nxd7 51.Rxd7 Rb1 52.Rb7 a5 53.Rb5 Ke7 54.Rxa5 Rxb3 55.Rxc5 Kd6 56.Rc6+ Ke5 57.Kg4 Rb1 58.h4 Rg1+ 59.Kh5 Kf5 60.Kh6 Rg8 61.Kh7 Rd8 62.h5 Kg5 63.h6 1-0 (63) Andreikin,D (2729)-Perez Ponsa,F (2554) chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 9...Re8 10.Bd3 Nbd7 *(10...Bh6 11.0-0 Bxe3 12.fxe3 Nbd7 13.e4 Qe7 14.e5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Qxf5 Qxf5 19.Rxf5 Ne4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Raf1 Rf8 22.b3 Re2 23.Rf6 Rxa2 24.Rxd6 a5 25.Rb6 a4 26.Rxb7 Rb2 27.Rf3 a3 28.Ra7 a2 29.Rf2 Rb1+ 30.Rf1 Rb2 31.Ra1 Rb1+* 0-1 (31) Salem,A (2690)-Sindarov,J (2609) Sharjah UAE 2022 *)* 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 *(12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Ng7 17.Bg4 Nf5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qd2 h5 20.Rfe1 Qd7 21.a4 Bh8 22.Bf4 Bf6 23.a5 Bg7 24.b3 Bf8 25.Na4 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Re8 27.Bg5 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Bc2 29.Nb6 Qf5 30.Be7 Bxb3 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Qc3 Bc2 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Nc8+ Kd7 35.Nb6+ Ke7 36.Nc8+ Kd7 37.Qf8 Kc7 38.Nb6 Bd3 39.Qe7+* 1-0 (39) Salem,A (2690)-Kovalev,V (2623) Warsaw POL 2021 *)* 12...Ne5 13.Nxe5 Rxe5 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.Bf4 Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Qf8 18.a5 Re8 19.Rxe8 Nxe8 20.Ne4 Bf5 21.b4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Qe7 23.Bf3 cxb4 24.Qxb4 Bd4 25.Qd2 Bc5 26.g4 Nf6 27.Kg2 Nd7 28.Bg5 Qe5 29.Bf4 Qf6 30.Bg5 Qe5 31.Bh6 Qd4 32.Qxd4 Bxd4 33.Bf4 Bc5 34.g5 Kf8 35.Bd2 Bd4 36.Bb4 Ke7 37.Bg4 Bc5 38.Bc3 Kd8 39.f4 b6 40.h4 bxa5 41.Bxa5+ Bb6 42.Bb4 Nc5 43.h5 a5 44.Ba3 Ke7 45.Kf3 Nb3 46.f5 Nd2+ 47.Kf4 Be3+ 48.Kg3 Bxg5 49.c5 Ne4+ 50.Kf3 Nxc5 51.fxg6 fxg6 52.hxg6 hxg6 53.Bh3 Bd2 54.Bxc5 dxc5 55.Ke4 Kd6 56.Bf1 a4 57.Bc4 a3 58.Ba2 Be1 59.Bb3 Bg3 60.Ba2 Kc7 61.Kd3 Bd6 62.Kc4 g5 63.Kb3 g4 64.Bb1 g3 65.Be4 c4+ 66.Ka2 Kb6 0-1 (66) Salem,A (2690)-Socko,B (2642) Abu Dhabi UAE 2021;

B) 8...a6 9.a4 b6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Qd2 e5 13.a5 bxa5 14.Nd1 Rb4 15.Qc2 Nh5 16.Re1 Nf4 17.Bf1 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.g3 Ng6 20.Ng5 Nf6 21.Bd2 e4 22.Bxb4 axb4 23.Ne6 Qe7 24.Ne3 Bxe6 25.dxe6 Qxe6 26.Rxa6 f4 27.Nd5 fxg3 28.fxg3 Nxd5 29.cxd5 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1 Qxh3+ 32.Qh2 Qxf1+ 33.Qg1 Qxg1# 0-1 (33) Livaic,L (2557)-Aronian,L (2725) chess.com

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8...exd5 9.exd5 a6 10.a4 Nfd7 11.Nf3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Bh6 Re8 15.0-0 f5 16.a5 b6 17.axb6 Rb8 18.Bc2 Rxb6 19.b3 Bf6 20.Rae1 Ne5 21.Qd1 g5 22.Qh5 Nf7 23.Na4 Rb7 24.h4 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Re7 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Kf1 Nxh6 28.Qxh6 Qe5 29.hxg5 Qa1+ 30.Ke2 Qe5+ 31.Kf3 Bg7 32.Qh1 Bd7 33.Qb1 h6 34.gxh6 Bxh6 35.g3 f4 36.Bh7+ Kh8 37.Qg6 Bg7 38.g4 Qe1 39.Qb1 Bxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Qe2+ 41.Kg5 Qe7+ 42.Kf5 Qe5+ 43.Kg6 Qe8+ 44.Kg5 Qe7+ 45.Kf5 Qe5+ 46.Kg4 Qe2+ 47.Kxf4 Qxf2+ 48.Kg4 Qg2+ 49.Kf5 Qh3+ 50.Kg5 Qg3+ 51.Kh5 Qf3+ 52.Kg5 Qg3+ 53.Kh5 Qh2+ 54.Kg4 Qg2+ 55.Kf5 Qh3+ 56.Kg5 Qe3+ 57.Kg6 Qe8+ 58.Kg5 Qe7+ 59.Kh5 Qe2+ 60.Kg6 Qg4+ 61.Kf7 Qd7+ 62.Kg6 Qg4+ 63.Kf7 Qd7+ 64.Kg6 Qe8+ 65.Kf5 Qe5+ 66.Kg4 Qe2+ 67.Kf5 Qe5+ 68.Kg4 Qe2+ 69.Kg5 Qe7+ 70.Kg6 Qf6+ 71.Kh5 Qf3+ 72.Kg5 Qe3+ 73.Kg4 Qe2+ ½-½ (73) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

6...Nc6 7.Qd2

[7.d5

A) 7...Nb4 8.Nf3 *(8.a3 Na6 9.Bd3 Nc5 10.Bc2 Nfd7 11.Nge2 a5 12.0-0 Nb6 13.b3 e5 14.Rb1 Ncd7 15.Bd3 Nc5 16.Bc2 Ncd7 17.Bd3 f5 18.f3 Nc5 19.b4 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Nd7 21.c5 axb4 22.axb4 Nf6 23.Ra1 fxe4 24.fxe4 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Nh5 26.Rf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Qf6+ 28.Bf2 Nf4 29.Nxf4 exf4 30.Nb5 Qa1+ 31.Ke2 Qb2+ 32.Kf3 g5 33.cxd6 h5 34.Bd4 g4+ 35.hxg4 Bxg4+ 36.Kxf4 Qxg2 37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.e5 Kh6 39.Qe3 cxd6 40.Nxd6 Qxd5 41.Ne4 Kg6 42.Qb6+ Qc6 43.Qxc6+ ½-½ (43) Schitco,I (2503)-Carlsen, M (2829) Budva MNE 2023)* 8...e6 9.a3 Na6 10.Bd3 Re8

A1) 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.0-0 *(12.b4 Ng4 13.Bd2 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Be3 Nb8 16.0-0 Nc6 17.Nd5 Nd4 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Rc8 20.Ra2 c6 21.Ne3 Qh4 22.Raf2 Rcd8 23.c5 h5 24.Qb1 b5 25.e5 Rd7 26.Be4 Bc4 27.Nxc4 bxc4 28.Qc1 g5 29.Qxc4 gxf4 30.Rxf4 Qd8 31.Rxf7 Ne6 32.Bg6 Ree7 33.R7f5 Rd4 34.Bf7+ Kh8 35.Rxh5+ Bh6 36.Rxh6+* 1-0 (36) Andreikin,D (2728)-Vitiugov,N (2727) Yasnaya Polyana RUS 2021*)*
12...Nc5 13.Re1 Nfd7 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.Bf1 h6 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nd2 a5 18.Qc2 a4 19.Nd5 Nbd7 20.Rad1 c6 21.Nf4 Qc7 22.Nb1 Qb6 23.Rxd6 Qxb2 24.Qxb2 Bxb2 25.Red1 Be5 26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.Bxc5 Rad8 28.Nd3 Be6 29.Bb6 Bxc4 30.Bxd8 Rxd8 31.Nd2 Bxd3 32.Nf3 Bb2 33.Rxd3 Rxd3 34.Bxd3 Kf8 35.Kf1 Ke7 36.Ke2 Bxa3 37.e5 Bb2 38.Kd2 b5 39.Kc2 Ba1 40.Be4 Kd7 41.Kb1 Bc3 42.Kc2 Ba1 43.h4 Kc7 44.Kb1 Bc3 45.Kc2 Ba1 46.g4 Kb6 47.g5 hxg5 48.hxg5 Kc5 49.Ne1 b4 50.Kb1 Bc3 51.Nd3+ Kd4 52.Bxg6 b3 53.Bxf7 Kxd3 54.f4 Bd4 55.g6 Kc3 56.g7 a3 57.Bxb3 1-0 (57) Gorshtein,I (2543)-Dubov,D (2693) Jerusalem ISR

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A2) 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.e5 Nd7 14.dxe6 Rxe6 15.Be4 c6 16.Ne2 Re8 17.e6 Rxe6 18.Bc2 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Ng3 Qc7 21.Ng5 Re7 22.f4 Nf6 23.Qf3 h6 24.N5e4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 f5 26.Nf2 Be6 27.g4 Rf8 28.gxf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 Rxf5 30.Nd3 Qd6 31.Rfe1 Ref7 32.Re4 Kh7 33.Rbe1 b5 34.Re6 Qd4+ 35.Kg2 bxc4 36.Qg4 cxd3 37.Qxg6+ Kh8 38.Re8+ Rf8 39.Qxf5 Qd5+ 40.Qxd5 cxd5 41.Rxf8+ Bxf8 42.Kf3 c4 43.Re8 Kg7 44.Rc8 Bxa3 45.Ke3 a5 46.Rd8 Bc1+ 47.Kf3 c3 48.Rxd5 d2 49.Ke2 c2 50.Rxd2 Bxd2 51.Kxd2 Kf6 52.Kxc2 Kf5 53.Kb3 Kxf4 54.Ka4 Kg3 55.Kxa5 Kxh3 56.Kb4 Kg2 57.Kc3 h5 58.Kd3 h4 59.Ke3 h3 60.Kf4 h2 61.Kg4 h1Q 0-1 (61) Andreikin,D (2729)-Aronian,L (2735) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 7...Ne5

B1) 8.Qc2 e6 9.f4 Ned7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.g4 Qe7 *(11...b5 12.cxb5 Bb7 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Bg2 a6 15.bxa6 Bxa6 16.Nd4 Nc5 17.0-0-0 Nfd7 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nc6 Qh4 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxa8 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Rxf4 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Nf6 25.Rd8+ Ne8 26.Rxe8+ Kg7 27.Qxc7+ Rf7 28.Qc3+ Kh6 29.Rxe6 Rf4 30.Rxa6 Qg5 31.Qd2 Qc5+ 32.Bc2* 1-0 (32) Erigaisi,A (2627)-Mamedov,R (2673) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 12.Nge2 Nb6 13.b3 d5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bg2 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Qh4+ 17.Kd2 Bh6 18.Qd3 dxc4 19.Qe4 Nd5 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qd4 Be6 22.g5 Bxg5 23.Qxh4 Bxh4 24.Nd4 Rfe8 25.bxc4 dxc4 26.Bxb7 Rad8 27.Ke2 Bd5 28.Bxd5+ Rxd5 29.Nf3 Bg3 30.Rhd1 Bxe5 31.Rxd5 Bxa1 32.Rc5 Rb8 33.a4 Rb4 34.a5 a6 35.Nd2 c3 36.Nc4 Rb2+ 37.Kd3 Rh2 38.Rc6 c2 39.Rxa6 c5 40.Ra8+ Kf7 41.a6 Bd4 42.Bd2 c1Q 43.Bxc1 Rxh3+ 44.Be3 Bxe3 45.Nxe3 c4+ 46.Kxc4 Rxe3 47.a7 Re7 48.Rh8 Rc7+ 49.Kd4 Rd7+ 50.Ke4 Re7+ 1-0 (50) Maghsoodloo,P (2733)-Theodorou,N (2617) Sharjah UAE 2024;

B2) 8.Nf3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 c6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Qe2 Qa5 13.Rac1 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Rfe8 15.Bb1 Rac8 16.Qd2 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd2 18.Rxd2 b6 19.b3 Bc6 20.f3 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 a5 22.Bc2 Bb2 23.Rb1 Ba3 24.Kf1 Nd7 25.Bg5 Ne5 26.Bd1 Nc6 27.Be2 Bc5 28.Rbd1 Ra8 29.f4 a4 30.Bf3 axb3 31.axb3 Ra3 32.R5d3 Nb4 33.Rc3 Na2 34.Rcd3 Nb4 35.Rc3 Ra2 36.Bh4 Nc2 37.Bf2 Bxf2 38.Kxf2 Nd4+ 39.Kg3 e5 40.b4 Rc8 41.fxe5 dxe5 42.c5 Ra4 43.Rb1 Kf8 44.Bg4 Rc7 45.Kh2 h5 46.Bd1 Ra2 47.b5 bxc5 48.b6 Rb7 49.Rxc5 Ra6 50.Rxe5 Rbxb6 51.Rxb6 Rxb6 52.Rd5 Ne6 53.Rd2 Ke7 54.h4 Kf6 55.Bf3 Ke5 56.Kg3 Nd4 57.Ra2 Rb3 58.Ra5+ Kf6

59.Kf4 Ne6+ 60.Kg3 Rc3 61.Rd5 Nc5 62.Rd6+ Ke7 63.Rd4 f6 64.Rb4 g5 65.hxg5 fxg5 66.Kf2 Nd3+ 67.Ke3 Nxb4+ 68.Kd4 Rxf3 0-1 (68) Rakhmanov,A (2640)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2021;

B3) 8.f4 Ned7

B3a) 9.Bd3 c6 *(9...e6 10.Nf3 exd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bc2 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 d5 16.f5 dxe4 17.Ng5 Ne5 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Bb3 Bh6 20.Qc1 Kg7 21.Nxf7 Bxe3+ 22.Qxe3 Qb6 23.Qxb6 axb6 24.Nd6 Re7 25.Nxe4 c5 26.Bd5 Ra4 27.Nc3 Rd4 28.Rfe1 Bf5 29.Re3 Nc6 30.Rae1 Rxe3 31.Rxe3 Nb4 32.Bf3 Rd2 33.Re2 Rd7 34.g4 Bd3 35.Re6 b5 36.Re5 Rc7 37.a3 Nc2 38.Be4 Bxe4 39.Nxe4 b4 40.a4 c4 41.Rc5 Rxc5 42.Nxc5 b3 43.Ne4 Nb4 44.a5 Kf7 45.Nd6+ Ke6 46.Nxc4 Kd5 47.Nd2 Kc5 48.Nxb3+ Kb5 49.h4 Nd3 50.h5 gxh5 51.gxh5 Nf4 52.h6* 1-0 (52) Andreikin,D (2729)-Narayanan,S (2662) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.Nf3

B3a1) 10...cxd5 11.exd5 *(11.cxd5 b6 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Bc2 Ba6 14.Re1 e6 15.b4 Ncd7 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Qxd6 Rc8 18.Bd4 Ne8 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Rad1 Bxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Rxc3 22.Rxd7 Qf6 23.Bb3 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Qxf4 25.Qg4 Qe5 26.Rd5 Qc3 27.Qg3 Nf6 28.Rg5 Nh5 29.Qe5+ Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Nf4 31.Re7 Nxh3+ 32.Kh2 Ng5 33.Rc1 Nxf3+ 34.Kg3 Ng5 35.Rcc7 Bd3 36.Bd5 Be2 37.Rxa7 h5 38.Kh4 Nf3+ 39.Kg3 Ng5 40.e5 Bg4 41.Kh4 Nf3+ 42.Bxf3 Rxf3 43.Re8+* 1-0 (43) Andreikin,D (2724)-Shevchenko,K (2652) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 11...Nc5 12.Bc2 e6 13.0-0 exd5 14.cxd5 Re8 15.Bd4 Qb6 16.Rb1 Nh5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qd4+ Kg8 19.Kh2 Bd7 20.b4 Na6 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.Nd4 Rac8 23.Nce2 Rxe2 24.Nxe2 Rxc2 25.Nd4 Rxa2 26.f5 Rd2 27.Rbd1 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 gxf5 29.Rf1 f4 30.Ne2 Nxb4 31.Nxf4 Nxf4 32.Rxf4 Nxd5 33.Rd4 Bc6 34.Kg3 b5 35.Kf2 b4 36.Ke2 f6 37.Kd2 Kf7 38.Rh4 Kg6 39.Rg4+ Kf5 40.Rh4 b3 41.Rxh7 Nf4 42.g4+ Kg6 43.Rh8 Be4 44.Kc3 Bc2 45.Rg8+ Kf7 46.Rb8 Nxh3 47.Rxb7+ Kg6 48.Rd7 Ng5 49.Kb2 Ne4 50.Re7 Kg5 51.Rg7+ Kf4 52.Rg8 Ke3 53.Rd8 Kd4 54.Rd7 d5 55.Rd8 Kc4 56.Rc8+ Kd3 57.Rd8 d4 58.Rd7 Ke3 59.Re7 d3 0-1 (59) Shirov,A (2647)-Ehlvest,J (2531) chess.com INT 2024;

B3a2) 10...Nc5 11.Bc2 Nfd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Bd4 e5 14.dxe6 Bxd4+

15.Nxd4 Nxe6 16.f5 Nc5 17.b3 Ncd7 18.Qd2 Qh4 19.Nf3 Qf6 20.Rad1 Nc5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Qe3 Ncd7 23.Ne4 Qe7 24.Qh6 gxf5 25.Nfg5 f6 26.Rxf5 fxg5 27.Nxg5 Rxf5 28.Bxf5 Nf8 29.Bxh7+ Kh8 30.Bg6+ Kg8 31.Bf7+ Qxf7 32.Nxf7 Kxf7 33.Rf1+ Ke7 34.Qxf8+ Ke6 35.Rf6+ 1-0 (35) Andreikin,D (2729)-Halkias,S (2508) chess.com INT 2023;

B3a3) 10...a6 11.a4 *(11.0-0 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.Bd4 Bb7 14.a3 Rc8 15.Qe1 Nc5 16.Bc2 Nh5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qe3 Qb6 19.Nd4 Nf6 20.Rae1 Kg8 21.Kh2 b4 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Rb1 a5 24.Rfd1 Rfe8 25.Qg3 e6 26.Qh4 Nh5 27.dxe6 Nxe6 28.Nde2 Qc5 29.Ba4 Red8 30.Bb3 Qe3 31.f5 Nef4 32.Nxf4 Qxf4+ 33.Qxf4 Nxf4 34.Rf1 g5 35.h4 h6 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Kg3 Nh5+ 38.Kg4 Nf6+ 39.Kxg5 Kg7 40.g4 Bxe4 41.Ra1 d5 42.Rxa5 d4 43.Ra7 Rf8 44.Nb5 Rb8 45.Nxd4 Nh7+ 46.Kf4 Bd3 47.Ne6+ Kg8 48.Nxf8 Bxf1 49.Nxh7 Rxb3 50.Nf6+ Kg7 51.Nh5+ Kg8 52.Kg5 Rb4 53.Ra8+ Kh7 54.Nf6+ Kg7 55.Rg8# 1-0 (55) Andreikin,D (2729)-Donchenko,A (2684) chess.com INT 2023)* 11...Nc5 12.Bc2 cxd5 13.cxd5 b6 14.b4 Ncd7 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.Nc6 Qc7 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Bd4 Nb8 19.Nc6 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Nxc6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nd5 Bh4+ 23.Kf1 Qd8 24.Qd3 Ne7 25.Bb3 Nxd5 26.Bxd5 Rc8 27.g3 Qf6 28.e5 dxe5 29.Kg2 e4 30.Qxe4 Qb2+ 31.Kf3 Rc3+ 32.Kg4 f5+ 33.Kxh4 fxe4 34.Bxe4 Qe2 0-1 (34) Andreikin,D (2729)-Donchenko,A (2664) chess.com INT 2023;

B3b) 9.Be2

B3b1) 9...c6 10.Nf3 cxd5 11.cxd5 b5 *(11...b6 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nd2 a5 14.Rc1 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Nc4 Nfxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxb6 Bb7 19.Nxa8 Bxa8 20.Bf3 Ng3 21.Rf2 Nf5 22.Qe2 d5 23.Bc5 Re8 24.Qb5 Nd4 25.Qb6 Nxf3+ 26.Rxf3 Qf6 27.Rd1 Qxb2 28.Qxb2 Bxb2 29.Bd4 Rb8 30.Bxb2 Rxb2 31.Rb3 Rxb3 32.axb3 Kf7 33.Ra1 d4 34.b4 a4 35.Rxa4 Bd5 36.Ra7+ Kf6 37.g4 g5 38.fxg5+ Kxg5 39.Rxh7 Kf4 40.Kf2 e5 41.Rd7 Bc6 42.Rd6 Be8 43.g5 e4 44.g6 Kg5 45.g7 e3+ 46.Ke1 Bh5 47.g8Q+ 1-0 (47) Andreikin,D (2729)-Halkias,S (2516) chess.com INT 2023)* 12.a3 Nc5 13.Nd2 a5 14.0-0 e6 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Bxb5 a4 17.f5 Bd7 18.e5 Bxb5 19.exf6 Bxf1 20.fxg7 Re8 21.Bxc5 Bxg2 22.fxg6

hxg6 23.Qg4 dxc5 24.Qxg2 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 Kxg7 26.Rf1 Rad8 27.Nf3 Qc4 28.Ng5 Rd7 29.Qf2 f5 30.Qg2 Rd2 31.Qb7+ Kh6 32.Qh7+ Kxg5 33.Rg1+ Kf4 34.Qh4+ 1-0 (34) Andreikin,D (2729)-Chigaev,M (2641) chess.com INT 2022;

B3b2) 9...e5 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.g4 *(11.Qc2 Qe7 12.g4 Nb6 13.Nf3 Nfd7 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.e5 Bd7 16.h4 Nba4 17.h5 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Ne4 19.Qc2 Ng3 20.hxg6 Nxh1 21.Rxh1 h6 22.g5 h5 23.Rxh5 Bc6 24.Rh7 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 dxe5 26.Qh2 Rad8 27.Bc5 Rd6 28.Bg4 Rxf4 29.Bxd6 cxd6 30.Bxe6+ Qxe6 31.Rxg7+ 1-0 (31) Andreikin,D (2729)-Chigaev,M (2641) chess.com INT 2022)* 11...Nc5 *(11...b6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.0-0-0 Nc5 14.Bf3 Nfd7 15.e5 Qe7 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Nge2 Rac8 19.Qd3 Ndc5 20.Qc2 Na5 21.Bd4 Nxc4 22.Kb1 d5 23.f5 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Ne3 25.Qd2 exf5 26.Nf4 Nc4 27.Qg2 Ne4 28.Ncxd5 Ncd2+ 29.Ka1 Qc5 30.Ne2 f4 31.b4 Qc2 32.Rc1 Qxc1+ 33.Nxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kb2 f3 35.Qh2 Rb1+ 36.Ka3 f2 37.Ne7+ Kf7 38.Qf4+ Ke8 39.Qe5 Rf3+ 40.Ka4 b5+ 41.Ka5 Ra3+ 42.Kxb5 f1Q+ 43.Kc6 Qf6+* 0-1 (43) Sevian,S (2660)-Robson,R (2673) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 12.Qc2 b5 13.cxb5 Bb7 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.0-0-0 Rxf4 17.Qd2 Rf7 18.Ng5 Bh6 19.h4 Qe7 20.Bc4 Re8 21.Kb1 Ne5 22.Be2 Ref8 23.Qe3 Rf2 24.Rd2 Rg2 25.Rhd1 Bc8 26.Na4 Rh2 27.Qg3 Rxh4 28.Qxe5 Qxg5 29.Qxc7 Rh1 30.Rxh1 Qxd2 31.Nc3 Bg7 32.Rd1 Qg5 33.Bc4 Bd4 34.Rh1 h5 35.gxh5 Qg2 36.Qh2 Qxh2 37.Rxh2 g5 38.Rg2 Be3 39.a4 Kg7 40.Kc2 Kh6 41.a5 Kxh5 42.Kd3 Bf4 43.Na4 Rd8+ 44.Kc2 Be3 45.b6 axb6 46.Nxb6 Bb7 47.Re2 Bf4 48.a6 Rd6 49.axb7 Rxb6 50.e5 Rxb7 51.Bxe6 Re7 52.Bd5 Bxe5 53.Kd3 g4 54.b3 g3 55.Bf3+ Kg5 56.Re4 Rd7+ 57.Ke2 Kf6 58.Rg4 Ra7 59.Be4 Ra2+ 60.Kf3 Rf2+ 61.Ke3 Rb2 62.Rg6+ Ke7 63.Rg5 Kd6 64.Rg6+ Ke7 65.Kf3 Rf2+ 66.Kg4 Bd4 67.Rg5 Re2 68.Kh5 Rxe4 69.Rxg3 Re5+ 70.Kh4 Kd6 71.Kh3 Kd5 72.Rg6 Re3+ 73.Kg4 Rxb3 74.Kh5 Kc4 75.Rg8 Rb5 76.Rd8 Rb4 77.Kg6 Rb3 78.Kf7 Re3 79.Kg6 Rf3 0-1 (79) Lobanov,S (2508)-Aravindh,C (2729) chess.com INT 2025;

B3c) 9.g4 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Nge2 b6 12.Ng3 Bb7 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 Nc5 15.Bg2 e5 16.f5 gxf5

17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Rg1 Bc6 21.f6 Qd4 22.Rg4 Qe3+ 23.Qe2 Qh3 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Qh1+ 26.Qf1 Qxd5 27.Rd1 Qe6 28.fxg7 Nxg7 29.Rg2 Nf5 30.Rf2 Nd4 31.Qg2 Rf8 32.b3 e4 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Kd2 e3+ 35.Kc1 e2 36.Re1 Qe3+ 37.Kb1 Qd3+ 38.Kb2 Qd2+ 39.Ka3 Nc2+ 40.Ka4 Qb4# 0-1 (40) Livaic,L (2558)-Mamedov,R (2633) chess.com INT 2023;

B3d) 9.Nge2 c6

B3d1) 10.g4 cxd5

(10...Qa5 11.Bg2 Nb6 12.Qb3 Nfd7 13.Rc1 Nc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Nd1 Bd7 16.Nf2 cxd5 17.cxd5 Qa5+ 18.Kf1 Rac8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.h4 Qd2 21.h5 Rc2 22.Bf3 Rxb2 23.Qa3 Bb5 0-1 (23) Csonka,B (2473)-Firouzja,A (2744) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11.cxd5 b6 12.Nd4 Nc5 13.Nc6

(13.Qf3 Bb7 14.g5 Nfxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxd5 16.Nf6+ exf6 17.Qxd5 Re8 18.Nc2 fxg5 19.0-0-0 gxf4 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Ne6 22.Qd2 Qf6 23.Kb1 Rac8 24.Bb5 Red8 25.Nb4 d5 26.Rhf1 Rc5 27.a4 d4 28.Nd3 Rf5 29.Rf3 g5 30.Rg1 Kf8 31.h4 h6 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Rh3 f3 34.Bc4 Ke7 35.Bxe6 Kxe6 36.Qh2 f2 37.Rf1 Kd7 38.Rh6 Qe7 39.Rxf2 Rxf2 40.Qxf2 Kc8 41.a5 bxa5 42.Qc2+ Kb8 43.Nc5 Rd6 44.Rh8+ Rd8 45.Qb3+ Kc7 46.Qb7+ Kd6 47.Rh6+ f6 48.Ne4+ 1-0 (48) Caruana,F (2822)-Firouzja,A (2723) Wijk aan Zee NED 2020*)* 13...Qe8 14.Bg2 Ba6 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.Qd2 e6 17.0-0-0 exd5 18.exd5 Qd7 19.Rhe1 Rae8 20.Bf3 h6 21.g5 Nh7 22.Bg4 Qc7 23.h4 h5 24.Bh3 f5 25.gxf6 Bxf6 26.Rg1 Kh8 27.Rxg6 Bxh4 28.Be6 Bf6 29.Rdg1 Rxe6 30.dxe6 Qxc6 31.Nd5 Bd4 32.Ne7 Qe8 33.Rg8+ Rxg8 34.Rxg8+ Qxg8 35.Nxg8 Kxg8 36.Qg2+ Kh8 37.Qa8+ Kg7 38.Qxa7+ Kg6 39.Qf7+ Kh6 40.f5 Kg5 41.Qxh7 h4 42.Qg6+ Kf4 43.e7 Bb5 44.f6 1-0 (44) Robson, R (2696)-Firouzja,A (2777) Saint Louis USA 2023;

B3d2) 10.Ng3 Ne8

(10...a6 11.a4 cxd5 12.cxd5 b6 13.Be2 Bb7 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Qd2 Nc5 16.Bd1 e6 17.f5 exf5 18.exf5 Qe8 19.Bg5 Qe5 20.Bf4 Nfe4 21.Ngxe4 Nxe4 22.Qe3 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Qxd5 24.Bf3 gxf5 25.Qxb6 Bxc3 26.Rad1 Qc5+ 27.Qxc5 dxc5 28.Bh6 Rc8 29.Rd7 Bc6 30.Re7 Bd4+ 31.Kh2 Bf6 32.Ra7 Be5+ 33.g3 Nxg3 34.Bxc6 Nxf1+ 35.Kg1 Ng3 36.Bd5 Bc7 37.Bb7 Rd8 38.Bxa6 Bb8 39.Rb7 Ne4 40.Bf1 Be5 41.Kg2

Ra8 42.Bb5 Nd6 43.Rd7 Nxb5 44.axb5 Rb8 45.b6 Bg7 46.Bxg7 Kxg7 47.b7 Kf6 48.Rc7 Ke6 49.Kf3 Kd6 50.Rxf7 Kc6 51.Rxh7 Rxb7 52.Rxb7 Kxb7 53.h4 c4 54.h5 c3 55.Ke2 f4 56.h6 f3+ 57.Kxf3 c2 58.h7 c1Q 59.h8Q Qc6+ ½-½ (59) Samunenkov,I (2535)-Donchenko,A (2633) Biel SUI 2024*)* 11.Be2 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.h4 Bf6 14.Bd3 Nc5 15.Bc2 Qa5 16.Qd2 Qb4 17.0-0-0 Qxc4 18.h5 b5 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Nge4 Qe7 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.g3 exf4 24.hxg6 fxg3 25.g7 Rf7 26.Rxh7 e5 27.Rh8+ Kxg7 28.Rxe8 Qf4 29.Rh1 Qxd2+ 30.Kxd2 Rf2+ 31.Ke3 Rxc2 32.Rhh8 Be6 33.Rxa8 g2 0-1 (33) Praggnanandhaa,R (2747)-Rapport,R (2717) Prague CZE 2024]

7...e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nge2 c5

[9...Re8 10.0-0-0 c5 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Qxd6 Bd7 13.g4 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bxd4 Re6 16.Qf4 Qa5 17.g5 Nh5 18.Qe3 Bc6 19.Bxg7 Nxg7 20.Be2 Rae8 21.f3 Qe5 22.h4 Nh5 23.Kb1 a6 24.Bd3 b5 25.cxb5 axb5 26.Bxb5 Bxb5 27.Rd5 Qg3 28.Rxb5 Nf4 29.Rd1 Ng2 30.Rg1 Qh3 31.Qf2 Nxh4 32.Qg3 Qxg3 33.Rxg3 f6 34.Nd5 fxg5 35.Nc7 Re5 36.Rxe5 Rxe5 37.b4 Kf7 38.Kb2 Ke7 39.Kc3 Kd6 40.Nd5 g4 41.Rxg4 Nxf3 42.a4 Ng5 43.Ne3 Nxe4+ 44.Kd4 Nd2 45.Kd3 Nf3 46.Rf4 Ne1+ 47.Kd2 Rxe3 48.Kxe3 Ng2+ 49.Kf3 Nxf4 50.Kxf4 h5 51.Kg5 Kc6 ½-½ (51) Santos Latasa,J (2612)-Shevchenko,K (2661) chess.com INT 2024]

10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bxd4 Re8 13.Bd3 c5 14.Be3 Bb7 15.0-0 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.Rad1 Qb6 19.Qxd6 Qxb2 20.Qc6 Ree8 21.Rd7 a5 22.Bxc5 Rac8 23.Qd5 Qf6 24.Be3 a4 25.c5 Bf8 26.Ra7 Re5 27.Qd7 Ree8 28.Qxa4 Red8 29.Qc4 Qf5 30.Rc1 Rc6 31.a4 Rdc8 32.Ra5 Bd6 33.Ra6 Rxa6 34.Qxa6 Bc7 35.Rd1 Rb8 36.Qc6 Rb1 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Bd4+ f6 39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Be3+ 1-0 (40) Esipenko,A (2695)-Caruana,F (2803) chess.com INT 2025

6...Na6 7.Nf3

[7.Bd3 c5 8.d5 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.0-0 Nc7 12.a4 b6 13.Re1 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qd7 17.e5 Nh5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Qxg6 Qf7 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.Ne4 Bf8 22.dxe6+ Nxe6 23.Rad1 Nef4 24.Nxd6+ Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Rg8 27.Kf1 Ne6 28.Nd3 Re8 29.g4 Nhg7 30.Ne5+ Kg8 31.Bf6 Nf4 32.Rd7 Nge6 33.h4 Rf8 34.g5 hxg5 35.hxg5 Nh5 36.Ng4 Nxf6 37.Nxf6+ 1-0 (37) Robson,R (2700)-Shimanov,A (2582) chess.com INT 2024]

[7.g4 c6 8.Bg2 *(8.Qd2 Rb8 9.f3 Nc7 10.Nge2 b5 11.cxb5 Nxb5 12.Nxb5 Rxb5 13.Ng3 Rb8 14.Rc1 Qb6 15.Rc2 Nd7 16.h4 c5 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Kf2 Rd8 19.Kg2 Bxb2 20.h5 Ne5 21.Qf2 Bd4 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Be2 Rf8 24.Qg1 Rf7 25.Rd2 Ba6 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Bd1 Rd8* 0-1 (27) Gorshtein,I (2540)-Warmerdam,M (2633) Ciutadella de

Menorca ESP 2024*)* 8...Nc7 9.Nge2 e5 10.d5 cxd5 11.exd5 a5 12.Ng3 Na6 13.g5 Ne8 14.Nge4 f5 15.gxf6 Nxf6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Ne4 b6 18.h4 Bf5 19.h5 g5 20.h6 Nc5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Qf3 Bg6 23.0-0-0 Kh8 24.Kb1 Rb8 25.Qe2 a4 26.a3 g4 27.Ka1 Qd7 28.Rd3 Be7 29.Rg3 Rf4 30.Nc3 Rbf8 31.Be4 Rxf2 32.Qxg4 Rf1+ 33.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 34.Ka2 Qxg4 35.Rxg4 Rf4 36.Rxf4 exf4 37.b3 Bf6 38.Bxg6 hxg6 39.Ne4 f3 40.bxa4 g5 41.a5 Bd8 42.a6 Bb6 43.Kb3 g4 44.Ka4 Kh7 45.Kb5 Ba7 46.Nf6+ Kxh6 47.Nxg4+ Kg5 48.Nf2 Kf4 49.Kc6 Ke3 50.Ng4+ Kf4 51.Nh2 f2 52.Kb7 Kg3 53.Nf1+ Kg2 54.Nd2 1-0 (54) Duda,J (2731)-Chigaev,M (2637) chess.com INT 2022]

7...e5 8.d5

[8.Bd3 Re8 9.0-0 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nc5 11.Re1 Ne6 12.Be3 c6 13.Bc2 a6 14.a4 a5 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Qxd6 Ne5 17.Qxd8 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Bxd4 22.Rd1 Bf6 23.Kg2 Be6 24.Bd3 Rd8 25.Be2 Rxd1 26.Nxd1 Be5 27.b3 Kf8 28.f4 Bxf4 29.Bg4 Bxg4 30.hxg4 Be5 31.f3 Ke7 32.Nf2 Bd4 33.Nd3 Kf6 34.f4 h5 35.Kg3 Ke6 36.gxh5 gxh5 37.Kh4 Be3 38.Kxh5 Bxf4 39.Nxf4+ Ke5 40.Nd3+ Kd4 41.Nc1 Kxe4 42.Kg5 f5 43.Ne2 Kd3 44.Nf4+ Kc3 45.Ne6 Kxb3 46.Nc5+ Kxc4 47.Nxb7 Kb4 48.Kxf5 Kxa4 49.Ke4 Kb4 50.Kd3 a4 51.Kc2 c5 52.Nxc5 Kxc5 53.Kb2 a3+ 54.Kxa3 ½-½ (54) Zakhartsov,V (2517)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023]

8...Nc5

[8...Nh5

A) 9.Nd2 Qe8 10.c5 *(10.g3 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Be2 Nf6 13.Rg1 c6 14.Qb3 Nc7 15.0-0-0 cxd5 16.cxd5 b5 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.Qb4 Qe7 19.Nb3 Kh8 20.Bg5 a5 21.Nxa5 Na6 22.Qh4 Nc7 23.Nc6 Qf7 24.Nb4 e4 25.Bh6 Na6 26.Nxa6 Rxa6 27.g4 fxg4 28.Bxg7+ Qxg7 29.hxg4 Ra7 30.g5 Ng8 31.Rh1 Bf5 32.Bxb5 Bg6 33.Ka1 Rfa8 34.Qg3 Ne7 35.Qxd6 e3 36.Qf6 exf2 37.d6 Nf5 38.d7 Qxf6 39.gxf6 Rd8 40.Rd2 Ng3 41.Rc1 f1Q 42.Bxf1 Nxf1 43.Rxf1 Raxd7 44.Rxd7 Rxd7 45.b4 Kg8 46.b5 Kf7 47.a4 h5 48.Rf4 Ke6 49.a5 Ke5 50.Rb4 Kxf6 51.b6 h4 52.b7 Rxb7 53.Rxb7 h3 54.Ne2* 1-0 (54) Duda,J (2731)-Naroditsky,D (2617) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 10...Nxc5 11.Rc1 a5 12.Nb5 Qe7 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Nc4 c6 15.d6 Qh4 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Qf3 Qd8 18.Rd1 Nf4 19.Qb3 Ne6 20.Qb6 Nd4 21.Bd3 Qg5 22.Ne3 Be6 23.Qxc5 b6 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Qa3 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Qf4+ 27.Kg1 Qxe3+ 28.Kh2 Nf3+ 29.Kg3 Nd4+ 30.Kh2 Bh6 31.Rhf1 Bf4+ 32.Kh1 Qg3 33.Rxf4 Qxf4 34.d7 Qf8 35.Qa4 Rd8 36.b4 Qxb4 37.Qxb4 axb4 38.Bc4 Kf7 39.Rb1 c5 40.a3 Rxd7 41.axb4 b5 42.Bf1 c4 43.Ra1 Rc7 44.Kg1 Ke7 45.Kf2 h6 46.Be2 Kd6 47.Ra8 c3 48.Bd3 c2 49.Bxc2 Rxc2+ 50.Kg3 g5 51.Rh8 Ne2+ 52.Kg4 Nf4 53.g3 Rg2 54.Kf3 Rh2 55.gxf4 Rxh3+ 56.Kg2 Rh4 57.fxg5 hxg5 58.Rxh4 gxh4 59.Kh3 Ke7 60.Kxh4 Kf7 61.Kh5 Kg7 62.Kg5

Kf7 63.Kh6 Kf6 64.Kh5 Kg7 65.Kg5 Kf7 66.Kh6 Kf6 67.Kh5 Kg7 ½-½ (67) Andreikin,D (2729)-Muradli,M (2576) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9.Nh2 Qe8 10.Be2 Nf4 11.Bf3 Nc5 12.0-0 a5 13.h4 Nfd3 14.Qd2 f5 15.h5 gxh5 16.Bh6 Qg6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qe3 h4 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.b3 Bd7 21.Rad1 Nf4 22.Rg1 Rf6 23.g3 Nh3 24.Rg2 hxg3 25.Rxg3 Qh6 26.Qxh6 Rxh6 27.Rd2 Rf8 28.exf5 Bxf5 29.Bg2 Nf4 30.Kg1 Rg8 31.Bf1 Rhg6 32.Rxg6 Rxg6+ 33.Kh1 Ne4 34.Nxe4 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bf5 36.a3 Rg8 37.b4 axb4 38.axb4 Ra8 39.Kg1 Ra4 40.Rb2 h5 41.Kf2 Bd3 42.c5 Kg7 43.Ke3 Ra3 44.Bxd3 Nxd3 45.Rg2+ Kf6 46.Ke4 dxc5 47.f4 Nxf4 48.Rc2 Ra4 49.Rxc5 Rxb4+ 50.Kf3 Kf5 51.Rxc7 Rb3+ 52.Kf2 Rb2+ 53.Kg1 Nxd5 54.Rf7+ Ke4 55.Rh7 Nf4 56.Nf1 b5 57.Ng3+ Kf3 58.Nxh5 Nxh5 59.Rxh5 Rb1+ 60.Kh2 e4 61.Rh3+ Kf2 62.Rh4 e3 63.Rf4+ Ke2 64.Kg2 b4 65.Rf8 b3 66.Rb8 Rb2 67.Kg3 Kf1 68.Rg8 e2 0-1 (68) Shirov,A (2620)-Muradli,M (2603) chess.com INT 2025]

[8...Nd7 9.g4 Ndc5 10.Nd2 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.Qh5 fxe4 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Bd3 Nb4 17.Bb1 Qe8 18.Qxe8 Raxe8 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 Nb8 21.Bd3 Nd7 22.0-0-0 a5 23.Kc2 axb4 24.axb4 Ra8 25.Ra1 Bg6 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Kb3 Nf6 28.f3 Nh5 29.c5 Nf4 30.Bxf4 exf4 31.cxd6 cxd6 32.Rxg6 hxg6 33.Nxd6 Bf8 34.Nxb7 Rb8 35.Ba6 Kg7 36.Kc4 Kf6 37.Nc5 Rd8 38.Bb7 Bd6 39.Ne4+ Ke5 40.b5 Rh8 41.Ng5 Kf6 42.Ne4+ Ke5 43.Nf2 Be7 44.Bc6 Bh4 45.Nd3+ Kd6 46.b6 Bd8 47.b7 Bc7 48.Nc5 Rxh3 49.Na6 Rh8 50.Nxc7 Kxc7 51.Kc5 Rh5 52.Kd4 Rh8 53.Ke5 Rf8 54.Ke6 g5 55.Ke7 Rb8 56.Bd7 Rxb7 57.Bg4 Rb6 58.Bf5 Rh6 59.Be6 Rh7+ 60.Kf6 Kd6 61.Kg6 Rh2 62.Kxg5 Rd2 63.Kxf4 Rd4+ 64.Kf5 Rb4 65.f4 Rb2 66.Kf6 Rf2 67.f5 Rf3 68.Kg6 Ke5 69.Kg5 Rxf5+ 70.Bxf5 Kxd5 ½-½ (70) Andreikin,D (2729)-Perez Ponsa,F (2554) chess.com INT 2022]

[8...c6 9.Nd2 Bd7 10.Be2 Qb8 11.0-0 cxd5 12.cxd5 Rc8 13.a3 h5 14.Rc1 Kh7 15.b4 Bh6 16.Bxh6 Kxh6 17.Nc4 b5 18.Na5 Qb6 19.Kh1 Kg7 20.f4 Rxc3 21.Rxc3 Nxe4 22.Rcf3 exf4 23.Kh2 g5 24.Bd3 Ng3 25.Qa1+ f6 26.Re1 Re8 27.Rxe8 Bxe8 28.Qe1 Bf7 29.Qe7 Nc7 30.Nc6 Nxd5 31.Qd7 Qc7 32.Qxc7 Nxc7 33.Nxa7 Bc4 34.a4 Bd5 35.Nxb5 Bxf3 36.Nxc7 Bb7 37.a5 h4 38.a6 1-0 (38) Sevian,S (2660)-Fedoseev,V (2678) lichess.org INT 2020]

9.Nd2 a5

[9...Ne8 10.g4 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.Be2 Kh8 13.Qc2 fxe4 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Bd3 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Qh4 18.0-0-0 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Qxh6+ 20.Kb1 Nf6 21.Bf5 Qf4 22.Rhg1 Rg8 23.Be6 Rxg1 24.Rxg1 Qe4 25.Rg5 Rf8 26.Rf5 Kg7 27.Rg5+ Kh6 28.Rf5 Kg7 29.Rg5+ Kh8 30.Rf5 Qe1+ 31.Qc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kxc1 h6 33.Kd2 Kg7 34.Ke3 b5 35.b3 bxc4 36.bxc4 a5 37.Rf3 Nh5 38.Rxf8 Kxf8 39.Bg4 Nf4 40.Ke4

Ke7 41.Bf5 Kf6 42.Bc8 Kg5 43.a3 h5 44.c5 Kf6 45.cxd6 cxd6 46.Bd7 Kg5 47.Bc8 Ne2 48.Kd3 Nd4 49.Ke4 Nb5 50.f4+ exf4 51.h4+ Kxh4 52.Kxf4 Nxa3 53.Kf5 Nb5 54.Bd7 Nc7 55.Bc6 Kg3 56.Kf6 h4 57.Ke7 h3 58.Kxd6 h2 59.Kxc7 h1Q 60.d6 Qh8 61.d7 Qe5+ 62.Kc8 Qe6 63.Kc7 Qe7 64.Kc8 Qd6 65.d8Q Qxc6+ 66.Kb8 a4 67.Qd4 Kf3 68.Qb4 Ke2 69.Ka7 Kd3 70.Qa3+ Kd4 71.Qb4+ Qc4 72.Qd2+ Kc5 73.Qa5+ Kc6 74.Qb6+ Kd5 75.Qd8+ Ke4 76.Qh4+ Kd3 77.Qg3+ Kc2 78.Qf2+ Kb3 79.Qb6+ Kc3 80.Qe3+ Qd3 81.Qc5+ Kb3 82.Qb6+ Kc3 83.Qa5+ Kb3 84.Qb6+ Ka2 85.Qf2+ Kb1 86.Qb6+ Kc1 87.Qg1+ Kc2 88.Qf2+ Qd2 89.Qc5+ Qc3 90.Qf2+ Kb1 91.Qf5+ Kb2 92.Qf2+ Ka3 93.Qf8+ Kb3 94.Qf7+ Qc4 95.Qf3+ ½-½ (95) Xu,X (2628)-Vakhidov,J (2571) Almaty KAZ 2024]

10.Be2

[10.g4 Bd7 11.Be2 Ne8 12.g5 f5 13.h4 Qe7 14.Qc2 a4 15.f3 fxe4 16.Ndxe4 Rf4 17.Kd2 Bf5 18.Rae1 Qf7 19.Qd1 c6 20.Kc1 a3 21.b3 Qc7 22.Qd2 Qa5 23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.Ne4 Rxe4 25.Qxa5 Rxa5 26.fxe4 Bxe4 27.dxc6 Bxh1 28.Rxh1 bxc6 29.Rd1 Bf8 30.Rd8 Ng7 31.Bg4 Kf7 32.Rd7+ Ke8 33.Rb7 Be7 34.Bd7+ Kd8 35.Bxc6 Nf5 36.b4 Ra6 37.Bb5 Nxe3 38.Bxa6 cxb4 39.Bb5 Nf5 40.Bc6 e4 41.Kd2 Bc5 42.Bxe4 Nd6 43.Rxh7 Nxe4+ 44.Kc2 Bf8 45.Rh6 Nd2 46.Rxg6 Nxc4 47.h5 Ne5 48.Rg8 Ke7 49.h6 Kf7 50.h7 Bg7 51.h8Q Bxh8 52.Rxh8 1-0 (52) Sarana,A (2717)-Pavlidis,A (2569) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2024]

10...c6

[10...Ne8 11.g4 f5 12.g5 *(12.gxf5 gxf5 13.Rg1 Kh8 14.a3 Nf6 15.Qc2 Nfxe4 16.Ndxe4 fxe4 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.0-0-0 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Rf4 21.Qc2 e4 22.Rg4 Rxg4 23.Bxg4 Qf6 24.Re1 h5 25.Be6 Ra6 26.Re2 Rb6 27.Qxe4 Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 29.Kd1 Qxa3 30.d6 cxd6 31.Bd5 Qa1+ 32.Ke2 Qe5 33.Bxb7 a4 34.f4 Qxe4+ 35.Bxe4 a3 36.Bb1 Kg8 37.Ke3 Kf7 38.Ke4 Ke6 39.Ba2 Bb2 40.Bb3 Bc1 41.Ba2 Kd7 42.Kf5 Kc6 43.Ke4 Bd2 44.Bb3 Kb6 45.f5 Ka5 46.Ba2 Bg5 47.Kd3 Bf6 48.Kc2 Kb4 49.Kd3 Be5 50.Kc2 Ka5 51.Kb3 Bb2 52.f6 Bxf6 53.Kxa3 ½-½ (53) Grischuk,A (2745)-Amin,B (2682) Almaty KAZ 2022)* 12...Na6 *(12...c6 13.h4 a4 14.f3 Qa5 15.a3 Nc7 16.h5 Bd7 17.h6 Bh8 18.0-0 Rf7 19.Kh2 N7a6 20.exf5 gxf5 21.f4 Re7 22.Bh5 Rf8 23.g6 hxg6 24.Bxg6 Bf6 25.Qh5 Kh8 26.Bxf5 exf4 27.Bxf4 Bxc3 28.Bxd7 Rxf4 29.bxc3 Qxc3 30.Rxf4 Qxd2+ 31.Kg3 Re3+ 32.Kh4 Nxd7 33.Raf1 Qh2+ 34.Kg5 Rg3+ 35.Rg4 Rxg4+ 36.Qxg4 Nac5 37.Rf7 Qe5+ 38.Kh4 Qh2+ 39.Kg5 Qd2+ 40.Kh5 Qh2+ 41.Kg5 ½-½ (41) Gledura,B (2620)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024)* 13.Nf3 Nc5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nd2 Na6 16.f3 f4 17.Bf2 Qxg5 18.Nde4 Qe7 19.Bd3 b6 20.Qe2 Nc5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.0-0-0 Bh6 23.Rdg1+ Kh8 24.Nf2 e4 25.Qxe4 Qxe4 26.Nfxe4 Ng7 27.Nb5 Rf7 28.Ng5 Bxg5 29.Rxg5 Ba6 30.Rhg1 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Raf8 32.Re1 Re8 33.Rxe8+ Nxe8 34.Rg4 Rf8 35.Kd2 Nf6 36.Rxf4 Kg7 37.Ra4 Ra8 38.a3 Nxd5 39.Rg4+ Kf6 40.Be4 c6 41.Rh4 Ne7 42.Rh6+ Ke5 43.Rxh7

d5 44.Rxe7+ Kd6 45.Rb7 dxe4 46.fxe4 cxb5 47.Rxb5 a4 48.Kd3 Rf8 49.Kc4 Rf2 50.e5+ Kxe5 51.Kxc5 1-0 (51) Niemann,H (2688)-Amin,B (2684) Chartres FRA 2024]

[10...Nfd7 11.h4 f5 12.h5 Na6 13.f3 f4 14.Bf2 Nf6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Qc2 Nh5 17.0-0-0 Qg5 18.Rdg1 Ng3 19.Bxg3 Qxg3 20.Kb1 Bd7 21.Nf1 Qf2 22.g3 Kf7 23.gxf4 Rh8 24.Nd1 Qd4 25.f5 gxf5 26.Nde3 Nb4 27.Qc1 f4 28.Nf5 Bxf5 29.exf5 e4 30.Nd2 Nd3 31.Bxd3 Qxd3+ 32.Qc2 Qxc2+ 33.Kxc2 e3 34.Ne4 Be5 35.Ng5+ Ke7 36.b3 Rxh1 37.Rxh1 Rg8 38.Rh5 Kd7 39.Kd3 c6 40.Ne6 cxd5 41.cxd5 Rg2 42.Rh7+ Ke8 43.f6 Bxf6 44.Nxf4 Rxa2 45.Kxe3 Bg5 46.Ke4 a4 47.Ne6 axb3 48.Nxg5 Ra4+ 49.Kf5 Rb4 50.Rc7 b2 51.Kf6 b1Q 52.Re7+ Kf8 53.Ne6+ Kg8 54.Re8+ Kh7 55.Ng5+ Kh6 56.Rh8+ 1-0 (56) Andreikin,D (2725)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess.com INT 2021]

11.g4

[11.0-0 Ne8 *(11...Nfd7 12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.Nb5 Ra6 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.Bf3 Ne8 17.Be2 Bd7 18.Kh1 Bxb5 19.cxb5 Ra8 20.g4 Nf6 21.Bf3 Nd7 22.Rg1 b6 23.Rg3 f6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Kg2 Kf7 26.g5 Ke8 27.h5 f5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.h6 Bh8 30.Bh5+ Kd8 31.f4 Kc7 32.Kh3 Rg8 33.Rag1 e4 34.g6 hxg6 35.Rxg6 Rxg6 36.Rxg6 Nf6 37.Qd1 Rg8 38.Rg5 Qf8 39.Rxg8 Qxg8 40.Be2 Qg6 41.b4 Qxh6+ 42.Kg2 Qg7+ 43.Kh3 axb4 44.Qa4 Nd7 45.Qa8 Qh6+ 46.Kg2 Qg7+ 47.Kf1 Qxb2 48.Bf2 Qa1+ 49.Kg2 Qxa8* 0-1 (49) Andreikin,D (2729)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2022; *11...Bd7 12.b3 Ne8 13.a3 f5 14.b4 Na6 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.b5 f4 17.bxa6 fxe3 18.fxe3 Rxa6 19.c5 Ra8 20.Nc4 Rxf1+ 21.Bxf1 dxc5 22.Na4 Qe7 23.Nab6 Ra7 24.Qa4 Bh6 25.Rd1 Nf6 26.Be2 Be8 27.Nc8 Qc7 28.Nxa7 Qxa7 29.Rd8 Qe7 30.Qxa5 Nxe4 31.Qa8 Kf8 32.Bf3 Nf6 33.Bxc6 e4 34.Bxe8 Nxe8 35.Nd6 Bxe3+ 36.Kh1 Qf6 37.Rxe8+ Kg7 38.Rg8+ Kh6 39.Qf8+* 1-0 (39) Andreikin,D (2729)-Nenezic,M (2514) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 12.a3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 e4 15.Qc2 a4 16.Rad1 Bd7 17.Kh2 Nf6 18.Rf2 Qe7 19.Nf1 h5 20.Bd4 Nb3 21.Be3 c5 22.g3 Kh8 23.Rg2 Rg8 24.Re1 Nd4 25.Qd1 Qf7 26.Nd2 Qg6 27.Reg1 Qh7 28.Kh1 Rgf8 29.Bf1 Rf7 30.Rh2 Bh6 31.Ne2 Nxe2 32.Bxe2 Qg6 33.Nb1 Bg7 34.Nc3 Qh7 35.Qe1 Kg8 36.Bd1 Kf8 37.g4 fxg4 38.hxg4 Ke8 39.g5 Ng8 40.g6 Qh6 41.gxf7+ Kxf7 42.Bxh5+ Kf8 43.Bg4 Bxg4 44.Rxg4 Qf6 45.Qg3 b5 46.Rg6 Qf7 47.Nxe4 bxc4 48.Re6 Qf5 49.Rg2 Ra7 50.Re8+ 1-0 (50) Sarana,A (2717)-Mikaelyan,A (2529) chess.com INT 2024]

11...a4

[11...cxd5 12.cxd5 a4 *(12...Bd7 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 f6 15.a4 fxg5 16.hxg5 Rc8 17.Nb3 b6 18.Bb5 Nc7 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Qe2 Ne8 22.Nd2 Nd6 23.f3 c4 24.Qh2 Bh8 25.Qh3 Qe7 26.Ke2 Rf7 27.Rag1 Re8 28.Rg2 Qc7 29.Nf1 Qc5 30.Ne3 Qd4 31.Rd1 Qc5 32.Ng4 Kf8 33.Nf6 Ree7 34.Qh6+ Bg7 35.Nxh7+ Ke8 36.Qxg6 Kd8 37.Rd2 b5 38.axb5 Nxb5 39.Nf6 Nd4+ 40.Kd1 Qb6*

41.d6 Qxd6 42.f4 Kc8 43.f5 Bxf6 44.gxf6 Rd7 45.Qg8+ Kb7 46.Rg7 Rxg7 47.fxg7 Qh6 48.Qh8 Rxg7 49.Rh2 Rg1# 0-1 (49) Firouzja,A (2728)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) chess.com INT 2020*)* 13.a3 Bd7 14.g5 Ne8 15.h4 f5 16.f3 Rc8 17.Qc2 b5 18.Rg1 Qb6 19.h5 gxh5 20.Qb1 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Qa2 fxe4 23.fxe4 Bg4 24.Qa3 Qb7 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Bxg4 hxg4 27.Rxg4 Nc7 28.Rg3 Nb5 29.Qb4 Qf7 30.Rf3 Qd7 31.Rxf8+ Bxf8 32.Nxb5 Rxb5 33.Qxa4 Qb7 34.Qa6 Rxb2 35.Qxb7 Rxb7 36.Ke2 Be7 37.Nc4 Rd7 38.Ra6 Kf7 39.Kf3 Bxg5 40.Nxd6+ Kg8 41.Nf5 h5 42.Rg6+ 1-0 (42) Sjugirov,S (2699)-Leitao,R (2592) chess.com INT 2023]

12.g5

[12.Qc2 cxd5 *(12...Qa5 13.Rg1 a3 14.b3 Na6 15.Rc1 Nb4 16.Qb1 Nd7 17.Nf1 Nc5 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Ng3 Bf6 20.Nd1 Nca6 21.Ne3 Bg5 22.Rd1 Bd7 23.Kf1 Bf4 24.Bc3 Rc8 25.Kg2 Qh4 26.Kh2 cxd5 27.Ng2 Bxg3+ 28.fxg3 Qe7 29.exd5 f5 30.Rgf1 fxg4 31.Bxg4 Bxg4 32.hxg4 Qg5 33.Bd2 Qxg4 34.Rde1 Qh5+ 35.Kg1 b6 36.Bc1 Qh3 37.Bxa3 Qxg3 38.Re3 Qg4 39.Kh2 Rxf1 40.Qxf1 Rf8 41.Qg1 Rf5 42.Rh3 Rh5 43.Rxh5 Qxh5+ 44.Kg3 Nc5 45.Qb1 Nbd3 46.Bxc5 Nxc5 47.b4 Nd7 48.Qe4 Nf6 49.Qh4 Qf5 50.Ne3 Nh5+ 51.Kh2 Qf3 52.Ng4 Qf4+ 53.Kg2 Qe4+ 54.Kh2 Qc2+ 55.Kg1 Qb1+ 56.Kh2 Qxa2+ 57.Nf2 Kf7 58.Kg1 Nf6 59.Qh3 Qb1+ 60.Kg2 Qf5 61.Qa3 Nd7 62.Qe3 Qf4 63.Qh3 Nf6 64.Qe6+ Kg7 65.c5 dxc5 66.d6 Qg5+ 67.Kh1 Qf5 68.Qe7+ Kh6 69.Kg1 cxb4 70.Qf8+ Kh5 71.Qf7 h6 72.Qb3 e4 73.Nh1 Qg5+ 74.Kf1 Qc1+ 75.Kg2 Qd2+ 76.Kh3 Qxd6 77.Ng3+ Kg5 78.Qe3+ Qf4 79.Qxb6 Qg4+ 80.Kh2 Qf4 81.Qxb4 Kg4 82.Qe1 h5 83.Kh1 Qf3+ 84.Kh2 e3 85.Nh1 Ne4 86.Qg1+ Kf5 87.Qc1 Kg5 88.Qg1+ Kh6 89.Qa1 Qf4+ 90.Kg2 Qg4+ 91.Kh2 Qh4+ 92.Kg2 Qf6 93.Qc1 Qg5+ 94.Kh2 e2 95.Qa1 Qh4+ 96.Kg2 Qg4+ 97.Kh2 Qh4+ 98.Kg2 e1N+ 99.Kg1 Nf3+ 100.Kg2 Qg4+* 0-1 (100) Melkumyan,H (2650)-Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2543) Budva MNE 2023 *)* 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Nc4 Qe7 15.Nb6 Ra5 16.g5 Nh5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qxa4 Qe7 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.h4 f6 22.Rg1 fxg5 23.Rxg5 Kh8 24.Qd1 Bh6 25.Rf5 Rxf5 26.exf5 Qxh4 27.Qf3 Rc4 28.Rd1 Rf4 29.Qg3 Qf6 30.Qh3 Rh4 31.Qf3 e4 32.Qg3 Rg4 33.Qh2 Rh4 34.Qg3 Bf4 35.Qg2 Rg4 36.Qh1 Rh4 37.Qg2 Rg4 38.Qh1 Be5 39.Nxe4 Qxf5 40.f3 Rg6 41.Ke2 h6 42.b4 h4 43.Rg1 Rxg1 44.Qxg1 h3 45.Qg4 Qxg4 46.fxg4 h2 47.Nf2 Bd4 48.Nh1 Kg7 49.Kf3 Kf6 50.Ng3 Be5 51.Ne4+ Kg6 52.Kg2 h5 53.gxh5+ Kxh5 54.a4 Kg4 55.a5 Kf5 56.Nf2 Bc3 57.b5 Bxa5 58.Kxh2 Ke5 59.Kg2 Kxd5 60.Kf3 Kc4 61.Ne4 Bb4 62.b6 d5 63.Nf6 Kc5 64.Ke3 Kc6 65.Kd3 Bc5 66.Ng4 Bxb6 67.Ne5+ Kd6 68.Nf7+ Kc5 69.Ng5 Ba5 70.Ne6+ Kd6 71.Nd4 Bb4 72.Nc2 Bc5 73.Ne1 b5 74.Kc3 b4+ 75.Kb3 Kc6 76.Nd3 Kb5 77.Nf4 Kc6 78.Nd3 Kd6 79.Kc2 d4 80.Kb3 Kd5 81.Kc2 Be7 82.Kb3 Bd6 83.Nb2 Ke4 84.Kc4 Ke3 85.Nd1+ Kd2 86.Nf2 Kc2 87.Kxd4

b3 88.Nd3 Bf8 89.Kc4 Bg7 90.Ne1+ Kb2 91.Nd3+ Ka3 92.Ne1 b2 93.Nc2+ Ka4 94.Ne3 b1Q 0-1 (94) Duda,J (2731)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2022]

12...Nfd7

[12...Ne8 13.h4 f5 *(13...Qa5 14.Qc2 Nc7 15.a3 Bd7 16.h5 Rab8 17.Kf1 b5 18.Kg2 b4 19.axb4 Rxb4 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Nxa4 Qa7 22.h6 Bh8 23.c5 Qb8 24.cxd6 Nxd5 25.exd5 cxd5 26.Nc5 Qxd6 27.Qc3 Rb6 28.Nde4 Qc6 29.Nxd7 Qxd7 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.gxf6 Qf5 32.Qf3 Qg5+ 33.Kf1 e4 34.Qe3 Qxf6 35.Rd1 Rd8 36.Qd4 Qxd4 37.Rxd4 Rxb2 38.Rh3 f5 39.Rc3 Kf7 40.Rc6 Rb7 41.Ra4 Rdd7 42.Raa6 Ra7 43.Rf6+ Kg8 44.Rae6 Re7 45.Rd6 Red7 46.Bb5 Rxd6 47.Rxd6 Kf7 48.Bc6 Ke7 49.Rxd5 Kf6 50.Rb5 Re7 51.Kg2 Kg5 52.Kg3 Kxh6 53.Kf4 Rc7 54.Rb6 Ra7 55.Bd5 Ra1 56.Rb7 Rf1 57.Kg3 Rg1+ 58.Kh2 Rg4 59.Bg8 Kg5 60.Rxh7 Kf4 61.Rh3 g5 62.Bc4 Rh4 63.Rxh4+ gxh4 64.Be2 Kg5 65.Kh3 f4 66.Bc4 f3 67.Bd5 Kf4 68.Kxh4 e3 69.fxe3+ Kxe3 70.Bxf3* ½-½ (70) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Makarian,R (2554) Almaty KAZ 2022*)* 14.h5 a3 15.h6 Bh8 16.Rb1 Nxe4 17.Ndxe4 fxe4 18.b4 Rf4 19.c5 Qxg5 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.cxd6 Bd7 22.b5 Qg2 23.Qb3+ Rf7 24.Kd2 Nxd6 25.Rbg1 Qxh1 26.Rxh1 1-0 (26) Duda,J (2750)-Korobov,A (2671) Warsaw POL 2022]

13.h4 Qa5 14.a3

[14.Qc2 a3 15.b3 f5 16.gxf6 Nxf6 17.0-0-0 Na6 18.Kb1 Nb4 19.Qc1 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 Bh5 22.Rg5 Nd3 23.Qc2 Nxf2 24.Re1 Ng4 25.Bg1 c5 26.Nb5 Rf6 27.Rc1 Raf8 28.Qc3 Qxc3 29.Rxc3 h6 30.Rxh5 gxh5 31.Nxd6 Rxd6 32.Bxc5 Rdf6 33.Bxf8 Bxf8 34.c5 Rf2 35.c6 bxc6 36.dxc6 Bd6 37.Nc4 Bc7 38.Nxa3 Rf1+ 39.Kc2 Rf2+ 40.Kb1 Rf1+ 41.Rc1 Rxc1+ 42.Kxc1 Nf6 43.Nb5 Ne8 44.b4 Kf8 45.a4 Ke7 46.a5 Kd8 47.a6 Bb6 48.Kc2 Kc8 49.Kd3 Kb8 50.Kc4 Nc7 51.Nxc7 Kxc7 52.Kd5 Ba7 53.b5 Bb8 54.Kxe5 Kb6+ 55.Kd5 Bc7 56.e5 Bd8 57.Kd6 Bc7+ 58.Ke6 Bd8 59.Kd7 1-0 (59) Andreikin,D (2729)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2022]

14...f5 15.h5

[15.f3 fxe4 16.fxe4 Rf4 17.Qc2 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Rxe4 19.0-0-0 Rxe3 20.Nxe3 Nf8 21.Kb1 Nfe6 22.Bf3 Nd4 23.Bd5+ Kh8 24.Qc3 Qd8 25.h5 Qxg5 26.Rdg1 Bf5+ 27.Ka2 Qf6 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.h6 Bxh6 30.Qh3 e4 31.Qxh6 Qxh6 32.Rxh6 e3 33.Nf3 Ndb3 34.Ng5 Kg7 35.Nf7+ Kf8 36.Nxd6 e2 37.Nxf5 1-0 (37) Grischuk,A (2745)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2022]

15...Rd8 16.h6 Bf8 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qc2 e4 19.f4 Be7 20.0-0-0 Nf8 21.Kb1 Bd7 22.Rdg1 Ng6 23.Bh5 Be8 24.Nf1 Qc7 25.Ng3 Qd7 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Ngxe4 fxe4 28.Bg4 Qd6 29.Be6+ Kh8 30.Nxe4 Qxf4 31.Rf1 Qe5 32.Rf5 Qd4 33.Rd1 Qe3 34.d6 Nh4 35.Re5 Rxd6 36.Bg4 Rxd1+ 37.Qxd1 Ng6 38.Re6 Rd8 39.Qxd8 1-0 (39) Duda,J (2739)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2597) chess.com INT 2025

6...e5 7.d5 Na6

[7...a5

A) 8.c5 Ne8 9.Nf3 dxc5 10.Bxc5 Nd6 11.Bd3 Na6 12.Be3 f5 13.Rc1 f4 14.Bd2 Bd7 15.Ne2

Nb4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.Qb3 Ra4 18.Rc2 g5 19.Nd2 b5 20.Rc5 h5 21.Bxb5 Ra5 22.Bxd7 Rxc5 23.Be6+ Kh8 24.0-0 f3 25.Nxf3 Nxe4 26.Qe3 Rc4 27.b3 g4 28.bxc4 gxf3 29.Qxe4 Qg5 30.Ng3 Rf4 31.h4 Qxg3 32.fxg3 Rxe4 33.Rxf3 Rxc4 34.Rf5 Kh7 35.Rxh5+ Kg6 36.Rg5+ Kh6 37.Bf5 Rc3 38.g4 e4 39.Rh5# 1-0 (39) Firouzja,A (2785)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2583) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8.g4 Na6 9.Nge2 Nc5 *(9...h5 10.f3 Nh7 11.Qd2 h4 12.Rg1 Bd7 13.Nc1 Kh8 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.Bb1 Bf6 16.a3 Ng5 17.Qg2 Na6 18.N1e2 Nc5 19.Bc2 a4 20.0-0-0 Kg7 21.Rdf1 Qe7 22.f4 exf4 23.Rxf4 Be5 24.Rff1 Nb3+ 25.Bxb3 axb3 26.Kb1 c5 27.Bf4 Rae8 28.Bxe5+ Qxe5 29.Rf4 Rb8 30.Rgf1 b5 31.cxb5 Bxb5 32.Nxb5 Rxb5 33.Nc3 Rb7 34.R1f2 c4 35.Rf1 f6 36.R4f2 Re7 37.Re1 Qd4 38.Rd2 Qe5 39.Re3 Qf4 40.Qf2 Qxf2 41.Rxf2 f5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Rf4 fxe4 44.Rxf8 Kxf8 45.a4 Kg7 46.Kc1 Kf6 47.a5 Ke5 48.Nb5 Rb7 49.Na3 Kxd5 50.Rc3 Ra7 51.Nxc4 Nf3 52.Kd1 Kd4 53.Nxd6 Rxa5 54.Rxb3 Rd5 55.Nf7* 0-1 (55) Samunenkov,I (2535)-Salem,A (2638) Biel SUI 2024*; 9...Nd7 10.h4 Ndc5 11.Ng3 c6 12.Be2 Bd7 13.h5 Bf6 14.Qd2 Nb4 15.Kf1 Bh4 16.Kg2 Bxg3 17.fxg3 Qe7 18.Rh2 f5 19.hxg6 f4 20.gxf4 exf4 21.gxh7+ Kh8 22.Bd4+ Rf6 23.Qxf4 Raf8 24.g5* 1-0 (24) Caruana,F (2773)-Annaberdiev,M (2504) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10.Ng3 Bd7 11.Be2 c6 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 Nc7 *(13...cxd5 14.cxd5 a4 15.h5 Qa5 16.Bd2 Qa7 17.Kf1 f6 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Be3 Rf7 21.Kg2 Raf8 22.b4 axb3 23.axb3 Qb6 24.Na4 Bxa4 25.bxa4 Qb4 26.f3 Nfd7 27.Rb1 Qxa4 28.Qxa4 Nxa4 29.Rxb7 Ndc5 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Rb1 Nc3 32.Rb2 Nxe2 33.Rxe2 Nd3 34.Ra2 Rb8 35.Ne2 Rb7 36.Ra3 Ne1+ 37.Kf2 Nc2 38.Ra7 Rxa7 39.Bxa7 Nb4 40.Nc3 Nd3+ 41.Ke2 Nf4+ 42.Kd2 Ke7 43.Nb5 Kd7 44.Be3 Nh5 45.Na3 Bf6 46.Nc4 Bh4 47.Kc3 Bd8 48.Kb4 Ng3 49.Kb5 Be7 50.Kb6 Bd8+ 51.Kb7 Nf1 52.Bg1 Ng3 53.Bf2 Ne2 54.Nb2 Nf4 55.Be3 Ng2 56.Bf2 Nf4 57.Nc4 Nd3 58.Bg3 Nc5+ 59.Ka7 Nb3 60.Ka6 Nd4 61.Nd2 Bg5 62.Nc4 Nxf3 63.Kb5 Nd2 64.Nxd2 Bxd2 65.Kc4 g5 66.Kd3 Bf4 67.Be1 g4 68.Bh4 Kc7 69.Ke2 Kb6 70.Be7 Kc5 71.Kd3 Bc1 72.Bh4 Ba3 73.Bf2+ Kb4 74.Bb6 Kb3 75.Bf2 Kb2 76.Kd2 Bb4+ 77.Kd3 Kc1 78.Ke2 Kc2 79.Bg3 Bc5 80.Be1 Ba3 81.Ba5 Kb3 82.Kd3 Bc5 83.Be1 Kb2 84.Ke2 Kc2 85.Ba5 Kb3 86.Be1 Kc4 87.Bh4 Ba3 88.Bf2 Bb4 89.Be3 Bc5 90.Bg5 Kd4 91.Be3+ Kc4 92.Bg5 Kc3 93.Bd2+ Kd4 94.Be3+ Kxe4 95.Bxc5 Kxd5 96.Bb4 Ke6 97.Ke3 d5 98.Be1 Kf5 99.Bg3 Ke6 100.Kd3 Kd6 101.Ke3 Ke6 102.Kd3 Kf5 103.Ke3* ½-½ (103) Eljanov,P (2672)-Ismagambetov,A (2520) Almaty KAZ 2024*)* 14.h5 cxd5 15.cxd5 a4 16.Bg4 Bb5 17.Bxc5

dxc5 18.d6 Bc4 19.dxc7 Qxg5 20.c8Q Raxc8 21.Bxc8 Rxc8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Qd2 Qg4 24.Rd1 Bf6 25.Nd5 Bg5 26.Qc3 Bxd5 27.Qxe5 Bh4 28.Rxd5 f6 29.Rxh4 Qxh4 30.Qe6+ 1-0 (30) Andreikin,D (2728)-Kovalev,V (2634) chess.com INT 2021;

C) 8.Bd3 Na6 9.Nge2 c6 10.Qd2 h5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Bb1 Rb8 15.b3 f5 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 f4 18.Bc1 Rf6 19.Rfd1 Nac5 20.Ba3 Kf7 21.Kf1 Bf8 22.Rxf6+ Nxf6 23.Ng1 Ncxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxa3 25.Nf3 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Kf6 27.Rd8 g5 28.Rg8 g4 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Rg6+ Ke7 31.Nxe5 Rb6 32.Nxc6+ Kf8 33.Bd5 Ke8 34.Bf7+ Kd7 35.Be6+ Kxc6 36.Bxc8+ Kc7 37.Rxb6 Kxb6 38.Bxg4 Bd6 39.Ke2 Kc5 40.Bd7 Kb4 41.Kf3 Ka3 42.g4 fxg3 43.fxg3 Kxa2 44.Ba4 Ka3 45.g4 Kb4 46.Ke4 Kc5 47.g5 Bf8 48.Ke5 Bg7+ 49.Ke6 1-0 (49) Andreikin,D (2729)-Bortnyk,O (2608) chess.com INT 2023]

8.Bd3

[8.g4 Nc5

A) 9.Bg2 a5 10.Nge2 h5 11.f3 Nh7 12.Qd2 h4 13.0-0-0 Bf6 14.Rhf1 Bd7 15.b3 b6 16.Kc2 Qe7 17.Rde1 Rab8 18.Rf2 b5 19.cxb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Rxb5 21.Bf1 Rfb8 22.Nc3 Rb4 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.Bc4 Bg5 25.f4 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 exf4 27.e5 Re8 28.Qxf4 Ng5 29.Re3 Rbb8 30.Nb5 Kh7 31.a4 c6 32.dxc6 Ne6 33.Bxe6 Qxe6 34.Nc7 Qe7 35.Nd5 Qe6 36.Nc7 Qe7 37.e6 Kg7 38.Nd5 Qd8 39.Qxf7+ Kh6 40.e7 Qd6 41.g5+ Kxg5 42.Nf6 1-0 (42) Maghsoodloo,P (2691)-Haddouche,M (2490) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 9.f3

B1) 9...c6 10.Qd2 *(10.b4 Na6 11.a3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Nge2 h5 15.Bg5 h4 16.Qd3 Nc7 17.Bxh4 a5 18.b5 Na8 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.h4 Nh7 21.Be3 Qd8 22.h5 Ng5 23.Bg2 Nb6 24.a4 Nc4 25.Bc1 Bf6 26.Ra2 Kg7 27.Ng3 Rh8 28.Rc2 Rc5 29.Nd1 Qc7 30.Ke2 Rc8 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Nf2 Qd8 33.Nf1 Nb2 34.Rxc5 Nxd3 35.Rxc8 Qxc8 36.Nxd3 Qc2+ 37.Bd2 Qxa4 38.Ne3 Bxb5 39.Rb1 Ba6 40.Rc1 Qd4 41.Rc3 Nf7 42.Nc2 Qg1 43.Nce1 Bh4 44.Ra3 Bxe1* 0-1 (44) Kantor,G (2575)-Firouzja,A (2804) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 10...cxd5 11.cxd5 h5 *(11...Bd7 12.0-0-0 Qb8 13.Kb1 b5 14.b4 Na4 15.Nxa4 bxa4 16.Ka1 Ne8 17.h4 f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.h5 f4 20.Bf2 Kh8 21.Bh3 Qd8 22.Rc1 Nc7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Ne2 Nb5 25.Rc6 Rab8 26.Qd3 Rg8 27.Nc3 Nd4 28.b5 Bf6 29.Bxd4 exd4 30.Nxa4 Rg2 31.Rhc1 Re2 32.Nc5 dxc5 33.Rxf6 Re3 34.Qc4 Qg7 35.e5 Rxe5 36.Rxf4 Rxd5 37.Qxd5 d3+ 38.Rd4 cxd4 39.Qd6 Re8 40.h6 Qg5 41.Qxd4+ Kg8 42.Rg1* 1-0 (42) Van Foreest,L (2568)-McShane,L (2653) Hoogeveen NED 2022 *)* 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Kb1 a6 14.Nge2 b5 15.b4

Na4 16.Nxa4 bxa4 17.Nc3 a3 18.Ka1 Qc7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.g5 Ne8 22.Nb1 Rcb8 23.Nxa3 Qxb4 24.Qxb4 Rxb4 25.h4 f5 26.Rc4 a5 27.Rhc1 Bf8 28.Bd2 Rb7 29.R4c2 Be7 30.Rb2 Rxb2 31.Kxb2 Bd8 32.Be3 Rb8+ 33.Ka1 f4 34.Bf2 Kf7 35.Rb1 Rxb1+ 36.Kxb1 Ke7 37.Kc2 Ba4+ 38.Kd2 Nc7 39.Nc4 Na8 40.Bd3 Bd7 41.Ke2 Be8 42.Be1 a4 43.Bb4 Bc7 44.Nxe5 Nb6 45.Nc6+ Bxc6 46.dxc6 Ke6 47.Bd2 d5 48.exd5+ Kxd5 49.Bxg6 Kxc6 50.Bxh5 Kd7 51.Bg4+ Ke7 52.h5 Nc4 53.h6 1-0 (53) Salem, A (2690)-Amin,B (2680) Dubai UAE 2021;

B2) 9...a5 10.Nge2 *(10.Qd2 c6 11.Nge2 a4 12.Ng3 h5 13.gxh5 Nxh5 14.Nxh5 Qh4+ 15.Ng3 Qxg3+ 16.Qf2 Qxf2+ 17.Kxf2 f5 18.Kg2 Bd7 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Be2 Bf6 21.h4 f4 22.Bf2 Be7 23.h5 g5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Rd3 Kf7 26.Nd1 cxd5 27.Rxd5 Be6 28.Nc3 Bxd5 29.exd5 e4 30.Nxe4 Ra6 31.Kh3 Rb6 32.Rb1 Rh6 33.Kg4 Rxh5 34.Kf5 b6 35.a3 Rg8 36.b3 axb3 37.Rxb3 Rg6 38.Rb1 g4+ 39.Kxf4 g3 40.d6 g2 41.dxe7 Rh1 0-1 (41) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Jones,G (2677) Chalons en Champagne FRA 2021)* 10...Bd7 11.Ng3 h5 12.Bg5 h4 13.Nge2 c6 14.Qd2 a4 15.Bg2 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qb4 17.0-0 Qxc4 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Rbc1 Qa6 20.Bxh4 cxd5 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxd5 Bd8 23.Nec3 Ne6 24.Qf2 Bg5 25.Rc2 Rac8 26.h4 Bd8 27.g5 Kg7 28.Rcd2 Nf4 29.Bf1 Qc6 30.Kh2 Nxd5 31.Rxd5 Bb6 32.Qd2 Bd4 33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Qxd4+ Kg8 35.Nd5 Re6 36.Bh3 Qc5 37.Bxe6 Qxd4 38.Rxd4 Bxe6 39.Ne7+ 1-0 (39) Caruana,F (2792)-Jones, G (2671) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 9.Bd3 h5 10.g5 Nh7 11.Nf3 a5 12.Be2 Bd7 13.b3 Re8 14.Rb1 Qc8 15.Bf1 Nf8 16.Nd2 Qd8 17.a3 f5 18.gxf6 Qxf6 19.Rg1 Kh7 20.Nf3 Bh6 21.Ng5+ Kg7 22.h4 Nh7 23.Rg3 a4 24.b4 Nb3 25.Rf3 Bxg5 26.Bxg5 Qxf3 27.Qxf3 Nd4 28.Qd3 Rf8 29.Be3 Nf3+ 30.Kd1 Nxh4 31.c5 Bg4+ 32.Kc2 Nf3 33.c6 bxc6 34.dxc6 Nf6 35.b5 h4 36.b6 cxb6 37.Rxb6 h3 38.Rb7+ Kh8 39.Qxd6 h2 40.Qe7 Bd7 41.cxd7 Rad8 42.Bh6 Nh5 43.Bxf8 h1Q 44.Qxd8 Qxf1 45.Bc5+ Kh7 46.Qe7+ Ng7 47.Qxg7+ Kxg7 48.d8Q+ Kh6 49.Be3+ Kh5 50.Rh7+ Kg4 51.Rh4+ Nxh4 52.Qg5+ Kf3 53.Qg3# 1-0 (53) Duda,J (2729)-Perez Ponsa,F (2532) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 9.Qc2 c6 *(9...a5 10.Nge2 c6 11.Ng3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.a4 Rc8 14.Be2 Qb6 15.g5 Ne8 16.Nb5 Qd8 17.Nc3 f5 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Bg4 Bg5 20.Qe2 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Nb3 22.Rd1 Nd4 23.Rxd4 exd4 24.Qxd4 Bxg4 25.hxg4 Qg5 26.Qd1 Nf6 27.f3 Nd7 28.0-0 Ne5 29.Qe2 h5* 0-1 (29) Ju,W (2549)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10.Nge2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Qa5

12.Ng3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Na4 14.Qd2 Nxc3 15.bxc3 b6 16.g5 Ne8 17.c4 Qxd2+ 18.Bxd2 f6 19.h4 fxg5 20.hxg5 Rf7 21.Ne2 Nc7 22.Nc3 Na6 23.Be3 Nc5 24.Kd2 Bf8 25.Bh3 Bxh3 26.Rxh3 Rc8 27.Rb4 Be7 28.Ke2 Bd8 29.Rh1 Na6 30.Ra4 Nc5 31.Ra3 a5 32.Rb1 Kf8 33.f3 Ke8 34.Nb5 Rd7 35.Rh1 Kf8 36.Rc3 Kg8 37.Rcc1 Be7 38.Rh3 Bd8 39.Rch1 Nb7 40.Kd3 Nc5+ 41.Bxc5 Rxc5 42.f4 exf4 43.Nxd6 Bxg5 44.e5 Bd8 45.Ne4 Rc8 46.e6 Rg7 47.d6 g5 48.Rh6 g4 49.e7 Bxe7 50.dxe7 Rxe7 51.Nf6+ Kf8 52.Nxg4 Rd8+ 53.Kc3 Rdd7 54.Rxb6 Rc7 55.Rf6+ Rf7 56.Rxh7 Rxf6 57.Nxf6 Rc6 58.Nd7+ Kg8 59.Rh4 Rd6 60.Rg4+ Kh8 61.Ne5 Rf6 62.Rxf4 1-0 (62) Carlsen,M (2852)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.com INT 2023]

8...Nc5

[8...Nd7 9.g4 *(9.a3 f5 10.b4 c5 11.Rb1 b6 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.0-0 f4 15.Bd2 g5 16.Be2 g4 17.hxg4 Bxg4 18.Qd1 Qe7 19.Rb3 Kh8 20.Nh2 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Nf6 22.Nb5 Rg8 23.Rh3 Nc7 24.Nxc7 Qxc7 25.Ng4 Qd7 26.Nxf6 Bxf6 27.Qf3 cxb4 28.axb4 a5 29.Rh6 Qg7 30.Rh3 a4 31.Ra1 Rac8 32.c5 bxc5 33.Rxa4 cxb4 34.Rxb4 Rc2 35.Be1 Rc1 36.Kf1 Bd8 37.Rb5 Qd7 38.Qb3 Qg4 39.Qf3 Qc8 40.Qb3 Qa6 41.Rxh7+ Kxh7 42.Qh3+ Kg7 43.Qg4+ Kh6 44.Qh3+ Kg5 45.Qf5+ Kh6 46.Qh3+ Kg7 47.Qg4+ Kf7 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qf5+ Kg7 50.Qg4+* ½-½ (50) Andreikin,D (2729)-Demchenko,A (2640) chess.com INT 2022*; 9.Nge2 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Ne5 13.b3 Qh4+ 14.g3 Qh5 15.Bc2 Nb4 16.Bb1 Re8 17.a3 Qf3 18.Kd2 Nbd3 19.Qf1 Nc5 20.Bc2 Qh5 21.g4 Qf7 22.Rd1 a5 23.a4 Ng6 24.Nb5 Ne4+ 25.Kc1 Qf6 26.Nbd4 fxg4 27.Rg1 gxh3 28.Qf3 h2 29.Rg2 Nh4 30.Rxg7+ Qxg7 31.Qh5 Ng6 32.Bxh2 Nf6 33.Qg5 Bg4 34.Rg1 Rxe2 35.Nxe2 Bxe2 36.Bf5 Rf8 37.Qe3 Bh5 38.Be6+ Kh8 39.Qc3 Ne8 40.Qxg7+ Nxg7 41.Bd7 Rf2 42.Bg3 Ra2 43.Kb1 Re2 44.c5 Nf5 45.Bxf5 Bf3 46.cxd6 cxd6 47.Bxd6 Bxd5 48.Bc2 Be4 49.Bxe4 Rxe4 50.Rc1 Nf4 51.Rc8+ Kg7 52.Rc7+ Kg6 53.Rxb7 Nd3 54.Rb6 h5 55.Kc2 Kf5 56.Kxd3 Rg4 57.Rb5+ Ke6 58.Rxa5 Kxd6 59.Rxh5 Rg3+ 60.Kc4 Rg4+ 61.Kc3 Rg6 62.Rb5 Kc6 63.Kb4 Rg4+ 64.Ka3 Rg6 65.Rb4 Rg7 66.Rc4+* 1-0 (66) Salem,A (2679)-Demchenko,A (2640) chess.com INT 2022*)*

9...Nac5 10.Bc2 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.exf5 e4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nc5 15.Bc2 Bxf5 16.Ne2 Qh4 17.Rg1 Rae8 18.Qd4 Qe7 19.0-0-0 Bg6 20.Qg4 Rxf2 21.Bxf2 Qxe2 22.Qxe2 Rxe2 23.Bxg6 Bxb2+ 24.Kb1 Rxf2 25.Rdf1 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Be5 27.Bf5 Kg7 28.Kc2 c6 29.Be6 Kg6 30.Bf7+ Kg5 31.dxc6 bxc6 32.Be8 Ne6 33.Rf7 a5 34.Rxh7 c5 35.Bd7 Nd4+ 36.Kd3 Nf3 37.Bc6 Nd4 38.Be4 Ne6 39.h4+ Kf6 40.Rh6+ Ke7 41.Bd5 Nf4+ 42.Ke4 Ne2 43.Kf5 Nd4+ 44.Kg6 Ne2 45.Rh7+ Kd8 46.h5 Nc3 47.Kf5 Nxa2 48.h6 Nc3 49.Ra7 a4 50.h7 Kc8 51.Ra8+ Kc7 52.Re8 Kb6 53.Rxe5 dxe5 54.h8Q a3 55.Qxe5

1-0 (55) Andreikin,D (2729)-Jones,G (2652) chess.com INT 2022]

9.Bc2 Nh5

[9...c6 10.Nge2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.b4 Na6 13.a3 Nc7 14.0-0 Nb5 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Nxb5 Bxb5 17.Rfc1 Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Rc8 21.Bb3 Qf6 22.Re1 Rfe8 23.a4 Bc4 24.Bd1 Bxd5 25.Bf3 Qc3 26.Qxc3 Rxc3 27.Bxd6 f5 28.Rd1 Bxe4 29.Bxe4 Rxe4 30.g3 b6 31.h4 Rcc4 32.Bb8 a6 33.b5 axb5 34.axb5 Rc5 35.Rd7 Rxb5 36.Bf4 Rxf4 37.gxf4 Rb4 38.h5 gxh5 39.Rb7 Rb3 40.Kg2 h4 41.Rd7 b5 42.Rd5 Kg7 43.Rxf5 Kg6 44.Rg5+ Kh6 45.Rc5 b4 46.Rb5 Kg6 47.Rg5+ Kf6 48.Rh5 h3+ 49.Kh2 Kg6 50.Rg5+ Kh6 51.Rb5 Kg6 52.Rg5+ Kf6 53.Rb5 h6 54.Rh5 Kg6 55.Rb5 Kg7 56.Rb7+ Kf6 57.Rb5 Kg6 58.Rb6+ Kf5 59.Rxh6 Kxf4 60.Rb6 Ke4 61.Rb8 Kd4 62.f4 Ke4 63.Rf8 Rf3 64.f5 Rxf5 65.Rb8 Rf2+ 66.Kxh3 Rb2 67.Kg3 Ke3 68.Re8+ Kd3 69.Kf3 b3 70.Rd8+ Kc2 71.Ke2 Kb1+ 72.Kd3 Rc2 73.Rb8 b2 74.Rb7 Rc1 75.Kd2 Rc5 76.Ra7 Rd5+ 77.Ke2 Kc2 78.Rc7+ Kb3 79.Rb7+ Kc3 80.Rc7+ Kb4 81.Rb7+ Rb5 82.Rb6 Rxb6 0-1 (82) Andreikin,D (2729)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2591) chess.com INT 2024]

[9...a5

A) 10.g4

A1) 10...c6 11.Nge2 cxd5 *(11...a4 12.Ng3 cxd5 13.exd5 e4 14.Bd4 Re8 15.g5 Nfd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd4+ Ne5 18.Ngxe4 Bf5 19.0-0-0 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 a3 22.b3 Qxg5+ 23.f4 Qh6 24.Kb1 Nd7 25.Qd4+ Kg8 26.h4 Qg7 27.f5 Qxd4 28.Rxd4 Re2 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.h5 gxh5 31.Rxh5 Re1+ 32.Rd1 Rae8 33.Kc1 R8e2 34.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 35.Bd1 Nc5 36.Kc2 Rg1 37.Rh2 Kg7 38.Bf3 Rg3 39.Rf2 f5 40.b4 Nd7 41.Be2 Kf6 42.Bd3 Rg5 43.Kb3 Ne5 44.Be2 Rg3+ 45.Ka4 Rc3 46.b5 Nd7 47.Kb4 Re3 48.Bg4 Re5 49.Kxa3 Nc5 50.Rf3 Kg5 51.Bh3 f4 52.Kb4 Re3 53.Bg2 Kg4 54.Rf1 Kg3 55.Bh1 f3 56.Bxf3 Rxf3 57.Rxf3+ Kxf3 58.a4 Ke4 59.a5 Kd4 60.b6 Kd3 61.Kb5 Kd4 62.Kb4 Ke5 63.Kb5 Na6 64.Ka4 Kd4 65.Kb3 Kd3 66.c5 Nxc5+ 67.Kb4 Na6+ 68.Kb5 Kd4 69.Ka4 Kxd5 70.Kb5 Ke6 71.Kc4 Ke5 72.Kb5 d5 73.Ka4 d4 74.Kb5 Ke4 75.Kc4 d3 76.Kb5 Ke3* 0-1 (76) Andreikin,D (2729)-Ivanisevic,I (2547) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Ng3 b5 14.g5 *(14.Qd2 b4 15.Nce2 Qb8 16.b3 Rc8 17.0-0 a4 18.Rfb1 axb3 19.axb3 Ra3 20.Rxa3 bxa3 21.Qa5 h5 22.g5 Ne8 23.h4 Nb7 24.Qd2 Nc7 25.Qb4 a2 26.Ra1 Nxd5 27.exd5 Rxc2 28.Qa3 Nc5 29.Rxa2 Rxa2 30.Qxa2 Qxb3 31.Qxb3 Nxb3 32.Ne4 Bg4 33.N2c3 Bf8 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Nxg4 hxg4 36.Kg2 f5 37.gxf6+ Kxf6 38.Ne4+ Kf5 39.Ng3+ Kf6 40.Ne4+ Kf5 41.Ng3+ Kf6 42.Ne4+* ½-½ (42) Rakhmanov,A (2614)-Kobo,O (2551) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 14...Ne8 15.h4 b4

16.Nce2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nh5 Rc8 19.Rg1 f4 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.d6 Kh8 22.Qd5 Bc6 23.Qe6 Bd7 24.Qd5 c4 25.0-0-0 b3 26.axb3 cxb3 27.Qxb3 a4 28.Qa3 Qb6 29.Nc3 e4 30.Nxg7 Nxg7 31.Bxe4 Ne6 32.g6 Rg8 33.h5 Nd4 34.Kb1 Be6 35.d7 Rb8 36.g7+ Rxg7 37.Rxg7 Kxg7 38.Qe7+ 1-0 (38) Andreikin,D (2729)-Muradli,M (2552) chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 10...h5 11.f3 Nh7 12.Qd2 h4 13.0-0-0 Bf6 14.Nge2 Qe7 15.Kb1 Bd7 16.b3 Na6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Nc1 Bg5 19.Nd3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Nc5 21.Kb2 b6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Na4+ 24.Bxa4 Bxa4 25.Ra1 Bd7 26.Kc2 Qg5 27.Kd2 Qf6 28.Nf2 Ng5 29.Ke2 Kg7 30.Nb5 Rdc8 31.Na7 Rcb8 32.Ra3 Rf8 33.Rha1 Qe7 34.Rg1 Kh7 35.b5 f6 36.Ra6 Rf7 37.Nd3 Raf8 38.Nc6 Bxc6 39.bxc6 Rg7 40.Ra7 f5 41.Rxc7 Qxc7 42.Qxg5 fxe4 43.fxe4 Qa7 44.Qd2 b5 45.c5 dxc5 46.Nxe5 c4 47.Rf1 Rxf1 48.Kxf1 Qa1+ 49.Kg2 Qxe5 50.Qe1 Re7 51.Qxh4+ Kg7 52.g5 Kg8 53.Qg4 c3 54.Qe2 Qxe4+ 55.Qxe4 Rxe4 56.c7 Rc4 57.d6 c2 58.d7 c1Q 59.d8Q+ Kf7 60.Qd7+ Kf8 61.Qd8+ Kf7 62.Qf6+ Ke8 63.Qe6+ Kf8 64.Qf6+ Ke8 65.Qe6+ Kf8 66.Qf6+ Ke8 ½-½ (66) Andreikin,D (2724)-Jones,G (2671) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 10.Nge2 Ne8 11.g4 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.Ng3 Rf7 16.Nce4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Qh4 18.Qg4 Qxg4 19.hxg4 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rh5 Rg7 22.g5 Be7 23.Ke2 Rf8 24.Kd3 Rg6 25.Rah1 Rf7 26.Ke4 Rfg7 27.Kf5 Rf7+ 28.Kg4 Rgg7 29.Rh6 Rg6 30.Rxg6+ hxg6 31.f3 Rf8 32.b3 b6 33.f4 Rf5 34.Rh6 Kf7 35.Rh7+ Kf8 36.Rh8+ Kg7 37.Rc8 exf4 38.Bxf4 Rf7 39.Rxc7 Bf8 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Be3 Bg7 42.Bxb6 Bc3 43.Kf3 Ke7 44.Ke4 Bd2 45.Be3 Bc3 46.Kd3 Be5 47.Bd2 Kd7 48.Bxa5 Bf4 49.Bd2 Bxd2 50.Kxd2 Kc7 51.Kc3 Kb6 52.b4 Ka6 53.a4 Kb6 54.a5+ Ka6 55.Kb3 Kb7 56.b5 Ka7 57.Kb4 Kb7 58.c5 dxc5+ 59.Kxc5 Kc7 60.a6 Kd7 61.a7 Kc7 62.a8Q Kd7 63.Qa7+ 1-0 (63) Andreikin,D (2695)-Costachi,M (2464) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 10.Qd2 c6 11.Nge2 cxd5 12.exd5 b6 13.0-0 Nh5 14.Rae1 f5 15.f4 Bd7 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Rd1 Nf6 18.b3 Qe7 19.a3 a4 20.b4 Nb3 21.Bxb3 axb3 22.Bxb6 Rfc8 23.c5 f4 24.c6 Bf5 25.d6 Qe6 26.b5 Bf8 27.d7 Nxd7 28.Qxd7 b2 29.Qxe6+ Bxe6 30.a4 Bb4 31.Rb1 Ba3 32.Rfd1 Bf5 33.a5 Bxb1 34.Nxb1 Bb4 35.a6 Rab8 36.c7 Rb7 37.Rd8+ Kf7 1-0 (37) Salem,A (2677)-Amin,B (2691) Sharjah UAE 2023]

10.Qd2 Nf4 11.Rh2 f5 12.g3 Nh5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.0-0-0 Nf6 15.Nge2 Bd7 16.g4 Nfe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.Nc3 Qe8 20.Rg1 b5 21.cxb5 Bxb5 22.Nxe4 Rb8 23.g5 Qg6 24.Qc2 c6 25.Rg4 cxd5 26.Nf6+ Kf7 27.Qc7+ Ke6 28.Bc5 dxc5 29.f4 Bxf6

30.gxf6 Qxf6 31.Rf2 exf4 32.Rgxf4 Qh6 33.Kc2 Rxf4 34.Rxf4 Rf8 35.Rxf8 Qxf8 36.Qxa7 Qf2+ 37.Kc1 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Be2+ 39.Kc2 Bd3+ 40.Kd1 Qe2+ 41.Kc1 Qc2# 0-1 (41) Andreikin,D (2729)-Shevchenko,K (2656) chess.com INT 2024

6...a5 7.Nf3 a4 8.Bd3 a3 9.b4 e5 10.Rb1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Qd2 Nh5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.b5 Bd7 16.bxc6 Bxc6 17.Nd5 Nf6 18.Bg5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 h6 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rfc1 Qf6 24.Rxc7 Rd4 25.Qe3 Rxd5 26.Rb3 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Ra1 28.Qd2 Qe5+ 29.f4 Qe1 30.Qxe1 Rxe1 31.Rbb7 Rf8 32.Ra7 Re4 33.f5 Re3 34.fxg6 Kxg6 35.Rd7 Rd3 36.Ra6 Kg7 37.Rdxd6 Re3 38.Rd4 Rc8 39.Rg4+ Kf8 40.Rg3 Rcc3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3 42.h4 Kg7 43.Kg1 Rc3 44.Kh2 Kh7 45.Rf6 Kg7 46.Rf3 Rc4 47.Kh3 Ra4 48.g4 f6 49.h5 Ra7 50.Kh4 Ra5 51.Rb3 Ra7 52.Rc3 Kf7 53.Rf3 Kg7 54.Rb3 Kf7 55.Kg3 Kg7 56.Rc3 Kf7 57.Rc6 Kg7 58.Kh4 Kf7 59.Kh3 Kg7 60.Rb6 Kf7 61.Kg3 Kg7 62.Rb5 Kf7 63.Kf4 Kg7 64.Kf5 Ra6 65.Rb7+ Kh6 66.Rf7 Ra5+ 67.Kf4 1-0 (67) Caruana,F (2798)-Karthikeyan,M (2624) chess.com INT 2024

6...Re8 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.Be2 e6 11.Qc2

[11.Nd2 exd5 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Bf3 Nfd7 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Be2 f5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.f4 Ng4 19.Bxg4 Bd4+ 20.Kh2 fxg4 21.Rae1 gxh3 22.gxh3 Qh4 23.Qd3 g5 24.f5 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Qxe1 26.Rxg5+ Kh8 27.Nf3 Qe3 28.Qxe3 Bxe3 29.Rg4 Rf8 30.Kg2 Rg8 31.Nb5 h5 32.Rxg8+ Rxg8+ 33.Kf1 c6 34.Nd6 cxd5 35.exd5 b6 36.Nf5 Bf4 37.Ke2 Kh7 38.Kd3 Re8 39.Kc4 Kg6 40.N5h4+ Kf6 41.Kb5 Re2 42.b4 Rb2 43.Kc4 cxb4 44.axb4 a5 45.bxa5 bxa5 46.Nd4 a4 47.Nb5 Rxb5 48.Kxb5 a3 49.Ng2 a2 0-1 (49) Holt,C (2540)-Aronian,L (2723) chess.com INT 2023]

11...exd5 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Rfe1 c6 16.Rad1 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Nf4 18.Bf1 cxd5 19.exd5 Rxe1 20.Qxe1 Qd6 21.Qe8+ Kg7 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Ne4 Qxb2 24.d6 Bg4 25.Qxa8 Bxd1 26.d7 Ne6 27.Ng5 Nxg5 28.d8Q Kh6 29.h4 Ne4 30.Qf8+ Kh5 31.Qxf7 h6 32.Qae8 1-0 (32) Eljanov,P (2671)-Dubov,D (2701) chess.com INT 2024

6...a6 7.Nf3 c6 8.Bd3

[8.e5 Nfd7 9.exd6 exd6 10.Bd3 b5 11.0-0 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nb6 13.Bd3 Be6 14.b3 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rc1 Nd7 17.Bc4 Nb6 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Rxc6 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Bh6 21.Qc1 Qe8 22.Re1 Qe4 23.Kf2 Rae8 24.Rc3 Re7 25.Qc2 f5 26.Qd3 a5 27.Kg1 Qxd3 28.Rxd3 Rc8 29.Kf2 Rc2+ 30.Re2 Rxe2+ 31.Kxe2 f4 32.Nh2 fxe3 33.Ng4 Bg5 34.Nxe3 h5 35.g3 Kg7 36.h4 Bxe3 37.Rxe3 Rc7 38.Kd3 Kf6 39.Ke4 Ke6 40.d5+ Kf7 41.Rf3+ Ke7 42.Kf4 Kf6 43.Re3 Rc2 44.Re6+ Kg7 45.Kg5 Rxa2 46.Rxg6+ Kf7 47.Rxd6 Rg2 48.Rf6+ Ke7 49.Rf3 1-0 (49) Shevchenko,K (2694)-Korpa,B (2522) Ajka HUN 2023]

8...b5 9.0-0 Nbd7

[9...bxc4 10.Bxc4 d5 11.Bd3 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be6 13.Rc1 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bd5 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Ne5 e6 17.Qa4 a5 18.b4 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.b5 Nxe5 21.Rfd1 Rb8 22.Rc2

Rb7 23.Qd4 f6 24.f4 Nf7 25.a4 Nd6 26.Rc6 Kf7 27.Qc3 Re8 28.Bd4 h5 29.Rc1 h4 30.Rc2 Ne4 31.Qe1 Ng3 32.b6 Qb8 33.Qd2 Nf5 34.R2c3 Ne7 35.Rc7 Rxb6 36.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 37.Qf2 Qxf2+ 38.Kxf2 d4 39.R3c5 g5 40.fxg5 fxg5 41.Rd7 Kf6 42.Rxd4 Ra8 43.Rd6 Ng6 44.Ke3 Nf4 45.Rd2 Nd5+ 46.Ke4 Ra7 47.Rb2 Ra8 48.Rbb5 Rf8 49.Rb3 Ke7 50.Rf3 Nf6+ 51.Ke3 Nd5+ 52.Kd4 Ra8 53.Ke5 Nb6 54.Rb5 Ra6 55.Rc3 Nd7+ 56.Kd4 Rd6+ 57.Kc4 Nb6+ 58.Kb3 Rd1 59.Rxg5 Rb1+ 60.Kc2 Rf1 61.Rxa5 Nd5 62.Rf3 Re1 63.Rf2 Kd6 64.Ra8 Kc7 65.a5 Kb7 66.Rh8 Kc6 67.Rxh4 Re3 68.Ra4 Kb5 69.Ra1 Ka6 70.h4 Re4 71.g3 Re3 72.Rg2 Re4 73.Rgg1 Nb4+ 74.Kb3 Nc6 75.h5 Nd4+ 76.Kb2 Re3 77.h6 Rb3+ 78.Ka2 Rb7 79.g4 Nb5 80.g5 Nc3+ 81.Ka3 Nb5+ 82.Kb3 Nd6+ 83.Ka4 Nf5 84.Rh1 Rh7 85.g6 Rh8 86.g7 Rd8 87.Rae1 Rd4+ 88.Ka3 Rd3+ 89.Kb4 Rd4+ 90.Kc3 Rg4 91.h7 Rg3+ 92.Kb4 Rg4+ 93.Kc5 Nd4 94.g8Q Nb3+ 95.Kd6 Rd4+ 96.Ke7 Rb4 97.Rxe6+ Kb5 98.h8Q Nc5 99.Rh5 Rc4 100.Qe8+ Kxa5 101.Qa8+ Kb5 102.Qhb8# 1-0 (102) Scorpionn (3496)-Rofchade (3423) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

10.e5 Ne8 11.exd6 exd6 12.cxb5 [12.c5 Ndf6 13.Qd2 Be6 14.cxd6 Nxd6 15.Bh6 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.Qf4 Rcd8 20.Re5 Bc4 21.Bb1 Bd5 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.b3 Rc8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Ne5 Nfe4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Rc5 Nf5 28.g4 Nh6 29.Qxe4 Qa5 30.Kg2 Re7 31.Qc2 Qb6 32.Qc3 Qd6 33.Nf3 f6 34.Rc6 Qf4 35.Qc1 Qe4 36.Qc2 Qf4 37.Qc5 Rd7 38.Qc1 Qe4 39.Qc2 Qf4 40.Qe2 Nf7 41.Qe3 Qb8 42.Rxa6 Ng5 43.Rc6 Qb7 44.Rc3 Ne4 45.Rc2 b4 46.Rc4 Nc3 47.Qe6 Nd5 48.Qc6 Qa7 49.Rc5 Nf4+ 50.Kg3 Ne2+ 51.Kg2 Nf4+ 52.Kg3 Ne2+ 53.Kh2 Rf7 54.Qe4 Nc3 55.Qc2 Re7 56.Kg2 Re2 57.Qc1 Qb8 58.g5 fxg5 59.Kf1 Qe8 60.Nxg5 Qf8 61.f3 Qe7 62.Ne4 Qf7 63.Rxc3 Rxe4 64.Rc7 Re7 65.Rxe7 Qxe7 66.Qc5 Qh4 67.Qe5+ Kg8 68.Kg2 Qh6 69.Qe8+ Kg7 70.Qe7+ Kg8 71.Qe8+ Kg7 72.Qe5+ Kg8 73.f4 Qf8 74.Qd5+ Kg7 75.Kg3 Qc8 76.Qe5+ Kg8 77.d5 Qc3+ 78.Kg4 h6 79.d6 Qd2 80.Qe6+ Kg7 81.Qe7+ Kg8 82.Qe6+ Kg7 83.Qd7+ Kg8 84.Qc8+ Kg7 85.Qb7+ Kf8 86.Qb8+ Kg7 87.Qa7+ Kf8 88.Qa8+ Kg7 89.Qb7+ Kf8 90.Qc8+ Kg7 91.Qd7+ Kg8 92.Qe8+ Kg7 93.Qe5+ Kf7 94.f5 Qg2+ 95.Kf4 g5+ 96.Ke3 Qxh3+ 97.Kf2 Qh4+ 98.Ke2 Qg4+ 99.Kd3 Qf3+ 100.Kc4 Qc6+ 101.Kxb4 Qb6+ 102.Kc3 Qc6+ 103.Kd4 Qb6+ 104.Qc5 1-0 (104) Robson,R (2704)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Sharjah UAE 2023]

12...cxb5 13.a4 b4 14.Nd5 Rb8 15.Qb3 Bb7 16.Bc4 a5 17.Bg5 Nef6 18.Rfe1 Kh8 19.Rac1 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qe3 Kg7 22.Bb3 Nb6 23.Nf4 Qd7 24.Be6 Qxa4 25.Rc7 Na8 26.Bb3 Qxb3 27.Qxb3 Nxc7 28.Ra1 Ra8 29.Qa4 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Bxd4 31.Qd7 Be5 32.Qxc7 Bxf4 33.Rxa5 Rxa5 34.Qxa5 Rb8 35.b3 Be5 36.Qd5 Rc8 37.Qb5 Rc3 38.Qxb4 Rxf3 39.Kg2 Rf4 40.Qd2 Rd4 41.Qa5 Rd3 42.Qb5 Rc3 43.b4 Rc2 44.Qd5 h5 45.b5 Rb2

46.Qc6 g5 47.b6 Bd4 48.Qxd6 Rxf2+ 49.Kh1 Rf1+ 50.Kg2 Rf2+ 51.Kh1 Rd2 52.b7 Rd1+ 53.Kg2 Rd2+ 54.Kf1 1-0 (54) Andreikin,D (2729)-Karthikeyan,M (2610) chess.com INT 2024

6...Nbd7 7.g4

[7.Qd2 a6 8.g4 c5 9.Nge2 b5 10.Bg2 Rb8 11.cxb5 axb5 12.0-0 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 c4 15.Rfc1 Ba6 16.a3 c3 17.bxc3 b3 18.Rab1 Bc4 19.Nf4 Qa5 20.Bf1 Nb6 21.Bd3 Rfc8 22.h4 Bxd3 23.Nxd3 Nc4 24.Qe2 Qxd5 25.Nb4 Qe6 26.d5 Qe4 27.Rxb3 Ne5 28.c4 Nf3+ 29.Kf1 Nd4 30.f3 Nxe2 31.fxe4 Nxc1 32.Bxc1 Rxc4 0-1 (32) Livaic,L (2570)-Amin,B (2684) Stockholm SWE 2023]

7...a6 8.Nf3

[8.Bg2 e5 9.d5 b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.Nxb5 Ba6 12.a4 Qb8 13.Ne2 Bxb5 14.axb5 Qxb5 15.Rb1 Nc5 16.Nc3 Qb4 17.Qc2 Nb3 18.0-0 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Ne2 Nc5 22.Nc1 Rfb8 23.Nd3 Qb3 24.Rbc1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Qxb2 26.Qxc7 Ra7 27.Qc4 Ra2 28.Rf1 Be5 29.Rf3 Qc2 30.Qxc2 Rxc2 31.Rd3 Rbb2 32.h4 h6 33.g5 Bf4 34.Kh1 hxg5 35.hxg5 Rd2 36.Rxd2 Rxd2 37.Bh3 Re2 38.Kg2 Bxg5 39.Kf3 Rc2 40.Rd1 Bh4 41.Rxd4 Rxf2+ 42.Kg4 Bf6 43.Rd1 Be5 44.Rf1 Rh2 45.Rg1 Kg7 46.Bf1 Rf2 47.Kh3 Rf4 48.Bg2 g5 0-1 (48) Visakh,N (2542)-Amin,B (2691) Chartres FRA 2023]

8...Rb8 9.Qc2 c5 10.Bg2 b5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.e5 Nfd7 14.exd6 exd6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rad1 Qa5 17.Rxd6 Qa8 18.Qd1 Ne5 19.Nd5 Nc4 20.Bxc5 Nxd6 21.Nb6 Qxa2 22.Nd7 Rbd8 23.Qxd6 Rfe8 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Qe6 26.Qxe6 Rxe6 27.b4 Ree8 28.Nd4 Be4 29.Bxe4 Rxe4 30.Nxb5 1-0 (30) Dai,C (2531)-Salem,A (2631) Sharjah UAE 2025

[106] **7.Nge2** Na6 8.g4 b5 9.e5 Nd7 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.Bg2 Rb8 12.f4 Nb6

[12...Nc7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.b3 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.Rc1 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.f5 g5 20.Ne4 h6 21.h4 b4 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Bxg5 Qb5 24.Qf3 Qd5 25.Bxf6 exf6 26.Rcd1 Rbb8 27.Nf4 1-0 (27) Yoo,C (2588)-Shimanov,A (2593) chess.com INT 2025]

13.b3 Bb7 14.Ne4 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Ng5 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bd5 18.Nc3 dxe5 19.Qh5 h6 20.Nh7 Qd6 21.fxe5 Qc6 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Rc1 Qe6 24.Bxh6 Rf7 25.Ng5 Qxh6 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qxd5 Qh4+ 28.Ke2 Nb4 29.Qg2 Rg8 30.Nf7+ 1-0 (30) Duda,J (2739)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025

7.Bd3 Na6 8.Nge2

[8.e5 Nd7 9.f4 c5 10.Nf3 cxd4 11.Bxd4 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nac5 13.Be4 Ne6 14.Be3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.0-0 Bd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 18.Kh1 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Nc5 20.Bf3 Rb8 21.b4 Nd7 22.Nd5 Re8 23.Nc7 Rf8 24.Nd5 Re8 25.Nc7 Rf8 26.Nd5 ½-½ (26) Salem,A (2675)-Amin,B (2683) Moscow RUS 2019]

8...e5 9.0-0 exd4 10.Bxd4 Re8 11.Bc2 Nc5 12.e5 Nh5 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.g4 Bxe5 16.gxh5 Bxh3 17.Rfd1 gxh5 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Nxd1 Bg4 21.Nec3 h4 22.Ne3 Be6 23.Bf5 Kg7 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Kg2 Kg6 26.Ne4 Bxb2 27.Nxc5 b5

28.Nxe6 Bc1 29.c5 Kf6 30.Nd4 Ba3 31.Nb3 Ke5 32.Nc2 Bb2 33.Nb4 a5 34.Nxc6+ Kd5 35.Ncxa5 Be5 36.Kh3 Ke4 37.c6 Bc7 38.Kxh4 Kf3 39.Nd4+ Kxf2 40.Nab3 b4 41.Nb5 Bd8+ 42.Kh5 Ke3 43.c7 Bxc7 44.Nxc7 Kd3 45.Na6 Kc3 46.Kh6 Kb2 47.Nxb4 Ka3 48.Kxh7 Kxb4 49.Nc1 Ka3 50.Kg6 Kb2 51.Kf5 Kxc1 52.a4 1-0 (52) Andreikin,D (2729)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

7.f4 e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.dxe5 Nh5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.Kf2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ndf6 15.Ng5 e5 16.g4 Ng7 17.c5 Be6 18.Nxe6 Nxe6 19.Bc4 Kf7 20.Kf3 Ke7 21.Rab1 Rd7 22.Rb2 Rf8 23.Bh6 Rf7 24.Ke3 Ng8 25.g5 Nxh6 26.gxh6 Rf4 27.Bxe6 Kxe6 28.Rhb1 Rh4 29.Rxb7 Rxh3+ 30.Ke2 Rh2+ 31.Ke3 Rxh6 32.Rxd7 Kxd7 33.Rb7+ Ke6 34.Rxa7 Rh3+ 35.Kd2 Rh2+ 36.Ke3 Kf6 37.Ra6 Kg5 38.Rxc6 Rh3+ 39.Kd2 Kf4 40.Rd6 Rh2+ 41.Kd3 Rxa2 42.c6 Ra8 43.Rf6+ Kg5 44.Rf7 h5 45.Kc4 h4 46.Kd5 Rh8 47.c7 h3 48.Rf1 Kh4 49.Kxe5 g5 50.Kd6 g4 51.e5 g3 52.e6 g2 53.Re1 h2 54.Re4+ Kg3 55.e7 g1Q 56.e8Q Rxe8 57.Rxe8 Qd1+ 58.Kc5 h1Q 59.c8Q Qhh5+ 60.Kb6 Qb3+ 61.Kc7 Qxc3+ 62.Kb8 Qb5+ 63.Qb7 Qxe8+ 64.Ka7 Qa4+ 0-1 (64) Hong,A (2539)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess.com INT 2024

[107] **7...e5** 8.Bd3 ½-½ (8) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Guseinov,G (2665) chess.com INT 2021

[108] **8.Bd3** e5 9.d5 Ne8 10.a3 f5 11.b4 Nf6 12.0-0

[12.Rc1 Nc7 13.Bb1 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.0-0 f4 16.Bd2 h6 17.Re1 g5 18.Bd3 Nh7 19.Nh2 h5 20.Be2 Nf6 21.Bxh5 Nxh5 22.Qxh5 g4 23.hxg4 Be8 24.Qh3 Rf6 25.g5 Rg6 26.Nf3 Bd7 27.Qh5 Be8 28.Qh1 Bd7 29.g3 Bg4 30.gxf4 exf4 31.Bxf4 Qd7 32.Nh4 Bh5 33.Nf5 Bg4 34.Ne2 Bxf5 35.exf5 Qxf5 36.Rxc7 Re8 37.Qh5 Re4 38.Kf1 Rh6 39.Rc8+ Kh7 40.g6+ Qxg6 41.Qxg6+ Rxg6 42.Be3 Rh4 43.Ng3 Rh2 44.Rc7 Kg8 45.Nf5 Bf6 46.Ne7+ Bxe7 47.Rxe7 a5 48.Rc1 Rf6 49.Rc8+ Rf8 50.Rxf8+ Kxf8 51.Rxb7 axb4 52.axb4 Rh4 53.b5 Rh7 54.Rxh7 1-0 (54) Firouzja,A (2757)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

12...f4 13.Bd2 h6 14.c5 Nc7 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Bc4+ Be6 18.Qe2 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.Rac1 Nb6 21.Bxe6+ Nxe6 22.Qa6 Nd4 23.Ne2 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qe6 25.Kg2 g5 26.a4 h5 27.a5 g4 28.Ng1 Qg6 29.axb6 axb6 30.Qc4+ Kh7 31.Bc3 Rg8 32.Rd7 b5 33.Qf7 gxh3+ 34.Kxh3 Qh6 35.Bxe5 Raf8 36.Qxg7+ 1-0 (36) Firouzja,A (2757)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025

[109] **11.Be2** Qe7 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Rfe1 Rfc8 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.b3 Rab8 16.Qd2 cxd5 17.cxd5 b5 18.Qg5 Re8 19.Bf1 h5 20.Rc2 Kh7 21.Qc1 Bh6 22.Qd1 Red8 23.Qa1 g5 24.Nd1 Re8 25.Nh2 a4 26.bxa4 bxa4 27.Qc3 Rb4 28.Nb2 Nxe4 29.Bd3 Bf5 30.Qa3 Nd6 31.Bxf5+ Nxf5 32.Nd3 Rd4 33.Rxe5 Qd7 34.Nf3 Rxe5 35.Ndxe5 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 Qb7 37.Nxg5+ Bxg5 38.Qf3 Rh1+ 39.Kxh1 Qb1+ 40.Kh2 Qxc2 41.Qxh5+ Bh6 42.Qxf7+ Ng7 43.Nd7 Bg5 44.h4 Bd8 45.g3 Qxa2 46.Nf8+

Kh8 47.Ng6+ Kh7 48.Nf8+ Kh8 49.Ng6+ Kh7 50.Kg2 Qc4 51.Nf8+ Kh8 52.Ng6+ Kh7 53.Nf8+ Kh8 54.Kh3 Qe4 55.Ng6+ Kh7 56.Nf8+ Kh8 57.Ng6+ Kh7 58.Nf8+ Kh8 ½-½ (58) Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

110 **5...Bg4** 6.Be3

[6.Be2 Bxf3 *(6...Nfd7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Ng1 Bxe2 9.Ngxe2 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ng3 0-0 14.Bd2 Qh4 15.Nge4 h6 16.f3 Rf7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Rc1 b6 19.b4 a6 20.Nbc3 a5 21.a3 Kh7 22.Nb5 axb4 23.axb4 Nd4 24.Nbc3 Nf5 25.Ra1 Nf6 26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Qa1 Qc8 28.Nxf6+ Bxf6 29.Ne4 Qb7 30.Qa4 Kg7 31.Ra1 Qc8 32.Qa8 Qd7 33.Ra7 Qe7 34.Qc8 Qd8 35.Qb7 Qe7 36.Ra8 g5 37.Qc8 Kg6 38.h3 Bg7 39.Qe8 Nd4 40.Qxe7 Rxe7 41.Kf2 Rf7 42.Ra7 Bf8 43.Bc3 Nf5 44.Bd2 Nd4 45.Nc3 c5 46.Ra6 cxb4 47.Ne4 Rc7 48.Rxb6 Rxc4 49.Bxb4 Rc2+ 50.Kf1 Rc1+ 51.Kf2 Rc2+ 52.Bd2 Nf5 53.Ke2 Ra2 54.Kd3 Kf7 55.g4 Ra3+ 56.Kc4 Nh4 57.Bb4 Rxf3 58.Bxd6 Rf4 59.Kd3 Rf3+ 60.Ke2 Rf4 61.Kd3 Rf3+ 62.Kc2 Rf4 63.Rb7+ Kg6 64.Bxf8 Rxe4 65.d6 Rc4+ 66.Kb3 Rc1 67.Kb2 Rd1 68.d7 e4 69.Rb6+ Kf7 70.Bd6* 1-0 (70) Vidit,S (2730)-Kovalenko,I (2674) chess.com INT 2023*)* 7.Bxf3 *(7.gxf3 Nc6 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 0-0 12.Qd2 Re8 13.0-0-0 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd6 Qb6 16.c5 Qb7 17.Bc4 Re7 18.Kc2 Rd7 19.Qf4 Re7 20.Rd6 Nd7 21.Rhd1 Be5 22.Qe3 Bxd6 23.cxd6 Ree8 24.f4 Rab8 25.b3 Nb6 26.Qc5 Qd7 27.Rd2 a5 28.Qd4 a4 29.e5 axb3+ 30.axb3 Nxc4 31.Qxc4 Kg7 32.Ne4 Qf5 33.Kb2 Qxf4 34.d7 Qxe5+ 35.Nc3 Red8 36.Qxc6 Ra8 37.Qxa8 Rxa8 38.d8Q Rxd8 39.Rxd8 Qxh2 40.Rd2 Qf4 41.Re2 h5 42.f3 Qxf3 43.b4 h4 44.b5 h3 45.Kb3 Qf4 46.b6 h2 47.Re1 Qf3 48.Kb4 h1Q 49.Rxh1 Qxh1 50.Kc5 g5 51.Nd5 Qb1 52.Kc6 g4 53.b7 g3 54.Kc7 Qxb7+ 55.Kxb7 g2 56.Ne3 g1Q 57.Nf5+ Kf8 58.Nd6 Qh1+ 59.Kc7 Qh5 60.Kd7 Qg6 61.Nc8 Qe6+ 62.Kd8 Qxc8+ 63.Kxc8 f5* 0-1 (63) Ragger,M (2601)-Ivic,V (2596) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 7...e5 8.d5

A) 8...h5 9.h4 *(9.Qb3 b6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 a5 12.a3 Nc5 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd2 a4 15.h3 Nf6 16.Be3 Nfd7 17.Rae1 Bh6 18.Bxh6 Rxh6 19.Qd2 Rh7 20.Bd1 g5 21.g3 Nf8 22.Kg2 Ng6 23.Rh1 f6 24.Bf3 Kf7 25.Nb5 Qd7 26.Qe2 Rah8 27.Reg1 Ke8 28.Nc3 Kd8 29.Qc2 Ke7 30.Bd1 Ra8 31.Qe2 Qe8 32.Kf1 Kd8 33.Ke1 Kc8 34.Kd2 Kb7 35.Kc1 Qd7 36.Kb1 Ne7 37.Bc2 f5 38.f4 gxf4 39.gxf4 exf4 40.e5 f3 41.Qe3 dxe5 42.Qxe5 Re8 43.Rf1 Rf7 44.Qf4 Ng6 45.Qxf3 Ne5 46.Qf4 Ned3 47.Qd4 Ne5 48.Rhg1 f4 49.Rg5 Qxh3 50.Rxf4 Nf3 51.Rxf3 Qxf3 52.Nxa4 Nb3 53.Qd1 Qxd1+ 54.Bxd1 Rf1 55.Kc2 h4 56.Rh5 Nd4+ 57.Kd2 Rh1 58.Rh7 Kb8 59.c5 h3 60.cxb6 cxb6 61.Nxb6 Rg8 62.Nd7+ Kc8 63.Nb6+ Kb8 64.Nd7+ Kc8 65.Nb6+ Kd8 66.Ba4 Nf3+ 67.Ke3 Ne5 68.Kd4*

h2 69.Kxe5 Re1+ 70.Kd6 Rg6+ 71.Kc5 Rc1+ 72.Nc4 h1Q 73.Rxh1 Rxh1 74.Bc6 Rc1 75.a4 Rg2 76.b4 Rg4 77.Bb5 Kc7 78.a5 Rg5 79.Bc6 Rg4 80.d6+ Kd8 81.Bd5 Ra1 82.Ne5 Rc1+ 83.Kb5 Rh4 84.a6 Rh5 85.a7 Ra1 86.a8Q+ Rxa8 87.Bxa8 Rxe5+ 88.Kc6 Re1 89.b5 Rc1+ 90.Kd5 Rd1+ 91.Kc5 Rc1+ 92.Kd5 Rd1+ 93.Ke6 Re1+ 94.Kd5 Rd1+ 95.Ke5 Re1+ 96.Be4 Kd7 97.b6 Rxe4+ 98.Kxe4 Kxd6 99.b7 Kc7 100.Kd5 Kxb7 101.Ke4 ½-½ (101) Suleymenov,A (2500)-Donchenko,A (2618) New York USA 2024*)* 9...Nbd7 *(9...a5 10.b3 Nbd7 11.a3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Rb1 Kf8 14.0-0 Kg7 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Rh8 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Ra1 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rfd1 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qe6 22.Be2 Rb8 23.b5 cxb5 24.cxb5 Nc5 25.Qe3 Qb3 26.Rb1 Qa3 27.Bf3 Rb6 28.g3 Qa5 29.Kg2 Ne6 30.Qc1 Nd4 31.Qb2 Qa7 32.Bd1 Qb7 33.f3 d5 34.Na4 Rxb5* 0-1 (34) Sjugirov, S (2712)-Kobo,O (2548) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10.Rb1 *(10.g3 a5 11.Qe2 Nc5 12.Be3 Bh6 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Bg2 0-0 15.Bh3 Ne8 16.0-0 Nd6 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Kh2 a4 19.Rae1 Kh8 20.Kg2 Nxb5 21.cxb5 a3 22.b3 b6 23.Rd1 Rad8 24.Rfe1 Kg7 25.Rd3 Rfe8 26.Rf3 Rd6 27.Qc4 Rf6 28.Rxf6 Qxf6 29.Rd1 Ra8 30.Rd3 Qd6 31.Rf3 Bd2 32.Rd3 Bh6 33.Rf3 Kg8 34.Rd3 Kf8 35.Rf3 Ke7 36.Qc2 Ke8 37.Qc4 Bd2 38.Rd3 Bh6 39.Rf3 Bd2 40.Rd3 Bh6 41.Rf3* ½-½ (41) Grebnev,A (2530)-Daneshvar,B (2598) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...a5 11.a3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.b4 Kf8 14.g3 Rh8 15.Na4 Kg7 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 dxc5 18.Nxc5 b6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.0-0 Ra3 21.Bg2 Rha8 22.Qc2 Ne8 23.Rfc1 R8a7 24.Kh2 Nd6 25.Rb3 R3a4 26.Bf1 Ra2 27.Rb2 R2a3 28.Bd3 Qa4 29.Qxa4 R7xa4 30.Bb1 Ra7 31.Kg2 Ra1 32.Rc6 R7a3 33.Rxc7 b5 34.Bc2 Rc1 35.Rc6 Nc4 36.d6 Ra8 37.Bb3 Ne3+ 38.fxe3 Rxc6 39.Bd5 Rca6 40.Bxa8 Rxa8 41.Rd2 Kf6 42.Rd5 Ke6 43.d7 Rd8 44.Rxb5 Rxd7 45.Rb6+ Ke7 46.b5 Rd2+ 47.Kf3 Rb2 48.Rb8 Kf6 49.b6 Kg7 50.Re8 Kf6 51.Rb8 Kg7 52.Re8 ½-½ (52) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Van Foreest,J (2697) Dusseldorf GER 2023;

B) 8...a5 9.a3 h5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Be3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.b4 b6 14.Na4 Kf8 15.c5 axb4 16.axb4 bxc5 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.Nxc5 Rxa1 19.Nxd7+ Qxd7 20.Qxa1 Qe7 21.Rc1 Kg7 22.Qc3 g5 23.g3 g4 24.Bg2 Ne8 25.f4 gxf3 26.Qxf3 h4 27.g4 Qg5 28.Rf1 Rf6 29.Qe2 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Nd6 31.h3 Qc1+ 32.Qe1 Qxe1+ 33.Kxe1 Kf6 34.Kf2 Kg5 35.Ke3 f6 36.Bf1 Kg6 37.Bd3 Kf7 38.Kd2 Ke7 39.Kc3 Nf7 40.Bf1 Ng5 41.Bg2 Kd6 42.Kb4 c6 43.dxc6 Kxc6 44.Kc4 Ne6 45.Bf1 Nf4 46.Kb4 Ne6 47.Kc4 Ng7 48.Kb4 Kd6 49.Kc4 Ne8 50.Kb5 Nc7+ 51.Kc4 Ne6 52.Bg2 Kc6 53.Bf1 Nc5 54.Bg2 Nb7 55.Kb4 Nd6 56.Bf3 Nb5 57.Be2 Nd4 58.Bf1 Kd6 59.Kc4 Ke6 60.Kc5 Kf7 61.Kd6 Kg6 62.Ke7 Kg5 63.Kf7

Nb3 64.Kg7 Nd2 65.Bg2 Nc4 66.Bf1 Ne3 67.Be2 Ng2 68.Bf1 Nf4 69.Kf7 Ng6 70.Kg7 Ne7 71.Kf7 Nc8 72.Ke6 Nb6 73.Ke7 Na4 74.Kf7 Nc5 75.Bg2 Nb3 76.Bf1 Nd2 77.Bg2 Nb1 78.Bf1 Nc3 79.Bg2 Ne2 80.Bf1 Nd4 81.Bg2 Nc6 82.Bf1 Na5 83.Kg7 Nb7 84.Bg2 Nd6 85.Kf8 Kg6 0-1 (85) Zhou Jianchao (2616)-Demchenko,A (2655) Riga LAT 2021;

C) 8...Nbd7 9.0-0 *(9.Be3 h5 10.Qd2 Ng4 11.Bxg4 hxg4 12.Qe2 f5 13.0-0-0 Qf6 14.f3 gxf3 15.gxf3 0-0-0 16.Bxa7 Bh6+ 17.Kb1 Bf4 18.Bf2 Rh3 19.Nb5 Rdh8 20.Qd3 fxe4 21.Qa3 Qf5 22.Qa8+ Nb8 23.Ba7 Kd7 24.Qxb7 Ke7 25.Bxb8 exf3+ 26.Ka1 e4 27.Bxc7 Kf6 28.Bxd6 Bxd6 29.Nxd6 Qe5 30.Qf7+ Kg5 31.Rhg1+ Kh4 32.Qxg6* 1-0 (32) Lysyj,I (2589)-Ivic,V (2610) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...h5 10.Rb1 a5 11.a3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Qd2 Rh8 14.b4 Kf8 15.h4 Kg7 16.g3 Qe7 17.Nb5 Rhc8 18.Rfe1 Ne8 19.Bg2 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Nc3 axb4 22.axb4 Nef6 23.Bh3 Rd8 24.Qe3 c5 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.bxc5 dxc5 27.Nd5 Nxd5 28.exd5 Ra4 29.Qc3 Qf6 30.Rb5 Rc7 31.Qb3 Rca7 32.Rb6 Qf5 33.Qc3 f6 34.Rb2 Ra3 35.Qc1 Rd3 36.Qb1 Kh6 37.Rb8 Rd4 38.Rh8+ Rh7 39.Rxh7+ Kxh7 40.Qb7+ Kh6 41.Qe7 g5 42.Qf8+ Kg6 43.Qg8+ Kh6 44.Qf8+ Kg6 45.Qe8+ Kh6 46.hxg5+ Kxg5 47.Qg8+ Qg6 48.Qe6 Qf5 49.Qg8+ Qg6 50.Qc8 h4 51.Re3 Rd2 52.Kg2 Rd1 53.Qh8 h3+ 54.Qxh3 Qb1 55.Qh4+ Kg6 56.Qg4+ Kh6 57.Qh4+ Kg6 58.Qh2 Qc1 59.Re4 Kf5 60.Qh7+ Kg5 61.Qg7+ Kh5 62.Rh4# 1-0 (62) Vidit,S (2737)-Van Foreest,J (2679) Baku AZE 2023]

6...Nfd7 7.Qb3 b6 8.Nd2 e5 9.d5 Nc5 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.g3

[11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Qh4 14.g3 Qh5 15.f3 Qh3 16.Qa4 a6 17.Qc6 Rd8 18.Qxc7 Bh6 19.f4 0-0 20.fxe5 Qg4 21.Nc3 Qh3 22.Kb1 Bg7 23.e6 fxe6 24.Rhf1 exd5 25.exd5 b5 26.Kc2 bxc4 27.Rde1 Bh6 28.Nce4 Rde8 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Qc6 Re8 31.Nf6+ Nxf6 32.Rxe8+ Nxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kg7 34.Qe5+ Kg8 35.Qe2 Qf5+ 36.Ne4 Bg7 37.Qxc4 Bd4 38.Qd3 Kg7 39.d6 Qd5 40.b3 a5 41.d7 Kh6 42.g4 a4 43.Kb1 axb3 44.axb3 g5 45.Nxc5 Qh1+ 46.Kc2 Qg2+ 47.Qd2 Qd5 48.b4 Qc4+ 49.Kb1 Bf6 50.h4 Qf1+ 51.Ka2 Kg7 52.Qd5 Qa1+ 53.Kb3 gxh4 54.Ne6+ Kg8 55.d8Q+ Bxd8 56.Qxd8+ Kf7 57.Qd7+ Kg6 58.Nf8+ Kf6 59.Nxh7+ Kg6 60.Nf8+ Kf6 61.g5+ Kxg5 62.Ne6+ Kf5 63.Nd4+ Ke4 64.Qf5+ Kxd4 1-0 (64) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628)-Stoofvleesii D2 (3479) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

11...h5 12.f3 Bc8 13.h4 Bh6 14.0-0-0 Kf8 15.Bh3 Bxh3 16.Rxh3 Nd7 17.Rh2 Nf6 18.Kb1 Kg7 19.Re1 Qe7 20.Rg2 Bxd2 21.Rxd2 Ne8 22.Rf2 Nd6 23.Nb5 Nb7 24.Qc2 a6 25.Nc3 Nd6 26.Nd1 Rhf8 27.Ne3 Rab8 28.Ka1 a5 29.Rg1 Rh8 30.Rgf1 Kf8 31.a3 Re8 32.Re2 Rh7 33.Ka2 Qd7 34.f4 exf4 35.Ng2 fxg3 36.e5 Nf5 37.e6 Qe7 38.Re5 Kg8 39.Ne3 Nxe3 40.Rxe3 f5

41.Rxg3 Rg7 42.Rg5 Rf8 43.a4 Kh7 44.Kb3 Qd6 45.Qe2 Qe7 46.Ka2 Rf6 47.Rfg1 Rf8 48.Qc2 Rf6 49.Qg2 Qf8 50.Kb3 Qe7 51.Kc3 Qf8 52.Kd3 Qe7 53.Ke2 Kh6 54.Ke1 Kh7 55.Kf1 Qf8 56.Qg3 Qe7 57.Ke1 Qf8 58.Ke2 Qe7 59.Kf2 Kh6 60.Qg2 Kh7 61.Kf3 Qf8 62.Qg3 Qe7 63.Ke2 Qf8 64.Kd2 Qe7 65.Qg2 Qf8 66.Ke2 Qe7 67.Kd1 Qf8 68.Kd2 Qe7 69.Kc2 Qf8 70.Qg3 Qe7 71.Rg2 Qf8 72.Kd3 Qe7 73.Kd2 Qf8 74.Ke1 Qe7 75.Kf1 Qf8 76.Ke2 Qe7 77.Kf3 Qf8 78.b3 Qe7 79.Ke2 Qf8 80.Kd2 Qe7 81.Kc1 Qf8 82.Kb2 Qe7 83.Kc3 Qf8 84.Rg1 Qe7 85.Kd3 Qf8 86.Ke2 Qe7 87.Qg2 Kh6 88.Kd2 Kh7 89.Ke1 Kh6 90.Ke2 Kh7 91.Kf2 Kh6 92.Qg3 Kh7 93.Ke2 Qf8 94.Ke1 Qe7 95.Rg2 Qf8 96.Kd1 Qe7 97.Rg1 Qf8 98.Kd2 Qe7 99.Qg2 Qf8 100.Kc2 Qe7 101.Kd3 Qf8 102.Kc3 Qe7 103.Kb2 Qf8 104.Ka2 Qe7 105.Qg3 Qf8 106.Kb1 Qe7 107.Kc2 Qf8 108.Kc1 Qe7 109.Kd2 Qf8 110.Kd3 Qe7 111.Rg2 Qf8 112.Kc2 Qe7 113.Kd1 Kh6 114.Rg1 Kh7 115.Ke1 Qf8 116.Rg2 Qe7 117.Kd2 Qf8 118.Kd3 Qe7 119.Kc2 Qf8 120.Kb1 Qe7 121.Ka2 Kh6 122.Rg1 Kh7 123.Kb2 Qf8 124.Qg2 Qe7 125.Kc1 Qf8 126.Kd2 Qe7 127.Ke3 Qf8 128.Kf3 ½-½ (128) Stoofvleesii D2 (3479)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

5...c6 6.Be2 a6 7.a4 a5 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Na6 10.Be3 e5

[10...Nb4 11.Nd2 e5 12.d5 c5 13.Ndb1 Ne8 14.f4 f5 15.Qd2 exf4 16.Bxf4 Qe7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Na3 Nc7 19.Rae1 Rad8 20.Bg4 Qd7 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Nab5 Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Rdf8 24.Bxd6 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qf5+ 27.Kg1 Nd3 28.b3 Qe4 29.Qg5 h6 30.Qe7 Ne5 31.Qe6+ Kh7 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kh1 Qf1+ 34.Kh2 Nf3+ 35.gxf3 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Qf1+ 37.Kh2 Qf2+ 38.Kh1 Qf1+ 39.Kh2 ½-½ (39) Firouzja,A (2728)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) chess.com INT 2020]

11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Bxe5 15.b3 Bf5 16.Nd6 Bc2 17.Rd2 Bxb3 18.Nxb7 Bxa4 19.Ra2 Bb3 20.Rxa5 Bc7 21.Ra3 Bc2 22.Rfa1 Be5 23.R1a2 Bb1 24.Rd2 Nc7 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Nxd8 Ne6 28.Nxc6 Bd6 29.Nd4 Nc5 30.Nb5 Be7 31.Nc3 Bc2 32.Nd5 Bf8 33.Nf6+ Kh8 34.Bd4 Ne6 35.Bc3 Bg7 36.Nd5 Bxc3 37.Nxc3 Kg7 38.g3 Kf6 39.f4 Ke7 40.Kf2 Kd6 41.Ke3 Kc5 42.Ne4+ Bxe4 43.Kxe4 Kd6 44.Bd1 Nc5+ 45.Ke3 h6 46.Bc2 Ke6 47.Kd4 Kd6 48.f5 g5 49.f6 Nd7 50.Bf5 Nxf6 51.c5+ Ke7 52.Ke5 Ne8 53.Bd3 Nc7 54.Bc4 Ne8 55.Bb3 Nc7 56.Kf5 Ne8 57.Bc4 Ng7+ 58.Ke5 f6+ 59.Kd5 Kd7 60.Bb5+ Kc7 61.Bd3 Kd7 62.Be2 Kc7 63.Bg4 h5 64.Bf3 Nf5 65.Bxh5 Nxg3 66.Bd1 f5 67.Ke5 Kc6 68.Kf6 g4 69.hxg4 fxg4 70.Bxg4 Kxc5 ½-½ (70) Bluebaum,M (2657)-Kamsky,G (2664) chess.com INT 2022

111 **6.Be3** e5

[6...b6 7.h3 Bb7 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 e5 10.Bc2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.f3 a6 13.Re1 Ne5 14.b3 c6 15.Qd2 b5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Nce2 Rac8 19.Bb1 Qe7 20.Ng3 Red8 21.f4 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.Bd4 h5 24.Qe3 Re8 25.e5 Nd5 26.Qf2 dxe5 27.fxe5 Nc7 28.Bc5 Qg5 29.Rf1 Rxe5 30.Bd6 f5 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.Ne2 Ne6 33.Rc1

h4 34.a4 Nd4 35.Bd3 Nxb3 36.Rxc6 Rxc6 37.axb5 axb5 38.Qf3 Rd6 39.Bxb5 Nd2 40.Qa8+ Rd8 41.Qa2+ Kg7 42.Rc1 Qe3+ 43.Kh1 Ne4 0-1 (43) Lysyj,I (2589)-Fedoseev, V (2676) chess.com INT 2023]

[6...Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.h3 e6 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 cxd5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.exd5 Nbd7 13.Re1 a6 14.Bd4 Nh5 15.Bf1 b5 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Nc6 Qb6 19.Ne4 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Nxd6 Ne6 24.g3 Nb6 25.Bg2 Ra7 26.b3 Nd7 27.Rc6 Nd4 28.Rcc1 Nf6 29.Rcd1 Ne6 30.f4 Rc7 31.Rd2 Rd8 32.Red1 Kg7 33.f5 Nc5 34.fxg6 Kxg6 35.b4 Na4 36.Ne4 Rxd2 37.Rxd2 Nxe4 38.Bxe4+ Kg7 39.Rd6 Nc3 40.Bf5 Nxa2 41.Rxa6 Nxb4 42.Rb6 Rc3 43.Kg2 Rc5 44.Bd7 Rc2+ 45.Kf3 Rc3+ 46.Kg2 Nc2 47.Rxb5 Nd4 48.Rd5 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Ne2 50.Rd3 Nc1 51.Re3 h6 52.Bf5 Rb2 53.h4 Nb3 54.Ke1 Nd4 55.g4 h5 56.Bd7 Nc2+ 0-1 (56) Lysyj,I (2603)-Narayanan,S (2658) chess.com INT 2022]

7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qc2 Nbd7

[8...c6 9.Rd1 Qe7 10.Be2 Bg4 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Rfc8 14.Rd2 h5 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.b4 Ne6 17.c5 Rd8 18.Be2 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 Nd4 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.Rxd4 Qe5 24.Rd3 Ra1+ 25.Bf1 Bh6 26.Qe2 h4 27.Qf3 Kg7 28.g3 hxg3 29.fxg3 Rc1 30.Kh2 Rc2+ 31.Bg2 Rb2 32.b5 cxb5 33.Nd1 Rc2 34.Rc3 Rd2 35.Rd3 Rc2 36.Rc3 Rd2 37.Rd3 b4 38.Nf2 Rc2 39.Rb3 Rc3 40.Rxc3 bxc3 41.Nd3 Qh5 42.e5 Qxf3 43.Bxf3 Nd7 44.e6 fxe6 45.Bxb7 Nf6 46.Nb4 Be3 47.c6 Bb6 48.Ba6 Nd5 49.Nc2 Ne7 50.Bb5 Kf6 51.Kg2 Ke5 52.Kf3 Kd5 53.Ke2 Nxc6 54.Kd3 Ba5 55.Ne3+ Kc5 56.Bxc6 Kxc6 57.h4 Kc5 58.Nd1 c2 59.Kxc2 Be1 60.Nc3 Kd4 61.Ne2+ Ke4 62.Nf4 Bxg3 63.Nxg6 Kf5 64.Nf8 Bxh4 65.Nxe6 Kxe6 ½-½ (65) Nikitenko,M (2521)-Rapport, R (2713) Moscow RUS 2025]

9.Rd1 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bc1 c6 12.h3 Nh6 13.b4 Qe7 14.c5 Nf7 15.Be2 f5 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Rfe1 Kh8 18.Bc4 fxe4 19.Ng5 Nxg5 20.Bxg5 Qc7 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxe4 Bf5 23.Bd3 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 ½-½ (25) Predke,A (2689)-Rapport, R (2731) Samarkand UZB 2023

6.Bd3 Nc6

[6...Bg4 7.Be2

A) 7...e5 8.d5 a5 9.Be3 Na6 10.Nd2 h5 *(10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nd7 12.g4 Ndc5 13.0-0-0 Qd7 14.h4 Na4 15.Ndb1 h6 16.Nxa4 Qxa4 17.Nc3 Qd7 18.h5 g5 19.Kd2 c5 20.Ke1 Rfb8 21.Kf1 a4 22.Rb1 Nc7 23.b4 b6 24.Kg2 Na6 25.a3 Bf6 26.Kg3 Bd8 27.Qc2 cxb4 28.axb4 Rc8 29.b5 Nc5 30.Bxc5 Rxc5 31.Nxa4 Rcc8 32.Rb4 Ra5 33.Nc3 Qe7 34.Rhb1 Qf6 35.Qd2 Ra3 36.Kg2 Rca8 37.R4b3 R3a5 38.Ne2 Be7 39.Ng3 Bf8 40.Nf5 Qd8 41.Qe3 Qc7 42.Rc3 Ra4 43.Qd3 Qd7 44.Ne3 Qc7 45.Rbb3 Qc5 46.Nf5 Ra1 47.Qe3 Qc7 48.Rc1 R1a4 49.Qd3 Ra2 50.Rbc3 R2a4 51.R3c2 Qc5 52.Qe3 Qc7 53.Rc3 Ra2 54.R3c2 R2a4 55.Qd3 Ra3 56.Rc3 R3a4 57.R1c2 Qc5 58.Rb3 Ra1 59.Qe3 Qc7 60.Rcc3 R1a4 61.Ra3 Rxa3 62.Rxa3 Rxa3*

63.Qxa3 Qxc4 64.f3 Qe2+ 65.Kg3 Qe1+ 66.Kg2 Qe2+ 67.Kg3 Qe1+ 68.Kg2 Qe2+ ½-½ (68) Carlsen,M (2859)-Nakamura,H (2768) chess.com INT 2022*)* 11.f3 Bd7 12.h4 Nh7 13.g4 f5 14.g5 Rf7 15.a3 Qe8 16.b3 Nf8 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc2 fxe4 19.fxe4 Rf4 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Na4 22.Nb5 Qd8 23.Ra1 Nb6 24.Rxa8 Nxa8 25.Nc3 Rf7 26.c5 Bg4 27.Nc4 Qd7 28.b5 dxc5 29.Bxc5 Nb6 30.Ne3 Bf3 31.Rf1 Qh3 32.Rxf3 Rxf3 33.Bxf3 Qxf3 34.Qf2 Qh1+ 35.Kd2 Nfd7 36.Be7 Qa1 37.Qf1 Qb2+ 38.Kd3 Na4 39.Ned1 Nac5+ 40.Ke3 Qh2 41.Bxc5 Nxc5 42.Qc4 Qg3+ 43.Kd2 Qf4+ 44.Kc2 1-0 (44) Indjic,A (2611)-Pichot,A (2628) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7...Nfd7 8.Be3 Nb6 9.h4 e6 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 h6 13.Nf3 f5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.Kb1 d5 16.c5 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qf6 18.Rhe1 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 Nxd4 21.b3 Ne5 22.Rxd4 Nxf3 23.Rdd1 Nxe1 24.Nb5 c6 25.Rxe1 cxb5 26.Rxe6 Kf7 27.Rd6 Bf8 28.Rxd5 Ke6 29.Rd4 Bxc5 30.Rg4 Kf5 31.Rf4+ Ke6 32.Rg4 Kf5 33.Rf4+ ½-½ (33) Van Foreest,J (2678)-Yakubboev,N (2620) Chennai IND 2022;

C) 7...c5 8.d5 e6 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5 Re8 *(10...Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne8 13.a4 f5 14.Be2 a6 15.Ra3 Bd4 16.Bd3 f4 17.Ne2 Be5 18.Bb1 Ng7 19.Rf3 Nh5 20.g4 Qg5 21.Kh1 Ng7 22.Rb3 Qh4 23.Ng1 b5 24.Kg2 bxc4 25.Rb7 Qd8 26.Nf3 Qc8 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Ba2 Rab8 29.Bxc4 Bxb2 30.Bd2 h5 31.gxh5 Nxh5 32.Bxa6 Nf6 33.Qc2 Be5 34.Re1 Rb2 35.Qc1 Qxa4 36.Nxe5 Rc2 37.Qd1 dxe5 38.Rxe5 f3+ 39.Kg1 Ra2 40.Qxa4 Rxa4 41.Bb5 Re4 42.Rg5 Rb8 43.Bc6 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 Re2 45.Ba5 Rxf2+ 46.Kg3 Ne4+* 0-1 (46) Grebnev,A (2555)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024*)* 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 a6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rae1 Rxe1 16.Rxe1 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Nxe8 18.b3 Qd8 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.g4 Be5 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bd2 Ng7 23.Kg2 f5 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.fxg3 Ne5 26.Bd1 fxg4 27.hxg4 Ne8 28.Qe4 Nf6 29.Qe3 Kf7 30.g5 Nfd7 31.a4 b6 32.a5 bxa5 33.Bxa5 Ke8 34.Be2 Nf8 35.Bd2 Nfd7 36.Qe4 Kd8 37.Kg1 Ke8 38.Bf1 Nf7 39.Qxe7+ Kxe7 40.Kf2 Nde5 41.Be2 Nd7 42.Ke1 Nb8 43.Kd1 a5 44.Kc2 Na6 45.Kb2 Nb4 46.Ka3 Nc2+ 47.Ka4 Nd4 48.Bd1 Ne5 49.Kxa5 Nd3 50.Bc3 Nf2 51.Bxd4 Nxd1 52.Bg1 Nc3 53.Be3 Kd7 54.b4 Nd1 55.Bg1 Nb2 56.bxc5 Nxc4+ 57.Kb5 Ne5 58.c6+ Kc7 59.Bb6+ Kc8 60.Bd4 Nf3 61.Be3 Kc7 62.Kc4 Ne5+ 63.Kd4 Nf3+ 64.Kc3 Ne5 65.Bd4 Nf7 66.Bf6 Kc8 67.Kb4 Kc7 68.Kb5 h6 69.gxh6 Nxh6 70.Bd4 Nf7 71.Kc4 Kc8 72.Kd3 Kc7 73.Ke4 Kc8 74.Kf4 Kc7 75.Bf6 Kc8 76.g4 Kc7 77.g5 Kc8 78.Ke4 Kc7 79.Kd4 Kb6 80.Kc4 Ka6 81.Kb3 Kb6 82.Kb4 Ka6 83.Bd8 Ne5 84.Bc7 Nf7 85.Kc4 Ne5+ 86.Kc3 Nf7 87.Kb4 Nxg5 88.Bxd6 Nf7 89.Kc5 g5 90.Bg3 g4 91.d6

1-0 (91) Giri,A (2760)-Mamedov,R (2640) Douglas IOM 2023]

[6...e5 7.d5 a5 8.h3 *(8.0-0 Nfd7 9.Bc2 Na6 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Nd2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 e4 14.Nb3 Nb4 15.a3 Nxc2 16.Qxc2 a4 17.Nc1 Nc5 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Nxa4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Ra6 21.Nb3 Rh6 22.g3 Bd7 23.Nc3 Qg7 24.Rad1 Kh8 25.Nb5 Bxb5 26.cxb5 b6 27.Rd2 Qxg3 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Rxd4 Rg8 30.Rd2 Qh3 31.Qc3+ Qxc3 32.bxc3 Ra8 33.Rg1 Rxa3 34.Rdg2 Rg6 35.Rxg6 hxg6 36.Rxg6 Rxc3 37.Rf6 Rc5 38.Rxf5 Rxb5 39.Re5 Kg7 40.Rxe4 Rxd5 41.Re7+ Kf6 42.Rxc7 Kf5 43.Rf7+ Kg4 44.Kg2 Rd2+ 45.Kf1 Rxh2 46.Ke1 b5 47.Kd1 b4 48.Kc1 Rf2 49.Kb1 Rxf4 50.Rxf4+ Kxf4 51.Kb2 b3 52.Kxb3 ½-½ (52) Lupulescu,C (2584)-Saric,I (2657) Zagreb CRO 2023)* 8...Nh5 9.g3 Na6 10.Be3 Qe8 11.Nh4 Nc5 12.Bc2 Bd7 13.Qe2 f5 14.0-0-0 f4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.g4 f3 17.Nxf3 Nf4 18.Qf1 h5 19.Rg1 a4 20.a3 Qc8 21.Nh2 Ra6 22.Kb1 Qd8 23.Rg3 hxg4 24.hxg4 Kf7 25.Nf3 Rh8 26.Qe1 g5 27.Qe3 Qe7 28.Nd2 Bf8 29.Nf1 Rh4 30.f3 Qf6 31.Qc1 Bd6 32.Ne3 Ra8 33.Rgg1 Rh3 34.Rdf1 Qh8 35.Rh1 Qh7 36.Qd1 Rh4 37.Nf5 Rh8 38.Nxh4 gxh4 39.Bxa4 Bc8 40.Rh2 Qh6 41.Rfh1 Qf6 42.Qf1 Be7 43.Nd1 Qa6 44.Bc2 Bg5 45.Qf2 Qxc4 46.Rxh4 Bxh4 47.Rxh4 Rxh4 48.Qxh4 Ne2 49.Qh5+ Ke7 50.Qxe5+ Kd8 51.Qh8+ Kd7 52.e5 Qxd5 53.Bf5+ Ke7 54.Qg7+ Ke8 55.Bg6+ 1-0 (55) Nakamura,H (2768)-Amin,B (2682) Almaty KAZ 2022]

7.d5 Nb4 8.Be2

[8.Bb1 a5 9.h3 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.Be3 c6 13.a3 Na6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.Nxe5 Bb7 18.Nc4 Nc7 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.Bb6 Rd2 21.Bxc7 Ra8 22.Ba2 Ne8 23.Bf4 Rxb2 24.Rab1 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Bc8 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Re1 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Nf6 29.Rb4 Nd5 30.Bxd5 cxd5 31.Rb8+ Rxb8 32.Bxb8 Kf8 33.Kf1 Ke7 34.Ba7 Kd6 35.Ke2 Kc6 36.a4 Bc3 37.Kd3 Bb4 38.g4 Ba5 39.Bd4 Bb4 40.f3 Bd6 41.Be3 Bc7 42.Bc1 Be5 43.Ba3 Bg7 44.Bb4 Bf6 45.f4 Bd8 46.f5 gxf5 47.gxf5 Bf6 48.Bc3 Bd8 49.Bd4 Be7 50.Ke3 Bg5+ 51.Kf3 h5 52.Ke2 Bd8 53.Kd3 Be7 54.Kc3 Bd6 55.Kb3 Bc7 56.Kc2 Bd6 57.Bb2 Bg3 58.Kd3 Be1 59.Kd4 Kd6 60.Ba3+ Kc6 61.Bc1 Bg3 62.Bg5 Kd6 63.Bf6 Bf2+ 64.Kd3 Kc6 65.Bd8 Bc5 66.Bf6 Bb6 67.Bc3 Bf2 68.Bb4 Bh4 69.Bd2 Bf6 70.Be1 Bg7 71.Bh4 Be5 72.Bd8 Bb2 73.Kc2 Be5 74.Kd3 Bb2 75.Be7 Be5 76.Bb4 Bg7 77.Bc3 Bf8 78.Bf6 Bb4 79.Bd8 Bc5 80.Kc3 Bf2 81.Bf6 Be1+ 82.Kd3 Bb4 83.Bc3 Bc5 84.f6 Bf2 85.Bd4 Be1 86.Ke3 Bg3 87.Kf3 Bd6 88.Ke2 Bc7 89.Kd3 Bg3 90.Bc3 Bf2 91.Bb2 Bb6 92.Be5 Bf2 93.Bd4 Bg3 94.Kc2 Bc7 95.Kb3 Bd6 96.Kc3 Bc7 97.Kd3 Bd6 98.Bb2 Bc7 99.Kd4 Bb6+ 100.Ke5 Bc7+ 101.Kd4 Bb6+ 102.Kd3 Bf2 103.Be5 Bb6 104.Bd4 Bc7 105.Ke3 Bd6 106.Kf3 Bc7 107.Ke2 ½-½ (107) Prohaszka,P (2585)-Van Foreest,J (2693) Ajka HUN 2023]

8...e6 9.0-0 Re8 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 c6 13.Kh1 d5 14.a3 Na6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.exd5 Nh5 17.f4 Qb6 18.Ndb5 Nc5 19.a4 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Nb3 21.a5 Qb4 22.Ra3 Nxc1 23.Qxc1

Ng7 24.Bf3 Nf5 25.d6 Qxd6 26.Bxb7 Rab8 27.Ne4 Qe7 28.Qc3 Rxb7 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Nd5 1-0 (30) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Shevchenko,K (2651) Samarkand UZB 2023

[112] **6...c5** 7.d5 e6
[7...e5 8.Bg5 Kh8 9.g4 Na6 10.Be2 Nc7 11.Nd2 Qe8 12.h4 Ng8 13.h5 Bf6 14.Bxf6+ Nxf6 15.g5 Ng8 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.Bg4 Rb8 19.a4 a6 20.Ra3 Re8 21.Rah3 Re7 22.Bxc8 Qxc8 23.a5 b6 24.axb6 Rxb6 25.b3 a5 26.f4 a4 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.f5 gxf5 29.Qh5 Rbb7 30.g6 Nf6 31.Qg5 Qf8 32.Qxf5 a3 33.Ke2 a2 34.Ra1 Ra7 35.Rf3 Kg7 36.gxh7 Rf7 37.Qg5+ Kh8 38.Qg6 Nxh7 39.Rxf7 Rxf7 40.Kd3 Rg7 41.Qf5 Rf7 42.Qh3 Qa8 43.Kc2 Rf2 44.Qe3 Rg2 45.Kb2 Qa5 46.Kc2 Ng5 47.Kd3 Qa3 48.Kc2 Kg7 49.Kd3 Qb2 50.Qe1 Kg6 51.Rd1 Rxd2+ 52.Rxd2 a1Q 53.Qf2 Qd4+ 54.Ke2 Qxf2+ 0-1 (54) Holt,C (2540)-Duda,J (2726) chess.com INT 2023]
8.Bd3 Nbd7
[8...Na6 9.0-0 Re8 10.a3 Nc7 11.Rb1 b6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 e5 14.b4 Nh5 15.Re1 Nf4 16.Bf1 f5 17.Rb3 Bd7 18.Qb1 Nh5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Bd2 e4 21.Nh2 Be5 22.Bxh6 Qf6 23.Bd2 Re7 24.Qc1 Rg7 25.Kh1 Qh4 26.Nd1 Ba4 27.g3 Bxg3 28.fxg3 Nxg3+ 29.Rxg3 Qxg3 30.Be3 Qxe1 31.Nc3 Qxc1 32.Bxc1 Bd7 33.Bf4 Ne8 34.Be2 cxb4 35.axb4 a5 36.b5 a4 37.Nf1 a3 38.Na2 Rg6 39.Ne3 Ng7 40.Nc2 Be8 41.Nd4 Rf6 42.Nc6 Bh5 43.Bf1 Bd1 44.Be3 Bb3 45.Ncb4 Rc8 46.Bxb6 Bxc4 47.Bxc4 Rxc4 48.Bd8 Rf7 49.b6 Rb7 50.Kg1 f4 51.Kf1 Nf5 52.Ke2 Kf7 53.Kd2 f3 54.Bc7 e3+ 55.Kd3 Rxb4 56.Nxb4 f2 57.Ke2 Ng3+ 0-1 (57) Postny,E (2580)-Grandelius,N (2673) chess.com INT 2023]
[8...exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.0-0 c4 11.Bc2 Na6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.a4 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Re1 Qc7 17.Bd4 Qd8 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Nd1 a5 20.Nc3 Re7 21.Qf4 Ne8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nd4 f6 24.Qd2 Nc7 25.Ncb5 Nxb5 26.axb5 Rc5 27.Rae3 Bxb5 28.Ne6+ Rxe6 29.dxe6 Qe7 30.f4 Nd3 31.Bxd3 cxd3 32.f5 d5 33.e5 Rc2 34.Qd1 fxe5 35.Rxe5 Qg5 36.Qg4 Qe7 37.fxg6 hxg6 38.Rxd5 d2 39.Rd1 Rc1 40.R5xd2 Qc5+ 41.Kh2 Qe5+ 42.Qg3 Qxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Rxd1 44.Rxd1 Kf6 45.Rd6 Bc4 46.Rxb6 a4 47.Kf2 g5 48.g3 Bb3 49.h4 gxh4 50.gxh4 Bxe6 51.Ra6 Kf5 52.Rxa4 1-0 (52) Holt,C (2540)-Melkumyan,H (2640) chess.com INT 2024]
9.0-0 e5 10.Be3
[10.g4 h5 11.Nh2 hxg4 12.hxg4 Nh7 13.Kg2 Re8 14.Rh1 Ndf8 15.Nf1 Bf6 16.Ng3 Bg5 17.f3 Bd7 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Raxc1 Kg7 21.Rh2 Ng5 22.Rch1 Nfh7 23.Nf1 a6 24.a4 Nf6 25.Ne3 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Rxh8 27.Rxh8 Kxh8 28.a5 Kg7 29.Nc2 Bc8 30.b4 Nd7 31.Na4 cxb4 32.Nxb4 Nc5 33.Bc2 1-0 (33) Rustemov,A (2525)-Sindarov,J (2706) chess.com INT 2025]
[10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nh7 12.Qd2 f5 13.Bxh6 f4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nb5 Ndf6 16.b4 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Rab1 g5 19.Rb3 Rh8 20.Bc2 g4 21.Nh2 Ng5 22.Re1 Rh6 23.Nc3

gxh3 24.g3 fxg3 25.fxg3 Ng4 26.Nd1 Rb8 27.Rf1 Rxb3 28.axb3 Rg6 29.Ne3 Nxe3 30.Qxe3 Nh7 31.Ra1 a6 32.Rf1 Qh4 33.Rf3 Nf6 34.Kh1 Qg5 35.Qxg5 Rxg5 36.Nf1 Bg4 37.Rf2 Bh5 38.Nd2 Rxg3 39.Kh2 Rc3 40.Nb1 Ng4+ 41.Kg1 Rg3+ 0-1 (41) Holt,C (2540)-Sindarov,J (2677) chess.com INT 2024]

10...Nh5 11.a3 Nf4 12.b4 b6 13.Rb1 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 a6 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Na4 f5 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Qc2 f4 20.Bd2 g5 21.Rb2 h5 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Ba5 g4 24.Bxb6 Qf6 25.Nh2 gxh3 26.gxh3 Bxh3 27.Rb3 Qg6+ 0-1 (27) Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Paris FRA 2024

6...Na6 7.Bg5 Qe8 8.g4 e5 9.d5 Bd7

[9...Nc5 10.Nd2 Bd7 11.Be3 a6 *(11...Kh8 12.Qc2 Ng8 13.0-0-0 f5 14.f3 a6 15.Be2 Nf6 16.Rhg1 f4 17.Bf2 b6 18.a3 Rg8 19.Rg2 Bf8 20.Rh1 h6 21.h4 Be7 22.Bd1 Qf7 23.Ndb1 Rgb8 24.Qe2 Kg7 25.Bc2 Nb7 26.Nd2 Qe8 27.Nb3 Ng8 28.Kb1 Bf8 29.Nd2 Ne7 30.b4 a5 31.b5 Kg8 32.g5 h5 33.Kc1 Qf7 34.Nb3 Re8 35.Kd1 Nc8 36.Rgg1 Nc5 37.Nc1 Nb7 38.Kd2 Kh7 39.Nd3 Bg7 40.Ra1 Qf8 41.Rad1 Qe7 42.Ra1 Qf7 43.Ke1 Qe7 44.Nb2 Qf7 45.Kf1 Nc5 46.Kg2 Bf8 47.Nd3 Bg7 48.Qd1 Qe7 49.Qd2 Bf8 50.Nc1 Qg7 51.Bd3 Qe7 52.Kh2 Bg7 53.Nd1 Bf8 54.Be1 Nb7 55.Nc3 Bg7 56.Qc2 Qf7 57.Bf2 Bf8 58.Kg2 Qe7 59.Be2 Bg7 60.Nd1 Bf8 61.Bf1 Na7 62.Nc3 Bg7 63.Nd3 Nc8 64.Nc1 Bf8 65.N3a2 Kg8 66.Kh2 Kh7 67.Bh3 Bxh3 68.Kxh3 Nc5 69.Kg2 Nb7 70.Rb1 Nc5 71.Ne2 Qf7 72.Nec3 Qe7 73.Rhf1 Nb7 74.Nc1 Nc5 75.Qa2 Qf7 76.Nd1 Na4 77.Qc2 Nc5 78.Na2 Qe7 79.Nb2 Kg8 80.Nc3 Qf7 81.Na2 Kh7 82.Rfe1 Qe7 83.Rec1 Kg8 84.Nc3 Qf7 85.Ra1 Nb7 86.Rf1 Kh7 87.Na2 Nc5 88.Nd1 Qe7 89.Ndc3 Nb7 90.Rab1 Nc5 91.Rfc1 Nb7 92.Nd1 Nc5 93.Nac3 Qf7 94.Qa2 Qd7 95.Nb2 Qf7 96.Nbd1 Qd7 97.Qe2 Qf7 98.Qc2 Nd7 99.Nb2 Nc5 100.a4 Bg7 101.Ra1 Bf8 102.Ra3 Qg7 103.Rca1 Qf7 104.Na2 Qe7 105.Qb1 Kg8 106.Qe1 Kh7 107.Nc1 Qg7 108.Qe2 Qe7 109.Nd1 Kg8 110.Be1 Kh7 111.Nf2 Bg7 112.Qb2 Bf8 113.Qc2 Bg7 114.Qd1 Qf7 115.Bc3 Qe7 116.Qc2 Qd7 117.Qa2 Qe7 118.Qb1 Qd7 119.Qc2 Qe7 120.Qd2 Qd7 121.Qa2 Qe7 122.Be1 Qd7 123.Qc2 Qe7 124.Qc3 Bf8 125.Qb2 Bg7 126.Nfd3 Bf8 127.Bf2 Qg7 128.Qe2 Qe7 129.Nb2 Kg8 130.Be1 Bg7 131.Nbd3 Kh7 132.Nb3 Bf8 133.Rb1 Bg7 134.Bf2 Bf8 135.Rba1 Qd7 136.Be1 Qe7 137.Nbc1 Bg7 138.Bf2 Bf8 139.Na2 Kg8 140.Qd2 Qg7 141.Rh1 Nd7 142.c5 dxc5 143.Rc3 Nd6 144.Nac1 Nb7 145.Rd1 Bd6 146.Nb3 Qf7 147.Rdc1 Kh7 148.Qc2 Ra7 149.Nd2 Raa8 150.Ra3 Re7 151.Nc4 Qf8 152.Be1 Rae8 153.Qa2 Ra8 154.Bc3 Rae8 155.Qa1 Nd8 156.Rd1 Nb7 157.Qc1 Kg8 158.Ra2 Kh7 159.Ra1 Kg8 160.Rh1 Kh7 161.Qe1 Kg8 162.Qf2 Kh7 163.Ra2 Kg8 164.Qb2 Kh7 165.Raa1 Kg8 166.Kf2 Nd8 167.Qd2 Nb7 168.Qa2 Kh7 169.Rab1 Kg8 170.Kg2 Kh7 171.Qa1 Nd8 172.Rbe1 Nb7 173.Qc1 Kg8 174.Qc2 Kh7 175.Ra1*

Kg8 176.Qb2 Kh7 177.Qf2 Kg8 178.Ra2 Rf7 179.Rb1 Rfe7 180.Qb2 Kh7 181.Re1 Kg8 182.Rd1 Kh7 183.Kf2 Kg8 184.Qa1 Kh7 185.Rc1 Kg8 186.Rcc2 Kh7 187.Bb2 Kg8 188.Bc3 Kh7 189.Bd2 Kg8 190.Rc1 Kh7 191.Kg2 Rf7 192.Nxd6 cxd6 193.Nb2 Ra8 194.Nc4 Qc8 195.Be1 Kh8 196.Rb2 Kh7 197.Kf2 Qc7 198.Ke2 Kh8 199.Kd3 Kh7 200.Kc2 Re7 201.Bd2 Rf7 202.Rcb1 Rff8 203.Qa3 Rf7 204.Bc3 Re7 205.Be1 Kg8 206.Bf2 Kh7 207.Rb3 Rc8 208.Qb2 Kg8 209.Qc3 Kh8 210.Kb2 Qd8 211.Ka3 Rf7 212.Rd1 Rh7 213.Re1 Rf7 214.Reb1 Rh7 215.Qc2 Re7 216.Kb2 Qc7 217.Rc1 Kh7 218.Ka3 Kh8 219.Qe2 Kh7 220.Qe1 Kh8 221.Ra1 Kh7 222.Qc3 Kh8 223.Re1 Qd8 224.Qd2 Qc7 225.Qc2 Kh7 226.Reb1 Kh8 227.Rc1 Kh7 228.Rcb1 Kg8 229.Qb2 Kh8 230.Ka2 Rf7 231.Qa3 Kh7 232.Ka1 Kh8 233.Kb2 Rg7 234.Kc2 Kh7 235.Qc1 Kh8 236.Kb2 Kh7 237.Qh1 Kh8 238.Ka2 Kh7 239.R3b2 Kh8 240.Qd1 Kh7 241.Qc1 Kh8 242.Rc2 Kh7 ½-½ (242) Komododragon (3568)-Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 12.Be2 b6

A) 13.b3 Kh8 *(13...a5 14.a3 h6 15.Qc2 Kh8 16.0-0-0 Ng8 17.Rdg1 f5 18.f3 Ne7 19.h4 f4 20.Bf2 Qb8 21.Kb2 Rc8 22.Ra1 Na6 23.g5 h5 24.b4 c5 25.b5 Nc7 26.Nb3 Rf8 27.Be1 Qb7 28.Nc1 Bc8 29.Bd3 Ra7 30.Bf1 Kh7 31.Kb3 Rf7 32.a4 Ne8 33.Nd3 Bh8 34.Rb1 Bd7 35.Rd1 Nc8 36.Qh2 Ne7 37.Ra1 Nc8 38.Bd2 Ne7 39.Nb2 Qb8 40.Rc1 Rb7 41.Rd1 Nc8 42.Nd3 Na7 43.Kc2 Nc8 44.Ne2 Nc7 45.Ra1 Ne8 46.Rd1 Ra7 47.Nf2 Nc7 48.Ra1 Ne8 49.Bc3 Ne7 50.Qg2 Qa8 51.Nd3 Nc8 52.Qh2 Ne7 53.Nec1 Nc8 54.Kb3 Qb8 55.Nb2 Bg7 56.Ka2 Bh8 57.Bh3 Bxh3 58.Qxh3 Qc7 59.Nbd3 Qb7 60.Qg2 Qe7 61.Ka3 Qb7 62.Kb3 Qc7 63.Kc2 Ne7 64.Nb2 Nc8 65.Ne2 Ra8 66.Raf1 Qd7 67.Bd2 Qc7 68.Be1 Qd8 69.Nd3 Ne7 70.Bc3 Ra7 71.Bd2 Ra8 72.Nb2 Nc8 73.Re1 Qc7 74.Bc3 Qd8 75.Nd3 Qc7 76.Ref1 Qe7 77.Nb2 Qd8 78.Re1 Nc7 79.Nd3 Ne8 80.Rd1 Raa7 81.Nec1 Qd7 82.Rdf1 Qd8 83.Re1 Nc7 84.Bb2 Ne8 85.Ne2 Ra8 86.Bc1 Qe7 87.Nb2 Nc7 88.Bd2 Qd8 89.Ra1 Ra7 90.Bc3 Ne8 91.Rhf1 Nc7 92.Rh1 Qe8 93.Rad1 Qd8 94.Bd2 Qe8 95.Qf1 Qd8 96.Qg2 Qe8 97.Ra1 Qd8 98.Rae1 Qe8 99.Nc1 Rf8 100.Rh2 Rf7 101.Ncd3 Na8 102.Reh1 Rf8 103.Nf2 Qd8 104.Ng4 Ne7 105.Kb3* ½-½ (105) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 14.h4 h5 15.g5 Nh7 16.Qc2 f6 17.0-0-0 a5 18.Rdg1 f5 19.f3 Rf7 20.Nb5 Qb8 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Ne4 Nf8 23.a3 Qd8 24.Rf1 Bd7 25.Nbc3 Bf5 26.Nb5 Qc8 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.a4 Qb8 29.Bd3 Qb6 30.Kb2 Rd8 31.Ka3 Re8 32.Qd2 Rd8 33.Qc2 Re8 34.Rf2 Ree7 35.Qd2 Nd7 36.Re1 Nf8 37.Ka2 Nd7 38.Rg1 Rf8 39.Bc2 Rff7 40.Nbc3 Qb8 41.Ne2 Qb4 42.Qe3 Nf8 43.N2g3 Bxe4 44.Bxe4 Qb8 45.Rh1 Rf4 46.Qd2 Qa8 47.Ne2 Rff7 48.Rff1 Qc8 49.Qxa5 Re8 50.Kb1 Kh7 51.Qd2

Qb7 52.Kc2 Kg8 53.Qd3 Ra8 54.Kd2 Bh8 55.Ke3 Rc8 56.Kf2 Kh7 57.Kg2 Rf4 58.Re1 Rxe4 59.fxe4 Bg7 60.Rhf1 Kg8 61.Rf2 Rb8 62.Ref1 Qc8 63.Qh3 Qxh3+ 64.Kxh3 Rxb3+ 65.Rf3 Rb4 66.Ra1 Nd7 67.a5 Rxc4 68.Nc3 Nb8 69.a6 Nxa6 70.Rxa6 Rd4 71.Ra8+ Kh7 72.Rc8 c4 73.Rxc7 Kg8 74.Rc8+ Kh7 75.Kg3 Rd2 76.Nb5 Rd1 77.Nxd6 Rg1+ 78.Kf2 Rb1 79.Ne8 Rb2+ 80.Kg3 Rb7 81.Nxg7 Kxg7 82.d6 Rb1 83.d7 Rg1+ 84.Kf2 Rd1 85.d8R Rxd8 86.Rxd8 c3 87.Rdf8 c2 88.R3f7# 1-0 (88) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B) 13.a3 Na4 14.Nxa4 Bxa4 15.b3 Bd7 16.h4 h5 17.gxh5 Nxh5 18.Bxh5 gxh5 19.Qxh5 f5 20.Qxe8 Raxe8 21.f3 Kh7 22.Ke2 f4 23.Bf2 Rg8 24.a4 a5 25.Rag1 Bf6 26.Be1 Rxg1 27.Rxg1 Re7 28.Rg2 Bh3 29.Rh2 Bd7 30.Nb1 Rg7 31.Na3 Rg1 32.Kf2 Rg3 33.Nb5 Bd8 34.Bc3 Be8 35.h5 Kh6 36.c5 bxc5 37.Be1 Bxb5 38.axb5 Rg5 39.Rg2 Rxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Kxh5 41.Bxa5 Kh4 42.Be1+ Kh5 43.Kf1 Bh4 44.Bd2 Bf6 45.Ba5 Bd8 46.Be1 Bh4 47.Bd2 Bf6 48.Be1 Bh4 ½-½ (48) Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589)-Komododragon (3568) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

10.Be2

[10.Nd2 Kh8 11.Be3 Ng8 12.f3 f5 13.g5 Ne7 14.h4 c6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qa3 Nc5 17.b4 Nb7 18.Qb3 Rc8 19.a4 h5 20.Be2 Kh7 21.0-0 Rc7 22.Rac1 Qc8 23.Kh2 Qb8 24.Qa3 c5 25.b5 Na5 26.Ra1 Ng8 27.Bf2 Qd8 28.Be1 Rf7 29.Rg1 Bf8 30.Qb2 f4 31.Nb3 Nxb3 32.Qxb3 Be7 33.a5 Rb7 34.Rg2 Qc8 35.axb6 axb6 36.Bd3 Rf8 37.Ra6 Bd8 38.Qa3 Bc7 39.Ra7 Rb8 40.Ra2 Rf7 41.Bf1 Ne7 42.Nd1 Kg8 43.Nf2 Qd8 44.Nd3 Kf8 45.Bc3 Nc8 46.Ra8 Ne7 47.Rxb8 Bxb8 48.Qa8 Qc8 49.Ra6 Qc7 50.Bh3 Bxh3 51.Kxh3 Ke8 52.Kg2 Kf8 53.Nb2 Nc8 54.Bd2 Kg8 55.Qc6 Qd8 56.Nd3 Ba7 57.Qa8 Rf8 58.Bc3 Qe7 59.Qc6 Kh7 60.Ra2 Rg8 61.Nxf4 exf4 62.Bf6 Qf7 63.e5 dxe5 64.d6 Bb8 65.d7 Nd6 66.Rd2 Qe6 67.d8Q Rxd8 68.Bxd8 e4 69.Bf6 Kg8 70.Qd5 Qxd5 71.Rxd5 Kf7 72.fxe4 Nxe4 73.Bd8 Nd6 74.Bxb6 Nxc4 75.Bxc5 Ke6 76.Rd4 Na5 77.Rd8 Be5 78.Bf2 Ke7 79.Rc8 Bd6 80.b6 Ke6 81.Kf3 Kd5 82.Rg8 Nc6 83.b7 Bc7 84.Re8 Bd6 85.Bb6 Ba3 86.b8Q Nxb8 87.Rxb8 Ke5 88.Bc7+ Ke6 89.Rb6+ Kd7 90.Bxf4 Bc5 91.Rxg6 Bf8 92.Ke4 Kd8 93.Be5 Kd7 94.Kd5 Bb4 95.Rg7+ Kc8 96.g6 Bf8 97.Ra7 Kd8 98.Ke6 Kc8 99.g7 Bxg7 100.Rxg7 1-0 (100) Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37 (3657)-Berserk13 (3540) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

10...Kh8 11.Be3 Nc5 12.Nd2 Ng8 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.cxb5 f5 15.f3 Nf6 16.Qc2 fxe4 17.fxe4 c6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.d6 Qe6 21.0-0-0 Qxd6 22.Kb1 Qe7 23.Nc4 Rad8 24.Na5 Qc7 25.Nb3 Bh6 26.Nxc5 Qe7 27.Nb3 c5 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rf1 Be3 30.Bc4 Bf4 31.a3 Qd6 32.Ka2 Kg7 33.Be2 Rc8 34.Rd1 Qe6 35.Bc4 Qc6 36.Na5 Qb6 37.Nb3 Qc6 38.Re1 Rc7 39.Nd2 Qd6 40.Nb3 Qd7 41.Kb1 Qd6 42.Qc3 Qc6 43.Qf3 Qa4 44.Qd3 Qd7

45.Qf1 Qd6 46.Qe2 Qc6 47.Qc2 Qa4 48.Qd3 Qd7 49.Qc3 Qc6 50.Qc2 Qa4 51.Ka1 Qc6 52.Nc1 Rd7 53.Nb3 Re7 54.Qe2 Rc7 55.Qf3 Nd7 56.Na5 Qb6 57.Qc3 Nf6 58.Ka2 Qd6 59.Nb3 Qc6 60.Na5 Qd6 61.Nb3 Qc6 62.Qc2 Qa4 63.Qe2 Qc6 64.Qc2 Bg3 65.Re3 Bf4 66.Re2 Rd7 67.Qc3 Qd6 68.Qf3 Qc6 69.Qf2 Re7 70.Qh4 Rc7 71.Qe1 Rd7 72.Qc3 Rc7 73.Qd3 Rd7 74.Qc2 Rc7 75.Nd2 Rd7 76.Nf3 h6 77.Re1 Rc7 78.Qc3 Qd6 79.Qc2 Qc6 80.Qc3 Qd6 81.Re2 Nd7 82.Qb3 Nb6 83.Rc2 Qc6 84.Qd3 Rd7 85.Qe2 Nxc4 86.Qxc4 a5 87.h4 a4 88.h5 g5 89.Rc3 Kh7 90.Rc2 Kg7 91.Rc3 Kh7 92.Rd3 Rxd3 93.Qf7+ Kh8 94.Nh4 gxh4 95.Qf8+ Kh7 96.Qf7+ Kh8 97.Qf8+ Kh7 98.Qf7+ ½-½ (98) Berserk13 (3540)-Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37 (3657) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

6...Qe8 7.Be3 Na6 8.a3 e5 9.d5 [9.dxe5 dxe5 10.c5 Nb8 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rd1 a6 13.Be2 Be6 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Rxd8 Qxd8 16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nd4 19.Bxd4 Bf5 20.Qc4 exd4 21.Nxd4 Bd7 22.Bf3 Qg5 23.Qb4 Be5 24.Nb3 b6 25.cxb6 cxb6 26.Nd2 Qf4 27.Qxf4 Bxf4 28.g3 Bb8 29.Nc4 b5 30.Na5 Rc8 31.Nc6 Bd6 32.Kg2 h5 33.Re1 Kg7 34.Re3 Kf8 35.Rd3 Kg7 36.Rd4 g5 37.Bxh5 Bxc6 38.dxc6 Rxc6 39.Bf3 Rb6 40.Rd5 Kf6 41.Be4 Be5 42.b4 Re6 43.Kf1 Rc6 44.Ke2 Rc4 45.Ke3 Bb2 46.Rd3 Bc1+ 47.Kf3 Rc2 48.Bd5 ½-½ (48) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

9...Nc5 10.Nd2 Nh5 11.b4 Nd7 12.g4 Nf4 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.Nxa7 f5 15.Nxc8 Qxc8 16.g5 c5 17.h4 Qd8 18.b5 h6 19.Rg1 Qa5 20.Qc2 h5 21.Kd1 Nb6 22.Qb3 Na4 23.Kc2 Nb6 24.f3 Na4 25.Rh1 Qc7 26.Rh2 Qa5 27.Rc1 Ra7 28.Kb1 Rfa8 29.Ka2 Qd8 30.Nb1 Nb6 31.Qc2 Ra4 32.Kb3 Nc8 33.Ka2 Qb6 34.Bd2 Qa7 35.Qb3 Nb6 36.Rc3 Rf8 37.Rh1 Qa8 38.Qc2 Qe8 39.Re3 Qf7 40.Bc1 Qc7 41.Rh2 Qd8 42.Re1 Qa8 43.Rd2 Qa7 44.Rdd1 Rb4 45.Re3 Qa8 46.Rde1 Kh7 47.Bd2 Ra4 48.exf5 gxf5 49.Rc3 Ng6 50.f4 Qe8 51.Qd1 Qf7 52.Qxh5+ Kg8 53.fxe5 dxe5 54.Qd1 Nxh4 55.g6 Qxg6 56.Be2 f4 57.Bd3 Qf6 58.Bc1 Ng2 59.Re4 Nh4 60.Bb2 Qg5 61.Re1 Nf5 62.Rg1 Ng3 63.Nd2 Qh5 64.Qxh5 Nxh5 65.Rg6 Rf6 66.Rg5 Ng3 67.Rc1 Nd7 68.Rg1 Kf7 69.Ne4 Rh6 70.Kb3 Ra8 71.Nxg3 fxg3 72.Bf5 Bf6 73.R5xg3 Nf8 74.Rf1 Rd8 75.a4 Ke7 76.a5 Ra8 77.Rh3 Rh8 78.Rxh8 Bxh8 79.Bc3 Rd8 80.Bd2 Ra8 81.Be3 Kd6 82.Bg4 e4 83.Rf7 Ng6 84.Rxb7 Ke5 85.a6 Bf6 86.a7 Bd8 87.b6 Kf6 88.Rf7+ Kxf7 89.b7 Rxa7 90.Be6+ Kf6 91.b8Q Rh7 92.Qxd8+ Re7 93.Qd6 Rb7+ 94.Kc3 Re7 95.Bh6 e3 96.Bg4+ Kf7 97.Bh5 Kg8 98.Bxg6 Re8 99.Qf6 e2 100.Qg7# 1-0 (100) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

6...Re8 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 exd5 12.exd5 Na6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Bd4 Nc5 15.Rfe1 Bf5 16.Bf1 Nce4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Re3 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Ne4 20.Qd3 f5 21.Re1 Qd7 22.Rfe3 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Qg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.g4 Re5 26.f4 Re7 27.Bd3 Rae8 28.Bxe4 fxe4 29.Kf2 g5 30.Kg3 Kg6 31.R1e2 gxf4+ 32.Kxf4 Rf7+ 33.Kg3 Rfe7 34.Kf4 Rf7+ 35.Kg3 Rfe7 36.Rf2 Re5

37.h4 ½-½ (37) Wei,Y (2729)-Dubov,D (2710) Qingdao CHN 2023

6...Nbd7 7.Be3 e5 8.d5

[8.Bd3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 *(9...c6 10.0-0 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.c5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Qa4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rad1 Qh5 18.Nd2 Be6 19.Nxc4 Bd5 20.Qb4 Rad8 21.Nd6 Bc6 22.Bd4 Bh6 23.Bc3 Qg5 24.f3 b6 25.cxb6 Qe3+ 26.Kh1 Qxb6 27.Qh4 Bg7 28.Bf6 Rd7 29.Qf4 Bxf6 30.Qxf6 Qd8 31.Qe5 Qb8 32.Rd2 Qc7 33.Rc1 Rfd8 34.Rcd1 Re7 35.Qc3 Rdd7 36.Ne8 Qe5 37.Qxe5* 1-0 (37) Boruchovsky,A (2537)-Smirin,I (2575) Jerusalem ISR 2024*)* 10.0-0 Nc5 11.f3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 c6 13.Rad1 Nd7 14.b3 Nc5 15.Qd2 Qe7 16.Rfe1 a5 17.Bf4 Be5 18.Nde2 Be6 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Nd4 Qb6 21.Be3 Qb4 22.Qc1 Bd7 23.Nce2 Qb6 24.Nc2 Qc7 25.Qd2 Be6 26.Bd4 Rad8 27.Nc3 Bc8 28.f4 Ne6 29.Be3 Bg7 30.f5 Nc5 31.Bg5 Rd7 32.Nd4 Qb6 33.Kh1 Be5 34.Nf3 Bg7 35.f6 Bh8 36.Bh4 Qd8 37.Qf2 b6 38.Nd4 Bb7 39.Qf4 Ne6 40.Nxe6 Rxe6 41.Rf1 b5 42.cxb5 cxb5 43.Nd5 Bxd5 44.exd5 Re5 45.Qd2 Rh5 46.Qd4 Re5 47.Rde1 Qb8 48.Bg3 Rxe1 49.Rxe1 Rd8 50.Re7 Qc8 51.Kh2 Qf5 52.Qb6 Rc8 53.Qxd6 Bxf6 54.Rb7 h5 55.Rb8 Rxb8 56.Qxb8+ Kg7 57.Qxb5 h4 58.Bb8 Bd4 59.Qe2 Qxd5 60.Qf3 Qe6 61.Qf4 Qb6 62.Bc7 Qb4 63.Be5+ Bxe5 64.Qxe5+ f6 65.Qc7+ Kh6 66.Qc1+ g5 67.Kh1 a4 68.bxa4 Qxa4 69.a3 Qb3 70.Qa1 Kg6 71.a4 Qb6 72.a5 Qa6 73.Qb1+ Kg7 74.Qb6 Qf1+ 75.Qg1 Qa6 76.Qe1 Kf7 77.Kg1 Qa7+ 78.Kh1 Qa6 79.Qa1 Ke6 80.Qa2+ Kd6 81.Qd2+ Kc5 82.Qc3+ Kb5 83.Kg1 Qd6 84.Qa1 Ka6 85.Qc3 Qf4 86.Qa1 Qe3+ 87.Kh1 Qe5 88.Qa2 Qe1+ 89.Kh2 Qxa5 90.Qc4+ Qb5 91.Qa2+ Kb6 92.Qf2+ Kc7 93.Qxf6 Kd7 94.Qf7+ Kd6 ½-½ (94) Abdisalimov,A (2519)-Amin,B (2649) Kuwait City KUW 2025]

8...Qe7 9.g4 Nc5 10.Nd2 a5 11.Be2 Nfd7 12.Qc2 Nb6

[12...Na6 13.a3 Ndc5 14.Rg1 Bd7 15.h4 a4 16.h5 g5 17.h6 Bxh6 18.Rh1 Bg7 19.Rh3 h6 20.0-0-0 Kh7 21.Rdh1 Rh8 22.Kb1 Kg8 23.f3 Qd8 24.Bd1 Rb8 25.Nf1 Nb3 26.Qh2 Nac5 27.Ng3 f6 28.Nf5 Bxf5 29.exf5 Qd7 30.Bc2 Kf7 31.Qe2 Ra8 32.Rh5 b6 33.Nb5 Rhf8 34.R5h2 Rh8 35.Ka2 Rhe8 36.Rh3 Rh8 37.Kb1 Rhe8 38.Qe1 Reb8 39.R3h2 Rg8 40.Ka2 Rh8 41.Bf2 Rhe8 42.Kb1 Reb8 43.Qe2 Rd8 44.Ka2 Re8 45.Be3 Rg8 46.Rd1 Rge8 47.Kb1 Rh8 48.Rdh1 Rhe8 49.Rh3 Rg8 50.Nc3 Rge8 51.Qd1 Rh8 52.R3h2 Rhb8 53.Nb5 Na5 54.Qf1 Nab3 55.Rh5 Rh8 56.Nc3 Qc8 57.Qd1 Qa6 58.Bxc5 Nxc5 59.Qe2 Qc8 60.Na2 Qd7 61.Nb4 Na6 62.Nc6 Nc5 63.Re1 Rhf8 64.Ka2 Rg8 65.Reh1 Rh8 66.Kb1 Rhe8 67.R5h2 Rh8 68.Rh3 Rhe8 69.Qd1 Rh8 70.Ka2 Qc8 71.Qe2 Qd7 72.Rh5 Qe8 73.Re1 Qd7 74.Rg1 Rhg8 75.Kb1 Rgc8 76.Rh2 Rg8 77.Qd1 Rgc8 78.Rgh1 Rh8 79.Ka2 Rhg8 80.Rh3 Rh8 81.Kb1 Ke8 82.Qe1 Kf7 83.Rh5 Rhg8 84.R5h2 Rge8 85.Qd2 Rg8 86.Re1 Rh8 87.Rh5 Rh7 88.Reh1 Rhh8 89.Qg2 Ke8 90.Re1 Kf7 91.Ka2 Rag8 92.Reh1 Ra8 93.R5h2

Rhe8 94.Qe2 Rg8 95.Qe1 Rgf8 96.Rh5 Rg8 97.Kb1 Rh8 98.Qd1 Rhe8 99.Re1 Rg8 100.Re3 Kf8 101.Rh2 Kf7 102.Ka2 Rh8 103.Re1 Rhg8 104.Qe2 Rh8 105.Rh3 Bf8 106.Kb1 Bg7 107.Qd1 Rh7 108.f4 gxf4 109.Rh2 Rhh8 110.Qf3 Rag8 111.Rh5 Bf8 112.Qh3 Qc8 113.Bd1 Bg7 114.Qh1 Qd7 115.Ka2 Ra8 116.Qh2 Kg8 117.Qg2 Qf7 118.Rh2 Rh7 119.Bc2 Bf8 120.Kb1 Qd7 121.Reh1 Bg7 122.Rh5 Rh8 123.Qh2 Kf7 124.Qe2 Qe8 125.Ka2 Qg8 126.Rg1 Qc8 127.Kb1 Qe8 128.Bd1 Rg8 129.Rgh1 Qd7 130.Bc2 Bf8 131.Bd1 Rh8 132.R1h4 Kg8 133.Ka2 Qf7 134.Bc2 b5 135.Kb1 bxc4 136.Qxc4 Rh7 137.Rh1 Kh8 138.R5h4 Re8 139.Be4 Kg8 140.Qe2 Ra8 141.Qf3 Bg7 142.Bd3 Re8 143.Bc4 Bf8 144.Rh5 Kh8 145.Nb4 Rb8 146.R1h2 Kg8 147.Na2 Qe8 148.Nc3 Qc8 149.R5h3 Qb7 150.Ka2 Qc8 151.Ne4 Nxe4 152.Qxe4 Qe8 153.Bd3 Qf7 154.Qxa4 c5 155.Qe4 Kh8 156.Qg2 Qe7 157.Bc2 Kg8 158.Qe4 Rf7 159.Ba4 Qa7 160.Bb3 Bg7 161.Bc4 Qa4 162.Rc2 Re7 163.Rhc3 Reb7 164.Qf3 h5 165.Rh2 h4 166.Qh1 Bh6 167.b3 Qa5 168.Rxh4 Bg7 169.Rch3 Ra7 170.b4 Qxb4 171.Rh8+ Kf7 172.Rxb8 Qxb8 173.Rb3 Qh8 174.Qg2 Qh4 175.Rb1 Kg8 176.Rh1 Qg3 177.Qxg3 fxg3 178.Rg1 Bh6 179.Rxg3 Bc1 180.Rc3 Bd2 181.Rb3 e4 182.Rb8+ Kg7 183.Kb3 Bf4 184.Be2 e3 185.a4 Be5 186.Bb5 Kh6 187.Rg8 c4+ 188.Bxc4 Rb7+ 189.Ka3 Kh7 190.Rg6 Bb2+ 191.Ka2 Bd4 192.Ka3 Rc7 193.Ba6 Rc2 194.a5 Rf2 195.Bd3 e2 196.Bxe2 Rxe2 197.a6 Rh2 198.Ka4 Rb2 199.g5 Rb6 200.Ka5 fxg5 201.Rxg5 Rb8 202.Ka4 Bc5 203.Ka5 Kh6 204.Rg6+ Kh5 205.Rg7 Rb1 206.f6 Kh6 207.Ka4 Ra1+ 208.Kb5 Rf1 209.Kc6 Rxf6 210.Re7 Rf3 211.Re6+ Kh5 212.Rxd6 Bxd6 ½-½ (212) Igel (3495)-Scorpionn (3514) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 f5 0-1 (14) Scorpionn (3514)-Igel (3495) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

6...Nc6 7.d5

[7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.g4 *(9.Qd2 a6 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.c5 f5 13.Bg5 Kh8 14.Rac1 Qe8 15.Ne2 Nf6 16.Ng3 f4 17.Ne2 Qb8 18.Rc2 Neg8 19.Rfc1 b5 20.c6 Bc8 21.Nc3 b4 22.Nb1 Nh5 23.Qd1 h6 24.Bh4 Bf6 25.a3 Rf7 26.Bxf6+ Ngxf6 27.axb4 Rg7 28.Nbd2 g5 29.Be2 g4 30.hxg4 Nxg4 31.Qe1 Qxb4 32.Ra1 Ngf6 33.Rc3 Qb6 34.Kf1 Qb4 35.Rb3 Qc5 36.Ra4 Rg6 37.Rd3 Qb6 38.Rda3 Rg8 39.b4 Qa7 40.Bd3 Ng4 41.Nc4 Rb8 42.Ra2 Nhf6 43.Qc3 Kh7 44.b5 Nxf2 45.Rxf2 Ng4 46.Re2 Rxb5 47.Nxd6 Ne3+ 48.Rxe3 Qxe3 49.Nxb5 axb5 50.Ra8 Rxg2 51.Kxg2 Bg4 52.Nh2 Be2 53.Rh8+ Kxh8 54.Qxe5+ Kg8 55.Bxe2 Qxe2+ 56.Kh3 Qe3+ 57.Kg4 Qg1+ 58.Kf5 Qxh2 59.Kg6 Qg3+ 60.Kxh6 Qh4+ 61.Qh5 Qe7 62.Qg5+ Kf8 63.Qxf4+ Ke8 64.e5 Qc5 65.e6 Qe7 66.Qf2 Kd8 67.Kg6 Qd6 68.Qd4 Ke8 69.Qd2 Qf8 70.Qb2 Qf3 71.Qe5 Qg4+ 72.Qg5 Qf3 73.d6 Qd3+ 74.Qf5 Qg3+ 75.Kh7 Qh4+ 76.Kg6 Qg3+ 77.Kh6 Qe3+ 78.Kh7 cxd6*

79.Qf7+ Kd8 80.Qd7# 1-0 (80) Komodomcts (3809)-Scorpionn (3812) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 9...a6 *(9...c6 10.Be2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Qb3 b6 14.f3 Ne8 15.h4 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.0-0-0 Kh8 18.Kb1 Ng6 19.h5 Nf4 20.Ba6 Rb8 21.h6 Bf6 22.Bb5 Nc7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.exf5 b5 25.Nde4 b4 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Bxf4 exf4 28.Ne4 Rxf5 29.Rhg1 Nb5 30.Rg7 Qe8 31.Qd3 Qe5 32.Ng5 Na3+ 33.Ka1 Rbf8 34.Rg1* 1-0 (34) Van Foreest,L (2570)-Mamedov,R (2646) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10.a4 Rb8 11.a5 c5 12.Nd2 b6 13.Qa4 Nd7 14.b4 Kh8 15.Qa3 Ng8 16.g5 f5 17.f3 Rf7 18.h4 cxb4 19.Qxb4 Nc5 20.Na4 Nxa4 21.Rxa4 Bd7 22.Ra3 b5 23.Bb6 bxc4 24.Bxc4 Bc8 25.Bxd8 Rxb4 26.Rc3 Rb8 27.Be2 Bf8 28.Bb6 Ra8 29.Nc4 Rg7 30.Be3 Rb8 31.Nb6 Bb7 32.Bd3 Be7 33.Rg1 Rf8 34.Nc4 Bd8 35.Rc2 Ne7 36.Bd2 Nc8 37.Ke2 Rff7 38.Rb2 Rd7 39.Rb4 Na7 40.exf5 gxf5 41.Bxf5 Nb5 42.Bxd7 Rxd7 43.Rc1 Kg7 44.f4 Bxd5 45.Nb6 Bxb6 46.axb6 Kg6 47.Be3 Bb7 48.fxe5 dxe5 49.Rb2 Kh5 50.Rd2 Rf7 51.Rd8 Bf3+ 52.Kd2 Bb7 53.Rc5 Re7 54.Bf2 Rf7 55.Ke1 Re7 56.Kf1 Be4 57.Kg1 Bf3 58.Kh2 Be4 59.g6 Kxg6 60.Rc4 Bb7 61.Rf8 Kg7 62.Rf5 Kg6 63.Bc5 Kxf5 64.Bxe7 Ke6 65.Bf8 Kf7 66.Bh6 Ke6 67.Rc2 Kd6 68.h5 Bc6 69.Kh3 Nd4 70.Bf8+ Kd7 71.Rc4 Ne6 72.Bb4 e4 73.Bd2 Kd6 74.Kg4 a5 75.Bxa5 Kd5 76.Rc2 Nd4 77.Rb2 Bb7 78.Kf4 Kc4 79.Be1 Ne6+ 80.Ke3 Kc5 81.Bf2 Nd8 82.Bg1 Bc6 83.Kf2 Kc4 84.Rc2+ Kd3 85.Ra2 e3+ 86.Ke1 Ke4 87.Ra3 e2 88.Kxe2 Kf5 89.h6 Kg6 90.Rg3+ Kf6 91.Bd4+ Ke6 92.Ke3 Nb7 93.Rg7 Na5 94.Rxh7 1-0 (94) Scorpionn (3812)-Komodomcts (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

7...Nb8

[7...Nb4 8.a3 *(8.Be2 e6 9.Be3 Re8 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.a3 Nbd3 13.Qc2 Nxb2 14.Bxc5 Bxc3 15.Bb4 Bg7 16.a4 Bd7 17.a5 exd5 18.cxd5 c5 19.dxc6 Rc8 20.Ra2 Bxc6 21.Qb3 Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Rxe4 23.Bf3 Rf4 24.Rxb2 Rxf3 25.gxf3 Qg5+ 26.Kh1 Qh4 27.Re2 Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Bd4 29.Bxd6 Rc5 30.Bxc5 Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1* ½-½ (34) Le,Q (2709)-Aronian,L (2785) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 8...Na6 9.Bd3 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Bg5 Nc5 13.Bc2 h6 14.Be3 Nfe4 *(14...Bd7 15.Re1 a5 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Bd4 a4 18.Qf4 Kg8 19.g4 Nh7 20.Kg2 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Nxf6 24.Ndb5 Ne8 25.Kg3 c6 26.Nd4 Nf6 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.f3 Kf8 29.h4 Ra6 30.Kf2 Be8 31.Re2 Nfd7 32.Ne4 Nxe4+ 33.Bxe4 Ne5 34.h5 gxh5 35.gxh5 Rb6 36.Rc2 Bd7 37.f4 Ng4+ 38.Kf3 c5 39.Nb5 Nf6 40.Nc3 Rb3 41.Bd3 Bc6+ 42.Ke3 Nxh5 43.Be4 Bd7 44.Rd2 Ke7 45.Rh2 Nf6 46.Bf3 h5 47.Bd1 Ng4+ 48.Bxg4 Bxg4 49.Ke4 Ke6 50.Ke3 Rb8 51.Nxa4 Kf5 52.Nc3 Re8+ 53.Kf2 Kxf4 54.Rh1 Kg5 55.b4 cxb4 56.axb4 Rc8 57.Ne4+ Kf4 58.Nxd6 Ra8 59.Rf1 Bf3 60.Kg1 Ra2 61.Rf2 Ra7 62.c5 h4 63.b5 h3 64.Kh2 Ra1 65.Kxh3 Rh1+ 66.Rh2 Bg4+ 67.Kg2 Bf3+ 68.Kh3 Rg1 69.Rb2 Rh1+ 70.Rh2 Bg4+ 71.Kg2 Rc1 72.c6*

Bf3+ 73.Kf2 Rc2+ 74.Kg1 Rc1+ 75.Kf2 Rc2+ 76.Kg1 Rc1+ 77.Kf2 Rc2+ 78.Kg1 Rc1+ 79.Kf2 Rc2+ 80.Kg1 Rc1+ 81.Kf2 ½-½ (81) Holt,C (2540)-Dubov,D (2710) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bd4 Nf6 17.Re1 c5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.b4 Be6 21.Qd2 c5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Re1 Qf8 24.Bxg6 Bxc4 25.Be4 Re8 26.Bd5 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Bb5 28.Nc2 Bg5 29.Qd1 Qe7 30.Qf3 Be2 31.Qf5 Kg7 32.g3 Bh5 33.Qd3 Bg6 34.Qc3+ Bf6 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Ne3 Qa1+ 37.Kg2 Qxa3 38.bxc5 Qxc5 39.h4 Qd4 40.Qa2 Be4+ 41.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 42.Kg1 Bd4 43.Qc4 Qb1+ 44.Kg2 Bxe3 45.Qc3+ Kg6 46.Qxe3 Qb7+ 47.f3 a6 48.g4 Qb2+ 49.Kh3 Kg7 50.g5 Qe5 51.Qd2 hxg5 52.hxg5 Qf5+ 53.Kg3 Qe5+ 54.f4 Qe6 55.Qd4+ Kg6 56.Qd3+ Kg7 57.Qxa6 Qe3+ 58.Kg4 Qg1+ 59.Kf3 Qh1+ 60.Kg3 Qg1+ 61.Kf3 Qh1+ 62.Kg3 Qe1+ 63.Kf3 Qh1+ ½-½ (63) Akobian,V (2564)-Theodorou,N (2611) chess.com INT 2025]

8.Bd3

[8.Be2 e5 9.Be3 a5 *(9...Nh5 10.g3 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Rg1 Nf6 13.Qc2 a5 14.Ng5 Na6 15.a3 Qe7 16.0-0-0 Kh8 17.Kb1 b6 18.f3 Bd7 19.Bd3 Ne8 20.Qd2 Nc5 21.Bc2 h6 22.Ne6 Nxe6 23.dxe6 Qxe6 24.g4 f4 25.Qd3 Qg8 26.Bf2 Rb8 27.Nd5 Rf7 28.Qe2 Bf8 29.h4 Qg7 30.g5 Bf5 31.Ka1 Qg6 32.gxh6 Qh7 33.Bxf5 Rxf5 34.Rg4 Nf6 35.Nxf6 Rxf6 36.Rdg1 Rd8 37.h5 Rxh6 38.Bh4 Rd7 39.Bg5 Re6 40.h6 Kg8 41.Rxf4 Bg7 42.Rfg4 a4 43.Qg2 Rg6 44.Bd2 Re6 45.Qh3 Rf6 46.Rxg7+ Rxg7 47.Qc8+ Rf8 48.Qe6+ Rff7 49.hxg7 Qxg7 50.Rg4 Kf8 51.Bg5 Qh7 52.Rg1 b5 53.cxb5 d5 54.b6 cxb6 55.Qd6+ Kg8 56.Bf6+ Qg6 57.Rxg6+ Kh7 58.Bxe5 Re7 59.Rh6+ Kg8 60.Rh8+ Kf7 61.Qf6#* 1-0 (61) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 10.a3 Na6 11.g4 Bd7 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.h4 Ng8 14.Bd3 b6 15.Qe2 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.gxf5 Nc5 19.0-0-0 Qd7 20.Nde4 Qxf5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Rdg1 Rab8 23.h5 e4 24.Nb5 Be5 25.Rg5 Qf6 26.Rg4 Qf3 27.Qxf3 Rxf3 28.h6 Ne7 29.Kc2 Nxd5 30.cxd5 Rxb5 31.b3 c4 32.Rb1 Rf8 33.bxc4 Rxb1 34.Kxb1 Rb8+ 35.Kc1 Rb3 36.c5 Rxa3 37.Rxe4 Kg8 38.c6 Kf7 39.Kc2 Bf6 40.Rf4 Ke7 41.Rg4 Kf8 42.Rc4 Ke7 43.Bb6 Kd8 44.Ba7 a4 45.Be3 Ke7 46.Bb6 Kd8 47.Ba7 Ra2+ 48.Kd3 Ra1 49.Be3 Ke8 ½-½ (49) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

8...e5

[8...a5 9.0-0 Na6 10.Bg5 Nc5 11.Bc2 h6 12.Bf4 e5 13.Be3 Nh5 14.Qd2 g5 15.Kh2 Nf4 16.Ng1 Qf6 17.g3 h5 18.gxf4 exf4 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.e5 Qxe5 21.Nf3 Qe7 22.Rae1 Qd8 23.Rg1 g4 24.Qxf4 Ra6 25.Qg5 Qf6 26.Rg3 Qxg5 27.Nxg5 Rb6 28.Nb5 c6 29.Nd6 Rxb2 30.Bh7+ Kh8 31.Re8 Rxf2+ 32.Kg1 Rxe8 33.Kxf2 Bd4+ 34.Kf1 h4 35.Rb3 Rf8 36.Nxc8 Rxc8 37.Rxb7 gxh3 38.Nxf7+ Kxh7 39.Nd6+ Kg6 40.Nxc8 cxd5 41.cxd5 c4 42.d6 c3 43.d7 Bf6 44.Rb6 c2 45.Rxf6+ 1-0 (45) Kunin,V (2534)-Nguyen,N

(2633) chess.com INT 2023]
9.Be3 a5
[9...Nh5 10.g3 c6 11.Nd2 Nd7 12.a3 Qe7 13.Be2 Ndf6 14.a4 Bd7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Be3 Nh7 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.Qxh5 f5 19.Rg1 Nf6 20.Qh4 cxd5 21.cxd5 Qf7 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.g4 Bh7 24.g5 hxg5 25.Bxg5 Kh8 26.Nde4 Qg6 27.Nxd6 Rad8 28.Nxb7 Rb8 29.Nc5 Rxb2 30.Rd1 Rc2 31.Ne6 Rf7 32.Nxg7 Rxc3 33.Ne6 Rc2 34.Kf1 Ne4 35.Be3 Qf6 36.Rb1 Rc8 37.Ng5 Nxg5 38.Rxg5 a5 39.Kg1 Rcf8 40.Rb6 Qf3 41.Rg2 Qxd5 42.Qh6 Ra8 43.Bc1 Qe4 44.Bb2 Re8 45.Rb5 Qxg2+ 46.Kxg2 Rg7+ 47.Kh2 Kg8 48.Bxe5 Rxe5 49.Rb8+ Kf7 50.Qf4+ Ke6 51.Rb6+ Kd5 52.Rb5+ Kd6 53.Qxe5+ Kd7 54.Rb7+ Kc6 55.Rxg7 Be4 56.Rc7+ Kb6 57.Qd6+ Bc6 58.Qxc6# 1-0 (58) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]
10.Bc2 Na6 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 Nb4 13.g4 a4 14.a3 Nxc2 15.Kxc2 Qe7 16.Nd2 Rfb8 17.Kb1 c5 18.Nb5 b6 19.f3 Ne8 20.g5 f5 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Rdg1 Nh5 23.Ka1 Rf8 24.h4 Rf7 25.Bg5 Bf6 26.Be3 Bg7 27.Rh2 Qf8 28.Bg5 Bf6 29.Qd1 Bxg5 30.hxg5 Qe7 31.Nc3 Nf4 32.Qf1 Rb8 33.Rg3 Kh8 34.Ndb1 Rbf8 35.Nd2 Nh5 36.Rg1 Nf4 37.Rhh1 Nh5 38.Qd1 Nf4 39.Qf1 Kg8 40.Nb5 Rg7 41.Nc3 Nh5 42.Nb5 Nf4 43.Rh2 Rgf7 44.Ka2 Nh5 45.Qd1 Ra8 46.Nc3 Nf4 47.Kb1 Nh3 48.Rg3 Nf4 49.Qf1 Rg7 50.Ka1 Rf8 51.Rh1 Nh5 52.Rgg1 Nf4 53.Ka2 Qf7 54.Nb5 Qe7 55.Rh2 Rgf7 56.Nc3 Rg7 57.Ka1 Rgf7 58.Nb5 Kg7 59.Qd1 Ra8 60.Ka2 Nh3 61.Rg3 Nf4 62.Ka1 Kg8 63.Nc3 Raf8 64.Nb5 Ra8 65.Nc3 Raf8 66.Ka2 Qe8 67.Qf1 Nh5 68.Rgg2 Nf4 69.Rg1 Qe7 70.Nb5 Rg7 71.Nb1 Rgf7 72.Ka1 Nh5 73.Nd2 Nf4 74.Qd1 Ra8 75.Ka2 ½-½ (75) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

6...c6 7.Bg5 Na6 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bb7 12.Bf3 bxc4 13.Na4 Ne6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Nxc4 Ba6 16.Rc1 Bb5 17.Re1 Nb4 18.Qb3 Nd5 19.Ne5 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Nxd4 21.exd4 Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Bxe5 23.Re4 Qd6 24.Rd1 Qf6 25.Nc5 Bd6 26.Nd7 Qg5 27.Rg4 Qf5 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.a4 Ba6 30.Bxc6 Be2 31.Bf3 Bxd1 32.Qxd1 Qe5 33.Qg1 Qxb2 34.Rc4 a5 35.Bc6 Rd8 36.Bb5 Bg3 37.Rc1 Rd2 38.Rd1 Rc2 39.Rb1 Qc3 0-1 (39) Holt, C (2540)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

[113] **7.dxe5** dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Na6
[9...c6 10.Nxe5 Re8 11.0-0-0 Na6 12.Nf3 Nc5 13.e5 Nfd7 14.Be3 Na6 15.Ne4 Nxe5 16.Nd6 Rd8 17.Ng5 h6 18.Nge4 f5 19.Nc3 Nf7 20.c5 Be6 21.Nxb7 Rxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Nb4 23.a3 Nd5 24.Bc4 Ne5 25.Be2 Rb8 26.Na5 Nxe3 27.Nxe3 f4 28.Nc2 f3 29.gxf3 Bd5 30.Nb4 Bxf3 31.Bxf3 Nxf3 32.Naxc6 Rb5 33.Nd3 Rb3 34.Kc2 Rb7 35.b4 a5 36.bxa5 Rc7 37.Ndb4 Nd4+ 38.Nxd4 Bxd4 39.c6 Bxf2 40.a6 Bc5 41.Kb3 Kf7 42.Kc4 Be7 43.Kb5 Rc8 44.a7 Ra8 45.Kb6 Bd8+ 46.Kb7 1-0 (46) Holt,C (2540)-Deac,B (2701) chess.com INT 2023]
10.Nd5 Rd6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Rc1 c5
[12...c6 13.Nxf6+ Rxf6 14.c5 Nc7 15.Nxe5 Re6 16.f4 Re7 17.Bd3 f6 18.Nc4 Ne6 19.Nd6 Nxf4 20.Bc4+

Be6 21.0-0 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 g5 23.g3 Nh5 24.Kg2 Rf8 25.Ra4 b6 26.b4 Ng7 27.Ra6 Rd7 28.Rd1 Rfd8 29.Rc1 Ne6 30.Nc4 Rd4 31.cxb6 axb6 32.Rxb6 Rxe4 33.Rxc6 Re2+ 34.Kf1 Nd4 35.Rxf6 Rxa2 36.Rd1 Rh2 37.Kg1 Rc2 38.Ne3 Re2 39.Nf5 Nf3+ 40.Kf1 Red2 41.Rxd2 Nxd2+ 42.Ke2 Ne4 43.Rb6 Re8 44.Kf3 Nd2+ 45.Kg4 Nc4 46.Rb7 Ne5+ 47.Kxg5 Kh8 48.g4 Rg8+ 49.Kh5 Nd3 50.Nh6 Nf4+ 51.Kh4 Ng6+ 52.Kg5 Rd8 53.h4 Rd5+ 54.Nf5 Rd8 55.Kh6 Nf8 56.h5 Re8 57.Kg5 Ne6+ 58.Kf6 Nf4 59.b5 Nd5+ 60.Kg5 Rg8+ 61.Kh6 Nf6 62.Rg7 Nxg4+ 63.Kg5 Rxg7+ 64.Nxg7 Ne5 65.Nf5 Nc4 66.Kf6 Nb6 67.Ke6 Kg8 68.Ne7+ Kg7 69.Nf5+ Kg8 70.h6 Kf8 71.Ne7 Ke8 72.Nd5 Nc4 73.Nf6+ Kf8 74.Nxh7+ Kg8 75.Nf6+ Kh8 76.Ng4 Kh7 77.Kd5 Nb6+ 78.Kc6 Nc4 79.b6 Na5+ 80.Kc7 Nb3 81.b7 Nc5 82.b8Q Na6+ 83.Kb7 Nxb8 84.Kxb8 Kg6 85.Kc7 Kh7 86.Kc6 Kg6 87.Kd5 Kh7 88.Ke5 Kg6 89.Kf4 Kh7 90.Kg5 1-0 (90) Holt,C (2540)-Perez Ponsa,F (2536) chess.com INT 2024]

13.Be2 Kg7

[13...Bg7 14.a3 Be6 15.0-0 Rad8 16.b4 Kf8 17.Rb1 f5 18.Ng5 Bg8 19.f4 exf4 20.Rxf4 h6 21.Nf3 Bh7 22.h4 Kg8 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Bd3 cxb4 25.axb4 Nc7 26.Nxc7 Rxd3 27.Ne6 Rd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.Kf2 Bf6 30.g4 Rb1 31.b5 Kf7 32.gxf5 Bxf5 33.Nc5 b6 34.Rxf5 bxc5 35.Rxc5 Rb2+ 36.Kg3 Rc2 37.Rc7+ Ke6 38.Kf4 Rc3 39.Rc6+ Kf7 40.h5 Kg7 41.Ke4 Kf7 42.c5 Ke7 43.Ne5 Rh3 44.Ng6+ Kf7 45.Nf4 Rh4 46.Kf5 Bg5 47.Rc7+ Ke8 48.Ne6 Rh1 49.Rxa7 Rf1+ 50.Ke5 Re1+ 51.Kd5 Bf6 52.Ra8+ Ke7 53.Ra7+ Ke8 54.b6 Rd1+ 55.Kc6 1-0 (55) Holt,C (2540)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023]

14.0-0 Be6 15.a3 Rad8 16.Rb1 b6 17.b4 Rc8 18.Rfc1 Nb8 19.b5 h6 20.a4 Nd7 21.Ra1 Bg5 22.Rd1 Bd8 23.Rd3 Nf6 24.Nxf6 Rxd3 25.Ne8+ Kf8 26.Bxd3 Kxe8 27.a5 bxa5 28.Nxe5 Bf6 29.f4 Rd8 30.Bf1 g5 31.Rxa5 gxf4 32.Nc6 Rd1 33.e5 Bh4 34.Ra4 f3 35.gxf3 Bxh3 36.Rxa7 Rxf1+ 37.Kh2 Rxf3 38.b6 Rb3 39.b7 Be6 40.b8Q+ Rxb8 41.Nxb8 Bxc4 42.Nd7 Bg5 43.Kg3 Be3 44.Nf6+ Kd8 45.Kf3 Bd4 46.Ke4 Be6 47.Nd5 h5 48.Nf4 Bb3 49.Nxh5 Kc8 50.Nf4 Kb8 51.Ra3 Bc4 52.Ra4 Bb3 53.Ra3 Bc4 54.Rh3 Kc7 55.Rh7 Kc6 56.Rh6+ Kb5 57.Nd5 Ba2 58.Rb6+ Kc4 59.Rb8 Bb3 60.Nb6+ Kc3 61.Nd5+ Kc4 62.Ne3+ Kc3 63.Rb7 Be6 64.Nd5+ Kc4 65.Nf4 Bg4 66.Rxf7 Bd1 67.e6 Bc2+ 68.Kf3 Bd1+ 69.Kg3 Ba4 70.e7 Kb3 71.Rf8 c4 72.Rb8+ Kc2 73.e8Q Bxe8 74.Rxe8 c3 75.Ne2 Kd3 76.Nxd4 Kxd4 77.Kf2 Kd3 78.Ke1 Kc2 79.Rc8 1-0 (79) Holt,C (2540)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024

[114] **7...a5** 8.g4

[8.Bg5 Na6 9.Be2 *(9.g4 c6 10.Nd2 Nc5 11.Qf3 a4 12.a3 h6 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Rg1 Bd7 15.h4 cxd5 16.cxd5 b5 17.g5 hxg5 18.hxg5 Nh5 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.d6 Nf4 21.0-0-0 c4 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.exd5 Bf5 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rfd8 26.Rg3 Rxd6 27.Bh3 Rad8 28.Rf3 Qa8 29.Bg2 Qb7 30.Rh3 b4 31.axb4 Qxb4 32.Rc3 Rc8 33.Rd2 Ra6 34.Kd1 a3 35.Rxa3 Rxa3*

36.bxa3 Qxa3 37.Ke2 c3 38.Rc2 Qb3 39.d6 Rc4 40.Qd3 e4 41.Bxe4 Rd4 42.Qe3 Qe6 43.f3 Rxd6 44.Qc5 Bd4 45.Qb4 Qe5 46.Qb8+ Kg7 47.Kf1 Bb6 0-1 (47) Gupta,A (2628)-Warmerdam,M (2600) Berlin GER 2022 *)* 9...h6 *(9...Nc5 10.Nd2 Bd7 11.g4 c6 12.h4 Qb6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qc2 a4 15.g5 Bg7 16.h5 a3 17.b3 Na6 18.Qd1 Nb4 19.Kf1 f6 20.hxg6 fxg5 21.gxh7+ Kh8 22.Rh2 Rf4* 0-1 (22) Wei,Y (2736)-Firouzja,A (2682) chess.com INT 2019 *)* 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Nd2 Nh7 *(11...Bd7 12.g4 c6 13.h4 cxd5 14.cxd5 a4 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Nh7 17.Rg1 Qb8 18.Bb5 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Nd3+ 20.Kf1 Qc8 21.Qg4 Ra6 22.Ke2 Nf4+ 23.Kd1 Nd3 24.Rb1 Qxg4+ 25.Rxg4 Rc8 26.a3 Bf8 27.Nc3 Bg7 28.Nb5 Bf8 29.Nc3 Bg7 30.Kc2 Nf4 31.Rh1 Ra5 32.Kb1 Nf8 33.Rgg1 Nd7 34.f3 Bf8 35.Rh2 Bg7 36.Rd1 Kf8 37.Nf1 Ke7 38.Nd2 Rc7 39.Rg1 Nd3 40.Kc2 Nf4 41.Kb1 Nd3 42.Rd1 Nf4 43.Rhh1 Ng2 44.Bg1 Nf4 45.Rc1 Nd3 46.Rd1 Nf4 47.Rh2 Kf8 48.Rc1 Nd3 49.Rd1 Nf4 50.Ka2 Rc8 51.b4 axb3+ 52.Nxb3 Raa8 53.Nb5 Ke7 54.Be3 b6 55.Rdd2 Rc4 56.Rc2 Raa4 57.Kb1 Bf8 58.Bd2 Rxc2 59.Kxc2 Rc4+ 60.Kb1 Nd3 61.Rh8 Rc8 62.Nc1 Nxc1 63.Bxc1 Nc5 64.Na7 Ra8 65.Nc6+ Ke8 66.Ka2 Ra6 67.Be3 Ra8 68.Bxc5 bxc5 69.Kb3 c4+ 70.Kb4 c3 71.a4 c2 72.Rh1 Be7 73.Rc1 Bxg5 74.Rxc2 Kf8 75.Re2 Bc1 76.a5 f5 77.Kb5 f4 78.Kb6 Kf7 79.Kb7 Rf8 80.a6 Be3 81.a7 g5 82.a8Q Rxa8 83.Kxa8 g4 84.fxg4 Bg1 85.Nxe5+ dxe5 86.Re1 Bc5 87.Kb7 Kf6 88.Kc6 Bb4 89.Rb1 Ba5 90.d6 Kf7 91.d7 Bd8 92.g5 f3 93.Rf1 Kg8 94.Rxf3 Kg7 95.Rf5 Kg8 96.Rxe5 Kg7 97.Re8 Ba5 98.d8Q* 1-0 (98) LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3958)-Komodo (3912) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.g4 Qh4 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.Nd2 c6 17.0-0-0 Rfc8 *(17...cxd5 18.exd5 e4 19.Kb1 Rfe8 20.Rdg1 Nh7 21.a3 Ng5 22.Re1 Qf6 23.Ka2 Nf3 24.Bxf3 exf3 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Nce4 Qb6 27.Nxf3 Ba4 28.b3 Bd7 29.a4 f5 30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.Nfd2 Qc7 32.Re2 b6 33.f3 Rf8 34.h4 Rae8 35.Qc1 Qf4 36.Ka3 Kh8 37.h5 g5 38.Qc2 Bd7 39.Ree1 Bd4 40.Qd3 Bf5 41.Ka2 Re5 42.Ka3 Rfe8 43.Rhf1 Bh3 44.Rh1 Bf5 45.Rhf1 R5e7 46.Re2 Rf8 47.Rfe1 Re5 48.Qc2 Rfe8 49.d6 Kg7 50.Qd1 Be6 51.Qc1 Bf7 52.Rh1 Rd8 53.Rg2 Be6 54.Re1 Re8 55.Ka2 Rd8 56.Qd1 Rf8 57.Ka3 Bd7 58.Ka2 Kh8 59.Qc2 Bf5 60.Rge2 Re6 61.Qd1 Bg7 62.Re3 Rd8 63.Qc1 Rc8 64.Qd1 Rf8 65.Qc1 Rd8 66.Ka3 Bh7 67.R3e2 Ree8 68.Rg2 Bf5 69.Rge2 Re6 70.Re3 Bh7 71.R3e2 Ree8 72.Qd1 Rd7 73.Ka2 Rf8 74.Ka3 Rdd8 75.Ka2 Bg8 76.Rg2 Bh7 77.Ka3 Qh4 78.Reg1 Qh3 79.Re2 Qh4 80.Qc1 Bf5 81.Qd1 Qf4 82.Rge1 Bh7 83.Ka2 Bg8 84.Rg2 Bf7 85.Rg4 Qf5 86.Rg2 Bg8 87.Qc1 Bh7 88.Rge2 Qf7 89.Rg2 Qf4 90.Qd1 Bf5 91.Ka3 Rde8 92.Rge2 g4 93.Rf1 Qe5 94.Qc1 Bd7 95.Rfe1 gxf3 96.Nxf3 Qxh5 97.Nfd2 Bc6 98.Rg2 Qe5 99.Rh1 Re6 100.Rhg1 Rf7 101.Rg4 Qh5 102.Qd1 Qe5 103.Qc1 Qf5 104.Qb1 Qh5 105.R1g2 Qf5 106.Rg1 Re8*

107.Rh4 Qe5 108.Qc1 Rf5 109.Nf3 Rxf3 110.d7 Bxe4 111.dxe8Q+ Qxe8 112.Rxh6+ Bh7 113.Qc2 Qg8 114.Rh5 Rf7 115.Ka2 Rd7 116.Rg2 Re7 117.Qd3 Rf7 118.Rh1 b5 119.axb5 a4 120.bxa4 Rf5 121.b6 Qf7 122.Rxh7+ Kxh7 123.b7 Be5 124.Rg5 Kh6 125.Rxf5 Qg6 126.Qd2+ Kh7 127.Rxe5 Kg7 128.b8Q Qf6 129.Re7+ Qxe7 130.Qg2+ Kh6 131.Qbh2+ Qh4 132.Qxh4# 1-0 (129) Komodo (3912)-LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3958) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 18.Kb1 cxd5 19.exd5 a4 20.a3 Rab8 21.f3 Qd8 22.Nde4 Nfxe4 23.fxe4 Nb3 24.h4 Qa5 25.Rhf1 b5 26.cxb5 Bxb5 27.Bxb5 Rxb5 28.Ka2 Nd4 29.Qf2 Rb7 30.Rc1 Rcb8 31.Nd1 Qb5 32.h5 Qb3+ 33.Ka1 Qd3 34.Bxd4 exd4 35.Qf3 Qd2 36.Rb1 d3 37.Rf2 Qa5 38.Qxd3 Rb3 0-1 (38) Akobian,V (2571)-Sevian,S (2697) Saint Louis USA 2024]

8...Na6 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Rg1

[10.g5 Ndc5 11.h4 Bg4 12.Be2 f5 13.Nh2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 fxe4 15.0-0-0 Qd7 16.h5 Qf5 17.Kb1 Nd3 18.h6 Bh8 19.Rd2 Rae8 20.Rg1 Nac5 21.Nf1 Qf3 22.Ng3 b6 23.Bxc5 Nxc5 24.Ngxe4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxe2 26.Rxe2 Rf4 27.Rg3 Ref8 28.Kc2 Kf7 29.Kb3 Ke7 30.Ka4 Kd7 31.Kb5 Rh4 32.a3 Rff4 33.Rge3 Rh1 34.Re1 Rxe1 35.Rxe1 Rh4 36.b3 Rh3 37.Re3 Rh1 38.Rf3 Re1 39.Rf7+ Ke8 40.Rxh7 Rxe4 41.Rxh8+ 1-0 (41) Duda,J (2731)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022]

[10.a3 Nb6 11.Rg1 Kh8 12.h4 Bd7 13.g5 a4 14.h5 Kg8 15.Nd2 Nc5 16.Qf3 c6 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Bh3 Be8 19.0-0-0 Nc8 20.Nf1 Nd6 21.Ne3 Qe7 22.dxc6 bxc6 23.Qe2 f6 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.gxf6 Rxf6 26.Kb1 Bf7 27.Rd2 Rf4 28.Qd3 Rd8 29.Rgd1 Nb7 30.Qc2 Rd4 31.Qxa4 Nd8 32.Nc2 Qh4 33.Bf1 Kh7 34.Qa8 Bh6 35.Nxd4 exd4 36.Na2 Rxe4 37.Rd3 Re8 38.Rg3 Qf4 39.Bd3 Qxf2 40.Rh3 Re1 41.Rh1 Rxh1 42.Rxh1 Qf3 43.Rxh6+ Kxh6 44.Nc1 Qf6 45.a4 g5 46.a5 g4 47.Qb8 Bg6 48.a6 Bxd3+ 49.Nxd3 Qf1+ 50.Nc1 d3 51.Qxd8 g3 52.Qh4+ 1-0 (52) Gledura,B (2633)-Karthik,V (2563) chess.com INT 2023]

10...Ndc5 11.Bd3

[11.h4 Kh8 *(11...c6 12.h5 Bd7 13.Nd2 a4 14.a3 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nc7 16.Nc3 N7e6 17.g5 Nd4 18.Rb1 Re8 19.Rg3 Bc6 20.Qg4 Nce6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Nc5 23.Be2 Qc8 24.Kf1 Qxg4 25.Bxg4 b5 26.Kg2 Rab8 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Rh3 Nd3 29.Rhh1 Re7 30.Rhd1 Rc7 31.Nf3 Nc5 32.Nxd4 exd4 33.Rxd4 Bxd4 34.Bxd4 Nd3 35.Be2 Nc1 36.Bf3 b4 37.e5 Rc4 38.exd6 Rxd4 39.Rxc1 Rd8 40.Rc6 Rd2 41.Ra6 b3 42.Rxa4 Rxd6 43.Rb4 Rxb2 44.a4 Kf8 45.Kg3 Ke7 46.Rb7+ Rd7 47.Rb6 Ra2 48.Rxb3 Rxa4 49.Rb6 Rd4 50.Rb3 Ra7 51.Re3+ Kd6 52.Be4 Rd1 53.Kf4 Ra4 54.Kg3 Rg1+ 55.Bg2 Rd4 56.Rf3 Ke7 57.Re3+ Kf8 58.Kh2 Ra1 59.Kg3 Rd2 60.Rf3 Re1 61.Rf6 Re5 62.Kf4 Re1 63.Kg3 Kg7 64.Rf4 Re5 65.Rg4 Rd3+ 66.Kh2 Kf8 67.Bh1 Rd2 68.Kg3 Rd3+ 69.Kh2 Ke7 70.Bg2 Kd6 71.Bh1 Rf5 72.f4 Rd4 73.Kg3 Kc5 74.Bf3 Kc4 75.Rh4 Kc3 76.Bg2 Kd2 77.Bf3 Ke3 78.Rh1*

Rfxf4 79.Re1+ Kd2 80.Re5 Rf5 81.Rxf5 gxf5 82.Kf2 Kd3 83.Bh5 Rxd5 84.Bxf7 Rd4 85.Kf3 Rg4 86.Be6 Rxg5 87.Kf4 Rh5 88.Bxf5+ Rxf5+ 89.Kxf5 ½-½ (89) Le,Q (2709)-Carlsen,M (2864) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 12.g5 f6 13.Be2 fxg5 14.hxg5 Bd7 15.Rh1 Kg8 16.Rh2 Qe7 17.Kf1 Rf7 18.Kg2 Raf8 19.Qd2 Bg4 20.Ne1 Bd7 21.Nf3 Bg4 22.Ne1 Bd7 23.Nf3 ½-½ (23) Vitiugov,N (2668)-Jones,G (2639) London ENG 2024]

[11.a3 Bd7 12.Nd2 Kh8 13.g5 *(13.Be2 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 Nc5 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Bg4 Bg6 20.Qd1 e4 21.Qe2 Qh4 22.Rg3 Bd4* 0-1 (22) Bacrot,E (2638)-Jones,G (2669) chess.com INT 2022*)* 13...f5 14.h4 fxe4 15.h5 gxh5 16.Qxh5 Rf4 17.0-0-0 Be8 18.g6 Rh4 19.Qe2 Bxg6 20.Bg5 e3 21.Qxe3 Bf6 22.Bxh4 Bxh4 23.Rxg6 hxg6 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Qxg6+ Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kf7 27.Nf3 Bf6 28.Qh5+ Ke7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Bh3 Qe7 31.Qf5 Qf7 32.Rg1 Bg7 33.Qh7 e4 34.Ng5 Qf6 35.Kb1 Re8 36.Qh5 Ke7 37.Nh7 Qh6 38.Qxh6 Bxh6 39.Rg6 Bf8 40.Nf6 Rb8 41.Nfxe4 Nxe4 42.Nxe4 Nc5 43.Nxc5 dxc5 44.Be6 b5 45.cxb5 Rxb5 46.Kc2 c4 47.Rg4 c6 48.Bg8 cxd5 49.Rf4 ½-½ (49) Gledura,B (2645)-Saric,I (2657) chess.com INT 2023]

11...Kh8

[11...c6 12.a3 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nc7 14.Nc3 N7e6 15.Bc2 Nf4 16.h4 b6 17.a4 Be6 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 e4 20.Bxf4 exf3 21.Qxf3 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Bg7 23.Kf1 Na6 24.h5 Nb4 25.Bb3 Qf6 26.Kg2 Rfe8 27.Be3 Rab8 28.Rgd1 Qe7 29.Bf4 gxh5 30.g5 Be5 31.Be3 f6 32.Rh1 fxg5 33.Rxh5 Rf8 34.Qe4 Rbe8 35.Rbh1 Bf4 36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Bxb6 Nd3 38.c5 Nxf2 39.cxd6 Re2 40.d7 Nxh1+ 41.Kxh1 Re1+ 42.Kg2 Re2+ 43.Kh1 ½-½ (43) Esipenko,A (2682)-Daneshvar,B (2600) Doha QAT 2024]

12.Bb1 c6 13.h4 cxd5 14.cxd5 a4 15.Nxa4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Bd7 17.Qd1 Qc8 18.Nd2 Nb4 19.Kf1 Ba4 20.Nb3 Qc4+ 21.Kg2 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.gxf5 Nxd5 25.Kh3 Bd7 26.Qg4 Qxg4+ 27.Kxg4 Nf6+ 28.Kg3 Bxf5 29.f3 d5 30.Kf2 h6 31.Bd2 d4 32.Rge1 Nd5 33.Nc5 Bf6 34.Rh1 Kh7 35.Ne4 Be7 36.a3 Rf8 37.Ke2 Bd7 38.Rag1 Bb5+ 39.Ke1 Rxf3 40.Rg3 Rf7 41.Kd1 Bc6 42.Rhg1 Nf4 43.Nf2 Nh5 44.Ng4 Nxg3 45.Rxg3 Bxh4 46.Rh3 Bf3+ 47.Kc2 Rc7+ 48.Kb3 Bxg4 49.Rxh4 h5 50.Rh1 e4 51.Bf4 Rf7 52.Be5 d3 53.Kc3 Rd7 54.Bf4 Kg6 55.Be3 Rf7 56.Kd4 Re7 57.Rg1 Kf5 58.Rf1+ Kg6 59.Rg1 Re8 60.a4 Kf5 61.Rf1+ Kg6 62.b4 Bf3 63.Rg1+ Kf6 64.a5 Rd8+ 65.Kc3 Rc8+ 66.Kd4 Rc2 67.b5 d2 68.a6 bxa6 69.bxa6 d1Q+ 70.Rxd1 Bxd1 71.a7 Ra2 72.Kxe4 h4 73.Kf4 h3 74.Kg3 Ra3 75.Kh2 Bg4 76.Bd4+ Kf5 0-1 (76) Duda,J (2739)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2025

7...Qe8 8.g4

[8.Be3 Nh5 9.c5 f5 10.Rc1 Na6 11.Bb5 Qe7 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.0-0 f4 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Qe2 h5 16.Nb1 Ne8 17.Nh2 Qf7 18.Rc2 g5 19.Rfc1 Bd7 20.f3 Qg6 21.Ba5 dxc5 22.Rxc5 Rf7 23.Nd2 Bf8 24.R5c3 Bd6 25.Nb3 Bb5 26.Qe1 Bd7 27.Nc5 Bxc5+ 28.Rxc5 g4 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Rc6 Nd6 31.Bxc7 Bxc6 32.Rxc6

gxf3 33.Nxf3 Rg7 34.Qf2 Rxc7 35.Rxc7 Nxe4 36.Nh4 Qb6 37.Qxb6 axb6 38.Re7 Rc8 39.Kf1 Ng3+ 40.Ke1 e4 41.Ng6 ½-½ (41) Koivisto (3493)-Ethereal (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

8...a5 9.Be3 Na6 10.a3 h5

[10...Bd7 11.Nd2 Kh8 12.Bd3 Ng8 13.Qe2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bxf5 Bxf5 16.gxf5 Ne7 17.f6 Bxf6 18.0-0-0 b6 19.Kb1 Nc5 20.Rdg1 Nf5 21.Nde4 Rb8 22.h4 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 b5 24.Qg4 Bg7 25.h5 h6 26.Rh3 bxc4 27.Rf3 Qd7 28.Bd2 Rf7 29.Bxa5 Rb5 30.Bxc7 Rb3 31.Ba5 Rxf3 32.Qxf3 Qb5 33.Bb4 Qxd5 34.Rd1 Nd4 35.Qg2 Rf4 36.f3 Qe6 37.Rg1 Qd7 38.Nxd6 Nxf3 39.Rd1 e4 40.Qc2 Nd4 41.Qc1 Qg4 42.Nxc4 Rf3 43.Re1 Qxh5 44.Ne3 Qg5 45.Bc3 Kh7 46.Rg1 Rg3 47.Rxg3 Qxg3 48.Qd2 Qg1+ 49.Ka2 Nb5 50.Bxg7 Qxg7 51.Kb3 Qa7 52.Kc2 Nd4+ 53.Kb1 Ne6 54.Qf2 ½-½ (54) Komododragon (3583)-Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[10...Rb8 11.Rg1 Bd7 12.Nd2 Qd8 13.Be2 Ne8 14.Qb3 b6 15.h4 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.h5 Kh8 19.h6 Bf6 20.Nde4 Bh4 21.Qc2 Nc5 22.0-0-0 Nf6 23.f3 Nh5 24.b4 Nd7 25.Bd3 Nf4 26.Rg7 Nxd3+ 27.Qxd3 axb4 28.axb4 Nf6 29.Kb2 Nh5 30.Rdg1 Bf6 31.Bg5 Qc8 32.Bxf6 Rxf6 33.Qd2 Rg6 34.R7xg6 hxg6 35.Ng5 Qa6 36.b5 Qc8 37.Ne2 Ra8 38.f4 Ra4 39.Nc3 Rb4+ 40.Ka3 Rxc4 41.fxe5 dxe5 42.Kb3 Rf4 43.Qe3 Qe8 44.Re1 Nf6 45.Qxe5 Qxe5 46.Rxe5 Rg4 47.Nf7+ Kh7 48.d6 cxd6 49.Nxd6 Rf4 50.Nxf5 Rxf5 51.Rxf5 gxf5 52.Kb4 Kxh6 53.Kc4 Kg5 54.Kd4 ½-½ (56) Ethereal (3532)-Koivisto (3493) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

11.g5 Nd7 12.Rb1 Qd8 13.b3 c6 14.Be2 Nac5 15.Kf1 Nb6 16.a4 Kh7 17.Nh4 Rh8 18.Rb2 Nbd7 19.Rg1 Na6 20.Rg3 Ndc5 21.Kg1 Kg8 22.Rd2 Qc7 23.Bd3 Bd7 24.Bb1 Re8 25.Bc2 Qd8 26.Kh1 Rh7 27.Kg2 Rh8 28.Re2 Qc8 29.Re1 Nb4 30.Bb1 Rd8 31.Kh2 Re8 32.Rf1 Rh7 33.Bxc5 dxc5 34.Qd2 b6 35.Rd1 Bf8 36.Qe3 Qb8 37.d6 Re6 38.Nf5 Na6 39.h4 Qe8 40.Kh1 Nb8 41.Ne2 Bc8 42.Rg2 Qd8 43.Neg3 Qe8 44.Bc2 Kh8 45.Rd2 f6 46.Ne2 Nd7 47.Qh3 Nb8 48.Qg3 fxg5 49.hxg5 Kg8 50.f4 Nd7 51.Qh3 exf4 52.Nxf4 Ne5 53.Qg3 Bd7 54.Nxe6 Qxe6 55.Rgf2 Ng4 56.Rf3 Rf7 57.Ne7+ Bxe7 58.dxe7 Rxf3 59.Qxf3 Qxe7 60.Qf4 Ne5 61.Rf2 Qe8 62.Kg2 Bc8 63.Rf1 Bd7 64.Bd1 b5 65.Be2 bxa4 66.bxa4 Nf7 67.Kh2 Qe6 68.Rf3 Qe8 69.Rb3 Ne5 70.Kg1 Kh7 71.Rb7 Qc8 72.Rb1 Qe8 73.Rb3 Qe7 74.Qf6 Qxf6 75.gxf6 Kg8 76.Rb8+ Kf7 77.Ra8 Kxf6 78.Rxa5 Bc8 79.Ra8 Bb7 80.Rb8 Ba6 81.Re8 Bb7 82.a5 Ba6 83.Ra8 Bb7 84.Rb8 Ba6 85.Kf2 g5 86.Ra8 Bb7 87.Rf8+ Ke6 88.Rb8 Ba6 89.Rb6 Bc8 90.a6 Bxa6 91.Rxa6 h4 92.Ra8 Kf7 93.Ra5 Nd7 94.Ra7 Ke8 95.Ke3 Nb6 96.Rb7 Na4 97.e5 Nc3 98.Bh5+ Kd8 99.e6 Kc8 100.Ra7 Kb8 101.Rd7 Kc8 102.Bg4 Nd5+ 103.cxd5 cxd5 104.e7 d4+ 105.Ke4 Kb8 106.e8Q# 1-0 (106) Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677)-Komododragon (3583) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

7...Na6 8.Bg5 Bd7 9.Nd2 c6 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Rb1 Kh8 12.0-0 c5 13.a3 Qd8 14.b4 b6 15.Nb5 Qe7 16.Re1 h6 17.Bh4 Rfc8 18.Bd3 Qf8

19.Nf1 Nh5 20.Ne3 Bf6 21.Bxf6+ Nxf6 22.Nc3 Qe7 23.Bc2 Nb8 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Kh2 cxb4 26.axb4 a5 27.Ra1 Na6 28.bxa5 bxa5 29.Rxa5 Nc5 30.Rea1 Rxa5 31.Rxa5 Qd8 32.Ra3 Rb8 33.f3 Nh7 34.Ne2 Qh4 35.Ra1 Nf6 36.Qe1 Qg5 37.Ra3 Nh5 38.g3 Qd8 39.Qa1 Nf6 40.f4 Qe7 41.Nc3 Kh7 42.f5 Kg7 43.Ra7 g5 44.Kg2 Qd8 45.Kf3 h5 46.Qc1 Qb6 47.Ra1 Rg8 48.Qd2 Qd8 49.Rg1 Rh8 50.h4 g4+ 51.Ke2 Kh7 52.Rb1 Qa5 53.Ned1 Rg8 54.Nf2 Qa6 55.Nb5 Rb8 56.Bd3 Bxb5 57.cxb5 Qa4 58.Qb4 Qa2+ 59.Qb2 Qa4 60.Qb4 Qa2+ 61.Rb2 Qa1 62.Rb1 Qa7 63.Qd2 Nxd3 64.Qxd3 Qa2+ 65.Kf1 Rc8 66.Qb3 Rc1+ 0-1 (66) Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020

115 **8.Nh2** Qe8

[8...Nf4 9.g3 Nxh3 10.Nf3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Kg2 Na6 14.Nh4 Bd7 15.Be3 e4 16.Be2 Qe7 17.Qd2 Nc5 18.Raf1 Nd3 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.Bxd3 exd3 21.Qxd3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 g5 23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Bxg5 Qxg5 25.Nxg5 Bxd3 26.Rh4 Rf6 27.Rd4 Bb1 28.a3 h6 29.Ne6 c5 30.dxc6 Rxe6 31.c7 Re8 32.Rxd6 Bf5 33.Kf3 h5 34.Kf4 Bg4 35.Kg5 Kf7 36.c5 Rg8+ 37.Kf4 Ke7 38.Rh6 Rc8 39.Rh7+ Ke6 40.Ke4 Bf5+ 41.Kd4 Bxh7 42.Kc4 Rxc7 43.Kb5 Be4 44.c4 Bc6+ 45.Ka5 Rg7 46.Kb4 Rxg3 47.a4 h4 48.a5 h3 49.a6 bxa6 50.Ka5 Rb3 51.Kxa6 Ra3# 0-1 (51) Holt,C (2540)-Duda,J (2724) chess.com INT 2023]

9.Be2 Nf4 10.Bf3 f5 11.g3 Nh5 12.exf5 e4 13.Bxh5 gxh5 14.g4 Na6 15.Nf1 Nc5 16.Ng3 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 hxg4 18.hxg4 Nc5 19.Be3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bd7 21.Nh5 Bh8 22.Bh6 e3 23.Qxe3 Qxe3 24.Bxe3 Nd3 25.Rb1 Ne5 26.Bh6 Rfe8 27.Nb5 Rac8 28.Nxa7 Ra8 29.Nb5 Rxa2 30.Nxc7 Rc8 31.Ne6 Rxc4 32.Rg1 Bb5 33.Kg2 Rxg4+ 34.Kh3 Be2 35.Nd4 Rxg1 36.Rxg1+ Bg4+ 37.Kh4 Kf7 38.Rc1 Ra4 39.Rc7+ Ke8 40.Be3 Bxh5 41.Kxh5 Bf6 42.Rxb7 Nc4 43.Rb8+ Kd7 44.Rb7+ Kc8 45.Rxh7 Nxb2 46.Nb5 Be5 47.f4 Bxf4 48.Bxf4 Rxf4 49.Nxd6+ Kd8 50.Kg6 Nd3 51.Kf6 Rf1 52.Nb7+ Kc8 53.Nd6+ Kd8 54.Nf7+ Kc8 55.Ke6 Nc5+ 56.Ke5 Nd3+ 57.Kd4 Nb4 58.Nd6+ Kd8 59.Kc4 Nc2 60.Nb7+ Kc8 61.Nd6+ Kd8 62.Rf7 Re1 63.Kc5 Ne3 64.Nb7+ Ke8 65.Nd6+ Kd8 66.Rh7 Rd1 67.Nf7+ Ke7 68.Ne5+ Kf6 69.Nd7+ Kxf5 70.d6 Rc1+ 71.Kd4 Rd1+ 72.Kc5 Rc1+ 73.Kb5 Rd1 74.Kc6 Rc1+ 75.Nc5 Nc4 76.d7 Ne5+ 77.Kd6 Rd1+ 78.Kc7 Nxd7 79.Nxd7 Rc1+ 80.Kd6 Rd1+ 81.Kc6 Rc1+ 82.Nc5 Kg6 83.Rd7 Kf5 84.Rd5+ Kf4 85.Kd6 Ke3 86.Ne6 Ke4 87.Rd4+ Ke3 88.Ra4 Rb1 89.Kd5 Rd1+ 90.Ke5 Rd3 91.Nf4 Rd8 92.Ra3+ Kd2 93.Nd5 Kc2 94.Kd4 Kd2 95.Rh3 Ke2 96.Ke4 Kd2 97.Rh2+ Kd1 98.Nc3+ Kc1 99.Ke3 Rd7 100.Ke4 Rd8 101.Nb5 Re8+ 102.Kd3 Rd8+ 103.Nd4 Rd7 104.Kc3 Rc7+ 105.Kb3 Rc8 106.Nb5 Kd1 107.Nc3+ Ke1 108.Re2+ Kf1 109.Ra2 Rb8+ 110.Kc4 Re8 111.Kd3 Rd8+ 112.Ke3 Re8+ 113.Ne4 Re7 114.Kf3 Rf7+ 115.Ke3 Re7 116.Rf2+ Ke1 117.Rf5 Re8 118.Kd3 Rd8+ 119.Ke3 Re8 120.Rh5 Kf1 121.Rh2 Re7 122.Ra2 Re8 123.Kf3 Rf8+ 124.Kg3 Ke1 125.Nc3 Rg8+ 126.Kf3 Rf8+ 127.Ke3 Re8+ 128.Kd3 Rd8+ 129.Ke4 ½-½ (129) Holt,C (2540)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.

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116 **8...Na6** 9.Be3 Qe8 [9...f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.Qd2 *(11.Ng5 Qe8 12.Be2 Nf6 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.0-0-0 h6 15.Nf3 Nfe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qc2 c6 18.g4 cxd5 19.Rxd5 Be6 20.Rdd1 d5 21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.Nh4 Bh7 23.Bd3 Qh5 24.Rdg1 Qxh4 25.Rg4 Qh5 26.Rhg1 Rf7 27.f3 Qxh3 28.cxd5 Nf6 29.Bxh7+ Nxh7 30.Qg6 Qxf3 31.Qxh6 Rc8+ 32.Kd2 Qxd5+ 33.Ke1 Rcc7 34.Qh3 Rcd7* 0-1 (34) Livaic,L (2574)-Shevchenko,K (2645) Zagreb CRO 2022*)* 11...f4 12.gxf4 Nxf4 13.0-0-0 Kh8 14.Rg1 Bh6 15.h4 Bf5 16.Ng5 Nb4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.a3 Na6 19.b4 Qf6 20.Bd3 Rae8 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Ne6 Rf6 23.Qd3 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Nb8 25.Nb5 Nd7 26.Nbxc7 Rc8 27.Kb1 Ne5 28.Rc3 f3 29.c5 dxc5 30.bxc5 Rg8 31.Rxg8+ Kxg8 32.Ne8 Rg6 33.Nd6 Rg1+ 34.Ka2 Re1 35.Nxb7 Bd2 36.Rc2 Re2 37.Kb3 Nd3 38.c6 Nc1+ 39.Rxc1 Bxc1 40.c7 Rb2+ 41.Ka4 Rc2 42.Nbc5 1-0 (42) Gledura,B (2628)-Mamedov,R (2654) chess.com INT 2021] 10.Be2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Nh4 Nf6 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.a3 Na6 16.Qc2 Kh8 17.0-0-0 Bd7 18.Kb1 Nc5 19.g4 f4 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.g5 Ng8 22.Bg4 Ne7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Ne4 b6 25.Nf3 Nf5 26.h4 Nd4 27.Nxd4 exd4 28.f3 c6 29.dxc6 Qxc6 30.a4 Rae8 31.b3 Re5 32.Qd3 Rfe8 33.Rde1 Qg6 34.h5 Qf5 35.Kc2 R8e7 36.Rh4 R5e6 37.Rg4 Re8 38.Re2 R8e7 39.Kd1 Qf7 40.g6 Qf5 41.gxh7 Qxh5 42.Rxf4 Qh1+ 43.Re1 Qh2 44.Rg4 Qb2 45.Qc2 Qa1+ 46.Ke2 d3+ 47.Qxd3 Qb2+ 48.Kf1 Qh2 49.Re2 Qh1+ 50.Rg1 Qh3+ 51.Ke1 Re8 52.Kd2 Qh5 53.Kc2 Qe5 54.Rb1 R6e7 55.Rg2 Rf8 56.Rg5 Qh2+ 57.Qd2 Qh3 58.Rg3 Qf5 59.Qd5 Re5 60.Qd3 Re7 61.Rg5 Qf4 62.Rbg1 Qxf3 63.Qxf3 Rxf3 64.R5g4 Re3 65.Nd6 Rc3+ 66.Kb1 Rxb3+ 67.Kc1 Rc3+ 68.Kb1 Rb3+ 69.Kc1 Rf3 70.Re4 Rc3+ 71.Kd2 Rxe4 72.Nxe4 Rxc4 73.Ke3 Bd4+ 74.Kd3 Bxg1 75.Kxc4 Kxh7 76.Nd6 Kg6 77.Nc8 Kf5 78.Nxb6 Ke6 79.Kb5 Ke5 80.Nc4+ Kd4 81.Nxa5 Bf2 82.Nc6+ Kd5 83.Na5 Be1 84.Nc4 Bb4 85.Nb6+ Kd4 86.Nc4 Bc3 87.Na3 Bb4 88.Nc2+ Kc3 89.Ne3 Kb3 90.Nc4 Kc3 91.Nb6 Kb3 92.a5 Bxa5 93.Nc4 Bb4 94.Ne3 Kc3 95.Nc4 Kd4 96.Nb6 Bc3 97.Nc4 Bb2 98.Nb6 Bc1 99.Nc4 Bd2 100.Nb6 Bf4 101.Nc4 Bc7 102.Nb2 Bb6 103.Nc4 Bc7 104.Nb2 Bd6 105.Nc4 Be5 106.Nb2 Bf4 107.Nc4 Bc1 108.Nb6 Be3 109.Nc4 Bf2 110.Nb6 Kd3 111.Nc4 Be3 112.Nb6 Kc3 113.Nc4 Bd4 114.Nd6 Kb3 115.Nc4 Kc3 116.Na5 Kd2 117.Nc4+ Ke2 118.Nd6 Bc3 119.Ne4 Ba5 120.Nxc5 ½-½ (120) Sjugirov,S (2680)-Sadhwani,R (2616) chess.com INT 2022

117 **10.Bg5** Qe8 11.Rg1 Na6 12.Nh4 Kh8 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Re1 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 Rg8 17.Qh6 Qf7 18.Be2 Nf6 19.f4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Qg7 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Rae8 23.Qc2 Nfe4 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Bg4 Qd4 26.Kb1 Rf8 27.Ref1 Kg7 28.b3 Re5 29.Qd1 Qe4+ 30.Ka1 Nd3 31.Qd2 Qe3 32.Qxe3 Rxf1+ 33.Rxf1 Rxe3 34.Rg1 Kf6 35.h4 Ke5 36.Kb1 Nf2 37.Bc8 ½-½ (37) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish

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10.Nh4 Nf4

[10...Nf6 11.Bd3 e4 12.Bc2 Na6 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Qd2 Nfd7 15.0-0-0 Ne5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Qe2 b5 18.cxb5 c4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Nd3+ 21.Rxd3 cxd3 22.Bxd3 Qg5+ 23.f4 Qh6 24.d6 Be6 25.Re1 Bd7 26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.Re7 Bxh3 28.dxc7 Qf6 29.Qh5 Qxb2+ 30.Kd1 Qa1+ 31.Ke2 Bf1+ 32.Ke3 Qd4+ 33.Kf3 Qxd3+ 34.Re3 Be2+ 35.Kf2 Qxe3+ 36.Kxe3 Bxh5 0-1 (36) Holt,C (2540)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024]

11.gxf4

[11.Bd2 Na6 12.gxf4 Qxh4 13.fxe5 Bxe5 14.Rg1+ Kh8 15.Bg5 Qd4 16.Qxd4 Bxd4 17.0-0-0 Bg7 18.Re1 Rg8 19.Re7 h6 20.Bh4 Be5 21.Rxg8+ Kxg8 22.Nb5 f4 23.Nxc7 Nxc7 24.Rxc7 Rb8 25.f3 Bd4 26.b4 Bb6 27.Re7 Bf5 28.Bf6 Kf8 29.Re1 Kf7 30.Bc3 Bf2 31.Rd1 Rg8 32.Bd2 Be3 33.Bxe3 fxe3 34.c5 dxc5 35.d6 cxb4 36.Re1 Rd8 37.Bc4+ Kf6 38.Bd5 Rxd6 39.Bxb7 Rd3 0-1 (39) Gledura,B (2644)-Sadhwani,R (2619) chess.com INT 2022]

11...Qxh4 12.fxe5 dxe5

[12...Nd7 13.e6 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qe4+ 15.Be3 Qxh1 16.Qh5 Ne5 17.e7 Bd7 18.exf8Q+ Rxf8 19.Qg5+ Kf7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qg5+ Kf7 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.0-0-0 Kh8 ½-½ (23) Peralta,F (2546)-Perez Ponsa,F (2536) Buenos Aires ARG 2024]

13.Rg1 f4 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Qf3 Na6 16.Bd2 Kh8 17.b4 Rad8 18.Bc3 Bg6 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.a3 c6 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.0-0-0 Nc7 23.h4 Qe8 24.Rg5 Ne6 25.Rxe5 Bxe5 26.Bxe5+ Ng7 27.Bc3 Rxd3 28.Qxd3 Qxe4 29.Qxe4 Bxe4 30.Rd7 Rg8 31.h5 h6 32.Rxa7 Bf3 33.b5 cxb5 34.cxb5 Bxh5 35.b6 Bf3 36.Be5 Kh7 37.b7 Bxb7 38.Rxb7 Kg6 39.Rxg7+ Rxg7 40.Bxg7 Kxg7 41.a4 h5 42.a5 h4 43.a6 1-0 (43) Gledura,B (2628)-Amin,B (2636) chess.com INT 2024

[118] **10...Qe8** 11.Bg2 Nf6

[11...Na6 12.Ne6 Bxe6 13.dxe6 e4 14.e7 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Rf6 16.Bg5 Nc5 17.0-0 Qg6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Kh2 Re8 20.f3 Rxe7 21.fxe4 fxe4 22.Qd4 Re5 23.Rae1 b6 24.Re2 Qh5 25.Qd1 Kg7 26.Rf4 Ne6 27.Rh4 Qg6 28.Re3 Nc5 29.Qe2 a5 30.Rf4 Ne6 31.Rh4 Nc5 32.Kh1 Rg5 33.Kh2 a4 34.Bxe4 Ncxe4 35.Rhxe4 Nxe4 36.Rxe4 Rxg3 37.Re6 Qd3 38.Re7+ Kh6 39.Qf2 Rxh3+ 40.Kg2 Qxc3 41.Qf4+ Kg6 42.Re6+ Kg7 43.Qg4+ Kf7 44.Qf5+ Kg7 45.Re7+ Kg8 46.Qc8# 1-0 (46) Kovalenko,I (2674)-Swiercz,D (2656) chess.com INT 2022]

12.g4 e4 13.Be3 Na6 14.Qd2 h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 Qxe6 17.Bxh6 Nc5 18.0-0-0 Rf7 19.gxf5 Qxf5 20.Be3 Re8 21.Bf1 Nfd7 22.Be2 Ne5 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.Rhg1 Kh7 25.Qc2 Nc6 26.Bg4 Qxf2 27.Qxf2 Rxf2 28.Rd7 Re7 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxg7+ Kxg7 31.Bf3+ Kf6 32.Bxe4 Ne5 33.b3 Rxa2 34.Kb1 Rh2 35.Bxb7 Rxh3 36.Kc2 Nd3 37.Rg2 Ne1+ 0-1 (37) Akobian,V (2582)-Amin,B (2680) Douglas IOM 2023

11.Be3 Qe7 12.Qe2 Na6 13.0-0-0 Nc5 14.Rg1 a5 15.Kb1 h6 16.Nf3 Nfe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Qc2 Bd7 19.g4 Nc5 20.g5 h5 21.Nh4 Qe8 22.Qe2 a4

23.g6 Ne4 24.Qxh5 Nf6 25.Qg5 Ne4 26.Qh5 Nf6 27.Qg5 f4 28.Bc1 Ne4 29.Qh5 Nf6 30.Qg5 Ne4 31.Qh5 Nf6 32.Qg5 ½-½ (32) Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

[119] **5...Nbd7** 6.Be3 e5
[6...c5 7.d5 a6 8.a4 0-0 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.Bg5 Re8 11.Nd2 Ngf6 12.0-0 e6 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bh4 e5 15.a5 g5 16.Bg3 Nf8 17.b4 cxb4 18.Na4 Qxa5 19.c5 dxc5 20.Rfb1 N8d7 21.h4 Qc7 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Rxb4 b5 24.Nb2 Ra7 25.Rb3 c4 26.Rc3 Nb6 27.Nf1 a5 28.Ne3 a4 29.Nbxc4 bxc4 30.Nxc4 Nbxd5 31.exd5 Nxd5 32.Rca3 Bd7 33.Rd1 Nf4 34.Bf1 Bb5 35.Qa2 Rd8 36.Rb1 Be8 37.Ne3 Bf8 38.Ng4 Bxa3 39.Qxa3 Rb7 40.Re1 Qd6 41.Qf3 Bc6 42.Qc3 Rb3 43.Qc2 e4 44.Bc4 Rb6 45.Qc3 Qd4 46.Qa5 Bd5 47.Nh6+ Kh7 48.Nf5 Qf6 49.Ne3 Bxc4 50.Nxc4 Ra6 51.Qb4 Rd4 52.Qc3 Ne2+ 0-1 (52) Matviishen,V (2566)-Bologan,V (2600) New York USA 2024]
7.Nf3
[7.d5 Nc5
A) 8.f3 a5 9.g4 *(9.a3 0-0 10.Rb1 Bd7 11.b3 Nh5 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Na4 14.Nxa4 Rxa4 15.g3 f5 16.Bd3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qa8 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Ne2 Qa7 21.Qc1 Bh3 22.c5 Bg2 23.Rg1 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Rxf3 25.Rf1 Raa3 26.Qc4 Qa8 27.c6 b6 28.Rxf3 Rxf3 29.Kd2 Bh6+ 30.Kc2 Qa4+ 31.Kb2 Qa3+ 32.Kc2 Qe3 33.Rb3 Qd2+ 34.Kb1 Rf1+ 35.Nc1 Rxc1+* 0-1 (35) Sarana,A (2654)-Kamsky,G (2674) chess.com INT 2020*)* 9...h5 10.g5 Nh7 11.h4 f6 12.Qd2 fxg5 13.hxg5 0-0 14.Nh3 Bxh3 15.Rxh3 Rf4 16.Rg3 Qe7 17.0-0-0 Raf8 18.Rdg1 Rh4 19.R3g2 Rh3 20.Qd1 Rf4 21.Kb1 Nf8 22.Nb5 b6 23.a3 Qd8 24.Ka2 Rf7 25.Nc3 Nfd7 26.b4 Nb7 27.Kb3 Bf8 28.Rh1 Rxh1 29.Qxh1 Be7 30.Qh3 Nf8 31.Nb5 Qb8 32.Rg1 Bd8 33.Qg3 Qa8 34.Nc3 Qc8 35.f4 exf4 36.Bxf4 Qd7 37.Bd3 Be7 38.Be3 Qe8 39.e5 dxe5 40.Qxe5 axb4 41.axb4 Qd8 42.Bd4 Rh7 43.Bxg6 Bd6 44.Bxh7+ 1-0 (44) Fedoseev,V (2688)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2022;
B) 8.Qc2 a5 *(8...Ng4 9.Bxg4 Bxg4 10.b4 Na6 11.f3 Bd7 12.a3 Bh6 13.Qd2 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 f5 15.h4 0-0 16.Nge2 Qf6 17.Qg5 Kg7 18.Nc1 h6 19.Qxf6+ Rxf6 20.Nd3 c5 21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Kd2 b6 24.Rae1 Re8 25.a4 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Rf4 27.Ke3 Rff8 28.a5 Bf5 29.axb6 axb6 30.Ra1 Bxe4 31.fxe4 Ra8 32.Rhb1 Rxa1 33.Rxa1 Rb8 34.Ra7+ Kf6 35.Rc7 Ra8 36.Rc6+ Kf7 37.Rxb6 Ra3+ 38.Ke2 Rc3 39.Re6 Rxc4 40.Rxe5 Rc2+ 41.Kf3 Rd2 42.Re6 Rd3+ 43.Kf4 c4 44.Rc6 c3 45.Ke5 g5 46.h5 g4 47.Rc7+ Ke8 48.Ke6 Kd8 49.d6 Re3 50.e5* 1-0 (50) Deac,B (2700)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.Nd2 f4 14.Bxg4 Bxg4 15.f3 Bd7 16.Bf2

b6 17.b3 g4 18.0-0-0 Rg8 19.Kb2 gxf3 20.Nxf3 Bf6 21.Rhg1 Bg4 22.a3 Qd7 23.Nb5 Ke7 24.Rde1 Rg7 25.Nd2 Kf7 26.g3 Bh5 27.gxf4 exf4+ 28.Bd4 Qh3 29.Bxf6 Rxg1 30.Rxg1 Kxf6 31.e5+ Kxe5 32.Qxh7 Bg4 33.Qg7+ Kf5 34.Nd4# 1-0 (34) Erigaisi,A (2782)-Carlsen,M (2837) Stavanger NOR 2025]

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[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 Nh6 10.h4 0-0 11.h5 g5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.0-0-0 Qe8 15.Be3 Ne6 16.c5 c6 17.Bc4 Kh8 18.Ne2 Nf4 19.Nxf4 gxf4 20.Bd2 Bg4 21.Bc3 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Qxd8 23.Nh4 Qe8 24.Qb3 Qe7 25.f3 Bxh5 26.Nf5 Nxf5 27.exf5 Bf7 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Rd1 Bf8 30.Qc4 Rg7 31.Rd2 h5 32.b4 Kh7 33.Kc2 Kh6 34.Kb2 Kg5 35.Qe4 Qe8 36.Rd1 Kh6 37.g4 fxg3 38.Qh4 Kh7 39.Qxf6 Qf7 40.Qxe5 g2 41.Rg1 Rg5 42.Qh8# 1-0 (42) Bluebaum,M (2655)-Anton Guijarro,D (2670) chess.com INT 2024]

8.d5 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 a5

[10...Nh6 11.Nd2 g5 *(11...Nf7 12.Qc2 Bh6 13.0-0-0 c5 14.Kb1 a6 15.Nb3 Rb8 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Qe2 Kg7 18.f3 Nb6 19.Be1 Bd7 20.Ka1 Na4 21.Nb1 b5 22.Ba5 Qa7 23.h4 Rb7 24.g3 Rfb8 25.Rdf1 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Bb5 27.Na3 Nb6 28.f4 Nxc4 29.Nxc4 Bxc4 30.Qxc4 Rb5 31.h5 Qd7 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Rh4 R5b7 34.Rfh1 Qb5 35.Qxb5 axb5 36.Bd2 Ra8 37.fxe5 Bxd2 38.Rh7+ Kg8 39.e6* 1-0 (39) Sarana,A (2686)-Kozul,Z (2506) Pasching AUT 2025*) 12.Bg3 f5 13.f3 c5 14.Bf2 Nf6 15.h3 b6 16.g4 f4 17.h4 Nf7 18.Qc2 gxh4 19.Bxh4 Bh6 20.0-0-0 Bg5 21.Bf2 Bd7 22.a3 Kg7 23.b4 Rh8 24.Rdg1 Qe7 25.Bd3 h5 26.gxh5 Rxh5 27.Rxh5 Nxh5 28.Qd1 Rh8 29.Qe1 Nf6 30.Ne2 Qd8 31.Kb2 Rh2 32.Nf1 Rh3 33.Nd2 Qh8 34.Nc3 Kf8 35.Kb3 Qh5 36.a4 Bh4 37.Bxh4 Rxh4 38.a5 Rh2 39.axb6 axb6 40.Qd1 Ke7 41.Be2 cxb4 42.Kxb4 Qh4 43.Qf1 Ng5 44.Kb3 Kf7 45.Qa1 Nh3 46.Rh1 Rxh1 47.Qxh1 Qf2 48.Qa1 Qd4 49.Qc1 Ng5 50.Kc2 Kg6 51.Qh1 Qe3 52.Qb1 Bh3 53.Qh1 Nh5 54.Qh2 Ng3 55.Bd1 Nf1 56.Nxf1 Bxf1 57.Qh8 Qd3+ 58.Kb2 Qd2+ 59.Kb3 Bd3 60.Qg8+ Kh5 61.Qh8+ Kg6 62.Qg8+ Kh6 63.Qf8+ Kh5 64.Qxd6 Kh4 65.Qxe5 Qe3 66.Qf5 Nxf3 67.Qh7+ Kg3 68.Bxf3 Qxf3 69.d6 Qf2 70.d7 Qc2+ 71.Ka3 Qb2+ 72.Kxb2 1-0 (72) Deac,B (2692)-Carlsen,M (2833) chess.com INT 2025]

[10...h5 11.Nd2 Nh6 12.f3 Nf7 13.Qc2 Bh6 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Kb1 Nc5 16.g4 hxg4 17.fxg4 Bf4 18.Bf2 Kg7 19.h4 Bd7 20.Rdg1 Rh8 21.Nf1 Kf8 22.Ne3 Ke7 23.h5 g5 24.Nf5+ Bxf5 25.exf5 Kf8 26.Bf3 Kg7 27.Rd1 b6 28.a3 Qd7 29.Ka2 Nh6 30.Rde1 Nf7 31.Bd1 Rhb8 32.Qe2 Rh8 33.Bc2 Ra7 34.Rd1 Raa8 35.Qf3 Ra7 36.Rh3 Raa8 37.Rdh1 Nh6 38.Bxc5 bxc5 39.Ba4 Qc8 40.Ne4 Rb8 41.Bb5 Qb7 42.Qd1 Qb6 43.Rb3 Qa7 44.Rg1 Rb7 45.Rg2 Rbb8 46.Rd3 Rb7 47.Qa4 Rhb8 48.Be8 Rd8 49.Bc6 Rb6 50.Nc3 Ra6 51.Nb5 Qb6 52.Rb3 Rb8 53.Nxd6 cxd6 54.Rxb6 Rbxb6 55.Bb5 Ra7 56.b4 e4 57.bxa5 Rb8 58.a6 e3 59.Qa5 Nf7 60.Bc6 Ne5 61.Bb7 Rbxb7 62.axb7

Rxb7 63.Qa8 Re7 64.Qd8 Rd7 65.h6+ Kh7 66.Qxf6 Rb7 67.Rb2 Rd7 68.Rb8 1-0 (68) Sarana,A (2672)-Shimanov,A (2578) chess.com INT 2025]

11.Nd2 Nh6 12.Qc2

[12.f3 Nc5 13.Nb3 *(13.0-0 Nf7 14.b3 Bh6 15.Kh1 Be3 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.Qc2 Qe7 18.Nd1 Bg5 19.Bf2 f5 20.Nc3 Bf4 21.a3 Qg5 22.Rfd1 Qh6 23.Bg1 Be3 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Bxg1 26.Rxg1 Na6 27.Rgd1 Qe3 28.Nf1 Qg5 29.Ng3 h5 30.Qd2 h4 31.Nf1 Kg7 32.Qxg5 Nxg5 33.Nd2 h3 34.g3 fxe4 35.Ncxe4 Nxe4 36.Nxe4 Bf5 37.Bd3 Bxe4 38.Bxe4 Nb8 39.Ra1 Nd7 40.Kg1 Nf6 41.Bd3 Nh7 42.Kf2 Ng5 43.Be2 Rxa1 44.Rxa1 Nxf3 45.Bxf3 e4 46.Ra3 Kh6 47.Re3 exf3 48.Re7 Kg5 49.Rxc7 Kg4 50.Re7 Ra8 51.Re4+ Kf5 52.Kxf3 Ra3+ 53.Re3 Ra4 54.g4+ Kg5 55.c5 Kh4 56.cxd6 g5 57.d7 Rxb4 58.d8Q* 1-0 (58) Xiong,J (2709)-Bernadskiy,V (2619) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 13...b6 14.Nxc5 bxc5 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.a4 Nf7 17.0-0-0 Bh6+ 18.Kb1 Be3 19.Ka2 Nh6 20.Bd3 Kg7 21.b3 c6 22.g4 Rb8 23.h3 Ng8 24.Be1 Ne7 25.h4 h6 26.Rb1 Qb6 27.Qg2 Qa6 28.Qe2 Bd4 29.Bd2 Rh8 30.Rh3 h5 31.Rbh1 Rh7 32.R3h2 Rbh8 33.Bc2 Kf7 34.Bd1 Qc8 35.Ka3 Kg7 36.Qg2 Qb7 37.Ka2 Kf7 38.Qf1 Rg8 39.Rg2 Rhg7 40.Ne2 cxd5 41.Nxd4 cxd4 42.cxd5 Rb8 43.Ka3 Nxd5 44.Qc4 Be6 45.exd5 Bxd5 46.Qd3 e4 47.Qxd4 exf3 48.Rf2 Be6 49.Kb2 Bxb3 50.Ka1 Be6 51.Bc2 Qd5 52.Qxd5 Bxd5 53.g5 fxg5 54.Bxg5 Rb4 55.Re1 Kg8 56.Rd1 Bb3 57.Bxb3+ Rxb3 58.Ka2 Rgb7 59.Rdf1 R3b4 60.Rxf3 Rxa4+ 61.Ra3 Rc4 62.Rxa5 Rc2+ 63.Ka1 Rc8 64.Rb1 Rd7 65.Rb6 Kf7 66.Ra3 Ke6 67.Kb2 Rf8 68.Rd3 Rf5 69.Kc3 Rc5+ 70.Kd2 Ra5 71.Ke3 Rc5 72.Kf3 Rf5+ 73.Kg3 Rd5 74.Rxd5 Kxd5 75.Kf3 Rf7+ 76.Bf4 Rf6 77.Ra6 Re6 78.Ra1 Rf6 79.Rd1+ Kc6 80.Ke4 d5+ 81.Ke3 Re6+ 82.Kd3 Re4 83.Bg5 Kd6 84.Ra1 Ke5 85.Ra6 Rd4+ 86.Ke3 Rb4 87.Rxg6 Rb3+ 88.Kd2 Kd4 89.Rh6 Rb2+ 90.Kc1 Rf2 91.Rxh5 Kd3 92.Rh6 Rf1+ 1-0 (94) LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809)-Komodo (3743) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

12...g5 13.Bg3 f5 14.f3 Nc5 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.Kb1 Kh8 17.h3 a4 18.Rhf1 b6 19.a3 Qe7 20.Ka2 fxe4 21.fxe4 g4 22.h4 Ng8 23.Bf2 Bh6 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.cxb5 Bxd2 26.Rxd2 Nf6 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rf5 g3 29.Rd1 Nd7 30.Rdf1 Nb6 31.h5 Rxf5 32.Rxf5 Rf8 33.Bg4 Rxf5 34.Bxf5 Qg5 35.Qc3 Kg7 36.b3 Qf4 37.bxa4 Nxa4 38.Qc2 Qf2 39.Kb3 c4+ 40.Qxc4 Nc5+ 41.Kc3 Qxg2 42.b6 Qf3+ 43.Kb2 cxb6 44.h6+ Kf6 45.Bh3 g2 46.Bxg2 Qxg2+ 47.Kc3 Qf3+ 0-1 (47) Sarana,A (2686)-Carlsen,M (2837) chess.com INT 2025

5...e5 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.f4

[8.Bg5 Be6 9.0-0-0+ Nbd7 10.f4 h6 11.Bh4 Kc8 12.f5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nf3 Bg6 15.Rhf1 Re8 16.Bf2 Ng4 17.Nh4 h5 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.Be3 Rf8 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Rf1 a5 23.Rf7 Ra6 24.Ne4 Re6 25.b3 b6 26.Nf2 g3 27.hxg3 e4 28.Kd2 Bd6 29.g4 a4 30.Nh3 Bc5 31.Ng5 Rd6+ 32.Ke2 Bxe3 33.Kxe3 Nc5 34.b4 Rd3+ 35.Ke2 Na6 36.Nxe4 Ra3 37.b5 Rxa2+

38.Kd1 Nc5 39.Nxc5 bxc5 40.Rf6 Rxg2 41.Rxg6 a3 42.Kc1 a2 43.Ra6 Kd7 44.g5 Ke7 45.g6 Kf8 46.Ra7 Kg8 47.Ra6 Kg7 48.Ra4 Kxg6 0-1 (48) Xiong,J (2692)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2022]

8...Be6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0

[10.Ng5 Nd4 11.Nxe6+ fxe6 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Be3 exf4 14.Bxf4 c5 15.0-0-0 Be5 16.Bg5+ Kc7 17.Nb5+ Kc6 18.Rdf1 h6 19.Be3 a6 20.Nxd4+ Bxd4 21.Bd2 h5 22.Kc2 Raf8 23.b3 Ne5 24.Be2 Kd7 25.Bg5 Nc6 26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Rf1 Rxf1 28.Bxf1 Nb4+ 29.Kb1 Kd6 30.a3 Nc6 31.Kc2 Be5 32.h3 Nd4+ 33.Kd3 Nxb3 34.Be2 b5 35.Bd1 Na5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.Bd2 Nc4 38.Bc1 Bb2 39.Bf4+ e5 40.Bh6 Nxa3 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 c4+ 43.Kd2 Kc5 44.Bf8+ Kd4 0-1 (44) Lysyj,I (2589)-Kamsky,G (2641) chess.com INT 2023]

10...Kc8

[10...h6 11.f5 gxf5 12.exf5 Bd7 13.Be3 Re8 14.h3 Kc8 15.g4 e4 16.Nd2 Nb4 17.Rac1 a5 18.Rfd1 Bc6 19.Bd4 Rd8 20.Be5 Re8 21.Bd4 Rd8 22.Be5 Re8 23.Bd4 Rd8 ½-½ (23) Michalik,P (2564)-Kamsky,G (2609) Deizisau GER 2024]

11.f5 gxf5 12.exf5 Bd7 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Bd3 h6 16.Nge4 Nxf5 17.Bc5 Nxe4 18.Bxf8 Bxf8 19.Nxe4 Be6 20.Rae1 Nd4 21.Nf6 Bd6 22.Kh1 c5 23.b3 Kc7 24.Be4 a5 25.Bd5 a4 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Ne4 axb3 28.axb3 Nxb3 29.Rf6 Nd4 30.Rxh6 Kc6 31.h4 Be7 32.h5 b5 33.cxb5+ Kd5 34.b6 c4 35.Rh7 Bb4 36.b7 Rb8 37.Nf6+ Kc6 38.Rb1 Bd2 39.Nd7 Rxb7 40.Nxe5+ Kd5 41.Rbxb7 Kxe5 42.Rhc7 c3 43.h6 Bxh6 44.Rxc3 Ke4 45.Rh3 Bf4 46.g3 Be3 47.Kg2 e5 48.Rh5 Bd2 49.Rf7 Nc2 50.g4 Bf4 51.g5 Ne3+ 52.Kh3 1-0 (52) Erigaisi,A (2778)-Carlsen,M (2832) Almaty KAZ 2024

5...Nc6 6.d5 Nb8 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 c6

[8...Nbd7 9.Bg5 Nc5 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bh4 c6 12.b4 Ncd7 13.Rc1 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 Ra3 16.Ndb1 Ra8 17.Qb3 Qb6 18.Nd2 Re8 19.Bg3 h5 20.Bf4 Ng4 21.h3 Nge5 22.Be3 c5 23.f4 Bh6 24.Nb5 Nc6 25.dxc6 bxc6 26.Nc3 Qxb4 27.Rb1 Bg7 28.Rfc1 Qa5 29.Bf3 Bh6 30.Nf1 Ba6 31.Ra1 Qb4 32.Qxb4 cxb4 33.Na4 b3 34.e5 Rab8 35.Nb2 Bb7 36.exd6 exd6 37.Ra3 Nc5 38.Bxc5 dxc5 39.Rxb3 Bxf4 40.Rb1 Ba6 41.Nd3 Rxb3 42.Rxb3 Bd6 43.Bxc6 1-0 (43) Yilmaz,M (2641)-Pultinevicius,P (2575) chess.com INT 2024]

9.Re1

[9.h3 e5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Re1 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bg5 dxc4 14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Nxe6 Qxe6 16.Bf3 Qa6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.h4 Nc6 20.h5 Qa5 21.Qc1 Nb4 22.Qxc4 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Bf6 24.b4 Qb6 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.a4 Kg7 27.Qf4 Rfe8 28.h6+ Kf8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.a5 Qd8 31.Qf3 Qe7 32.Bxb7 Be5 33.Bc6 Rd8 34.b5 Rxd1+ 35.Qxd1 Bc7 36.Qa1 Be5 37.Qd1 Bc7 38.Qa1 Be5 39.Qe1 Bd4 40.Qd2 Qc5 41.g3 Ke7 42.Kg2 f5 43.Qg5+ Bf6 44.Qf4 Be5 45.Qd2 Bd4 46.f4 Kf6 47.Kh3 Qc4 48.Bg2 Qc5 49.Bf3 Ke7 50.Qe2+ Be3 51.Qb2 Bd4 52.Qb3 Kd6 53.Bc6 g5 54.fxg5 a6 55.Qf7 axb5 56.Qd7+

Ke5 57.g6 Kf6 58.g7 1-0 (58) Mamedyarov,S (2764)-Kamsky,G (2674) Karlsruhe GER 2020]
9...Nbd7 10.Be3 a6 11.Rc1 Qc7 12.b4 c5 13.bxc5 Nxc5 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Nd4 Rfc8 16.f3 Be8 17.Qd2 Nfd7 18.f4 Qa5 19.Kh1 Nb6 20.Bg1 Nca4 21.Nb1 Qxd2 22.Nxd2 Nc5 23.Bf1 Nbd7 24.N2f3 Nf6 25.Nd2 Nfd7 26.N2f3 Rc7 27.e5 Bh6 28.Be3 Rac8 29.Rb1 Ne4 30.f5 Bxe3 31.e6 Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Ng4+ 33.Kh1 Nde5 34.h3 Bxd4 35.Nxd4 Nf6 36.exf7+ Bxf7 37.Ne6 Bxe6 38.fxe6 Nxc4 39.Bxc4 Rxc4 40.Rxb7 Nxd5 41.Kh2 R4c7 42.Rb3 Kg7 43.Rd1 Nf6 44.Ra3 Rc6 45.Rb1 R8c7 46.Rb8 d5 47.Rd8 Rxe6 0-1 (47) Ma Qun (2653)-Radjabov,T (2745) chess.com INT 2023

5...Na6 6.Be3 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Ke8 10.c5
[10.h3 c6 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.h4 h5 13.Na4 Bh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.Kd2 Ke7 16.Ke3 f6 17.g3 Rh8 18.Nd2 Nb4 19.a3 Nc2+ 20.Kd3 Nd4 21.Nf3 Rd8 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Kc2 Ne5 24.f3 d3+ 25.Bxd3 Nxf3 26.b4 Bg4 27.Kc3 a5 28.Ra1 Ne5 29.Bc2 Be2 30.Nb6 Ra6 31.c5 Bd3 32.Bb3 Bxe4 33.Rhd1 axb4+ 34.axb4 Rxa1 35.Rxa1 Rd3+ 36.Kb2 Rxg3 37.Nc8+ Kd7 38.Ra8 Nd3+ 39.Ka1 Rg1+ 40.Ka2 Nc1+ 41.Kb2 Nxb3 42.Kxb3 Ke6 43.Nd6 Bd5+ 44.Kc3 Rg3+ 45.Kd4 Rg4+ 46.Kd3 Rxb4 47.Re8+ Kd7 48.Rf8 b6 49.Rxf6 bxc5 50.Rxg6 Rxh4 51.Kc3 Rh3+ 52.Kd2 c4 53.Nf5 c3+ 54.Ke2 c2 55.Rg7+ Ke6 56.Nd4+ Kf6 57.Rg1 Be4 58.Rc1 Ke5 59.Nb3 Rxb3 0-1 (59) Ibrahimli,M (2415)-Carlsen,M (2831) chess.com INT 2024]
10...c6 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.Rd6 Bd7 13.h3 Ke7 14.Nf3 Ne8 15.Rhd1 Nxd6 16.cxd6+ Ke8 17.Na4 f6 18.Nd2 Kf7 19.Nc5 Be6 20.Nxe6 Kxe6 21.Nb3 Rhb8 22.Nc5+ Kf7 23.Nxa6 Rd8 24.Nc7 Rac8 25.Bxa7 Bf8 26.Bc5 Rd7 27.b4 Rcd8 28.a4 Bxd6 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Rxd6 31.a5 Rd7 32.Na6 Ke7 33.Kc2 Rd4 34.f3 Kd6 35.Kc3 Rd1 36.Nc5 Rc1+ 37.Kb3 Kc7 38.Ne6+ Kb7 39.Nf8 Rg1 40.Nxh7 f5 41.g4 Rg3 42.Ng5 fxe4 43.Nxe4 Rxf3+ 44.Kc4 Rxh3 45.Nc5+ Kc7 46.a6 Rh1 0-1 (46) Lupulescu,C (2584)-Carlsen,M (2835) Zagreb CRO 2023

5...c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd2 Qxc5 8.Nf3 a6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.h3 0-0 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Bg5 Qd8 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Qe3 Ne6 15.Bh6 Bd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rfd1 Qb8 18.Nd5 Qa7 19.Qxa7 Rxa7 20.Nxf6 exf6 21.Rxd6 Bc6 22.e5 f5 23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Raa8 25.f4 Rad8 26.Rcd1 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 f6 28.exf6+ Kxf6 29.Kf2 Ke6 30.c5 Ke7 31.b4 Rc8 32.Rd6 Rc7 33.Bf3 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 a5 35.a3 axb4 36.axb4 Rc8 37.g4 fxg4+ 38.hxg4 Ra8 39.Rb6 Ra7 40.Ke4 h5 41.gxh5 gxh5 42.Kf5 1-0 (42) Xiong,J (2636)-Steinberg,N (2565) chess.com INT 2024

[120] **6.Be3** a5
[6...Nc6
A) 7.Nf3
A1) 7...e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2
A1a) 9...Nd7 10.f3 f5 11.Qc2 *(11.b4 Kh8 12.0-0 c5 13.bxc5 Nxc5 14.Nb3 b6 15.Rb1 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.a4 Ng6 18.a5 h5 19.Nb5 Rf7 20.Ra1 Rb8 21.axb6 axb6 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Nc1 Qf6 24.Nd3 Bd7 25.Nf2 Bh6*

26.Ra3 Bxb5 27.cxb5 c4 28.Rc3 Rc7 29.Qa4 Rbc8 30.Rfc1 Bf8 31.Rxc4 Rxc4 32.Rxc4 Rxc4 33.Qxc4 Bc5 34.Kf1 Qd8 35.Nd3 Bd6 36.Qc6 Ne7 37.Qc3 Qc7 38.Qxc7 Bxc7 39.Kf2 Kg7 40.Nb2 Nc8 41.g3 Nd6 42.gxf4 gxf4 43.Bf1 Kf6 44.Na4 Kg7 45.Ke1 Kf6 46.Nb2 Bd8 47.Kd1 Be7 48.Na4 ½-½ (48) Igel (3502)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...c5 12.g4 Nf6 *(12...f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.h4 gxh4 15.Bxh4 Rf7 16.0-0-0 Bf6 17.g5 Bg7 18.Rdg1 Ng6 19.Bf1 Nb6 20.Be1 Bf8 21.Nd1 Be7 22.Nf2 Bxg5 23.Rh5 Be7 24.Bh3 Bxh3 25.Rxh3 Rg7 26.Ng4 Bg5 27.Rh5 Kh8 28.Nb3 Rc8 29.Na5 Rcc7 30.Qh2 Nf8 31.Kc2 Qe8 32.Bc3 Na4 33.Bd2 Nb6 34.Bc3 Na4 35.Bd2 Nb6 36.Nxe5 Bf6 37.Ng4 Bd4 38.Re1 Ng6 39.b3 Ne5 40.Nxe5 Bxe5 41.Rf5 Rcf7 42.Qh5 Qe7 43.Rg1 Nd7 44.Rxf7 Rxf7 45.Qg5 Nf6 46.Qh6 Ng8 47.Qh3 Rg7 48.Rxg7 Qxg7 49.Qe6 h6 50.a3 a6 51.a4 Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh8 53.Qe6 Kh7 54.Qc8 Ne7 55.Qxb7 Ng6 56.Qxg7+ Kxg7 57.Kd1 h5 58.Ke2 h4 59.Kf1 h3 60.Be1* ½-½ (60) Rubichess (3508)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 13.h3 Bd7 14.Bd3 *(14.Qb1 b6 15.b4 h6 16.a4 Rb8 17.Nb5 Nc8 18.Kd1 a6 19.Nc3 Ne7 20.Kc2 fxe4 21.fxe4 g5 22.b5 Ng6 23.bxa6 Nf4 24.Qd1 Ng2 25.Qg1 Nxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Ra8 27.Nb5 Rxa6 28.Ra3 Ne8 29.Nf1 Rf4 30.Ng3 Nf6 31.Rg1 Ra8 32.Qd3 h5 33.Nxh5 Nxh5 34.gxh5 Bxb5 35.cxb5 Bf6 36.Bg4 Kg7 37.Bf5 Kh6 38.Qe2 Qc7 39.Qd2 Be7 40.Rg4 Rg8 41.Qe3 Rf8 42.Kd1 Qa7 43.Qc3 Qa8 44.Qd2 Bd8 45.Ke2 Rf7 46.Ra1 Qa7 47.Qc3 Bf6 48.Qb3 Qa5 49.Ra2 Kxh5 50.Rc2 Kh6 51.Rc4 Rg7 52.Qe3 Qa8 53.Qg1 Qa5 54.Qg3 Qa7 55.Kd3 Qa8 56.Kc2 Rg8 57.Qg2 Qa5 58.Kd1 Rg7 59.Rg3 Qa7 60.Qd2 Rg8 61.Rg4 Rh8 62.Qg2 Rg8 63.Qg1 Qa8 64.Ke2 Qa7 65.Rg3 Rh8 66.Qg2 Qa8 67.Rg4 Rg8 68.Qg3 Rg7 69.Kd1 Rg8 70.Be6 Rg7 71.Ke1 Ra7 72.Qa3 Bd8 73.Bf5 Rg7 74.Ke2 Ra7 75.Qa2 Bf6 76.Qb3 Kg7 77.Qd1 Kf8 78.Rg3 Qe8 79.Ke1 Ke7 80.Rcc3 Kd8 81.Ra3 Kc7 82.Rgf3 Qh5 83.Qe2 Qh4+ 84.Kd1 Kb8 85.a5 Rxf3 86.Qxf3 Rxa5 87.Bg4 Rxa3 88.Qxa3 Qf2 89.Qf3 Qd4+ 90.Ke1 Qb4+ 91.Kf2 Qd2+* ½-½ (91) Komododragon (3587)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 14...Rf7 15.a3 b6 16.exf5 gxf5 17.0-0-0 Kh8 18.Bg5 Qf8 19.Kb1 h6

20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.gxf5 Bg7 22.f6 Bxf6 23.Ka2 Bg7 24.Rdg1 Nf5 25.Qc1 Qe7 26.h4 Rg8 27.Nde4 Nd4 28.Ng5 Rf4 29.Be4 Rgf8 30.Qb1 b5 31.cxb5 Rd8 32.Nh3 Rxh4 33.Qf1 Rf8 34.Qg2 Bf6 35.a4 Be8 36.Rh2 Bd7 37.Nf2 Rxh2 38.Qxh2 Bg5 39.Ng4 Bf4 40.Qh3 Qg5 41.Rg2 h5 42.Qh1 Rg8 43.Nf2 Qh6 44.Rxg8+ Kxg8 45.Bd3 h4 46.a5 Bc8 47.Ng4 Bxg4 48.fxg4 Bg5 49.Ne4 Qg7 50.Qf1 Bf4 51.g5 c4 52.Nf6+ Kf7 53.b6 axb6 54.axb6 Qxg5 55.b7 Qxf6 56.b8Q cxd3 57.Qxd3 Nf5 58.b4 e4 59.Qxe4 Qe5 60.Qxe5 Bxe5 61.b5 h3 62.Qc8 Kg6 63.b6 h2 64.Qc1 Bd4 65.b7 Ba7 66.Qh1 Ng3 67.Qxh2 Ne4 68.b8B Bc5 69.Bxd6 Bxd6 1-0 (69) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A1b) 9...Ne8 10.f3 f5 11.a4 Kh8 *(11...c5 12.Qb1 f4 13.Bf2 a5 14.g4 h6 15.h4 g5 16.Qc2 Ng6 17.h5 Nh8 18.0-0-0 Nc7 19.Qb3 Na6 20.Ndb1 Nb4 21.Nb5 Qe7 22.N1a3 Ra6 23.Be1 Bd7 24.Rd2 b6 25.Bd3 Rb8 26.Qd1 Kh7 27.Bb1 Be8 28.Qb3 Bd7 29.Qd1 Be8 30.Qb3 Bd7 31.Bf2 Nf7 32.Qd1 Bf6 33.Qe2 Bg7 34.Rhd1 Bf6 35.Rh1 Bg7 36.Rhd1 Bf6 37.Qf1 Bg7 38.b3 Bf6 39.Bd3 Bg7 40.Be2 Bf6 41.Be1 Bg7 42.Rb2 Bf6 43.Nc3 Bg7 44.Ncb1 Raa8 45.Qh1 Rb7 46.Rbd2 Na6 47.Nb5 Nb4 48.N1a3 Bf6 49.Qf1 Rbb8 50.Qh1 Rb7 51.Nb1 Bg7 52.Bf1 Bf6 53.N1a3 Rbb8 54.Bf2 Rb7 55.Bd3 Rbb8 56.Qg1 Rb7 57.Bb1 Bg7 58.Bd3 Bf6 59.Qf1 Rbb8 60.Be1 Rb7 61.Rh2 Bg7 62.Qh1 Bf6 63.Bb1 Rbb8 64.Bd3 Rb7 65.Rb2 Rbb8 66.Bf2 Rb7 67.Bb1 Bg7 68.Rbd2 Bf6 69.Bd3 Rbb8 70.Be1 Rb7 71.Be2 Bg7 72.Qh3 Bf6 73.Qf1 Rbb8 74.Rb2 Ra6 75.Bd3 Raa8 76.Nc7 Ra7 77.Ncb5 Raa8 78.Nc7 Ra7 79.Nab5 Rab7 80.Bxb4 axb4 81.Ne6 Bxe6 82.dxe6 Qxe6 83.Bb1 Rd7 84.Qd3 Qe8 85.Rbd2 Be7 86.Ra2 Ra8 87.Qd5 Bf8 88.Rdd2 Qc8 89.Qe6 Qd8 90.Bc2 Qe7 91.Qd5 Ra6 92.Qc6 Nd8 93.Qd5 Qe8 94.Qd3 Ne6 95.Qf1 Ra8 96.Rd5 Qe7 97.Bb1 Rdd8 98.Bd3 Qb7 99.Rd2 Rd7 100.Qd1 Rad8 101.Bb1 Qc6 102.Ra2 Be7 103.Bd3 Qa8 104.Rd2 Qb8 105.Bc2 Qc8 106.Bd3 Bf8 107.Bc2 Rg7 108.Bd3 Qb8 109.Bc2 Rb7 110.Bd3 Nc7 111.Nxc7 Qxc7 112.Bc2 Be7 113.Qh1 Kg7 114.Kd1 Rbb8 115.Bd3 Ra8 116.Bc2 Ra7 117.Qf1 Raa8 118.Bd3 Rf8 119.Bc2 Rad8 120.Bd3 Rfe8 121.Bc2 Ra8 122.Bd3 Red8 123.Bc2 Rf8 124.Qg2 Rad8 125.Qh1 Ra8*

126.Bd3 Kh7 127.Bc2 Rfd8 128.Qf1 Qb7 129.Bd3 Qc8 130.Ke1 Kg7 131.Bb1 Qe6 132.Bd3 Kh7 133.Bb1 Qf7 134.Bc2 Kg7 135.Qh1 Qe6 136.Kf1 Qc8 137.Kg2 Qc7 138.Qf1 Rf8 139.Qb1 Rad8 140.Kh3 Rfe8 141.Qa1 Ra8 142.Bd1 Red8 143.Qb1 Rf8 144.Kh2 Rad8 145.Qc2 Ra8 146.Qd3 Rfd8 147.Qb1 Re8 148.Bc2 Rf8 149.Kg2 Ra7 150.Qh1 Raa8 151.Qa1 Rfd8 152.Qb1 Re8 153.Qh1 Qc8 154.Rf2 Rf8 155.Rfd2 Rh8 156.Rf2 Rd8 157.Rdd2 Qe6 158.Kf1 Rf8 159.Rh2 Rad8 160.Rd5 Ra8 161.Kg2 Rad8 ½-½ (161) Berserk Dev10 (3509)-Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)*
12.a5 Ng8 13.c5 Bh6 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.g3 Qe7 16.a6 bxa6 17.Bxa6 fxe4 18.Ndxe4 Bh3 19.Bf1 Qd7 20.c6 Qc8 21.Ba6 Qb8 22.Rg1 Bc8 23.Qe2 Nef6 24.Bxc8 Qxc8 25.g4 Bf4 26.h3 a5 27.Kd1 h5 28.Kc2 hxg4 29.hxg4 Nxe4 30.fxe4 g5 31.Ra3 Kg7 32.Nb5 Nf6 33.Bb6 Rb8 34.Nxc7 Rxb6 35.Ne6+ Kg6 36.Nxf8+ Qxf8 37.Rh1 Qa8 38.Rb3 Rxc6+ 39.dxc6 Qxc6+ 40.Rc3 Qa4+ 41.b3 Qa2+ 42.Kd3 Qa3 43.Rb1 Qb4 44.Rc4 Qb6 45.Kc3 Kf7 46.Rd1 Be3 47.Kb2 Bd4+ 48.Ka2 a4 49.bxa4 Kg6 50.Rdxd4 exd4 51.Qd3 Kg7 52.Qxd4 Qb7 53.Qxd6 Qf7 54.Kb3 Ne8 55.Qe5+ Nf6 56.Qc7 Nd7 57.Kb4 Qe7+ 58.Kb5 Kf8 59.Rd4 Nf6 60.Qxe7+ Kxe7 61.a5 Ke6 62.a6 Ke5 63.Rd5+ Kxe4 64.Rxg5 1-0 (64) Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511)-Berserk Dev10 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

A1c) 9...h5 10.f3 Nd7 11.b4 f5 12.c5 f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.Nc4 Rf6 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Nb5 Nb6 17.Nxa7 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd7 19.a4 g4 20.a5 h4 21.Nb5 Rc8 22.Bd3 h3 23.gxh3 gxf3 24.Qxf3 Rh6 25.h4 Ng6 26.h5 Nh4 27.Qe2 f3 28.Qd2 Rxh5 29.Nxd6 Bh6 30.Qb2 Ng2+ 31.Kd1 Ba4+ 32.Rxa4 Rc1+ 33.Qxc1 Bxc1 34.Kxc1 Qxd6 35.b5 Qh6+ 36.Kc2 Rxh2 37.Rxh2 Qxh2 38.a6 Ne3+ 39.Kb3 bxa6 40.bxa6 Qh6 41.a7 Qb6+ 42.Ka2 1-0 (42) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Niemann,H (2635) Riga LAT 2021;

A1d) 9...c6 10.0-0 Ne8 11.b4 f5 12.f3 Nf6 13.Nb3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Na5 b6 17.Nc4 Ne8 18.a4 Kh8 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.axb5 Nf6 21.Nd2 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Qd7 23.Qa3 Neg8 24.Ra1 Rf7 25.Qc3 Qd8 26.Rc1 fxe4 27.fxe4 Qf8 28.Qc8 Bh6 29.Qc3 Rc7 30.Bc4 Nxe4 31.Bxh6 Qf2+ 0-1 (31) Sarana,A (2672)-Narayanan,S (2622) chess.com INT 2025;

A2) 7...Re8 8.d5

A2a) 8...Nb4 9.0-0 e6

A2a1) 10.a3 Na6

A2a11) 11.Nd2 exd5 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Qc2 a5 14.Rac1 Ng4 *(14...a4 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Bxc5 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 dxc5 18.Qxc5 Bh6 19.Nxc7 Rc8 20.d6 Bxd2 21.Rcd1 Bf4 22.g3 Bh6 23.f3 Nd7 24.Qb5 Re5 25.Qxa4 Nf6 26.b4 Bf8 27.Nb5 Qb6+ 28.Nd4 Rc4 29.d7 Rxd4 30.Kh1 Nxd7* 0-1 (30) Suleymenov,A (2508)-Dubov,D (2710) Chelyabinsk RUS 2023*)* 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.f3 Bd7 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Na6 19.b5 Nc5 20.b6 Ra3 21.bxc7 Qxc7 22.Ndb1 Ra6 23.Ne2 Rc8 24.Bd4 Bxd4+ 25.Nxd4 b5 26.Nd2 Qa7 27.Kh1 Ra2 28.Qd1 Nd3 29.Nc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.dxc6 Nf2+ 32.Rxf2 Qxf2 33.c7 Qc5 34.e5 Qxc7 35.Ne4 Rc2 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.exd6 Rc1 38.dxc7 Rxd1# 0-1 (38) Shankland,S (2677)-Makarian,R (2550) chess.com INT 2024;

A2a12) 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.b4 Bd7 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Bg5 c6 15.c5 Qe6 16.Nd4 Qe5 17.Nf3 Qe6 18.Nd4 Qe5 19.Nf3 Qe6 ½-½ (19) Lysyj,I (2589)-Grischuk,A (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

A2a2) 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.f3 c6 13.Qd2 d5 14.a3 c5 15.axb4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Bc6 18.Rad1 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxd4+ 20.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Bxe4 23.Rd1 Re8 24.Bf3 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Re3 26.Rd7 b6 27.c5 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Rc1 29.Rxa7 bxc5 30.bxc5 Rxc5 31.Rb7 Rc2+ 32.Kg3 Kg7 33.b4 Rb2 34.h4 Kf6 35.b5 Rb4 36.b6 Ke6 37.Rb8 h5 38.b7 Kf5 39.Ra8 Rxb7 40.Ra5+ Kf6 41.Ra6+ Kg7 42.Ra5 Rb6 43.Ra7 Kf6 44.Ra5 Ke6 45.Rc5 Rd6 46.Ra5 Rd5 47.Ra6+ Kf5 48.Ra7 Kf6 49.Ra6+ Ke5 50.Ra7 f6 51.Ra6 Kf5 52.Rb6 g5 53.Ra6 g4 54.Ra3 Re5 55.Rb3 Rd5 56.Ra3 Rc5 57.Rb3 Rd5 58.Ra3 ½-½ (58) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Dubov,D (2710) chess.com INT 2023;

A2b) 8...Nb8 9.0-0 e6 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Nd2 exd5 12.cxd5 Ng4 13.Bf4 f5 14.Rae1 Ne5 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 g5 17.Bd2 f4 18.Bh5 Rf8 19.a3 g4 20.Ne2 Qg5 21.Nxf4 Rxf4 22.g3 Qxh5 23.Bxf4 Bd7 24.b4 Bb5 25.Qb3 Re8 26.a4 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Rxe4 28.Qd3 Qf5 29.Qb5 Nxb4 30.Qxb7 Nxd5 31.Bc1 Bd4 32.Qb1 Bxf2+ 0-1 (32) Sarana,A (2703)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2024;

A3) 7...Bg4 8.d5 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Nb8 10.h4 e5 *(10...c6 11.h5 cxd5 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.exd5 Nbd7 14.f4 Nc5 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Qxg4 18.Rdg1 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Rxf5 20.Kc2 Rc8 21.b3 Bxc3 22.Kxc3 b5 23.Rc1 bxc4 24.bxc4 Rff8 25.Rb1 Rb8 26.Rb5 Rbc8 27.Re1 Rc7 28.Bxc5 dxc5 29.Re4 Rf6 30.a4 h5 31.Kd3 Kg7 32.Ke2 Ra6 33.a5 Rf6 34.Kf3 Kf7 35.Kg3 Kg7 36.Re5 Kf7 37.f3 Rf5 38.Rb8 h4+ 39.Kg4 Rf6 40.Rh8 Kg7 41.Re8 Kf7 42.Rh8 Kg7 43.Rb8 Ra6 44.Rb5 Rf6 45.Rb1 Rc8 46.Rbe1 Kf8 47.Rxe7 Rb8 48.Rh7 Kg8 49.Ree7 Rd8 50.Reg7+ Kf8 51.Rxa7 Rb8 52.Rh8#* 1-0 (52) Sarana,A (2699)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2499) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f4 h5 13.Rg1 Qe8 14.Qc2 Nc6 15.0-0-0 Ne7 16.Rg3 Nd7 17.Rdg1 Rf7 18.Bd3 Nf8 19.f5 e5 20.fxg6 Rf6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 c6 23.Be4 Rc8 24.Rg5 Bh6 25.Rxh5 Bxe3+ 26.fxe3 Kg7 27.Qg2 cxd5 28.Rh7+ Kg8 29.Bxd5+ Ne6 30.Qg5 Qf8 31.Rh8+ Kxh8 32.Qh5+ 1-0 (32) Sarana,A (2685)-Sanal, V (2601) chess.com INT 2022;

A4) 7...Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 *(9.Bc1 e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.h3 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 Nf6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Rfe1 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qd2 g5 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Bf5 20.Re2 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd6 22.Nb5 Qb6 23.Nd4 Bh7 24.Ndf3 a5 25.h4 Qb4 26.Qd1 f6 27.Nd3 Qf8 28.Nd4 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 Qf7 30.Ne6 Bf8 31.Nxf8 Rxf8 32.Nc5 b6 33.Ne6 Re8 34.Qd2 Bf5 35.Nd4 Bd7 36.Rxe8+ Qxe8 37.Qe2 Qxe2 38.Nxe2 Kf7 39.Nd4 Ke7 40.Kf1 Kd6 41.Ke2 g4 42.Kd3 Ke5 43.g3 fxg3 44.fxg3 Be8 45.Ke3 Bd7 46.b3 h5 47.a3 Be8 48.Ne2 Bg6 49.Nf4 Bf7 50.Kd3 Be8 51.Ke3 Bf7 52.Nd3+ Kd6 53.Kd4 Bg6 54.Nf4 Be8 55.b4 axb4 56.axb4 c5+ 57.dxc6 Kxc6 58.Nd5 f5 59.Ne7+ Kd7 60.Nxf5 Bf7 61.c5 bxc5+ 62.bxc5 Kc6 63.Ne7+ Kd7 64.Nd5 Kc6 65.Nf4 Be8 66.Nd3 Bg6 67.Ne5+* 1-0 (67) Nguyen,N (2633)-Sjugirov,S (2644) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 9...g5 *(9...Nf6 10.d5 Nb4 11.Nd4 c5 12.Nc2 e6 13.0-0 exd5 14.cxd5 Re8 15.a3 Nxc2 16.Qxc2 a6 17.a4 g5 18.Bg3 Bg4 19.Rae1 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Nh5 21.Nd1 Qe7 22.Rfe1 b5 23.f3 Nf4 24.Rd2 bxa4 25.Ne3 Bd4 26.Kh1 Bxe3 27.Rxe3 Qe5 28.Qxa4 Reb8 29.Rb3 h5 30.h3 h4 31.Bh2 Kg7 32.Rxb8 Rxb8 33.Qxa6 Rxb2 34.Rxb2 Qxb2 35.Bxf4 gxf4 36.Qxd6 c4 37.Qxf4 c3 38.Qg5+ Kh7 39.Qxh4+ Kg6 40.Qg4+ Kf6 41.Qf5+ Ke7 42.Qe5+ Kd7 43.d6 c2 44.Qxb2* 1-0 (44) Sargsyan,S (2645)-Van Foreest,J (2690) Almaty KAZ 2022*)* 10.Bg3 e5 *(10...Nf6 11.d5 Nb8 12.h4 g4 13.Nh2 h5 14.Nf1 e6 15.Bf4*

exd5 16.exd5 Re8 17.Ne3 Ne4 18.Rc1 Qf6 19.g3 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Bf5 21.0-0 Be4 22.Bd3 Qg6 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Rb3 b6 25.Ng2 Nd7 26.Re3 Rxc4 27.Re7 Ne5 28.Bxe5 Bxe5 29.Ne3 Re4 30.Qc2 Rf8 31.b3 f5 32.Qxc7 f4 33.Re6 Rf6 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qd7+ Qf7 36.Re7 fxe3 37.Rxf7+ Rxf7 38.Qd8 exf2+ 39.Kg2 Bf6 40.Qxd6 Re2 41.Qf4 Bd8 42.Qd4+ Kg8 43.d6 Rxa2 44.Qd5 Ra5 45.Qe6 Raf5 46.d7 Kg7 47.Qe8 Rf8 48.Qe6 a5 49.Qc6 b5 50.Qc3+ Kg8 51.Qd4 Kh7 52.Qe4 Kg7 53.Qd4+ Kg8 54.Qe4 Kg7 55.Qd4+ Kg6 56.Qe4 Kh6 57.Qe6+ Kg7 58.Qe4 R8f7 59.Qd4+ Kg8 60.Qe4 Kg7 61.Qd4+ ½-½ (61) Predke,A (2689)-Sadhwani,R (2654) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)*

A4a) 11.dxe5 Ngxe5 *(11...Ncxe5 12.h4 Be6 13.hxg5 hxg5 14.Rh5 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.Qd2 Qf6 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.0-0-0 Rfe8 21.Rg1 Kf8 22.Rh7 Bh8 23.Bh6+* 1-0 (23) Sjugirov,S (2692)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2502) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.h4 Be6 13.hxg5 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 hxg5 *(14...Qxg5 15.f4 Qc5 16.f5 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Qg4 f6 19.0-0-0 d5 20.Kb1 Nb4 21.a3 d4 22.e5 Nd3 23.Ne4 Qb5 24.Rxd3 Qxd3+ 25.Ka1 h5 26.Qxh5 Qxe4 27.f3 Qe3 28.Qh7+ Kf7 29.e6+ Ke8 30.Qg6+ Kd8 31.Qxg7* 1-0 (31) Makarian,R (2548)-Mamedov,R (2640) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 15.f4 Nd4 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Qh5 Qf6 18.fxg5 Qxg5 19.Qxg5 Nf3+ 20.Kd1 Nxg5 21.Kc2 Nf3 22.Bf4 Rad8 ½-½ (22) Sjugirov,S (2703)-Yakubboev,N (2656) Poikovsky RUS 2022;

A4b) 11.d5 Nd4

A4b1) 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nb5 Nf6 14.f3 Nh5 15.Bf2

A4b11) 15...Nf4 16.0-0 c5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Nxd4 c5 19.Nc2 *(19.Nb5 Bxb2 20.Rb1 Be5 21.Rb3 Qd7 22.Bg3 Rb8 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.Rd3 Rb6 25.Qd2 Qe7 26.Rd1 Rd8 27.Rd5 Rd7 28.Qa5 Ra6 29.Qd2 Qf6 30.Bf1 Rc6 31.Rd3 Rb6 32.Qa5 Ra6 33.Qd2 Bb7 34.Rb3 Bc6 35.Kh1 Kh7 36.Nc3 Rb6 37.Nd5 Bxd5 38.exd5 Rdb7 39.Bd3+ Kg7 40.Rdb1 Bd4 41.Bc2 Rxb3 42.axb3 Re7 43.Qd3 Re3 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.h3 Qh4 46.Rf1 Re1 47.Bd3 Rxf1+ 48.Bxf1 Qf2 49.Qxh6+ Ke8* 0-1 (49) Nesterov,A (2568)-Yakubboev,N (2630) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 19...Bxb2 20.Rb1 Be5 21.Qd2 Bc3 22.Qd1 Be6 23.Rb3 Qf6 24.Ne3 Bd4 25.Qd2

Rab8 26.Rfb1 Rxb3 27.Rxb3 Ng6 28.Nd1 Ne5 29.Qc1 Rc8 30.Be3 Nc6 31.Bf1 Rb8 32.Rxb8+ Nxb8 33.Qd2 Nc6 34.Bf2 Qe5 35.h4 Qf6 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Bxd4 Nxd4 38.Qe3 Nc6 39.Qd2 Qe5 40.Kf2 Nd4 41.Nc3 a6 42.Ne2 Nc6 43.Nc3 Nd4 44.Ne2 Nc6 45.Nc1 g4 46.f4 Qxe4 47.Qxd6 g3+ 48.Kxg3 Qe3+ 49.Kh2 Qxc1 50.Bd3 Qe3 51.f5 Qh6+ 52.Kg1 Qe3+ 53.Kh2 Qh6+ 54.Kg1 ½-½ (54) Postny,E (2588)-Mamedov,R (2646) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

A4b12) 15...d3 16.Bxd3 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Bg7 18.0-0 Nf4 19.Bc2 h5 20.Be3 Ng6 21.Qd2 Bf6 22.Nxa7 Rxa7 23.Bxa7 b6 24.a4 Ne5 25.Bb3 c5 26.Bc2 Nxc4 27.Qd3 Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Ne5 29.Bxb6 Qf6 30.Qe2 h4 31.Ba5 Ng6 32.Bd2 Be5 33.f4 gxf4 34.a5 Bd4 35.a6 c4 36.Qxc4 h3 37.Qe2 hxg2+ 38.Qxg2 Bxa6 39.Rxf4 Qg7 40.Rf3 Rc8 41.Bd3 Bxd3 42.Rxd3 Be5 43.Rdb3 Qf8 44.Rf1 Rc2 45.Rbf3 Qg7 46.Rxf7 Qxf7 47.Rxf7 Kxf7 48.Qf2+ Kg8 49.Qf5 Kg7 50.Qg5 Bf6 51.Qh6+ Kf7 52.Qh7+ Bg7 53.Bh6 1-0 (53) So,W (2757)-Sevian,S (2697) Saint Louis USA 2024;

A4b2) 12.h3 Nf6 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Qxd4 Nh5 15.Qd3 Nxg3 16.Qxg3 f5 17.exf5 Be5 18.Qe3 Bxf5 19.Bh5 Qf6 20.0-0 Bd4 21.Qd2 a6 22.Rae1 Be5 23.Ne4 Qg7 24.Ng3 Bh7 25.Re2 Rf4 26.b3 Raf8 27.Bg4 Rd4 28.Qe1 Bd3 29.Nh5 Qh8 30.Be6+ Kh7 31.Re3 Bg6 32.Qe2 Bf4 33.Nxf4 gxf4 34.Rf3 Re4 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Qb4 b6 37.Qa4 Re2 38.Qd7+ Qg7 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.a3 Ra2 41.a4 Rb2 42.g3 Be4 43.Rxf4 Rxf4 44.gxf4 Rxb3 45.Re1 Bd3 46.Bc8 Bxc4 47.Re7+ Kf6 48.Rxc7 Bxd5 49.Rd7 Kf5 50.Rxd6+ Ke4 51.f3+ Kd4 52.Be6 Rxf3 53.Rxd5+ Ke4 54.Rh5 Kxf4 55.Rxh6 1-0 (55) Sarana,A (2679)-Firouzja,A (2763) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7.d5 Ne5

B1) 8.Nf3 Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 e5 *(9...Nd7 10.0-0 a5 11.Be2 b6 12.Rc1 Nc5 13.Bd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.e5 Bb7 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Rd4 e5 21.Rd2 Kf7 22.Re1 Ke7 23.Bd1 g5 24.Re3 h6 25.b3 Bc6 26.Bc2 Rf6 27.h3 Rf4 28.f3 Rff8 29.a3 Rc8 30.Kh2 h5 31.b4 Ne6 32.Be4 h4 33.Bxc6 Rxc6 34.Nd5+ Kf7*

35.bxa5 bxa5 36.Rb3 Rfc8 37.Rb7+ Nc7 38.Ra7 Kf8 39.Nf6 Ke7 40.Nd5+ Kf8 41.Ne3 Ra8 42.Rxa8+ Nxa8 43.Nf5 Nb6 44.Rxd6 Rxd6 45.Nxd6 Ke7 46.c5 Ke6 47.Nb7 Nc4 48.c6 Nxa3 49.Nxa5 Kd6 50.Kg1 Kc7 51.Kf2 Kb6 52.Kf1 Nc2 53.Nc4+ Kxc6 54.Nxe5+ Kd5 55.Nf7 Ke6 56.Nxg5+ Kf5 57.Ne4 Kf4 58.Kf2 Nd4 59.Nc5 Nc2 60.Nd3+ Kf5 61.Ke2 Na3 62.Nb4 Nc4 63.Nd5 Ke5 64.Ne3 Nd6 65.Kf2 Kf4 66.Nd5+ Ke5 67.Nc3 Kf5 68.Ne2 Nc4 69.g4+ hxg3+ 70.Kxg3 Ne3 71.h4 Nd5 72.f4 Kg6 73.Nd4 Kh5 74.Nf5 Kg6 75.Nd4 Kh5 76.Ne2 Kg6 77.Kg4 Nf6+ 78.Kh3 Kf5 79.Kg3 Ke4 80.Nc3+ Kd4 81.Nd1 Ke4 82.Nf2+ Kf5 83.Kf3 Nd5 84.Nd3 Nf6 85.Ne1 Kg6 86.Ng2 Kf5 87.Ne3+ Kg6 88.f5+ Kh5 89.Ng2 Ng8 90.Kf4 Kh6 91.Ke5 Kg7 92.Ke6 Nf6 93.Nf4 Ng4 94.h5 Nh6 95.Ng6 Ng4 96.Ne5 Nh6 97.Nd7 Kh7 98.Kf6 Ng4+ 99.Kg5 Ne3 100.f6 Kg8 101.Kg6 1-0 (101) Martirosyan,H (2667)-Henderson De la Fuente,L (2519) Budapest HUN 2024 *)* 10.c5 Ne8 11.h4 f5 12.cxd6 cxd6 13.h5 Nf6 14.exf5 gxf5 15.h6 Bh8 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.Qd2 Rc8 18.Be2 Qe8 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Ne4 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Rh3 Rc2 23.Rg3+ Kf7 24.Qe3 Qb4+ 25.Kf1 Rxe2 26.Qf3 Re4 27.Qh5+ Ke7 28.Bg5+ Bf6 29.Rc1 Qd4 30.Bxf6+ Rxf6 31.Rg7+ Kf8 0-1 (31) Martirosyan,H (2656)-Abdusattorov,N (2777) New York USA 2024;

B2) 8.h3 e6 *(8...c6 9.Nf3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Nd7 11.Qd2 a5 12.0-0 a4 13.Rac1 Qa5 14.Rfd1 f5 15.exf5 Ne5 16.Be2 Bxf5 17.f4 Nf7 18.Bf3 Rfc8 19.Re1 c5 20.a3 Bd7 21.Bg4 Bxg4 22.hxg4 Re8 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Re4 Qd7 25.Qe2 Kh8 26.Re1 Nh6 27.Re6 Rf8 28.g3 Ng8 29.g5 Bxc3 30.bxc3 Kg7 31.Kg2 Rf7 32.Qe4 b5 33.g4 bxc4 34.Rh1 Kf8 35.f5 gxf5 36.gxf5 Rg7 37.Kf3 Rb8 38.Be3 Rf7 39.Bf4 Rb3 40.f6 Rxc3+ 41.Kg4 h6 42.fxe7+ Ke8 43.Qg6* 1-0 (43) Matlakov,M (2685)-Fedoseev,V (2678) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9.Nf3

B2a) 9...Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 a5 *(10...Nd7 11.Rc1 a5 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Qd2 e5 14.Be2 b6 15.b3 Bd7 16.Qc2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.f4 Qh4 19.Bf2 Qe7 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf3 Rae8 22.Rce1 Qg7 23.Nb5 Bxb5 24.cxb5 Qg5 25.Kh1 Re7 26.Qc1 Qxc1 27.Rxc1 Nd3 28.Rc2 Nxf2+ 29.Rfxf2 Kg7 30.Rfe2 Kf6 31.a4 Kg5 32.Rc4 Rfe8 33.Kg1 Bg3 34.Rcc2 h5 35.Rxe7 Rxe7 36.Re2 Re5 37.Kf1 h4 38.Rxe5 dxe5 39.Be2 e4 40.Bd1 Bd6 41.Be2 Kf4 42.Bh5 Ke3 43.Bg6 f4 44.Bh5 Kd4 45.Ke2 Kc3 46.Ke1 f3 47.gxf3 Kxb3 48.fxe4 Kxa4 49.Kd2 Kxb5 50.Kc3 Be5+ 51.Kd3 Kb4*

52.Be8 a4 53.Bd7 b5 54.Be8 Ka5 55.Bd7 b4 56.d6 Bxd6 57.Be6 b3 58.Bd7 Kb4 59.Be6 a3 0-1 (59) Sargsyan, S (2628)-Grischuk,A (2764) Warsaw POL 2021*; 10...Re8 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qd2 a5 13.Rfe1 Nc5 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rad1 e5 16.Be3 b6 17.b3 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bh5 Rf8 20.f4 e4 21.Be2 Qf7 22.Nb5 Kh8 23.Kh1 Rg8 24.Bf1 Bf6 25.Bd4 Rg7 26.Re3 Ba6 27.Qc3 Rf8 28.Bxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxf6 Rxf6 30.Nd4 Bc8 31.Kh2 h5 32.h4 Kh7 33.g3 Bd7 34.a3 Rf8 35.Kg2 Ra8 36.Kf2 Kg6 37.Be2 Ra7 38.Rc1 Rg8 39.Rec3 Rga8 40.Re3 Nb7 41.Rcc3 Nd8 42.Rc1 Nf7 43.Rd1 Nh6 44.Rc3 Ng8 45.Nc2 Nf6 46.Ne3 Rb8 47.Rdc1 Rab7 48.R3c2 Ra7 49.Rd2 b5 50.c5 Be8 51.c6 Bf7 52.Rd4 Rb6 53.Rc2 Ra8 54.Rc1 Ng8 55.Rc2 Ne7 56.Rc1 Rg8 57.Rc2 Kf6 58.Rc1 Rg7 59.Rc2 Rb8 60.Rc1 Rb6 61.Rc2 Bg6 62.Rc1 Be8 63.Rc2 Bf7 64.Rc3 Rb8 65.Rc1 Rbg8 66.Rg1 Rb8 67.Rc1* ½-½ (67) Grigoriants,S (2562)-Niemann,H (2667) chess.com INT 2023*)* 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qd2 *(12.Qc2 e5 13.Na4 b6 14.a3 f5 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Nf6 17.Nc3 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 f4 19.Bd2 g5 20.Qd1 Bd7 21.c5 bxc5 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Be2 Ne8 24.Ra5 Qe7 25.Bg4 c4 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.Qa4 Qxa4 28.Nxa4 Nd6 29.f3 Rb8 30.Rc5 Rb7 31.Rc6 Bf8 32.Bc3 Ra7 33.Nb2 Ra1+ 34.Kh2 Rc1 35.Bxe5 Nf7 36.Bxc7 c3 37.Nd3 Rc2 38.e5 Nh6 39.d6 Nf5 40.d7 Be7 41.Re6 Rd2 42.Rxe7 Rxd3 43.d8Q+ Rxd8 44.Bxd8 Nxe7 45.Bxe7 Kf7 46.Ba3 Ke6 47.Kg1 Kxe5 48.Kf2 Kd4 49.Ke2 Kc4 50.Kd1 Kd3 51.Be7 h6 52.Bf8 Ke3 53.Bc5+ Kd3 54.Ke1 c2 55.Ba3 Ke3 56.Bc1+ Kd3 57.Kf2 Kd4 58.Ke2 Kc3 59.h4 gxh4 60.Bxf4 h5 61.Bc1 Kd4 62.Kd2* 1-0 (62) Fedoseev,V (2687)-Mamedov,R (2654) Europe-Echecs INT 2021*)* 12...Nc5 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Be2 b6 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Bb7 17.Qe3 Qh4 18.f4 e5 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 e4 22.Bg4 Qe7 23.b3 Qe5 24.h4 h5 25.Bh3 Kg7 26.Rae1 Rae8 27.g3 Nd3 28.Rxf8 Rxf8 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Bxf1 Nb4 31.Bg2 Nxa2 32.Qxe4 Qf6 33.Qe3 Nb4 34.Kh2 Na6 35.Bf3 Nc5 36.Bd1 Nd7 37.Kg2 Kf8 38.Bc2 Ne5 39.Bd1 Ke7 40.c5 Kd8 41.d6 bxc5 42.dxc7+ Kxc7 43.Qxc5+ Qc6+ 44.Qxc6+ Kxc6 45.Kf2 Kc5 46.Ke3 Kb4 47.Kf4 Nd3+ 48.Kg5 Nc5 49.Bf3 Nxb3 50.Bc6 Nd4 51.Be8 Nb5 52.Bxg6 a4 53.g4 a3 54.Bf7 Nd6 55.Ba2 Ne4+ 56.Kf4 Nc3 57.Be6 Kc5 58.gxh5 Nd5+* 0-1 (58)

Lupulescu,C (2584)-Firouzja,A (2777) Zagreb CRO 2023;

B2b) 9...Ned7 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.Nd2 Nc5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f4 c4 16.Kh1 b5 17.Bf3 Ng4 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.Nxb5 Be2 20.Rfe1 Bd3 21.Qc1 Bh6 22.Nxc4 Qh4 23.Qc3 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Bxe4 25.Nxc7 Qf2 26.Rg1 Bxf4 27.Nxa8 Bxd5 28.Ne5 Be3 29.Qe1 Bxg2+ 0-1 (29) Lupulescu,C (2584)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

B3) 8.f4 Neg4 *(8...Ned7 9.Nf3 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.0-0 b6 13.Bf3 Rb8 14.Qc2 Bb7 15.Rae1 a5 16.Kh1 Nc5 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.f5 e5 19.Ne6 Rf7 20.g4 gxf5 21.exf5 Bxf3+ 22.Rxf3 Nxg4 23.Rg1 Qh4 24.Qg2 h5 25.Ne4 Nxh2 26.Rh3 Qg4 27.Rxh2 Rxf5 28.Qxg4 hxg4 29.Rxg4 Rf1+ 30.Kg2 Rf7 31.Nf6+ 1-0 (31) Xiong,J (2646)-Carlsen,M (2832) chess.com INT 2024)* 9.Bd2 Nh6

B3a) 10.h3 e6

B3a1) 11.Nf3 exd5 12.cxd5 Re8 13.Qc2 c6 *(13...Qe7 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.Bg5 Qc5 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Ne4 Qb6 19.e6 fxe6 20.g4 Nd6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.dxe6 Qxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Nc5 24.e7 Ne4+ 25.Kc2 Nxg5 26.Nxg5 Bf6 27.Bc4+ Kg7 28.Ne4 Be5 29.Rhd1 Rxe7 30.Rd8 Rb8 31.Rg8+ Kh6 32.Be2 g5 33.Rf1 c6 34.Rff8 Bd7 35.Rxb8 Bxb8 36.Bd3 Bf4 37.Nc5 b6 38.Nxd7 Rxd7 39.Re8 Kg7 40.Re6 Rc7 41.b4 c5 42.b5 c4 43.Be4 c3 44.Bc6 Bd2 45.Re5 Rf7 46.Bd5 Rf2 47.Re7+ 1-0 (47) Xiong,J (2692)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2022)* 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.g4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Rb8 19.Bc3 Be6 20.Qe3 Bd5 21.0-0 Qc8 22.Qf2 Rf8 23.Ng5 f6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Qh4 Bg7 26.Rae1 Qc7 27.Bxg7 Qxg7 28.b3 Rb4 29.Bc4 Bxc4 30.bxc4 Qd4+ 31.Kh1 1-0 (31) Xiong,J (2692)-Salem,A (2677) chess.com INT 2022;

B3a2) 11.g4 exd5 12.exd5 Re8 13.Kf1 c6 14.Nf3 Nfxg4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Ng5 Bxc3 17.Bxc3 Bxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Rxe2 19.Rxh6 Rc2 20.Rxh7 f6 21.Rh6 Kg7 22.Rh7+ Kg8 23.Rh6 Kg7 24.Rh7+ Kg8 ½-½ (24) Aronian,L (2782)-Naroditsky,D (2623) chess24.com INT 2021;

B3a3) 11.Bf3 exd5 12.cxd5 Re8 13.Nge2 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 d5 16.e5 Nd7 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Rc1 f6 19.e6 Nf8 20.Re1 c5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.e7 Qd7 23.exf8Q+ Bxf8 24.Bxd5+ Qxd5 25.Qb3 Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Rd8 27.Ne6 Qxb3 28.axb3 Rd3 29.Nxf8 Kxf8 30.Rxc5

Rxb3 31.Bc3 Rb7 32.Bxf6 Nf5 33.g4 Nd6 34.Bd4 Ne4 35.Ra5 Rd7 36.Bxa7 Rd2 37.Rb5 Ng3 38.Be3 Rc2 39.b4 Ne2+ 40.Kh1 Ng3+ 41.Kg1 Ne2+ 42.Kf1 Ng3+ 43.Kg1 ½-½ (43) Xiong,J (2636)-Obregon Rivero,J (2496) chess.com INT 2024;

B3a4) 11.dxe6

B3a41) 11...Bxe6 12.g4 Re8 13.Nf3 *(13.Qc2 b5 14.cxb5 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 d5 16.Qc2 d4 17.0-0-0 dxc3 18.Bxc3 Qe7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qc3+ Kg8 21.Bf3 Rad8 22.Ne2 Bxa2 23.Nd4 Qf6 24.f5 gxf5 25.g5 Qxg5+ 26.Kc2 Re3 27.Qd2 Bb3+ 28.Nxb3 Rxd2+ 29.Nxd2 Kf8 30.Bc6 f4 31.Kb1 Nf5 32.Ne4 Qg6 33.Ka1 Ng3 34.Nxg3* 0-1 (34) Kantor,G (2525)-Lagarde,M (2615) Timisoara ROU 2024 *)* 13...Bd7 14.g5 Nxe4 15.gxh6 Bxh6 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.f5 Qf8 18.0-0 Rae8 19.Bd3 Re3 20.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 21.Kg2 Bc6 22.Qe1 g5 23.Qg3 Bf4 24.Qg4 Re3 25.Rad1 Qg7 26.Rf2 Qh8 27.Qh5 Qg7 28.Kf1 Bg3 29.f6 Qxf6 30.Qxg5+ Qxg5 31.Nxg5 h6 32.Nxf7 Kg7 33.Nd8 Bxf2 34.Kxf2 Rf3+ 35.Ke2 Rxh3 36.Rf1 Rh2+ 37.Ke3 Rxb2 38.Ne6+ 1-0 (38) Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Dubov,D (2702) chess24.com INT 2020;

B3a42) 11...fxe6 12.g4 Nf7 *(12...b5 13.Bf3 b4 14.Nce2 Nd7 15.Qc2 Rb8 16.Be3 a5 17.Rd1 Nf7 18.Bg2 Qh4+ 19.Bf2 Qf6 20.b3 Bb7 21.Nf3 Qb2 22.Qxb2 Bxb2 23.Ng3 Nf6 24.Bd4 Bxd4 25.Nxd4 e5 26.fxe5 Nxe5 27.Ne6 Rf7 28.0-0 Ne8 29.Ne2 Bc8 30.N6f4 c5 31.Nd3 Nxd3 32.Rxd3 Re7 33.Nf4 Kg7 34.Rd2 Bb7 35.g5 h6 36.gxh6+ Kxh6 37.Nd3 Rc8 38.h4 Rcc7 39.Re2 d5 40.e5 dxc4 41.bxc4 Bxg2 42.Kxg2 Rcd7 43.Nxc5 Rc7 44.Nb3 Rxc4 45.Nxa5 Rc5 46.Nb3 Rcxe5 47.Rxe5 Rxe5* ½-½ (47) Martirosyan,H (2666)-Yakubboev,N (2656) Tashkent UZB 2022 *)* 13.Qc2 g5 14.fxg5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nde5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0-0 Nxg5 18.h4 Nf3 19.Be3 Nxh4 20.g5 Ng6 21.Bh5 Nf4 22.Rdg1 Kg7 23.Bg4 Rf7 24.Kb1 Ng6 25.Qg2 Bd7 26.Qh3 Qg8 27.Bh5 Kf8 28.Nb5 Bxb5 29.cxb5 Re8 30.Bg4 Nf4 31.Qh4 Qg6 32.Bf3 Ke7 33.Rc1 Kd8 34.Rhd1 Nd3 35.Bh5

Qg7 36.Bxf7 Bxb2 37.Rxd3 Bxc1 38.Bxc1 Qxf7 39.g6+ 1-0 (39) Woodward,A (2536)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025;

B3b) 10.Nf3 c6 *(10...e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Nf7 13.c5 dxc5 14.Qb3 c6 15.a4 b6 16.Bc4 Qe8 17.f5 gxf5 18.exf5 Nd6 19.Rae1 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 a5 21.Qb3 Kh8 22.Ng5 Ng4 23.fxe6 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Nf2+ 25.Rxf2 Bxf2 26.Re4 Ra7 27.Bf4 Bd4 28.Rxd4 cxd4 29.Be5+ Rg7 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.Nh6+ Kh8 32.Nf7+ Kg8 ½-½ (32) Nguyen,T (2610)-Niemann,H (2678) Jermuk ARM 2022)*

B3b1) 11.a4

B3b11) 11...cxd5 12.cxd5 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.0-0 d5 *(14...Rc8 15.Kh1 Re8 16.a5 Rc5 17.a6 bxa6 18.Rxa6 Bc8 19.Ra4 Bb7 20.Ng5 Bc6 21.Rxa7 Nxe4 22.Ncxe4 Bxe4 23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.Bf3 Re8 25.b4 Rc7 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.g4 Qc4 28.Re1 Rb8 29.Re4 Qd3 30.Re3 Qc4 31.Re4 Qd3 32.Qe2 Qb1+ 33.Qe1 Qd3 34.Re3 Qc4 35.Kg2 d5 36.Re8+ Rxe8 37.Qxe8+ Bf8 38.Qe2 Qb3 39.b5 d4 40.Kg3 Bd6 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.Qc6 Bb4 43.Bxb4 Qxb4 44.b6 Qe1+ 45.Kh3 Qf1+ 46.Kg3 Qe1+ 47.Kg2 Qd2+ 48.Kh3 Qxf4 49.b7 f5 50.Qd7+ Nf7 51.Kg2 Qd2+ 52.Kh3 fxg4+ 53.Bxg4 Qe3+ 54.Kg2 Qd2+ 55.Kg3 Qe1+ 56.Kg2 Qd2+ 57.Kg3 Qe1+ 58.Kg2 Qd2+ ½-½ (58) Praggnanandhaa,R (2619)-Jones,G (2672) chess24.com INT 2022)* 15.e5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne4 17.a5 Nf2+ 18.Kg1 Nh3+ 19.Kh1 Nf2+ 20.Kg1 Nxd1+ 21.axb6 Nxc3 22.Bxc3 axb6 23.Nd4 Rfc8 24.h3 Nf5 25.Nxf5 Bxf5 26.Bf3 Be4 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Re1 Ra4 30.Rd1 Kf8 31.Rd7 e3 32.g3 Ke8 33.Rxb7 g5 34.f5 Re4 35.Rb8+ Kd7 36.f6 Bh6 37.Rb7+ Ke6 38.Re7+ Kf5 39.Rxf7 e2 40.Kf2 e1Q+ 41.Bxe1 Rxe5 42.Bc3 Re6 43.Rxh7 Kg6 44.Rb7 Bf8 45.Kf3 Bc5 46.Rg7+ Kh6 47.Rd7 Kg6 48.Rd3 b5 49.Rd5 Re3+ 50.Kg2 Re2+ 51.Kf1 Rf2+ 52.Ke1 Be3 53.Re5 Ba7 54.Rxb5 Rf3 55.h4 gxh4 56.gxh4 Rh3 57.h5+ Rxh5 58.Rxh5 Kxh5 59.Ke2 Kg6 60.Kd3 Kf7 61.Kc4 Ke6 62.Kb5 Be3 63.Kc6 Bf4 64.b4 Bg3 65.b5 Bb8 66.b6 Bf4 67.b7

Bb8 68.Bd4 Bg3 69.Bb6 Bb8 70.Bc7 Ba7 71.Be5 Kf7 72.Kd7 Kg6 73.Ke6 Kh7 74.b8Q Bxb8 75.Bxb8 Kg8 76.f7+ Kf8 77.Bd6+ Kg7 78.f8Q+ Kh7 79.Qf7+ 1-0 (79) Tabatabaei,M (2677)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.com INT 2023;

B3b12) 11...e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.0-0 *(13.a5 Re8 14.0-0 Bg4 15.h3 Bd7 16.Ng5 b6 17.a6 b5 18.cxb5 cxb5 19.Bf3 b4 20.Ne2 Bc6 21.Ng3 Qb6+ 22.Kh2 Rad8 23.Re1 d5 24.e5 Ne4 25.N5xe4 dxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4 27.Nxe4 Nf5 28.Qa4 Rxe5 29.fxe5 Bxe5+ 30.Kh1 Bb8 31.Qxb4 Qc7 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Ng4 h5 34.Qc3+ Kh7 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Ne8+ Qxc3 37.Bxc3+ Kh7 38.Nf6+ Kh6 39.Rad1 Rc8 40.Be5* 1-0 (40) Firouzja,A (2777)-Saric,I (2657) Zagreb CRO 2023 *)*

B3b121) 13...Nd7 14.Ng5 a5 15.g4 *(15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Qc2 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 Qh4 18.Be1 Qe7 19.g3 e5 20.f5 Nf6 21.Bd2 Nf7 22.Kg2 g5 23.Rh1 Kh8 24.h3 Rg8 25.Bf3 b6 26.Rae1 Rg7 27.Bc1 Rag8 28.Qd3 h5 29.Bd2 Rh7 30.Be2 Kg7 31.Qc2 Qb7 32.Bd3 Bxc3 33.bxc3 c5 34.Rb1 Rb8 35.Rb5 Kf8 36.Rhb1 Ke8 37.Kh2 Kd7 38.Qb2 Kc7 39.Bf1 Rhh8 40.Bg2 Qc6 41.Be3 Rhg8 42.Bh1 Rge8 43.Qc1 Rg8 44.Qd2 Qd7 45.R1b3 Rb7 46.Bg1 Qc8 47.Qb2 Qb8 48.Be3 Nd7 49.Qd2 Qe8 50.Qb2 Rb8 51.Qb1 Qd8 52.Qa1 Rh8 53.Qc1 Qf6 54.Qd2 Qe7 55.Qc1 Rhg8 56.Qa1 Nd8 57.Qa2 Nc6 58.Rb1 Qf6 59.Qd2 Nd8 60.R1b3 Nc6 61.Rb1 Rg7 62.Qc1 Ne7 63.Qd2 Nc6 64.Qc1 Qd8 65.Bg2 Qg8 66.Qd2 Nf6 67.R5b3 Qd8 68.Kh1 Qg8 69.Kg1 Qxc4 70.Qb2 Nd7 71.Ra3 Nf6 72.Re1 Na7 73.Bf2 Qf7 74.Ra2 Rf8 75.Qc2 Nc8 76.Rb2 Kb8 77.Reb1 Qd7 78.Rb5 Kc7 79.Be3 Qc6 80.Kh2 Rgg8 81.Qd2 Nh7 82.Rf1 Nf6 83.Re1 Nh7 84.Ra1 Nf6 85.Re1 Nh7 86.Ra1 Nf6 87.Rf1 Nh7 88.Re1 Rg7 89.Reb1 Rff7 90.Qa2 Rf8 91.Rf1 Nf6 92.Qc2 Na7 93.Rb2 Nc8 94.Rfb1 Rfg8 95.Rb5*

Rf8 96.Qd2 Rfg8 97.Qc2 Rd7 98.Qa2 Rdg7 99.Rf1 Rf8 100.Qe6 Re7 101.Qc4 Rg7 102.Qa2 Na7 103.Rbb1 Nc8 104.Qc2 Rfg8 105.Rb5 Na7 106.Rb2 Nc8 107.Rfb1 Rf8 108.Rb5 Rfg8 109.Bd2 Rf8 110.Qd1 Rgg8 111.Qe2 Rf7 112.Qd1 Rh7 113.Be3 Kd7 114.Qb3 Re7 115.Bd2 Kc7 116.Rb2 Reg7 117.c4 Nd7 118.Rb1 Rf7 119.Qb2 Rff8 120.Bh1 Rf7 121.Bg2 Rff8 122.Bh1 ½-½ (122) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)*
15...Nb6 16.b3 d5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.e5 d4 19.Nb5 Bd7 20.Bf3 f6 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Rxc8 Nxc8 24.Bxa5 Ne7 25.Bc7 Nf7 26.Nxf7 Qxf7 27.Be5 Bxb5 28.axb5 Rd8 29.Be2 Kh8 30.Bc4 Qf8 31.Qd3 Nc8 32.Qe4 Qe7 33.Rd1 Bxe5 34.Qxe5+ Qxe5 35.fxe5 Kg7 36.Kf2 Nb6 37.Ke2 Re8 38.e6 Nxc4 39.bxc4 Rxe6+ 40.Kd3 Kf6 41.c5 Kg5 42.Kc4 Kxg4 43.Rxd4+ Kh3 44.Rd7 h5 45.Rxb7 Kxh2 46.c6 g5 47.Rh7 1-0 (47) Sevian, S (2684)-Yakubboev,N (2630) Sharjah UAE 2023;

B3b122) 13...a5 14.Ng5 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.g4 Nf7 18.g5 Nd7 19.Rb1 Bd4 20.h4 Nc5 21.Be1 e5 22.f5 Qb3 23.Qxb3 Nxb3 24.Bd1 Nc5 25.Bc2 Na6 26.Na2 b6 27.b4 axb4 28.Nxb4 Nxb4 29.Bxb4 Rb8 30.Rb3 Ra8 31.Rbf3 Kg7 32.Kg2 Bc5 33.Bd2 Rae8 34.h5 gxh5 35.Rh3 h6 36.g6 Ng5 37.Rxh5 d5 38.exd5 Be7 39.Rfh1 e4 40.dxc6 Rxf5 41.Bxe4 Rff8 42.Bd5 Bc5 43.Bc3+ Kxg6 44.Rxh6+ Kf5 45.Rf1+ Kg4 46.Rxf8 Rxf8 47.Rf6 Re8 48.c7 1-0 (48) Martirosyan,H (2688)-Amin,B (2682) Linares ESP 2023;

B3b2) 11.Ng5 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.h3 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.a4 a6 17.Bd3 Nh5 18.0-0 Rxb2 19.Qc1 Qb6+ 20.Kh2 Nf7 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Be3 Qb8 23.Ne2 Bd7 24.Rb1 Rxb1 25.Qxb1 Qxb1 26.Rxb1 Bxa4 27.Bxa6 Bc6 28.Rb8+ Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.g4 Nf6

31.Nd4 Bd7 32.Bb7 Ke8 33.Nf3 Bf8 34.Bd4 Be7 35.e5 dxe5 36.Nxe5 Nd5 37.Nxd7 Kxd7 38.Kg3 Bd6 39.Bxd5 exd5 40.Kf3 Ke7 41.f5 Kf7 42.fxg6+ Kxg6 43.h4 h5 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 ½-½ (44) Stockfish (3601)-Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B3b3) 11.0-0 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Na4 Bd7 15.Kh1 Nhg4 16.h3 Qa5 17.b3 Bb5 18.Bxb5 Nxe4 19.hxg4 Qxb5 20.Rc1 Ng3+ 21.Kh2 Nxf1+ 22.Qxf1 Qxd5 23.Bxb4 Rac8 24.Re1 h5 25.gxh5 Qxh5+ 26.Kg3 Bf6 27.Qd3 Qf5 28.Qxf5 gxf5 29.Nh4 Rc2 30.Nxf5 Rb8 31.Ne3 Rxa2 32.Nd5 a5 33.Nxf6+ exf6 34.Nc3 Rc2 35.Bxa5 Rxb3 36.Re3 Rbb2 37.Kg4 Rxg2+ 38.Kf5 Rg6 39.Bd8 Kg7 40.Nd5 Rb5 41.Rd3 Rh6 42.Ke4 f5+ 43.Kxf5 Rh5+ 44.Bg5 f6 45.Kg4 fxg5 46.Kxh5 gxf4 47.Kg4 Kf7 48.Kxf4 Ra5 49.Kf5 Rc5 50.Rd1 Ra5 51.Rd2 Rc5 52.Ke4 ½-½ (52) Galaviz Medina,S (2488)-Vitiugov,N (2676) Budapest HUN 2024;

B3b4) 11.h3 b5 12.a3 bxc4 13.dxc6 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.g4 Qb6 16.Qc2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Kh8 18.0-0-0 Rb8 19.Nxd5 Qxc6 20.Nxe7 Qb7 21.Nd5 Be6 22.Nc3 f6 23.Nd4 Rfd8 24.Bf3 Rxd4 25.Bxb7 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Rxb7 27.Rd6 Re7 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.exf6 Bxf6 30.Rxd5 Nf7 31.Rhd1 Kg8 32.Rd7 Kf8 33.R1d5 Re1+ 34.Kc2 Re2+ 35.Kd1 Re7 36.Rxe7 Kxe7 37.Rc5 Nd6 38.Rc7+ Kd8 39.Rxh7 Bxb2 ½-½ (39) LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631)-Stockfish Dev F7 (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[6...c5

A) 7.d5

A1) 7...b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.bxa6 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bxa6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Nge2 Rfb8 13.0-0 Qb4 14.e5 dxe5 15.Rab1 Nc7 16.Bg5 Rd8 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rfd1 Ne8 19.a3 Qh4 20.Ng3 Nd6 21.Qe2 Nf5 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.g3 Qh6 24.d6 e6 25.Qc4 Rac8 26.Nb5 e4 27.Na7 Ra8 28.Qxc5 e3 29.fxe3 Bg5 30.Rd3 Qh5 31.Nc6 Qe2 32.Rbd1 Rac8 33.d7 Rc7 34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Kf8 36.Nxf5 exf5 37.h4 Rc2 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qe5+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Qe5+ Kf8 ½-½ (41) Sarana,A (2717)-Pichot,A (2638) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 7...e6 8.Nf3

A2a) 8...exd5 9.cxd5

A2a1) 9...Nbd7

A2a11) 10.Nd2 Ne5 11.h3 Ne8 12.0-0 f5 13.f4 Nf7 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Nc4 *(15.g4 Bd7 16.a4 Nc7 17.Nc4 b5*

18.axb5 Nxb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Qd2 Re8 21.Rae1 Rb8 22.b3 a5 23.Bf2 Qf6 24.Bd3 Qc3 25.Qxc3 Bxc3 26.Rc1 Bxc4 27.Bxc4 Bd2 28.Ra1 Bxf4 29.Rxa5 g5 30.Kg2 Ne5 31.Bb5 Re7 32.Bg3 Ng6 33.Bc4 Re3 34.Bf2 Rc3 35.Be1 Rc2+ 36.Rf2 Nh4+ 37.Kf1 Rc1 38.Raa2 Bg3 39.Rac2 Rd1 40.Rcd2 Rxd2 41.Bxd2 Bxf2 42.Kxf2 h6 43.Ba5 Rb7 44.Ke3 Ng6 45.Ke4 Re7+ 0-1 (45) Bogner,S (2536)-Amin,B (2680) Deizisau GER 2024*)*

15...Nc7 16.a4 Re8 17.Bf2 Na6 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nb4 20.Qd2 Qd7 21.Rae1 Rad8 22.b3 a6 23.Ne4 b5 24.Ncxd6 Nxd6 25.Nxc5 Qf5 26.Qxb4 Qxd5 27.Nxa6 Re4 28.Rxe4 Nxe4 29.Qxb5 Qf7 30.Qc4 Nd2 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7 32.Rc1 Nxb3 33.Rc7+ Kg8 34.Nc5 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Nd2 36.g4 Bf8 37.Ne6 Bd6 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rd7 Bxf4+ 40.Kg2 1-0 (40) Nesterov,A (2584)-Salem,A (2639) Samarkand UZB 2023;

A2a12) 10.0-0 Ng4 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bh4 Nde5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.f4 Nf7 15.Kh1 a6 16.a4 g5 17.Bg3 f5 18.Bd3 g4 19.Qc2 h5 20.Rae1 h4 21.Bf2 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 fxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf5 24.Re6 Bxe6 25.dxe6 Nh6 26.Qe1 Rxf4 27.e7 Qd7 28.Qe3 Rf7 29.Qg5+ Rg7 30.Qxh6 Rxe7 31.Qg5+ Rg7 32.Bc4+ Kh8 33.Qh6+ Rh7 34.Bd4+ cxd4 35.Rf8+ Rxf8 36.Qxf8# 1-0 (36) Sarana,A (2672)-Livaic,L (2536) Darfo Boario Terme ITA 2025;

A2a2) 9...b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.Bxc5 *(11.Bxb5 e4 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Nc4 Rd8 14.d6 Qe6 15.Qb3 Nbd7 16.Na5 Qg4 17.Nc6 Qxg2 18.0-0-0 Rf8 19.h4 Kh8 20.h5 gxh5 21.Ne7 Ne5 22.Rdg1 Qf3 23.Be2 Be6 24.Qc2 Rab8 25.Bxf3 Nxf3 26.Rxg7 Kxg7 27.Nxe4 Ng4 28.Rxh5 f5 29.Qc3+* 1-0 (29) Ter Sahakyan,S (2644)-Pultinevicius,P (2587) chess.com INT 2024 *)*

A2a21) 11...Re8 12.Bxb5 Nbd7 *(12...Bd7 13.Be2 Bg4 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Be3 e4 16.Nd4 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nb6 18.Nc6 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Rac8 20.Rac1 Ng4 21.h3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Nc4 23.Qe2 Nd6 24.Nb5 e3 25.Nxd6 exf2+ 26.Qxf2 Qxd6 27.b4 Bh6 28.Rc3 Rc7 29.Kh1 Re4 30.b5 Rd7 31.Rf3 f5 32.Nxa7 Rde7*

33.Nc6 Re8 34.b6 Re2 35.Qf1 Qd7 36.Rb3 Qb7 37.Na5 Qa6 38.b7 Rb8 39.Nc6 1-0 (39) Dudin,G (2506)-Cheparinov,I (2646) New York USA 2024 *)* 13.Be3 Ng4 14.0-0 *(14.Qd2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Rb8 16.0-0 a6 17.Bc6 Rxb2 18.Ne4 Rf8 19.Rfb1 Rxb1+ 20.Rxb1 Nf6 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Nxe5 Bf5 23.Rd1 Qa5 24.a4 Rd8 25.h3 h5 26.g4 hxg4 27.hxg4 Bc2 28.Rc1 Bxa4 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Bxa4 Kg7 31.g5 Bxg5 32.Qxg5 Rxd5 33.Rc7+ Qxc7 34.Qxd5 Qf4 35.Bd1 Kh6 36.Qh1+ Kg7 37.Qb7+ Kh6 38.Qxa6 Qg5+ 39.Kf1 Qd5 40.Qa4 Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Qh5+ 42.f3 Qh2+ 43.Kd3 Qd6+ 44.Qd4 Qa6+ 45.Kd2 Qa5+ 46.Ke2 Qa6+ 47.Kf2 Qa2+ 48.Be2 Kh7 49.Qe5 Qd2 50.Kg2 Qd7 51.Qe4 Qd8 52.Qe3 Qf6 53.Bd3 Qb2+ 54.Kg3 Qf6 55.Qe4 Qg5+ 56.Kh3 Kh8 57.Qh4+* 1-0 (57) Aronian,L (2759)-Theodorou,N (2598) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 14...Nxe3 15.fxe3 Rb8 16.Qe2 *(16.Qd2 Rf8 17.Kh1 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Ng5 Bh6 20.h4 Nf6 21.d6 Bf5 22.Rad1 Ng4 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Bc4+ Kh8 25.b3 Ng4 26.d7 e3 27.Qd6 Bxg5 28.hxg5 Qxg5 29.Rf3 Qh4+ 30.Rh3 Nf2+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.Rg3 Ng4+ 33.Kg1 Qxg3 34.d8Q Rbxd8* 0-1 (34) Sarana,A (2685)-Ivic,V (2595) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 16...Rf8 17.Kh1 f5 18.e4 Kh8 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Nxe5 Qd6 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.Ne3 Qg5 24.d6 Bxc3 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.bxc3 Ne4 27.d7 Qg7 28.Rxf5 Nxc3 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Qd2 Nxd1 31.Qxd1 Qf6 32.h3 Rb8 33.Qe2 Rd8 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.a4 a6 36.Bxa6 h5 37.Bb5 Qg5 38.Qe2 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh1 Qa1+ 42.Kh2 Qf6 43.Qd2 Qe5+ 44.Kg1 h4 45.Bc6 Qc5+ 46.Kh1 Kf7 47.Qf4+ Ke7 48.Bb5 Qd6 49.Qxh4+ Qf6 50.Qxf6+ Kxf6 51.a5 Ra8 52.a6 Ke7 53.h4 Kd6 54.h5 Rh8 55.a7 Ra8 56.g4 Kc7 57.h6 Rxa7 58.g5 1-0 (58) Kantor,G (2558)-Ivic,V (2620) chess.com INT 2025;

A2a22) 11...e4 12.Bxf8 exf3 13.Bxf3 Qxf8 14.d6 b4 15.Ne2 Ba6 16.Bxa8 Nbd7 17.Bf3 Ne5 18.0-0 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Nd7

20.Re1 Ne5 21.Ng3 Nd3 22.d7 1-0 (22) Sarana,A (2649)-Kovalev, V (2648) chess.com INT 2021;

A2a23) 11...b4 12.Bxb4 Re8 13.0-0 e4 14.Nd4 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Nb5 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Be5 19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.Nxd6 Rd8 21.Nxe4 Nc6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Nd6 Bd7 24.h3 a5 25.Bf3 Bc6 26.Bxc6 Nxc6 27.Rb6 Nb4 28.a3 Nc2 29.a4 Rd8 30.Kh2 Nb4 31.Nb7 Rb8 32.Rb5 Nc6 33.Nc5 Rd8 34.Rb6 Ne5 35.Ra6 Nc4 36.Rc6 Ne5 37.Ra6 Nc4 38.Rc6 Ne5 39.Rc7 Rd4 40.Ra7 Nc4 41.Nb3 Rd5 42.Rc7 Nb6 43.Ra7 Nxa4 44.Rxa5 ½-½ (44) Gupta,A (2589)-Donchenko,A (2639) Tashkent UZB 2024;

A2a3) 9...a6 10.a4 Bg4 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Re8 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Bf4 Ne5 15.h3 Nh5 16.Bh2 Qh4 17.f4 Nd7 18.Nc4 Bf8 19.e5 Ng7 20.Rae1 Nf5 21.a5 Rab8 22.Ne4 b5 23.axb6 Be7 24.exd6 Bd8 25.Qg4 Bxb6 26.Ne5 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Red8 28.e6 c4+ 29.Kh1 Bd4 30.exf7+ Kf8 31.Qxh4 Nxh4 32.Ng5 Nf5 33.Ne6+ Kxf7 34.Nxd4 1-0 (34) Sarana,A (2666)-Gledura,B (2652) chess.com INT 2021;

A2a4) 9...Re8 10.Nd2 a6 11.a4 Nbd7 12.0-0 h5 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.h3 Nh7 15.Bh2 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Nde4 Nf7 18.a5 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Bd3 Rd4 21.Qc2 Nf8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.Qxa4 Be5 24.f4 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Qf6 26.b4 h4 27.b5 Nh6 28.b6 Nf5 29.Re1 Ng3+ 30.Bxg3 hxg3 31.Re4 Rd8 32.Qd1 Rd7 33.Qg4 Bf2 34.Qd1 Re7 35.Re2 Rxe2 36.Bxe2 Qc3 37.Bg4 Qxa5 38.f5 gxf5 39.Bxf5 Qe1+ 40.Qxe1 Bxe1 41.Bc8 c4 42.Bxb7 c3 43.Bxa6 c2 44.b7 c1Q 45.b8Q 0-1 (45) Sarana,A (2649)-Kovalev,V (2637) lichess.org INT 2021;

A2a5) 9...Bg4 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2

A2a51) 11...Nbd7 12.0-0 Qe7 *(12...Ne8 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.h3 f5 15.Rae1 g5* ½-½ (15) Sarana,A (2685)-Sadhwani,R (2616) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 13.h3 Ne8 14.Rae1 Nc7 15.a4 f5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Qd3 Re8 18.Nde4 Nxd5 19.Bg5 Nb4 20.Qc4+ Qf7 21.Nxd6 Rxe1 22.Nxf7 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Rxf7 24.Qe4 Bd4 25.Qe8+ Kg7 26.Bh6+ Kxh6 27.Qxf7 Ne5 28.Qf8+ Kh5 29.Ne4 1-0 (29) Sarana,A (2675)-Sadhwani,R (2628) chess.

com INT 2022;
A2a52) 11...Re8 12.0-0 Nbd7 *(12...Na6 13.h3 Nc7 14.a4 b6 15.Qd3 Nd7 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Qc2 Na6 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Nc4 Nb4 20.Qe2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Nxd5 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Rfe1 Nxe4 24.Rad1 d5 25.Rd3 Qf6 26.Rxd5 Qxf3 27.gxf3 Nxc3 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rd7 Nxa4 30.Rxa7 b5 31.Nd6 Rb8 32.Nxf7 c4 33.Ne5 Rb6 34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.Ra7+ Kg8 36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.Ra7+ Kg8* ½-½ (37) Sarana,A (2685)-Sadhwani,R (2616) chess.com INT 2022 *)*
A2a521) 13.h3 a6 14.a4 Rc8 15.Bf4 Ne5 16.Bh2 Qc7 *(16...c4 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Nxc4 Re8 19.a5 Nh5 20.Ra4 Rc5 21.Rb4 Qc7 22.g3 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Nf6 24.e5 Nxd5 25.Nxd6 Nxc3 26.Qf3 Rb8 27.Ne8 Qxe5 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nd7 Qc7 30.Nxb8 Qxb8 31.Rxb7 Qe8 32.Kg2 Rf5 33.Qxc3+* 1-0 (33) Sarana,A (2675)-Bachmann,A (2588) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 17.f4 Ned7 18.Nc4 Nb6 19.e5 dxe5 20.fxe5 Nfxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qf3 Red8 23.Nd6 Nb4 24.Nxc8 Qxc8 25.Qxf7+ Kh8 26.Rad1 Rf8 27.Qe7 Re8 28.Qd7 Nc6 29.Qxc8 Rxc8 30.Rd7 Kg8 31.Rxb7 Re8 32.Rff7 Bf8 33.Rfc7 Nd4 34.Kf2 Ne6 35.Rc6 Bh6 36.Rxa6 c4 37.Raa7 Rf8+ 38.Ke1 Nd4 39.Rxh7 Nc2+ 40.Kd1 Rf1+ 41.Ke2 Re1+ 42.Kf2 Be3+ 43.Kg3 Bxa7 44.Rxa7 Rxe5 45.a5 Rb5 46.a6 Rxb2 47.Rb7 Nb4 48.a7 Rb3+ 49.Kg4 Ra3 50.Rb8+ 1-0 (50) Erigaisi,A (2701)-Sindarov,J (2661) Astana KAZ 2023;
A2a522) 13.Kh1 a6 14.a4 Rc8 15.a5 Qc7 16.f3 Ne5 17.f4 Ned7 18.Qf3 c4 19.Ra4 b5 20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Rxa6 Nfd7 22.e5 Qb7 23.Ra5 dxe5 24.f5 e4 25.Ndxe4 Ne5 26.Qg3 Qc7 27.d6 Qd8 28.f6 Nbd7 29.Rxe5 Rxe5 30.fxg7 Qe8 31.Qf4 f5 32.Bd4 Rxe4 33.Nxe4 Qxe4 34.Qxe4 fxe4 35.Kg1 Rc6 36.Ra1 Rc8 37.Ra7 Nb8 38.Bf6 Nc6 39.Rc7 1-0 (39) Grischuk,A

(2745)-Sindarov,J (2661) Astana KAZ 2023;

A2b) 8...Re8

A2b1) 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5 Ne4 *(10...Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Rfe1 Ne5 15.Be2 Re7 16.Bf1 Qf8 17.Bg5 Ree8 18.Re3 h6 19.Bf4 Nh5 20.Bh2 f5 21.Rae1 f4 22.Re4 g5 23.Qd1 Nf6 24.R4e2 Qf7 25.Kh1 Re7 26.f3 Rae8 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Rxe4 Ng6 29.Bd3 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Bxe4 Bd4 32.b4 Ne5 33.Qb3 Qc7 34.g3 cxb4 35.gxf4 Qxc4 36.Qd1 gxf4 37.Bxf4 Kg7 38.Qe1 Nf7 39.Qg3+ Kh8 40.Qg2 Be5 41.Bxe5+ Nxe5 42.Qd2 Kg7 43.Qf4 Qf1+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+ 45.Kh1 Qxa2 46.Qg3+ Kh8 47.Qf4 Qa1+ 48.Kg2 Qb2+ 49.Kg3 Kg7 50.Qf5 Qc1 51.f4 Qg1+ 52.Kh4 Ng6+ 53.Kh5 Qd1+ 54.Qg4 Qxg4+ 55.Kxg4 a5 56.Bc2 b5 57.Kf5 a4 58.Ke6 b3 59.Bxg6 Kxg6 60.f5+ Kh5 61.f6 b2 62.f7 b1Q 63.f8Q Qe4+ 64.Kd7 Qxd5 65.Qf4 Qg5 66.Qf7+ Kh4 67.Qf3 Qg3 68.Qf6+ Kxh3 69.Qxh6+ Qh4 70.Qe3+ Kg2 71.Qe2+ Kg3 72.Qxb5 Qd4 73.Qc6 Kf4 74.Qc2 Ke3 75.Qc1+ Kd3 76.Qd1+ Ke4 77.Qg4+ Kd5 78.Qf5+ Kc4 79.Qc2+ Kb4 80.Qb1+ Ka5 81.Qe1+ Qb4 82.Qe8 Qb5+* 0-1 (82) Makarian,R (2546)-Van Foreest,J (2697) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.Nxe4 Rxe4 12.Qd2 Re8 13.h3 Nd7 14.Bd3 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rae1 Bd7 17.Re2 a6 18.Rfe1 b5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Rxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Rxa2 23.f4 c4 24.Be2 Qb6+ 25.Kh2 Qf2 26.Re4 Ra1 27.Qd4 Qxd4 28.Rxd4 Ra2 29.Bg4 f5 30.Bf3 Rxb2 31.d6 c3 32.Rd5 b4 33.Rc5 Rd2 34.Bd5+ Rxd5 35.Rxd5 c2 0-1 (35) Sarana,A (2685)-Van Foreest,J (2680) chess.com INT 2023;

A2b2) 9.Nd2 Bd7 *(9...Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.a4 Na6 12.Bg5 e5 13.Na2 h6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nc3 Nh7 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Bd3 Rf8 18.Ra3 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.f3 Nb4 21.Bb1 a6 22.Nc7 Rac8 23.Ne6 Bxe6 24.dxe6 Qxe6 25.Qe2 Kh8 26.Rd1 e4 27.fxe4 f4 28.Bf2 Bxb2 29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Nf3 Be5 31.Nh4 Qxh3 32.Kh1 Qg4 33.Qf1 Rcf8 34.Nf5 Qh5 35.Nxd6 Nf6 36.Bxc5 Ng4 37.h3 f3 38.Nf5 Nh2 39.g4 Nxf1 40.gxh5 Rxf5 41.Rxf1 Rxh5 42.Rxf3 Nc6 43.Be3 Nd4* 0-1 (43) Riazantsev,A (2616)-Guseinov,G (2636) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 b5 12.Bxb5 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Nxe4 14.Nc4 a6 15.Nc3

Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Qa4 Rd8 18.Rab1 Nd7 19.Rb7 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.c4 Qe4 22.Bg5 Rdb8 23.Qxa6 Bd4 24.Bh6 Re8 25.Qxd6 Rxa2 26.Rb8 Bxf2+ 27.Kh1 Ra8 28.Qf6 Qd4 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qf3 f5 31.d6 Bh4 32.g3 Bf6 33.Rd1 Qxc4 34.d7 Rd8 35.Bf4 Qe6 36.Qd5 Qxd5+ 37.Rxd5 Ra8 38.Rxc5 Kf7 39.Rc7 Rd8 40.Bd2 Be5 41.Rb7 Ke6 42.Ba5 Rxd7 43.Rxd7 Kxd7 44.Kg2 g5 45.Bd2 g4 46.Bg5 Ke6 47.h3 h5 48.hxg4 hxg4 49.Bh6 Bf6 50.Bf4 Kd5 51.Bh6 Ke4 52.Bf4 Be5 53.Bh6 Bf6 54.Bf4 Be5 55.Bh6 Bf6 ½-½ (55) Abdusattorov,N (2731)-Van Foreest,J (2689) chess.com INT 2023;

A3) 7...Qb6 8.Qb3 *(8.Qd2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Qc1 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Re8 14.Re1 Qa5 15.Bd2 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nd7 18.Qb2 Nb6 19.Qb3 Qa6 20.Be2 Nxd5 21.Rad1 Nb6 22.Bf4 d5 23.Bf3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Qxc4 25.Qxc4 dxc4 26.Bxb7 Rd8 27.Bc7 Bxc3 28.Rc1 Rd7 29.Bxb6 axb6 30.Bc6 Rd6 31.Bb5 Bb2 32.Rxc4 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Rd2 34.Re4 Rxf2 35.Kg3 Rf5 36.h4 h5 37.Bc4 Kg7 38.a4 Be5+ 39.Kh3 Rf4 40.Rxf4 Bxf4 41.g4 hxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Bh6 43.Kf3 f5 44.Bd3 Kf6 45.Bb5 Ke5 46.Be8 c4 47.Ke2 g5 48.hxg5 Bxg5 49.Bf7 Kd4 50.Bg6 f4 51.Kd1 f3 52.Bh5 Ke3 53.Bf7 c3 54.Bc4 f2 55.Bf1 Kf3 56.Kc2 Bf6 57.Kd3 Kg3 58.Ke3 Kh2 59.Kxf2 c2* 0-1 (59) Sarana,A (2717)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024*; 8.Rb1 Qa5 9.Bd2 e6 10.Nf3 exd5 11.Nxd5 Qd8 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bd3 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nc6 17.Qd1 Nb4 18.Bxb4 cxb4 19.a4 bxa3 20.bxa3 b6 21.g3 Rc8 22.Kg2 Rc5 23.Rb5 Qe7 24.Rxc5 dxc5 25.f4 Bd4 26.e5 Kg7 27.Re1 a6 28.Qf3 Qd7 29.h4 b5 30.h5 b4 31.a4 b3 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Qd5 Qxa4 34.e6 Qa2+ 35.Re2 Qa1 36.exf7 Qg1+ 37.Kh3 Qf1+ 38.Kg4 Rxe2 39.Qd6 Kxf7 40.Qxg6+ Ke7 41.Qg5+ Kd6 42.Qd8+ Kc6 43.Qc8+ Kb6 44.Qd8+ Kc6 45.Qc8+ Kb6 46.Qd8+* ½-½ (46) Nesterov,A (2584)-Sindarov,J (2701) Samarkand UZB 2023*; 8.Qc2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.cxd5 Bg4 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Be2 a6 14.a4 Rfc8 15.a5 Qd8 16.Ra4 Rab8 17.h3 Qe7 18.Bf4 h6 19.Bh2 Re8 20.Kh1 g5 21.f4 gxf4 22.Bxf4 Ne5 23.Bh2 Ng6 24.Bf3 b5 25.axb6 Rxb6 26.Nd1 Nd7 27.Ne3 Rxb2 28.Qc1 Nh4 29.Nc4 Nxf3 30.gxf3 Re2 31.Qd1 Rxh2+ 32.Kxh2 Ne5 33.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 34.f4 Qb2+ 35.Kh1 Bd4 36.Qf3 Kh7 37.e5 Qc2 38.Rxa6 Rb8 39.Qg2 Qd3 40.Ra7 Rg8 41.Rf3 Qd1+ 42.Rf1 Qd3 43.Rf3 Qd1+ 44.Rf1 Qd3*

45.Rf3 ½-½ (45) Lupulescu,C (2589)-Chigaev,M (2621) Alba Iulia ROU 2023*)* 8...Qxb3 9.axb3 Na6 10.h3 Nb4 11.Kd2 e6 12.Nf3 exd5 13.exd5 Bf5 14.Bf4 Rfd8 15.Rhe1 Nc2 16.g4 Nxa1 17.Rxa1 Ne4+ 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Ng5 Bg2 20.Rg1 h6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Rxg2 Bxb2 23.Bxh6 Rh8 24.Bf4 Rxh3 25.Bxd6 Bc3+ 26.Kc2 Bd4 27.Bg3 Rh1 28.d6 Re8 29.Bf3 Ree1 30.Bxb7 Ke8 31.Bc6+ Kd8 32.Bf4 Bf6 33.Bd2 Ra1 34.Ba4 Ra2+ 35.Kd3 Rd1 36.f4 g5 37.Re2 Raxd2+ 38.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2 gxf4 40.Ke2 Be5 41.d7 Bf6 42.Kf3 Bg5 43.Ke4 Kc7 44.Bb5 a6 45.Ba4 Bh6 46.Bc6 Bg5 47.Kf5 Bd8 48.Bf3 Kxd7 49.g5 Ke7 50.Kxf4 Kf7 51.Kf5 Kg7 52.Be4 Ba5 53.g6 Bb4 54.Ke6 Ba3 55.Kd5 a5 56.Kc6 Bb4 57.Kb5 Kf6 58.Ka4 Kg7 59.Kb5 Kf6 60.Ka4 Kg7 61.Kb5 ½-½ (61) Sarana,A (2674)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nfd7 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 f6 11.0-0 fxe5 12.Qd5+ Kh8 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.fxe5 Ndxe5 15.Rxf8+ Qxf8 16.Rf1 Qg8 17.Bxc5 h6 18.Qxg8+ Kxg8 19.Nf3 Be6 20.Nd5 Rd8 21.Rd1 Kf7 22.Rf1 Kg8 23.Rd1 Kf7 24.Rf1 Kg8 ½-½ (24) Andreikin,D (2729)-Theodorou,N (2584) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bd2 *(8.f3 dxc5 9.e5 Rd8 10.Qa4 Qxa4 11.Nxa4 Ne8 12.f4 f6 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bxc5 Nc6 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Ba3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bf3 Nf2 19.0-0 Ng4+ 20.Kh1 Nf2+ 21.Rxf2 Bxf2 22.Bxe7 Re8 23.Bf6 Bd7 24.Nc3 Bc6 25.Nd5 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Bxe1 27.Be5 Kf7 28.g3 Rd8 29.Kg2 b5 30.b3 bxc4 31.bxc4 Ba5 32.Kf2 Rd7 33.h4 Rb7 34.Be4 Bb4 35.g4 Ba3 36.h5 Bb2 37.Bd6 Bd4+ 38.Kf3 Rb2 39.hxg6+ hxg6 40.Bxg6+ Kxg6* 0-1 (40) Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2577)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024*)* 8...Qxc5 9.Nf3 Be6 10.Be3 Qa5 *(10...Qb4 11.Qb3 Nc6 12.Qxb4 Nxb4 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.b3 Bg4 15.Kd2 Nd7 16.Nd4 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 Nc6 18.Rhd1 Kf8 19.f4 Ke8 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Na4 f5 22.Kf3 h5 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 a5 25.Re1 Rd8 26.exf5 gxf5 27.Rxd6 Kf7 28.Rde6 Re8 29.Rxc6 Rad8 30.Rce6 Nf6 31.R6e5* 1-0 (31) Xiong,J (2636)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 a6 14.f4 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.f5 Bd7 17.Bxb5 Ne5 18.Bxd7 Nexd7 19.Nb3 Qa6 20.Bd4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 gxf5 24.exf5 Rd8 25.Qe4 Qxa2 26.Ra1 Qxb3 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Qxa8+ Bf8 29.Qd8 Qxb2 30.f6 Qb4 31.fxe7 Qxe7 32.Qxe7 Bxe7 33.Rf5 f6 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Kf3 Kg6 36.g4 Bb4 37.h4 Be1 38.h5+ Kg7 39.Ke4 Bh4 40.Rf3 Kf7 41.Kf5 h6 42.Rb3 Ke7 43.Rb6 Bg5 44.Ra6 Kd7 45.Ke4 Kc7 46.Kd5 Kb7 47.Re6 Kc7 48.Re7+ Kb6 49.Rg7 1-0 (49) Xiong,J (2636)-Sindarov,J (2707) chess.com INT 2025]

[6...Na6

A) 7.h4 h5 *(7...c5 8.d5 e6 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.h5 Nb4 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.Qd2 Re8 13.Nh3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 Qe7 15.f3 Nc6 16.0-0-0 Rad8 17.Rdh1 Qf7 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.Nd5 Qf8 20.Kb1 Nd4 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Bd3 a6 23.f4 b5 24.g4 Rg7 25.Qh2* 1-0 (25) Martirosyan,H (2675)-Grischuk,A (2745) Astana KAZ 2023*; 7...e5 8.h5 exd4 9.Bxd4 Re8 10.h6 Bh8 11.f3 Nb4 12.Qd2 a5 13.Bf2 a4 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nh3 Na5 16.Qc2 Be6 17.Nxa4 b5 18.Nc3 Bxh3 19.Rxh3 bxc4 20.Rd1 Nd7 21.Nb5 Ne5 22.Kf1 Qb8 23.a4 c6 24.Nxd6 Rd8 25.Bc5 Nb3 26.Ba3 c5 27.f4 Rxd6 28.fxe5 Bxe5 29.Bxc4 Nd4 30.Qb1 Rxa4 31.Qa2 Rf6+ 32.Kg1 Bg3 33.b3 Ra8 34.Qb2 Qe5 35.Bd5 Rd8 36.Qd2 Bf4 37.Qd3 Ne6 38.Qc4 Qg5 39.Kh1 Qg4 40.Bb2 Qxd1+* 0-1 (40) Yakubboev,N (2617)-Amin,B (2682) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

A1) 8.f3

A1a) 8...c5 9.d5 *(9.Qd2 cxd4 10.Bxd4 Nb4 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Nc6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.g4 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 hxg4 16.fxg4 Qa5 17.Qxa5 Nxa5 18.Rc1 Rfc8 19.Kd2 Rc7 20.h5 Rac8 21.b3 Nc6 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.Rch1 Kf7 24.Rh7+ Ke6 25.Ke3 Ne5 26.Rh8 Kf6 27.Kf4 Nf7 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.b4 b6 30.Rc1 Ng5 31.Rh1 Ra8 32.e5+ dxe5+ 33.Ke3 a5 34.c5 axb4 35.Rf1+ Ke6 36.Bc4+ Kd7 37.cxb6 Kc6 38.b7 Ra3+ 39.Bb3 Kxb7 40.Rc1 Ra5 41.Rc4 Rb5 42.Ba4 Rb6 43.Rc5 Nf7 44.Bb3 e6 45.Ke4 Kb8 46.Ke3 Kb7 47.Ke4 g5 48.Ke3 Nh6 49.Kf3 e4+ 50.Kxe4 Nxg4 51.Rxg5 Nf6+ 52.Kd4 Nd5* ½-½ (52) Dreev, A (2635)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2608) Riga LAT 2021*)* 9...e6 *(9...Nc7 10.Nh3 b5 11.cxb5 a6 12.bxa6 Bxa6 13.Nf4 Qb8 14.Qd2 Qb4 15.0-0 Rfb8 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Nd3 Qa5 18.a3 Nb5 19.b4 cxb4 20.Nxb5 Qxb5 21.Nxb4 Ra4 22.Bd4 Rba8 23.Qc3 Qa5 24.Qb2 Rxa3 25.Nc6 Rxa1 26.Nxa5 R1xa5 27.Qb7 Kf8 28.Rc1 Ne8 29.Bxg7+ Nxg7 30.Rc7 Re8 31.Qb2 Raa8 32.Qc3 Kg8 33.Kh2 Kf8 34.Kg3 Ra2 35.Kh3 Ra4 36.Rd7 Raa8 37.Rc7 Ra4 38.Qb3 Raa8 39.Rb7 Rac8 40.Kh2 Rc5 41.Qb4 Rec8 42.Qb6 Ne8 43.Qb2 Nf6 44.Ra7 R5c7 45.Rxc7 Rxc7 46.Qb8+ Ne8 47.Kg3 f6 48.Kf4 Rc1 49.Qb2 Rh1 50.Kg3 Kf7 51.Qb3 Ng7 52.Qc4 Re1 53.Kh2 Re3 54.Qd4 Ra3 55.f4 Ra8 56.Qc4 Kf8 57.Qc6 Rb8 58.e5 Nf5 59.exf6 Re8 60.Qd7 exf6 61.Qh7 Ne7 62.f5 gxf5 63.Qh6+ Kf7 64.Qxh5+ Kf8 65.Qh8+ Kf7 66.Qh7+ Kf8 67.h5 Ng8 68.h6* 1-0 (68) Martirosyan,H (2681)-Abdisalimov,A (2503) Moscow RUS 2024*)* 10.Nh3 exd5 11.cxd5 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Re8 13.Kf2 Nd7 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.Kg1 Nc7 16.a4 Rb8

17.Rf1 a6 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Rg3 b5 20.f4 Ng4 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.f5 b4 23.Ne2 Rxe4 24.f6 Bf8 25.h5 Rbe8 26.Rf2 R8e5 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Bf4 Rxd5 29.Qc2 Qe6 30.Re3 Rxe3 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Bh6 Qg8 33.Qxg8+ Kxg8 34.f7+ Kh7 35.Bxe3 Re5 36.Bf4 Rf5 37.Ng3 Rxf7 38.Ne4 Ne6 39.Bxd6 Rxf2 40.Kxf2 Bg7 41.b3 Kg6 42.Kg3 Nd4 43.Bxc5 Nxb3 44.Bxb4 Kh5 45.Kf4 Nc1 46.Ng3+ Kg6 47.Kxg4 Nd3 48.Ba3 Bb2 49.Bd6 Ne1 50.Kh3 Nd3 51.Ne4 Bd4 52.Ba3 Kf5 53.Nd6+ Ke5 54.g4 Bc5 55.Nc4+ Kd4 56.Bxc5+ Nxc5 57.Nb6 Ne4 58.Kg2 Kc5 59.Kf3 Ng5+ 60.Kf4 Nh3+ 61.Kg3 Ng5 62.Nd7+ Kb4 63.Kf4 Nh3+ 64.Kg3 Ng5 65.Kf4 Nh3+ 66.Kf5 Kxa4 67.Nc5+ Kb5 68.Nxa6 ½-½ (68) Nesterov,A (2599)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) Leninskiy RUS 2024;

A1b) 8...c6 9.Qd2 Nc7 10.Nh3 Bxh3 11.Rxh3 a6 12.g4 Qc8 13.Rg3 e5 14.d5 cxd5 15.cxd5 hxg4 16.fxg4 Nb5 17.Qd3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxc3+ 20.Kf2 Qxa1 21.h5 Rac8 0-1 (21) Klimkowski,J (2508)-Rapport,R (2714) London ENG 2025;

A2) 8.Nf3

A2a) 8...c6 9.Ng5 *(9.Rb1 Nc7 10.0-0 Ng4 11.Bc1 Ne6 12.Qd3 Qb6 13.Rd1 a5 14.b3 Bd7 15.Bb2 Qa7 16.Bf1 Rfe8 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Ne2 Bh6 19.Qe1 Bg7 20.Ng3 Nf8 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Be6 23.Bd4 c5 24.Bc3 b6 25.Ng5 Qc7 26.f4 f6 27.Nxe6 Nxe6 28.Qe4 Nxf4 29.Nxh5 gxh5 30.Qxf4 e6 31.Be2 Bh6 32.Qg3 f5 33.Bxg4 hxg4 34.Rd6 Kh7 35.Rbd1 Re7 36.Bd2 Bxd2 37.R1xd2 Rg8 38.R2d3 Rgg7 39.Qf4 Rg6 40.h5 Rh6 41.Qd2* 1-0 (41) Keymer,V (2717)-Mamedov,R (2640) Durres ALB 2023*; 9.Qd2 Nc7 10.Bh6 Bg4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 e5 14.0-0-0 Qe7 15.Qc3 Ng4 16.Rhf1 f6 17.Nh3 Ne6 18.f3 Nh6 19.Nf2 c5 20.dxc5 dxc5 21.g4 Nd4 22.Ng3 hxg4 23.fxg4 Qe6 24.h5 g5 25.Kb1 Rad8 26.Nf5+ Nhxf5 27.gxf5 Qf7 28.Rh1 Kh7 29.Ng4 Rd6 30.Ne3 Rfd8 31.Nd5 b6 32.Qa3 Kh6 33.Rdg1 Rb8 34.Rg2 b5 35.Rhg1 bxc4 36.Nxf6 Rxf6 37.Rxg5 Qb7 38.R5g4 Rb6 39.Qe3+ Kh7 40.Kc1 c3 41.Rg7+ Qxg7 42.Rxg7+ Kxg7 43.Qg3+ Kf7 44.Qxe5 Ne2+ 45.Kd1 cxb2 46.Qc7+ Kf6 47.e5+ Kg5* 0-1 (47) Xiong,J (2691)-Rapport,R (2764) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 9...Nc7 10.f3 b5 11.cxb5 cxb5 12.0-0 b4 13.Na4 Nh7 14.Nxh7 Kxh7 15.a3 bxa3 16.Rxa3 Bd7 17.Nc3 a6 18.Qd2 Nb5 19.Bxb5 Bxb5 20.Rfa1 Rb8 21.Nxb5 Rxb5 22.Rxa6 Qb8

23.R1a2 Rc8 24.Ra7 Bf6 25.Bg5 Rc2 26.Qxc2 Bxd4+ 27.Kh2 Bxa7 28.Qc6 Rb7 29.Bf4 Bd4 30.b4 Rc7 31.Ra8 Qb7 32.Qe8 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2636)-Theodorou,N (2600) chess.com INT 2024;

A2b) 8...c5 9.Ng5 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.d5 Nc7 14.g4 f6 15.Nh3 hxg4 16.fxg4 Bxg4 17.Nf4 Kf7 18.Rg1 Qd7 19.Qf2 Rh8 20.Kd2 Rcg8 21.Rg2 Bh6 22.e5 dxe5 23.Nd3 Bxe3+ 24.Qxe3 b6 25.Rf1 Bf5 26.Rh2 Ne8 27.b3 Nd6 28.Kc1 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Qg4 30.Qe3 Rh5 31.Rhf2 Qd4 32.Qh3 Rf5 33.Rxf5 gxf5 34.h5 Qg4 35.Qh2 Qg2 36.Rh1 Qxh2 37.Rxh2 Rg1+ 38.Kd2 Kg7 39.Ne2 Rg5 40.Ke3 f4+ 41.Kf3 Kh6 42.Ng1 Rxg1 0-1 (42) Khanin,S (2558)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2591) chess.com INT 2024;

A2c) 8...Ng4 9.Bg5 c6 *(9...Qe8 10.Nh2 Nxh2 11.Rxh2 e5 12.d5 f5 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.f3 Bd7 15.0-0-0 a6 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Bh6 Qg6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f4 Rae8 20.Rh3 Ne4 21.Qe3 exf4 22.Qxf4 Qh6 23.Qxh6+ Kxh6 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Bd3 Rg4 26.Re1 Rf7 27.Re2 Rfg7 28.Rf3 f4 29.Ref2 Rxh4 30.Rxf4 Rxf4 31.Rxf4 Rxg2 32.Rf7 Rg7 33.Rf8 Kg5 34.Kd2 a5 35.Ke3 Bg4 36.Rh8 Re7+ 37.Kf2 Rf7+* 0-1 (37) Xiong,J (2636)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2594) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10.0-0 Nc7 11.d5 Qe8 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.a3 a5 14.Re1 c5 15.a4 Na6 16.b3 Nb4 17.Bf1 f6 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bg3 Qg6 20.Nb5 Rac8 21.Na7 Ra8 22.Nb5 Rac8 23.Na7 Ra8 ½-½ (23) Giri,A (2733)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024;

B) 7.h3

B1) 7...c5 8.d5 e6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Nd2 Nc7 11.0-0 b6 *(11...a6 12.a4 b6 13.Bd3 Rb8 14.Qc2 exd5 15.exd5 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.b3 b4 18.Ne2 Nfxd5 19.cxd5 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Nxd5 21.Nc4 Nxe3 22.Nxe3 Be6 23.Rd1 Qf6 24.Bc4 Rbd8 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Bxd5 Kg7 27.Ng3 Re5 28.Nf1 Rd7 29.Ne3 h5 30.Bc4 Kh8 31.Nd5 Qg7 32.Qa2 g5 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Bb5 Rxd5 35.Qxd5 Rd8 36.Qf3 Kh6 37.Be2 Qe5 38.Qxh5+ Kg7 39.h4 Re8 40.Bc4 d5 41.Bxd5 gxh4 42.Qxf7+ Kh6 43.Be4 Re7 44.Qg6#* 1-0 (44) Deac,B (2680)-Gokerkan,C (2512) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 12.Bd3 exd5 13.exd5 b5 14.b3 b4 15.Ne2 Nh5 16.Rb1 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Qe7 18.Rf3 Bd7 19.Qf1 f5 20.e4 f4 21.Nxf4 Nxf4 22.Rxf4 Be5 23.Rf3 Qg5 24.Qe2 Ne8 25.Rbf1 Ng7 26.Rf7 Bd4+ 27.R1f2 Bxh3 28.Qf3 Nf5 29.exf5 Bg4 30.Qg3 Qxd2 31.fxg6 h5 32.Bf1 Re8 33.Qxd6 Qg5 34.Rf8+ Kg7 35.Qc7+ Re7

36.R8f7+ Kxg6 37.Qxe7 Bxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Rf2 Bf5 41.Qd6+ Kg7 42.Qg3+ Bg6 43.Qf3 h4 44.Qh3 a5 45.Qf3 a4 46.bxa4 Be4 47.Qf4 h3 48.Qg3+ Kh6 49.Qxh3+ Kg5 50.Qg3+ Kh5 51.Qf4 b3 52.axb3 Kg6 53.Qf7+ Kg5 54.Qf4+ Kg6 55.d6 Kg7 56.d7 Qxd7 57.Qxe4 Qd6 58.Qd5 Qg6 59.Qf7+ Kh6 60.Qxg6+ 1-0 (60) Sarana,A (2679)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 7...c6 8.Nf3 e5 9.d5 Nh5 *(9...Ne8 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.c5 f5 12.cxd6 Nxd6 13.Qb3+ Nf7 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.Qa4 Qb7 16.0-0 f4 17.Bd2 Re8 18.Qc4 Nc7 19.Na4 Be6 20.Qc2 Bxa2 21.Nc5 Qb6 22.Ra1 Ne6 23.b4 Nxc5 24.bxc5 Bb3 25.Qc3 Qb7 26.Rfb1 Rab8 27.Bc4* 1-0 (27) Niemann,H (2706)-Warmerdam,M (2605) Ciutadella de Menorca ESP 2023 *)*

B2a) 10.0-0 Nf4 11.Re1 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 f5 *(12...c5 13.Kh2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd2 Qh6 18.a3 Bd7 19.Rg1 Kh8 20.Raf1 f4 21.g4 fxg3+ 22.Rxg3 Rf4 23.Rfg1 Raf8 24.Nde4 Rh4 25.Ng5 Rhf4 26.Nce4 Be8 27.Ne6 Bg6 28.Nxf8 Qxf8 29.Rxg6 hxg6 30.Rxg6 Rf3 31.Kg2* 1-0 (31) Yakubboev,N (2665)-Abdisalimov,A (2508) Tashkent UZB 2024*)* 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Rad1 f4 16.Qd2 h6 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Bg7 20.Rxc6 Rf6 21.Rxf6 Bxf6 22.Rd1 Nc7 23.b4 Rb8 24.b5 Be6 25.c5 Be7 26.c6 Bb4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5 e4 29.d6 Bxd6 30.Rxd6 exf3 31.Rd7 Nxb5 32.a4 Nd6 33.Rxd6 Rb1+ 34.Kh2 Kf7 35.gxf3 Rc1 36.h4 Rc3 37.Kg2 a6 38.Rd4 Rxc6 39.Rxf4+ Kg7 40.Kg3 Rc2 41.Rg4 Kh6 42.Rg5 Rc1 43.Ra5 Rc6 44.f4 Rb6 45.Kg4 Rc6 46.f5 gxf5+ 47.Rxf5 1-0 (47) Gupta,A (2609)-Shevchenko,K (2671) Douglas IOM 2023;

B2b) 10.g3

B2b1) 10...f5 11.exf5 *(11.dxc6 bxc6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Bxh5 Nb4 16.Ke2 Ba6 17.b3 e4 18.Rac1 Rd3 19.Na4 Nxa2 20.Nc5 Nxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Rxe3+ 22.fxe3 Bc8 23.Rd1 Bf8 24.Rd8 f4 25.Nd7 Bb7 26.Rxa8 f3+ 27.Kf2 Bxa8 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nxe4 c5 30.Nd2 Bc6 31.Bxf3 Bd7 32.Bg4 Be8 33.Bf5 a5 34.Bc2 Kg8 35.Kf3 h6 36.g4 Kf7 37.Nb1 Bg7 38.Nd2 Ke6 39.Ke2 Bf8 40.Nf3 Be7 41.Bf5+ Kf6 42.Nd2 a4 43.bxa4 Bxa4 44.Be4 Ke5 45.Kd3 Bd7 46.Nf3+ Kd6 47.Bf5 Bc6 48.e4 Bf6 49.h4 Bb2 50.g5 hxg5 51.hxg5 Ba4 52.g6 Bd1 53.Ng5 Bh5 54.Ke3 Bc1+ 55.Kd3 Bxg5 56.g7 Bf7 57.Bh7 Bf6*

58.g8Q Bxg8 59.Bxg8 Be5 60.Bd5 Bf6 61.Bg8 Be5 62.Bd5 Bf6 63.Bg8 ½-½ (63) Lupulescu,C (2584)-Saric,I (2657) Zagreb CRO 2023*)*
11...gxf5 12.Bg5 *(12.c5 f4 13.gxf4 Nxf4 14.Rg1 Nxc5 15.b4 Ncd3+ 16.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Rxf3 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.0-0-0 d5 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.Rg1+ Kh8 22.Bd4 exd4 23.Qxf3 Qd6 24.Rg5 h6 25.Rg3 Ba6 26.Qf7 Qf8 27.Qc7 Qf6 28.Nd1 Be2 29.f4 Re8 30.Qd7 Rf8 31.Rg1 d3 32.Qxa7 Bxd1 33.Kxd1 Qb2* 0-1 (33) Aronian,L (2775)-Theodorou,N (2575) Chennai IND 2022*)*
12...Qb6 13.Qd2 Nf6 14.Be3 Qa5 15.a3 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 Nxd5 18.cxd5 e4 19.Ng5 Bxb2 20.Rb1 Bxa3 21.Ne6 Rf7 22.Bg5 Nc5 23.Bh5 Nxe6 24.dxe6 Rc7 25.Bd8 Rc1+ 26.Rxc1 Bxc1 27.e7 Bd7 28.Ke2 Bb2 29.Rb1 Be5 30.Rxb7 Bc6 31.Rc7 Bb5+ 32.Ke1 a6 33.Rb7 Bc6 34.Rb6 Bd7 35.Bc7 Be8 36.Be2 a5 37.Bc4+ Kg7 38.Bxd6 Bxd6 39.Rxd6 Ra7 40.Re6 a4 41.Ba2 a3 42.g4 fxg4 43.hxg4 Rb7 44.Ra6 Rxe7 45.Rxa3 Bd7 46.g5 Be8 47.Kd2 Re5 48.Ra7+ Kg6 49.Bg8 Kxg5 50.Bxh7 1-0 (50) Yoo,C (2588)-Sychev,K (2542) chess.com INT 2025;

B2b2) 10...cxd5 11.cxd5 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Bg5 Qe8 *(13...Nf6 14.g4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Nc5 16.Be3 fxg4 17.Ng5 Qa5 18.hxg4 Nb3 19.axb3 Qxa1+ 20.Nd1 Nxg4 21.Nxh7 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Bf5 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Qb4 Qb1 25.Qxd6 Qe4 26.Rg1 Qh4+ 27.Kd2 Qf6 28.Qxf6 Rxf6 29.Nc3 a6 30.Bd3 Bd7 31.Ne4 Rb6 32.Nc5 Bc8 33.Ne6* 1-0 (33) Gukesh,D (2732)-Rapport,R (2754) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Qg6 16.Be3 f4 17.gxf4 exf4 18.Bd4 Nb4 19.Kf1 f3 20.Bxf3 Nc2 21.Rc1 Bf5 22.Ne2 Bd3 23.Rg1 Qf5 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Rg3 Nd4 26.Ne3 Bxe2+ 27.Qxe2 Nxe2 28.Rxg7+ Kxg7 29.Rc7+ Kh6 30.Nxf5+ Rxf5 31.Bxe2 Raf8 32.Rxb7 Rxf2+ 33.Ke1 Rh2 34.Bd3 Rff2 35.h4 Kh5 36.Rxh7+ Kg4 37.Rg7+ Kf3 38.Bg6 Rh1# 0-1 (38) Caruana,F (2782)-Rapport,R (2752) Zagreb CRO 2023;

B3) 7...e5 8.d5

B3a) 8...Ne8 9.g4 f5 10.Nf3 Nc5 11.Qc2 a5 12.0-0-0 *(12.gxf5 gxf5 13.Rg1 Kh8 14.0-0-0 f4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Rg2 Ra6 17.Rdg1 Qe7 18.Ng5 Bh6 19.Nf3 Raf6 20.Kb1 Nd6 21.a3 Bxh3 22.Rh2 Bd7 23.Rh5 Nf7 24.Nh2 Rg6 25.Rh1 Rg5*

26.Rxg5 Qxg5 27.Qd1 Rg8 28.Bh5 Nd6 29.Be2 Rg6 30.Nf3 Qf6 31.Nh2 Rg2 32.Bg4 Nxc4 33.Bxd7 Rxf2 34.Ng4 Rxb2+ 35.Ka1 Qg5 36.Nxh6 Qg6 37.Rg1 Qxh6 38.Be6 1-0 (38) Narayanan,S (2677)-Tsydypov,Z (2530) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 12...f4 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.g5 Nd6 15.h4 Bg4 16.Rdg1 Bh5 17.Qd3 Qd7 18.Bf1 Kh8 19.Bh3 Qe8 20.Nd2 f3 21.Bg4 Rf4 22.Bxh5 gxh5 23.Rg3 Qf7 24.Rhh3 Rf8 25.Rxf3 Qd7 26.Kc2 Kg8 27.Rxf4 exf4 28.Rh1 Nf7 29.Qh3 Qg4 30.Nb5 Rc8 31.Nf3 Ne5 32.Nxe5 Bxe5 33.Nc3 Rf8 34.f3 Qxh3 35.Rxh3 Kf7 36.Ne2 h6 37.gxh6 Rg8 38.Rh2 Rg6 39.Nc1 Rg3 40.Nd3 Bd4 41.Nxf4 Rxf3 42.Ne6 Kg6 43.Rg2+ Kxh6 44.Nxd4 cxd4 45.e5 Re3 46.e6 c6 47.Kd2 Re5 48.Re2 Rxe2+ 49.Kxe2 Kg6 50.d6 Kf6 51.e7 Kf7 52.c5 1-0 (52) Sarana,A (2679)-Mihok,O (2522) Hungary HUN 2024;

B3b) 8...Nc5 9.Qc2

B3b1) 9...a5 10.Nf3 Nh5 *(10...c6 11.Nd2 a4 12.0-0 Nfd7 13.b4 axb3 14.axb3 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Na6 16.Qb1 c5 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Bd3 Nf6 19.Be2 Kh8 20.Kh2 Ng8 21.Nf3 Bh6 22.Qc1 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 f5 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Ne1 f4 26.Qc3 Nf6 27.Nd3 Ne4 28.Qb2 Qf6 29.Re1 Nb4 30.Bf1 Nxd3 31.Bxd3 Ng5 32.Nxd6 Qxd6 33.Qxe5+ Qxe5 34.Rxe5 Nf7 35.Re7 Kg7 36.Rc7 Kf6 37.Rxc5 Ke5 38.Rc7 h6 39.Bg6 Ng5 40.Bh5 Kd4 41.d6 Rd8 42.c5 Ne6 43.Rh7 Nxc5 44.Rxh6 Nxb3 45.Rf6 Ke5 46.Rf7 b5 47.g3 fxg3+ 48.Kxg3 Nd4 49.f4+ Kxd6 50.Bg6 b4 51.h4 b3 52.Rf6+ Kc5 53.Kf2 b2 54.Rf7 Nb5 55.h5 Nc3 56.h6 Rh8 57.Rc7+ Kb4 58.h7 Be6 59.Rb7+ Ka3 60.Ra7+ Kb4 61.Re7 Ba2 62.Rb7+ Ka3 63.Ra7+ Kb4 64.Rb7+ Kc5 65.Rc7+ Kd4 66.Rd7+ Kc5 67.Rc7+ Kd4 68.Rd7+ Nd5 69.Rb7 Kc3 70.Rd7 Nxf4 71.Rc7+ Kd4 72.Bf5 b1Q 73.Rd7+ Ke5 74.Bxb1 Bxb1 75.Rb7 Bxh7 76.Rb5+ Kf6 77.Kf3 Ne6 78.Rb6 Bf5 79.Rb4 Rh3+ 80.Kf2 Ra3 81.Ke2 Ke5 82.Kd2 Nd4 83.Rc4 Ra2+ 84.Kc3 Ra3+ 85.Kb4 Rb3+ 86.Ka5 Rb8 87.Rc5+ Kd6 88.Rc3 Nb3+ 89.Ka4 Nc5+ 90.Ka3 Be6 91.Rc1 Rb3+ 92.Ka2 Re3+ 93.Kb1 Bf5+ 94.Ka1 Nb3+* 0-1 (94) Sarana,A (2672)-Shimanov,A (2593) chess.com INT 2025*; 10...b6 11.g4 Bd7 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.Nd2 c6 14.g5 Ne8 15.Bg4 f5 16.gxf6 Nxf6 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Kb1 cxd5 19.exd5 Nh5 20.Nde4 Bf6 21.a3 Be7 22.Ka2 Rf3*

23.h4 Qf5 24.Rc1 Qd7 25.Nb5 Rcf8 26.Nd2 Rh3 27.Ne4 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 Qf5 29.Nbc3 Qd7 30.Qe2 Nf4 31.Qd1 h5 32.Rg1 Kh7 33.Qb1 Nxe4 34.Nxe4 Bd8 35.Bxf4 Rxf4 36.Nc5 Qf5 37.Ne6 Bxh4 38.Nxf4 Qxb1+ 39.Kxb1 exf4 40.f3 g5 41.b4 axb4 42.c5 bxc5 43.a4 Bf2 44.Rxg5 Kh6 45.Rg2 Be3 46.a5 c4 47.Rc2 h4 48.Rxc4 h3 49.Rc8 Bd4 50.a6 h2 51.Rc1 Bg1 52.Rc8 Kh7 53.Rc7+ Kg6 54.Rc1 Kf5 55.Re1 h1Q 56.a7 Qh8 57.Rxg1 Qa8 58.Rg7 Qxd5 59.Rf7+ Kg6 60.Rxf4 Qd3+ 0-1 (60) Sarana,A (2712)-Popovic,D (2486) Senta SRB 2024 *)*

B3b11) 11.g3 f5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.0-0-0 a4 *(13...Nf6 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.Rde1 f4 16.g4 Ne8 17.Nf3 h6 18.Reg1 Nd6 19.h4 Bd7 20.a4 Kf7 21.Kb1 Ke8 22.Bf1 Kd8 23.b3 Ra6 24.Bh3 Kc8 25.g5 h5 26.Bxd7+ Qxd7 27.Ka2 Kb8 28.Ne1 b6 29.Nd3 Kb7 30.Qd1 Raa8 31.Qf3 Ra7 32.Rg2 Raa8 33.Rc1 Ra7 34.Ne2 Raa8 35.Ng1 Qe7 36.Qh3 Rae8 37.Re1 Qd8 38.Nf3 Qc8 39.Qh1 Qd7 40.Qf1 Qe7 41.Rg1 Qd7 42.Re2 Qd8 43.Qa1 Qe7 44.Qc3 Bh8 45.Rb1 Kc8 46.Nxc5 bxc5 47.Qxa5 Kd8 48.Qxc5 Nc8 49.Qa5 Qd7 50.c5 Ke7 51.Qa6 Kf7 52.Rc1 Kg7 53.Rd2 Qg4 54.Rc3 Rf7 55.d6 cxd6 56.cxd6 Qd7 57.Rc7 Qd8 58.Rxf7+ Kxf7 59.d7 Rf8 60.dxc8Q Qxc8 61.Qxc8 Rxc8 62.a5 Rc3 63.Ne1 Bg7 64.Rc2 Rh3 65.a6* 1-0 (65) Sevian,S (2687)-Ghasi,A (2513) London ENG 2025 *)* 14.a3 Qd6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Kb1 Nf6 17.Ng5 h6 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.dxe6 Qxe6 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Bxf5 Qxc4 22.Rhe1 Rfe8 23.Bg6 Re7 24.f4 c6 25.Rxe5 Rxe5 26.fxe5 Nd5 27.Nxd5 cxd5 28.Qxc4 dxc4 29.e6 Bf6 30.Rd7 Ra6 31.Rxb7 Rd6 32.Bh5 Rd5 33.Be2 Rd4 34.e7 Re4 35.Rb8+ Kf7 36.Bh5+ 1-0 (36) Yakubboev,N (2659)-Bachmann,A (2570) chess.com INT 2025;

B3b12) 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.0-0-0

B3b121) 12...Ra6 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.Ne1 Nf6 15.Nd3 Qe7 16.h4 h5 17.Rdf1 c6 18.Rd1 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Rc8 21.g4 c4 22.Nc1 hxg4 23.Rdg1 a4 24.Bxg4 a3 25.Bxd7 Qxd7 26.h5 Rb6 27.Qc3 Rxb2+ 28.Ka1 Qb5

29.Nd3 Re2 30.hxg6 Rf8 31.gxf7+ Rxf7 32.Qxe5 Qd7 33.Rxg7+ Rxg7 34.Qb8+ Kf7 35.Ne5+ Ke7 36.Nxd7 Rh7 37.Rxh7# 1-0 (37) Sarana,A (2717)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024;

B3b122) 12...Nf4 13.Bf1 Nh5 14.Kb1 f5 15.Nd2 *(15.a3 Bd7 16.Ka2 Ra6 17.Rg1 Rb6 18.Re1 Qf6 19.Be2 Nf4 20.Bd1 a4 21.Qd2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Qe7 23.Qe3 Bf5 24.Nfd2 c6 25.d6 Qd8 26.Bxa4 Ne6 27.Nxc5 e4 28.Ndb3 Nxc5 29.Qxc5 Ra6 30.Qb4 b5 31.cxb5 cxb5 32.Bxb5 Rxd6 33.Re2 Kh8 34.Rc1 Be6 35.Bc4 Rb6 36.Qc5 Bxc4 37.Qxc4 Qg5 38.Qc5 Qf6 39.Rc4 Rfb8 40.Rcxe4 h5 41.Re8+ Rxe8 42.Rxe8+ Kh7 43.Re2 Rb7 44.Qc4 Rb6 45.g4 Qf3 46.Rd2 h4 47.g5 Qxh3 48.Rd8 Re6 49.Nd4 Qg4 50.Qxe6* 1-0 (48) Van Foreest,L (2568)-McShane,L (2653) Hoogeveen NED 2022 *)* 15...Bh6 16.g3 Kh8 17.Be2 Nf6 18.Bd3 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Bd7 20.Rde1 Qe7 21.h4 f4 22.gxf4 Nh5 23.fxe5 Qxe5 24.Qe3 Nf4 25.Bf1 b6 26.Ne2 Nh5 27.Bh3 Bxh3 28.Rxh3 Rae8 29.f3 Kg8 30.Qg5 Qg7 31.Rg1 Re5 32.Qe3 Qd7 33.Rhh1 Qf7 34.Rf1 Qe7 35.Kc1 Qe8 36.Rhg1 Qe7 37.Rh1 Qe8 38.Kb1 Qe7 39.a3 Qe8 40.Ka1 Qe7 41.Qc3 Rf7 42.Rfg1 Rf8 43.Rg4 Nf6 44.Rg5 Nd7 45.Rhg1 Qf6 46.R1g3 Rf7 47.Qe3 Qe7 48.R5g4 Nf6 49.Rg5 Nd7 50.Ka2 Kg7 51.Nf4 Rxg5 52.Ne6+ Kg8 53.Nxg5 1-0 (53) Praggnanandhaa,R (2691)-Gupta,A (2620) Pune IND 2023;

B3b123) 12...f5 13.Nd2 Nf6 *(13...Nf4 14.Bf3 Bd7 15.g3 fxe4 16.Ndxe4 Nxh3 17.Bg2 Ng5 18.Nxc5 Bf5 19.N3e4 Qe7 20.Qd2 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rad8 22.a3 b5 23.cxb5 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Qc5+ 25.Qc2 Qxb5 26.d6 Rxd6 27.Qxc7 Rd4 28.Rxd4 exd4 29.Qd6 Rxf2 30.Qd8+ Rf8 31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Qh4 Rf1+ 33.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 34.Kd2 Qf2+ 35.Kd1 Qf1+ 36.Kc2 Qe2+ 37.Kb1 h5*

38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Bg8+ Kh6 0-1 (39) Sarana,A (2672)-Kosakowski,J (2522) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 14.Bd3 f4 *(14...Ne8 15.h4 Nd6 16.Kb1 f4 17.Be2 h5 18.Rdg1 Bh6 19.Qd1 Kh7 20.Nf3 Qe7 21.Ng5+ Bxg5 22.hxg5 Kg7 23.Bxh5 Qxg5 24.g3 f3 25.Bxf3 Nxc4 26.Be2 Nd6 27.f4 Qf6 28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Qd2 Nf7 30.Rf1 Bd7 31.Rf4 Rh8 32.Rhf1 Nd6 33.Bg4 Bxg4 34.Rxg4 b5 35.Rg5 Nxe4 36.Qe1 Qxg5 37.Nxe4 Qxd5 38.Nf6 Qd6 39.Qc3 Qd4 40.Qe1 Rh2 41.Qe7+ Kh8* 0-1 (41) Narayanan,S (2649)-Bologan,V (2598) Almaty KAZ 2024*)* 15.Kb1 Ne8 16.Be2 Nd6 17.Bg4 Bd7 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Qa4 Qe7 20.Nf3 g5 21.Ne1 h5 22.Nd3 b6 23.Rde1 Bf6 24.Nb5 g4 25.Nxd6 cxd6 26.hxg4 hxg4 27.Rh5 b5 28.cxb5 Qe8 29.Reh1 Ra7 30.Qd1 Qg6 31.f3 Rg7 32.a4 Kf7 33.Rh6 Qg5 34.R1h5 1-0 (34) Sarana,A (2686)-Kosakowski,J (2548) chess.com INT 2025;

B3b2) 9...c6 10.Nf3 *(10.f3 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nh5 12.0-0-0 Ng3 13.Rh2 Bd7 14.b4 Na6 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Nge2 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Qb8 18.a3 Rc8 19.Kd2 Bb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Kxc1 a5 23.Qd2 Qc8+ 24.Kb2 axb4 25.Qxb4 Ra4 26.Qxb5 Qa8 27.Qb3 f5 28.Qd3 Qb7+ 29.Ka2 fxe4 30.fxe4 Qb4 31.g4 Qxe4 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Bb6 Re1 34.a4 e4 35.a5 e3 36.Rc2 e2 37.Bf2 Ra1+ 38.Kb3 e1Q 39.Bxe1 Rxe1 40.Ra2 Bd4 41.Kc4 Bc5 42.a6 Re7 43.Kb5 Kg7 44.g5 Rc7 45.Rc2 Kf7 46.Rc4 Ke7 47.Rh4 Kd8 48.Rf4 Ke8 49.Re4+ Re7 50.Ra4 Kd8 51.Kc6 Rc7+ 52.Kb5 Kc8 53.Rf4 Kb8 54.Rf8+ Ka7 55.Rd8 Re7 56.h4 Rf7 57.Kc6 Kxa6 58.Rd7 Rxd7 59.Kxd7 Kb5 60.Ke6 Kc4 61.Kf7 Bf2 62.Kg7 Bxh4 63.Kxh7 Bxg5 64.Kxg6 Bc1* 0-1 (64) Yakubboev,N (2630)-Amin,B (2684) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

B3b21) 10...Nh5 11.0-0-0 *(11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Kb1 Nf4 14.Bf1 f5 15.g3 Nh5 16.Bd3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.Nd2 Rb8 19.g4 Kh8 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Bxc6 e4 22.Rhe1 Be6 23.g5 Nh5 24.Ndxe4 Bxc4 25.Nd6 Be6 26.Bd5 Qxd6*

27.Bxe6 Qf4 28.Bg4 Qxg5 29.Rd5 Qf6 30.Nd1 Nf4 31.Rd7 Rfd8 32.Rxd8+ Qxd8 33.Re3 Qd4 34.Rb3 Rd8 35.Ne3 Nd3 36.a3 Ne5 37.Rb7 Rf8 38.Rxa7 h5 39.Be6 Nf3 40.Rd7 Qf6 41.Bc4 Nd4 42.Qd2 Rb8 43.Ka2 Nf3 44.Qc3 Rxb2+ 0-1 (44) Lupulescu,C (2584)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2779) Zagreb CRO 2023*)* 11...cxd5 12.Nxd5 Ne6 13.g3 Bd7 14.Kb1 b6 15.Rd2 Rc8 16.Nc3 Rc6 17.Rhd1 Qe7 18.Nd5 Qe8 19.Nb4 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Nh4 f4 23.gxf4 exf4 24.Bd4 Nxd4 25.Rxd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Qe5 27.Qd2 f3 28.Bd3 Kh8 29.Bc2 Nf6 30.a3 Be4 31.Bxe4 Nxe4 32.Qe3 Ng5 33.Qd2 Ne4 34.Ng6+ Kg7 35.Qe3 Nc3+ 36.Qxc3 hxg6 37.Ka2 Rf6 38.h4 Kh7 39.Qd2 Qe2 40.Qg5 Qe5 41.Qd2 Qe2 42.Qg5 Qe5 43.Rd5 Qxg5 44.hxg5 Rf5 45.Rxd6 Rxg5 46.Rd7+ Kh6 47.Rf7 Rf5 48.Rxf5 gxf5 49.Kb3 Kg5 50.Kc3 Kg4 51.b4 Kh3 52.Kd2 Kg4 53.Ke3 f4+ 54.Ke4 1-0 (54) Yakubboev,N (2630)-Amin,B (2684) chess.com INT 2023;

B3b22) 10...Qe8 11.0-0 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.a4 Qe7 15.Nd2 Ne8 16.Bb5 Bc8 17.Bxe8 Rxe8 18.Nc4 Rd8 19.Rfd1 Bf8 20.a5 Rb8 21.Ra3 b5 22.axb6 axb6 23.Nb5 Bd7 24.Ra7 Qg5 25.Qb3 Qf4 26.Re1 h5 27.Ra6 g5 28.Nc3 b5 29.g3 bxc4 30.Qd1 Bg4 31.hxg4 Qxg4 32.Qxg4 hxg4 33.Re2 Rd6 34.Rxd6 Bxd6 35.Nd1 Kf8 36.Ne3 Rb4 37.Rc2 c3 38.bxc3 Rxe4 39.Ra2 Rxe3 40.fxe3 e4 41.Kg2 Be5 42.Ra4 f5 43.c4 Bd6 44.Ra7 Be7 45.Ra6 Ke8 46.Re6 Kf7 47.Rc6 Bf8 48.Kf2 Be7 49.d6 Bd8 50.Rxc5 Ke6 51.Rd5 f4 52.d7 1-0 (52) Yakubboev,N (2616)-Karthikeyan,M (2611) Doha QAT 2023;

B3b23) 10...cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 *(11...Nh5 12.g3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Rc8 14.Nc4 Qe7 15.b4 Na6 16.Qb3 f5 17.exf5 Nf4 18.fxg6 Ng2+ 19.Kd2 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 e4 21.Rac1 Rxf2 22.gxh7+ Kh8 23.Rc2 Qf6 24.Nxe4 Qd4+ 25.Ke1 Qxe4 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Kxf2 Qxh1 28.Qa4 Nc7 29.Qc2 Qh2+ 30.Kf3 Qh1+ 31.Kf2 Qh2+ 32.Kf3 Qh1+ 33.Kf2* ½-½ (33)

Yakubboev,N (2630)-Amin,B (2684) chess.com INT 2023) 12.0-0 *(12.Nd2 Rc8 13.a4 Nh5 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.f3 Bd7 18.Nc4 Qe7 19.Qh2 f5 20.Qxh7+ Kf7 21.Rg1 Rg8 22.Bg5 Rh8 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.Bxe7+ Kf7 25.Bxd6 Nd3+ 26.Kd2 Rxc4 27.Kxd3 Rd4+ 28.Kc2 Rh2+ 29.Kb3 Rdd2 30.Rab1* 1-0 (30) Kantor, G (2520)-Amin,B (2667) Ajka HUN 2024*)* 12...Rc8 13.Nd2 b5 14.a3 a5 15.Qb1 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Na2 Qb6 18.Rc1 Bb5 19.Nc4 Qb8 20.f3 Nb3 21.Nxb4 Nxc1 22.Qxc1 Bxc4 23.Nc6 Bxe2 24.Qd2 Qb5 25.Ra3 Rxc6 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxe2 d5 28.Ra6 Qb7 29.Bg5 Nh5 30.exd5 Qxd5 31.Be3 Nf4 32.Qc2 h5 33.b4 Ne6 34.Ra5 Qb7 35.b5 Nd4 36.Qb1 Qb6 37.Qb4 Nxf3+ 38.Kf2 Nd4 39.Qa4 Rb8 40.Qa2 Bf8 41.Ra6 Qxb5 42.Rxg6+ Bg7 43.Rg5 Qb2+ 44.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 45.Kf1 h4 46.Rh5 e4 47.Rg5 Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Ne6 49.Rg4 Rb2+ 50.Kf1 f5 51.Rxh4 Bd4 52.Bxd4 Nxd4 53.Rf4 Ne2 54.Rf2 Ng3+ 55.Kg1 Rxf2 56.Kxf2 f4 0-1 (56) Sarana,A (2713)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.f3 c6 10.b4 cxd5 11.cxd5 Ncd7 12.Nh3 a5 13.b5 Nc5 14.Nf2 b6 15.0-0 Ne8 16.Nd3 f5 17.Rad1 f4 18.Bf2 Ra7 19.Qc2 g5 20.a4 h5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Rb1 g4 23.b6 Raf7 24.fxg4 hxg4 25.b7 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 Bxb7 27.Bxg4 Bc8 28.Bh4 Bf6 29.Bxc8 Qxc8 30.Be1 Bd8 31.Nb5 c4 32.Bf2 Qg4 33.Nc3 f3 34.Be3 Bh4 35.Kh1 fxg2+ 36.Qxg2 Rxf1+ 37.Qxf1 Nf6 38.Qg2 Be1 39.Nb5 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Nxe4 41.Kf3 Nc3 42.Nxd6 Nxd5 43.Nxc4 Nc3 44.Nxa5 e4+ 45.Kf4 Ne2+ 46.Kxe4 Bxa5 47.Kd3 Nc3 48.Bd2 Nxa4 49.Bxa5 Nc5+ 50.Ke3 Kh7 51.Bb4 Ne6 52.Ke4 Kg6 53.Bd2 Ng5+ 54.Kf4 Ne6+ 55.Kg4 Nc5 56.Be3 Nd3 57.Bd4 Nb4 58.h4 Nd5 59.h5+ Kh7 60.Kg5 Nc7 61.Kf5 Ne6 62.Bh8 Ng7+ 63.Kg5 Nxh5 ½-½ (63) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Amin,B (2694) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 7.Nf3

D1) 7...Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c5 *(9...g5 10.Bg3 e5 11.h4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.hxg5 hxg5 14.Nd5 Nc5 15.Qc2 c6 16.Ne3 Ned3+ 17.Bxd3 Bxd4 18.0-0-0 a5 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bh7+ Kg7 21.Bf5 Rh8 22.Bxc8 Bxe3+ 23.fxe3 Nd3+ 24.Kb1 Rxh1 25.Rxh1 Rxc8 26.Qc3 f6 27.Rd1 e4 28.Rf1 Kg6 29.a3 b5 30.c5 b4 31.Qc4 Qd5 32.Qxd5 cxd5 33.axb4 axb4*

34.Bd6 b3 35.g4 Rc6 36.Be7 Kf7 37.Bd6 Ra6 38.Rf5 Ke6 39.Rf1 Ra2 0-1 (39) Ter Sahakyan,S (2598)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore SGP 2023*)* 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Bf2 Nc5 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Kh1 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Bc6 18.f5 Nd7 19.b4 b6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 g5 22.Rc3 f6 23.h4 Kg7 24.Rh3 a5 25.a3 axb4 26.axb4 Ne5 27.Bh5 Qc7 28.Rc1 Ra4 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Bg6 Rh8 31.Rxh8 Kxh8 32.Qd1 g4 33.Qxa4 Kg7 34.Qe8 Qa7 35.Re1 g3 36.b5 Qc7 37.Rg1 Qa7 38.Rf1 Qc7 39.Ra1 Nxc4 40.Ra8 1-0 (40) Parkhov,Y (2514)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025;

D2) 7...e5

D2a) 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 *(9.h3 Qe7 10.a3 c6 11.b4 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nh5 13.g3 Nc7 14.Rd1 Ne6 15.Rxd8+ Qxd8 16.Qd1 Qe7 17.0-0 a5 18.c5 axb4 19.axb4 Bd7 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.cxd6 Bf8 22.Rd1 f6 23.Bc4 Kf7 24.b5 Ke8 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Ne1 Nhg7 27.Nc2 Nd8 28.Nb4 Nb7 29.Na6 Bxd6 30.Be2 Ke7 31.h4 Nd8 32.Nc5 Bc8 33.N3a4 Rb8 34.Nd3 Nge6 35.Nac5 Nxc5 36.Nxc5 Nf7 37.Ra1 Bc7 38.Ra7 Kd8 39.Bc4 Nd6 40.Ne6+ Bxe6 41.Bxe6 Nb5 42.Ra6 Nd4 43.Bg8 h5 44.Bf7 g5 45.hxg5 fxg5 46.Bxh5 Kd7 47.Bf7 Kd6 48.Kg2 Bb6 49.Bc4 Kc5 50.Bf1 g4 51.Ra1 Kd6 52.Rc1 Bc5 53.Bc4 Bb6 54.Bf7 Nf3 55.Bh5 Bxe3 56.fxe3 Rb2+ 57.Kf1 Nh2+ 58.Kg1 Nf3+ 59.Kf1 c5 60.Ra1 Nd2+ 61.Ke1 Nxe4 62.Bxg4 Nxg3 63.Ra6+ Kc7 64.Bf3 e4 65.Bg4 c4 66.Ra4 Rc2 67.Bd1 Rc3 68.Kf2 Nf5 69.Be2 Nxe3 70.Ke1 Kb6 71.Kd2 Kb5 72.Kxc3 Kxa4 73.Bxc4 Nxc4 74.Kxc4 e3 75.Kd3 e2 76.Kxe2* ½-½ (76) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 9...Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Rd1 Qe8 12.Bc1 c6 13.h3 Nh6 14.a3 Nf7 15.b4 Be6 16.0-0 Qe7 17.b5 Nb8 18.a4 Nd7 19.a5 Rfc8 20.Qb3 Bf8 21.a6 Nc5 22.Qa3 cxb5 23.cxb5 Nxa6 24.Qb2 Nb4 25.Nd5 Nxd5 26.exd5 Bd7 27.Qa2 Nd6 28.Ba3 Qd8 29.Nd2 Nxb5 30.Bxb5 Bxb5 31.d6+ Kg7 32.Rfe1 Ba4 33.Rb1 Qd7 34.Rb2 Bc6 35.Rd1 Rd8 36.Nf1 Qf7 37.Qa1 Rd7 38.Rbd2 Rad8 39.Bb4 Qe6 40.Qa3 b6 41.Qc3 Ba4 42.Rb1 Bxd6 43.Bxd6 Rxd6 44.Rxd6 Rxd6 45.Ra1 b5 46.Ne3 Rc6 47.Qb4 Qd6 48.Qg4 h5 49.Qg3 Kf7 50.Qf3 Qd7 51.g4 hxg4 52.hxg4 Kg7 53.g5 fxg5 54.Qg3 Qd4 55.Re1 Qf4 56.Qh3 g4 57.Qh4 g3 58.Qe7+ Kh6 59.Ng4+ Kh5 60.f3 Qd4+ 61.Kg2 Rc2+ 62.Kh3 Rh2+ 63.Nxh2 gxh2 64.Rxe5+ 1-0 (64) Hakobyan,

A (2619)-Aryan,C (2630) Saint Louis USA 2024;

D2b) 8.d5

D2b1) 8...Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 *(9...c6 10.b4 Na6 11.a3 c5 12.Rb1 Ne8 13.g4 Bf6 14.h4 Bxh4 15.Nf3 Bf6 16.g5 Bg7 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Nh2 f5 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Bg5 Qf7 21.Qe3 Bd7 22.Nf1 h5 23.f3 Nh7 24.Bh4 Rac8 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.b5 Nb8 27.a4 Be8 28.a5 Nd7 29.Rb2 Bf6 30.Bf2 Qe7 31.Bd1 Bg5 32.Qd3 Bh6 33.Be3 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Qh4+ 35.Rf2 Qf4 36.Qd3 Qh4 37.Rg3 Qd8 38.Rh2 Qxa5 39.Ra2 Qb6 40.Qe3 Ndf6 41.Qh6 a6 42.bxa6 bxa6 43.Nd2 Ng8 44.Qe3 Rb8 45.Ba4 Bf7 46.Bc6 Ngf6 47.Ke2 h4 48.Rg1 Rg8 49.Rh1 g5 50.Rha1 Qd8 51.Rxa6 Nh5 52.Ra7 Nf4+ 53.Kd1 Qf6 54.Kc2 Bg6 55.Rd7 Rg7 56.Rxg7 Qxg7 57.Nb5 Qf6 58.Bd7 Rd8 59.Bg4 Qf8 60.Ra7 Nf6 61.Bf5 Bxf5 62.exf5 Qh6 63.Qf2 h3 64.Qh2 g4 65.fxg4 Nxg4 66.Qg3 Rg8 67.Nxd6 Qxd6 68.Ne4 Qh6 69.f6 Ne2 70.f7 Nxg3 71.fxg8Q+ Kxg8 72.Nxg3 Qf4* 0-1 (72) Sarana,A (2682)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2611) chess.com INT 2023*)* 10.0-0 *(10.h4 h5 11.f3 c6 12.Qc2 a4 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.a3 Bd7 15.Kb1 cxd5 16.exd5 Rac8 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nde4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qb6 20.g4 f5 21.Ng5 e4 22.gxf5 exf3 23.Bxf3 Bxf5 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxc4 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Qxg6+ Bg7 28.Rd2 Rg4 29.Qxh5 Rg1+ 30.Rxg1 Qxg1+ 31.Ka2 Qb6 32.Qe2 Qb3+ 33.Kb1 b5 34.h5 Be5 35.h6 Kh8 36.Qg2 b4 37.Rf2 Qd1+ 38.Ka2 b3#* 0-1 (38) Paravyan,D (2653)-Firouzja,A (2728) lichess.org INT 2020*; 10.a3 h5 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Na6 14.Qb2 Ng4 15.Bxg4 hxg4 16.c5 f5 17.Nc4 f4 18.Bd2 dxc5 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.0-0 Qh4 21.Qb5 b6 22.Qc6 Ba6 23.Nb5 f3 24.Be3 fxg2 25.Ra1 g3 26.fxg3 Qxe4 27.Bxc5 Rf1+ 28.Rxf1 gxf1Q+ 29.Kxf1 Qxc4+ 30.Kg2 Bxb5 31.Qe6+ Kh7 32.Bf2 Qf1+ 33.Kf3 Qd1+ 34.Kg2 Bf1+ 35.Kh1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg2#* 0-1 (36) Sarana,A (2649)-Yakubboev,N (2621) chess.com INT 2021*)* 10...Bd7 11.b3 Ne8 12.a3 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.b4 Na6 15.Rb1 axb4 16.axb4 Nh5 17.c5 Nf4 18.Nc4 Qe7 19.c6 bxc6 20.dxc6 Be6 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Qd2 g5 24.Rb3 Kh8 25.Ra3 Rfb8 26.Nxd6 cxd6 27.Bxa6 fxe4 28.fxe4 Ra7 29.b5 Rba8 30.Rc1 g4 31.Nxf4 Bc4 32.Nd5 Rf8

33.Ne3 Be6 34.b6 Raa8 35.c7 Bh6 36.b7 Rxa6 37.Rxa6 g3 38.hxg3 Qg7 39.c8Q Qxg3 40.Qxf8+ 1-0 (40) Ponomariov,R (2646)-Guseinov,G (2636) Samarkand UZB 2023;

D2b2) 8...Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 *(10.Bd2 Nh6 11.a3 f5 12.b4 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.c5 dxc5 16.b5 Nb8 17.Bc4+ Nf7 18.0-0 Bb7 19.Be3 Rd8 20.Qb3 h6 21.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 f4 23.Bxc5 cxb5 24.Nxb5 Qxc5 25.Bxf7+ Kh7 26.Nd6* 1-0 (26) Firouzja,A (2785)-Makarian,R (2505) chess.com INT 2022 *)*

D2b21) 10...h5 11.Nd2 Nh6 12.f3 Nf7 13.a3 Bh6 14.Qc2 c5 15.Bf2 Nc7 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.b4 b6 18.Rb1 f5 19.bxc5 dxc5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.0-0 Qf6 22.Rbe1 Ne8 23.a4 Kh8 24.Re2 Rg8 25.a5 h4 26.Rb1 Ng7 27.axb6 axb6 28.d6 Be6 29.Rxb6 Nh5 30.Nb3 Nf4 31.Bxc5 Nxe2+ 32.Qxe2 Rab8 33.Rxb8 Rxb8 34.Nb5 h3 35.g3 Rxb5 36.cxb5 Bxb3 37.Bc4 Bxc4 38.Qxc4 Nxd6 39.Qd5 Bf8 40.f4 Ne4 41.Bxf8 exf4 0-1 (41) Xiong,J (2690)-Nakamura,H (2768) Saint Louis USA 2022;

D2b22) 10...Nh6 11.Nd2

D2b221) 11...c5 12.f3 Nf7 13.a3 Bd7 14.Rb1 Bh6 15.Bf2 f5 16.b4 b6 17.Nb5 Nc7 18.Nxc7 Qxc7 19.0-0 Qd8 20.a4 a5 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.Rb2 Nd6 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Nb1 Bg7 25.Nc3 e4 26.Qd2 Re8 27.fxe4 fxe4 28.Be3 Nf5 29.Kh1 Nxe3 30.Qxe3 Bd4 31.Qg3+ Kh8 32.Rb3 Qe7 33.d6 Qe6 34.Nd5 Rf8 35.Rxb6 Rxf1+ 36.Bxf1 Rf8 37.Be2 Qg4 38.Qe1 Qg5 39.Rb7 Rf2 40.Bf1 e3 41.Nxe3 Qxe3 42.Qb1 Rb2 43.Rb8+ Kg7 0-1 (43) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021;

D2b222) 11...g5 12.Bg3

D2b2221) 12...f5 13.exf5 *(13.f3 Nc5 14.b4 Nd7 15.Bf2 a5 16.a3 Nf6 17.h3 Nh5 18.g4 fxg4 19.hxg4 Nf4 20.c5 Nxg4 21.Bc4 Nxf2 22.Kxf2 g4 23.b5 Qg5 24.Ne2 gxf3 25.Nxf4 exf4 26.Nxf3 Qg3+ 27.Ke2 Bg4 28.Rf1 Rae8 29.Bd3 Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Bc3+* 0-1 (30) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Van Foreest, J (2673) chess.com

INT 2020) 13...Nxf5 14.Nde4 b6 15.Bd3 Nc5 16.Bb1 h6 17.0-0 a5 18.Re1 Qe7 19.f3 Bd7 20.Bf2 Qf7 21.Qc2 Bh8 22.Nb5 Rac8 23.a3 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Nxc5 bxc5 26.Re6 Bxe6 27.dxe6 Qg7 28.Qa4 c6 29.Be4 Qc7 30.Re1 Be5 31.h4 Rf6 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Qc2 Re8 34.e7 Rxe7 35.Qd3 Qd7 36.Qb3 Kg7 37.Qb6 d5 38.Bd3 g4 39.Qxc5 gxf3 40.cxd5 cxd5 41.Rxe5 Rxe5 42.Qxd4 Qe6 43.Qh4 Kf7 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.Bc5+ Ke8 46.Bb5+ Kd8 47.Qh8+ Kc7 48.Qg7+ Rf7 49.Qg3 f2+ 50.Bxf2 Kb7 51.Bd3 d4 52.Qh4 Re3 53.Qxd4 Re1+ 54.Bxe1 Qxe1+ 55.Kh2 Qe7 56.Be4+ Kc8 57.Qc4+ Qc7+ 58.Qxc7+ Kxc7 59.b4 axb4 60.axb4 Rf4 61.Bf3 Rxb4 62.Kg3 Kd6 63.Kh3 Ke5 64.Kg3 Kf5 65.Bd5 Ra4 66.Bf3 Ra3 67.Kf2 Kf4 68.Ke2 Ra2+ 69.Kd3 Ra3+ 70.Kd4 Rxf3 71.gxf3 Kxf3 ½-½ (71) Fedoseev, V (2676)-Firouzja,A (2749) chess.com INT 2020;

D2b2222) 12...c5 13.f3 f5 14.a3 b6 15.h3 f4 16.Bf2 Bf6 17.Qa4 Nc7 18.b4 Bd7 19.Qb3 Nf7 20.g4 fxg3 21.Bxg3 Kh8 22.Nf1 a5 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.Ne3 Ne8 25.Rb1 a4 26.Qb6 Qe7 27.Ng4 Ng7 28.Kd2 Nh5 29.Bf2 Rfc8 30.Bd1 Qf8 31.Nxf6 Nxf6 32.Qb2 Rcb8 33.Qc1 Nh5 34.Be3 Nf4 35.Rxb8 Qxb8 36.h4 gxh4 37.Rxh4 Ng2 38.Rh2 Nxe3 39.Kxe3 Qg8 40.Kd3 Qg1 41.Qb2 Qd4+ 42.Kc2 Qxc4 43.Qb7 Rd8 44.Be2 Qd4 45.Bb5 Qg1 46.Rd2 Ng5 47.Bxd7 Nxf3 48.Bf5 Qg7 49.Qxg7+ Kxg7 50.Rg2+ Kh6 51.Rg3 Nd4+ 52.Kd3 Rb8 53.Kc4 Rb3 54.Rh3+ Kg5 55.Nxa4 Rb1 56.Bxh7 Kg4 57.Rc3 Rh1 58.Bg6 Kg5 59.Be8 Kf4

60.Nb6 Kxe4 61.Nc8 Rh6 62.a4 Ne2 63.Rc2 Ke3 64.Rxe2+ Kxe2 65.a5 e4 66.a6 e3 67.a7 Kf1 68.a8Q e2 69.Qa1+ e1Q 70.Qxe1+ Kxe1 71.Bd7 Rh4+ 72.Kc3 Ke2 73.Nxd6 Rd4 74.Be6 Kf3 75.Nc4 Kf4 76.Na5 Re4 77.Nc6 Kg5 78.Kd3 Kf4 79.Bc8 Re8 80.Bd7 Re1 81.Be6 Rd1+ 82.Kc4 Rc1+ 83.Kb5 c4 84.Nb4 Ke5 85.Kc5 Rd1 86.Nc6+ Kf6 87.Kxc4 Rc1+ 88.Kb5 Re1 89.Bc8 Rc1 90.Kb6 Rd1 91.Kc5 Rc1+ 92.Kd6 Rd1 93.Be6 Re1 94.Nb8 Kg5 95.Nd7 Kf4 96.Ke7 Ke4 97.d6 Kd4 98.Nf6 Kc5 99.d7 1-0 (99) Sarana,A (2685)-Yakubboev,N (2630) Europe-Echecs INT 2022;

D2b223) 11...Qe8 12.f3 Nf7 13.a3 c5 14.Nf1 f5 15.Ne3 Bh6 16.Qd3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 f4 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.Bf2 Nc7 20.h4 a5 21.g3 b5 22.gxf4 exf4 23.Qxf4 Ne5 24.Qg3 Qf7 25.0-0-0 b4 26.Nb1 bxa3 27.Nxa3 Nxf3 28.Qxd6 Na6 29.Be3 Bg4 30.Rhf1 Qe8 31.Bh6 Qxe4 32.Bd3 Qe5 33.Bxf8 Qe3+ 34.Kb1 Rxf8 35.Qxa6 Nd2+ 36.Rxd2 Qxd2 37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Bc2 1-0 (39) Sarana,A (2668)-Demchenko,A (2653) chess.com INT 2022;

D2b23) 10...Qe8 11.h3 Nh6 12.g4 Nf7 13.a3 c5 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.b4 b6 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Nd2 Bh6 18.Bg3 Bf4 19.h4 Kg7 20.Rg1 Nc7 21.Nf1 Kh8 22.Ne3 Nh6 23.Qd1 Rab8 24.Ng2 Bxg3 25.fxg3 f5 26.g5 Ng4 27.Rf1 Rf7 28.bxc5 Rbf8 29.c6 Bc8 30.Rb2 Nh2 31.Rh1 Ng4 32.a4 Na6 33.Rf1 Nh2 34.Rh1 Ng4 35.a5 Nc5 36.axb6 axb6 37.Rf1 fxe4 38.Qd2 Rf2 39.Bxg4 Rxf1+ 40.Ke2 Bxg4+ 0-1 (40) Eljanov,P (2697)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023;

D2b3) 8...Nh5 9.Nd2 Nf4 10.Bf1 Nb4 *(10...f5 11.Nb3 Qe8 12.a3 b6 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.0-0-0 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Nc5 16.Nbd2 a5 17.Re1 a4 18.h4 Rb8 19.g3 Nh5 20.Bg2 Bf5 21.Kb1 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 b5 23.Ka2 b4 24.axb4 Rxb4 25.Bd2 Rb3 26.Bc3 Qb8*

27.Bh3 Qb6 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Nd2 e4 30.Bxg7 Nxg7 31.c5 Qb4 32.Re3 Ra8 33.cxd6 cxd6 34.Rd1 Ne8 35.Rc3 Nf6 36.Rc8+ Rxc8 37.Qxc8+ Kg7 38.Qc2 Rd3 39.Qc7+ Kg6 40.h5+ Nxh5 41.g4 fxg4 42.Qc8 Nf6 43.Rg1 Qxd2 44.Rxg4+ Nxg4 45.Qxg4+ Qg5 46.Qxe4+ Qf5 47.Qe8+ Kh6 0-1 (47) Postny,E (2577)-Iordachescu,V (2572) Budapest HUN 2024 *)* 11.Qb1 f5 12.a3 Nbd3+ 13.Bxd3 Nxg2+ 14.Kd1 f4 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nf3 g5 17.Rg1 g4 18.Rxg2 gxf3 19.Rg1 Qh4 20.Qc2 Qxh2 21.Re1 Bd7 22.Qd2 Bf6 23.Kc2 Bh4 24.Rg1+ Kh8 25.Raf1 Bh3 26.Rh1 Qg2 27.Rfg1 Bxf2 28.Rxg2 fxg2 29.Rd1 g1Q 30.Rxg1 Bxg1 31.Qe1 Be3 32.Qh4 Bg2 33.Qg5 Bf3 34.Nb5 Raa8 35.Nxc7 Rac8 36.Ne6 Rf7 37.b4 Rg8 38.Qh4 Rg2+ 39.Kb1 Rg1+ 40.Kb2 Rg4 41.Qh6 Rg6 42.Qh4 h6 43.c5 Rg2+ 44.Kc3 Rg6 45.cxd6 Bg4 46.Qd8+ Rg8 47.Qh4 Rg6 48.Qd8+ Rg8 49.Qh4 Kh7 50.d7 Rxd7 51.Nc5 Rf7 52.d6 Bd4+ 53.Kb3 f3 54.Bc4 f2 55.Bxf7 Bd1+ 56.Kc4 f1Q+ 57.Kd5 Rg7 58.Be6 Qf8 59.Bf5+ Kg8 60.Be6+ Kh7 61.Bf5+ Rg6 62.Qe7+ Qg7 63.Qxg7+ Kxg7 64.Bxg6 Bg4 65.Bf5 Bxf5 66.exf5 Kf7 67.Ne6 Bb6 68.Kxe5 h5 69.Kf4 Kf6 70.d7 h4 71.Kg4 h3 72.Kxh3 1-0 (72) Sarana,A (2686)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

[6...e5 7.d5

A) 7...Na6

A1) 8.g4 Nc5 9.f3 *(9.Bf3 Bd7 10.b4 Na6 11.Rb1 Qc8 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 f6 14.Be2 fxg5 15.hxg5 Rf7 16.c5 Nb8 17.Nf3 a5 18.a3 axb4 19.axb4 Qd8 20.Nd2 Bf8 21.Nc4 Na6 22.c6 bxc6 23.dxc6 Be6 24.b5 Nc5 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Qxd8 Rxd8 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5 Nd6 29.b6 cxb6 30.Rxb6 Ra8 31.0-0 Nxc4 32.Bxc4 Bd6 33.Rfb1 Ra4 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Rd8 Rxc4 36.Rxd6 Rg4+ 37.Kf1 Rb4 38.Rxb4 cxb4 39.Rd7 b3 40.Rb7* 1-0 (40) Aronian,L (2773)-Firouzja,A (2728) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 9...h5 10.g5 *(10.b4 Na6 11.a3 hxg4 12.Bg5 gxf3 13.Bxf3 Qe8 14.Qe2 Nh7 15.Bd2 f5 16.h4 Nf6 17.Nh3 c6 18.Ng5 cxd5 19.cxd5 Bd7 20.h5 gxh5 21.0-0-0 Rc8 22.Bxh5 Nxh5 23.Rxh5 fxe4 24.Rg1 e3 25.Rh8+ Bxh8 26.Ne6+ Kf7* 0-1 (26) Bacrot,E (2642)-Jones, G (2671) chess.com INT 2022*; 10.h4 hxg4 11.b4 gxf3 12.Bxf3 Ncd7 13.h5 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd6 Nb6 16.Qc5 Be6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qxc6 Bxc4 19.Bxb6 Qd3 20.Nce2 axb6 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Qxb6 Qc2 23.Rh3 Bf7 24.a4 Nxe4 25.Bg4 Rc6 26.Qe3 Nf6 27.Bf3 e4 28.Nd4 Qxa4 29.Nxc6 Qxc6*

30.Be2 Nd5 31.Qxe4 Bc3+ 32.Kf2 Qb6+ 33.Kg2 Ne3+ 1-0 (33) Sarana,A (2649)-Chigaev,M (2631) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 10...Nh7 11.h4 f6 *(11...f5 12.Nh3 a5 13.Nf2 b6 14.Nd3 Bd7 15.Qd2 Qc8 16.0-0-0 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bg4 18.Kb1 Rf7 19.Rdg1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf8 22.Nb5 Nd7 23.Qe2 Nb8 24.a3 Na6 25.Ka2 Qd7 26.Rg3 Bf8 27.Rf3 Qg4 28.Rhf1 Be7 29.Qf2 Rxf3 30.Qxf3 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Kb3 Ke8 34.Ka4 Kd7 35.Na7 Nb8 36.Kb5 Bf8 37.Bd2 Be7 38.Bc3 Bd8 39.Nc6 Nxc6 40.dxc6+ Kc8 41.c5 bxc5 42.Bxa5 Kb8 43.Kc4 Ka7 44.Kd5 Ka6 45.Be1 Kb5 46.b3 Kb6 47.a4 Ka6 48.Ke6 Kb6 49.Kd7 Bxg5 50.hxg5* 1-0 (50) Sarana,A (2685)-Jones,G (2671) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12.Qd2 fxg5 13.hxg5 Rf4 *(13...Bd7 14.Nh3 Qe7 15.0-0-0 Na4 16.Nb5 Be8 17.Kb1 a6 18.Nc3 b6 19.Rhg1 Bd7 20.Nf2 Rf7 21.Nd3 Nxc3+ 22.Qxc3 a5 23.b3 Qd8 24.Kb2 Bf8 25.Rg3 h4 26.Rg2 a4 27.b4 a3+ 28.Kc1 Be7 29.Rdg1 h3 30.Rg3 Bxg5 31.Bxg5 Nxg5 32.Qd2 Nh7 33.Qh6 Qf8 34.Rxg6+ Kh8 35.Qh4 Rf6 36.f4 Rxg6 37.Rxg6 Qf7 38.f5 Rg8 39.Bh5 Rxg6 40.Bxg6 Qg7 41.Qxh3 Kg8 42.Qxh7+ Qxh7 43.Bxh7+ Kxh7 44.b5 Be8 45.Kd2 Bh5 46.Nb4 Bf3 47.Kd3 Bd1 48.Nc2 Kg7 49.Nxa3 Kf6 50.Nc2 Kg5 51.Kd2 Bf3 52.Ke3 Bd1 53.Nb4 Bh5 54.Na6 Kf6 55.Nxc7 Ke7 56.Na8 Bd1 57.Nxb6 Bc2 58.a4 Kd8 59.a5 Kc7 60.f6 Kd8 61.a6* 1-0 (61) Sarana,A (2649)-Jones,G (2677) chess.com INT 2021*)* 14.b4 Na6 15.Rb1 b6 16.Kd1 Nb8 17.Nh3 Bxh3 18.Rxh3 a5 19.a3 axb4 20.axb4 Nxg5 21.Rg3 Qf6 22.Kc2 Nxf3 23.Bxf3 Rxf3 24.Rg2 Nd7 25.Rbg1 Nf8 26.Qe2 Kh7 27.Kb2 Bh6 28.Rg3 Rxg3 29.Rxg3 Bf4 30.Rg1 Kh6 31.Nb5 Rc8 32.Bf2 g5 33.Rh1 Qg6 34.Qg4 Re8 35.Nxc7 Re7 36.Nb5 Qxe4 37.Qxh5+ Kg7 38.Qh6+ 1-0 (38) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2617) chess.com INT 2023;

A2) 8.h4

A2a) 8...h5 9.f3 *(9.Qd2 Nc5 10.f3 Bd7 11.Bd1 a5 12.b3 Qb8 13.Nge2 b5 14.cxb5 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qxb5 16.0-0 Rfb8 17.Rc1 Kh7 18.Nc3 Qd3 19.Qxd3 Nxd3 20.Rc2 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Kxh6 22.Na4 Ra7 23.Be2 Nb4 24.Rd2 Nd7 25.Rc1 Rbb7 26.Kf2 f5 27.Ke3 f4+ 28.Kf2 g5 29.Rc6 Rb8 30.hxg5+ Kxg5 31.Rc3 Rbb7 32.g3 fxg3+ 33.Kxg3 h4+ 34.Kf2 Ra8 35.Rc1 Nf6 36.Rg1+ Kh6 37.Rh1 Kg5 38.Rdd1 Nh5 39.f4+ exf4 40.Bxh5 Kxh5 41.Kf3 Rg8 42.Rxh4+ Kxh4 43.Rh1+ Kg5 44.Rg1+ Kf6 45.Rxg8 Nxa2 46.Kxf4 Nc1 47.Rf8+ Ke7 48.Rh8 Rxb3 49.Rh7+ Kd8 50.Kf5 Ne2*

51.e5 Nd4+ 52.Ke4 Rb4 53.Rh8+ Kd7 54.Rh7+ Kc8 55.Nc3 Nb5+ 56.Kd3 Rb3 57.Rh8+ Kb7 58.e6 Rxc3+ 59.Kd2 Rc5 60.e7 Rxd5+ 61.Kc2 Re5 62.e8Q Rxe8 63.Rxe8 d5 64.Kb3 Nd6 65.Rd8 Kc6 66.Ra8 Nc4 67.Rh8 Kb5 68.Rh7 c6 69.Rb7+ Kc5 70.Ka4 d4 71.Kb3 Nb6 72.Ra7 Kb5 73.Kc2 c5 74.Kd3 a4 75.Rh7 a3 76.Ra7 Na4 77.Rb7+ Kc6 78.Ra7 Kb5 79.Rb7+ Ka6 80.Rb3 Nb2+ 81.Kc2 Nc4 82.Rb8 Ka7 83.Rb1 Ka6 84.Rb8 Na5 85.Rb1 c4 86.Rb4 a2 87.Ra4 Kb5 88.Rxa2 Nc6 89.Ra3 Kb4 90.Ra8 Kc5 91.Rc8 Kd5 92.Rc7 Ne5 93.Kd2 Ke4 94.Re7 Kd5 95.Rc7 Nc6 96.Kc2 Kd6 97.Rc8 Kc5 98.Rc7 Kd5 99.Rc8 Ne7 100.Rd8+ Kc5 101.Re8 d3+ 102.Kd2 Nd5 103.Rh8 Nf6 104.Rd8 Ne4+ 105.Ke3 Nd6 106.Kd2 Kd5 107.Kc3 Kc6 108.Rh8 Kd5 109.Rh5+ Ke4 110.Rh4+ Ke5 111.Rxc4 Nxc4 112.Kxd3 ½-½ (112) Aronian,L (2773)-Grischuk,A (2777) lichess.org INT 2020) 9...c6

A2a1) 10.Rc1 Nh7

(10...Bd7 11.Nh3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Nh7 13.Ng5 Rc8 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Nb5 Bxb5 16.Bxb5 a6 17.Be2 Qd7 18.0-0 Bf6 19.Kh2 Nxg5 20.hxg5 Bd8 21.b4 Na4 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Rc1 Qd7 24.Qc2 Kg7 25.a3 Re8 26.Bd1 Bb6 27.Qxa4 Qxa4 28.Bxa4 Bxe3 29.Re1 Bf4+ 30.g3 Bd2 31.Re2 b5 32.Rxd2 bxa4 33.Rc2 a5 34.bxa5 Ra8 35.Rc6 Rxa5 36.Rxd6 Rb5 37.Ra6 Rb2+ 38.Kh3 Rf2 39.Rxa4 Rxf3 40.Kg2 Rb3 41.Ra5 Rb2+ 42.Kf1 Rb1+ 43.Ke2 Kf8 44.a4 Rb4 45.Kf3 Rb3+ 46.Kg2 Rb2+ 47.Kh3 Ra2 48.Ra7 Ke8 49.a5 Ra4 50.a6 Kd8 51.d6 Ra5 52.Ra8+ Kd7 53.a7 Kxd6 54.Rd8+ Ke6 55.a8Q Rxa8 56.Rxa8 Ke7 57.Kh4 Kd7 58.Ra7+ Ke8 59.g4 hxg4 60.Kxg4 Kf8 61.Kf3 Ke8 62.Ke2 Kf8 63.Kd3 Ke8 64.Kc4 Kd8 65.Rxf7 Kc8 66.Kd5 Kd8 67.Ke6 Ke8 68.Rf1 Kd8 69.Rc1 Ke8 70.Rc8# 1-0 (70) Berserk (3476)-Stoofvlees li B4 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2023) 11.g4 Bf6 12.g5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Bg7 14.Kd2 Nc7 15.Kc2 Nxd5 16.cxd5 f6 17.gxf6 Bxf6 18.Qe1 Rf7 19.Kb1 Nf8 20.Nh3 Bxh3 21.Rxh3 Rc8 22.Rd1 Kh7 23.Qd2 Qd7 24.Rhh1 a6 25.Bf1 Qa4 26.Bh3 Rcc7 27.Ba7 Be7 28.Bb6 Rc4 29.Qe2 Qb5 30.Bf1 Qxb6 31.Qxc4 Qd8 32.Qe2 Bxh4 33.Bh3 Bg5 34.a3 Rg7 35.Ka2 Kh6 36.Bg4 Bf4 37.Qg2 Bg5 38.Rd3 Rc7 39.f4 exf4 40.e5 h4 41.Rf1 Nh7 42.Rg1 a5 43.e6 b5 44.Rh3 Qf6 45.Qe4 b4

46.a4 Ra7 47.Rc1 Qe7 48.Bf3 b3+ 49.Ka3 Nf6 50.Qd4 Rb7 51.Rc4 Rb8 52.Bd1 Nh5 53.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 54.Kxb3 Bf6 55.Qb6 h3 56.Rc2 Be5 57.Bxh5 gxh5 58.Qxa5 Qh7 59.Qd2 h2 60.Qxh2 Qd3+ 61.Kb4 Qxd5 62.a5 Qe4+ 63.Ka3 Qf3+ 64.Ka4 Bxb2 65.Rxb2 Qc6+ 66.Rb5 Qc4+ 67.Rb4 Qc6+ 68.Ka3 Qc3+ 69.Rb3 Qc5+ 70.Kb2 Qe5+ 71.Rc3 Qb5+ 72.Kc1 Qa4 73.Qd2 Qa1+ 74.Kc2 Qa4+ 75.Kb2 Qb4+ 76.Kc1 Qa4 77.Qxd6 Qa1+ 78.Kd2 Qb2+ 79.Rc2 Qf6 80.Qb6 Kg5 81.e7 Qxe7 82.Qc5+ Qxc5 83.Rxc5+ 1-0 (83) Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499)-Berserk (3476) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2a2) 10.Qd2

A2a21) 10...Nc5 11.b4 Na6 12.Rb1 Nh7 *(12...Nc7 13.Nh3 cxd5 14.cxd5 a6 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.a4 Nh7 17.Ng5 Bh6 18.g4 hxg4 19.fxg4 Ne8 20.Nxh7 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Kxh7 22.g5 Ng7 23.h5 Nxh5 24.Bxh5 gxh5 25.Rxh5+ Kg7 26.Rh6 Rh8 27.Kd2 Rxh6 28.gxh6+ Kf8 29.Rh1 Qf6 30.Kc2 Ke7 31.Kb3 Rh8 32.h7 Qg7 33.Qb6 Rc8 34.Qf2 Rh8 35.b5 Rxh7 36.Rxh7 Qxh7 37.Qb6 axb5 38.axb5 Qh8 39.Qxb7 Qc8 40.Qa7 Ke8 41.Qb6 Ke7 42.Kb4 Be8 43.Na4 Bd7* ½-½ (43) Komododragon (3569)-Ethereal (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 13.g4 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bf6 15.Bf2 Nc7 16.gxh5 g5 17.hxg5 Bxg5 18.Qd3 Kh8 19.Nh3 Bh4 20.Qe3 f5 21.Bxh4 Qxh4+ 22.Kd2 f4 23.Qf2 Qd8 24.a4 Ne8 25.a5 Bd7 26.Rbg1 Nef6 27.Nb5 Bxh3 28.Rxh3 a6 29.Nc3 Rc8 30.Rhh1 Qc7 31.Rc1 Ng5 32.Bd3 Qd7 33.Rc2 Kh7 34.Kc1 Kh6 35.Kb2 Rg8 36.Rhc1 Nxh5 37.Nb1 Rxc2+ 38.Rxc2 Rc8 39.Rxc8 Qxc8 40.Qb6 Nf7 41.Nd2 Nf6 42.Be2 Qd7 43.Qa7 Ng5 44.Qb8 Kg6 45.Bd1 Ne8 46.Nb1 Kf7 47.Nc3 Qc7 48.Qa8 Nf6 49.Be2 Kg6 50.Qa7 Qc8 51.Qb6 Ne8 52.Bd1 Kh6 53.Be2 Kg6 54.Bd1 Kh6 55.b5 axb5 56.Nxb5 Nf7 57.Ba4 Kg5 58.Kb3 Kf6 59.Kb4 Ke7 60.Bb3 Kf6 61.Bc4 Ke7 62.Na3 Ng5 63.Bb5 Nc7 64.Be2 Nf7 65.Qg1 Kf6 66.Qa7 Kg6 67.Qb6 Kg7 68.Bd3 Kf6 69.Bf1 Ke7 70.Qa7 Ng5 71.Qg1 Kf6 72.Qb6 Nf7 73.Kb3 Na6 74.Bxa6 bxa6 75.Nc4 Qh3 76.Nxd6 Qxf3+ 77.Kb4

Qd3 78.Nxf7+ ½-½ (78) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455)-Koivisto (3493) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2a22) 10...cxd5 11.cxd5 Qe7 12.Nh3 Bd7 13.a4 Nc5 14.Ra3 a5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.d6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Qb6 18.Bc4 Qb4 19.Qe2 Qb6 20.Rb3 Qxd6 21.Rxb7 Qc6 22.Rb3 Bh6 23.0-0 Rad8 24.Rd1 Qc7 25.Rd3 Kg7 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.exd5 f6 28.f4 fxg5 29.d6 Qc6 30.fxg5 e4 31.gxh6+ Kh7 32.Bb5 Qa8 33.Rd2 Rf6 34.Re3 Bf5 35.d7 Qb8 36.Qf2 Qe5 37.Qg3 Qxg3 38.Rxg3 Bg4 39.Re3 Re6 40.Rd5 Re7 41.Rxc5 Bf5 42.Rd5 Bxd7 43.Rd6 Kxh6 44.Bc6 Rg7 45.Rb3 Re7 46.Rg3 Kh7 47.Re3 Kh6 48.b3 Rg7 49.Rg3 Rc8 50.Bxd7 Rd8 51.Rg5 Rdxd7 52.Rxd7 Rxd7 53.Rxa5 Rd2 54.Kf1 Kg7 55.Rb5 Ra2 56.Rb4 e3 57.Re4 g5 58.hxg5 Kg6 59.Rxe3 Ra3 60.Kg1 Kxg5 61.Kh2 Kg4 62.Rf3 Kg5 63.b4 Ra1 64.b5 Rb1 65.b6 Rb4 66.a5 Rh4+ 67.Rh3 Rb4 68.Ra3 Rh4+ 69.Kg1 Rb4 70.a6 Rb1+ 71.Kh2 Kf6 72.a7 Rb5 73.a8Q Kg5 74.Qf8 h4 75.Rf3 Kg4 76.Rf4+ Kh5 77.Qf7+ Kh6 78.Rf6+ Kg5 79.Qg6# 1-0 (79) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2a23) 10...Bd7 11.Nh3 Bxh3 *(11...cxd5 12.cxd5 Qe8 13.Ng5 Nc5 14.0-0 a6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Nd1 Bb5 17.b3 Qe7 18.Nb2 Bh6 19.Rfe1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 b5 21.Rc2 Nh7 22.Qd2 a5 23.Rec1 Ra8 24.Kf1 Rfd8 25.Ke2 b4 26.Kf1 Nf8 27.Nd3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Kg7 29.Rc7 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Qxd7 31.Rc6 Nh7 32.Qc4 Bxg5 33.hxg5 Qd8 34.Qb5 h4 35.Qb7 h3 36.Kg1 Rb8 37.Qc7 Qxc7 38.Rxc7 hxg2 39.Kxg2 Ra8 40.Kg3 a4 41.Bd2 axb3 42.axb3 Rd8 43.Kg4 Rb8 44.Rc6 Ra8 45.Bxb4 Ra1 46.Kg3 Nxg5 47.Bxd6 f6 48.Be7 Rg1+ 49.Kf2 Nh3+ 50.Ke3 Kf7 51.Bxf6 Re1+ 52.Kd2 Rb1 53.Bxe5 Ng5 54.Rc7+ Kf8 55.Bg7+ Kg8 56.Bf6 Nxf3+ 57.Kc2 Rf1 58.d6 Ne1+ 59.Kd2 Rxf6 60.d7 Nf3+ 61.Ke3 Rd6 62.Kxf3 Kf8 63.Rc8+ Ke7 64.d8Q+ Rxd8 65.Rxd8* 1-0 (65) Koivisto (3493)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2

(3455) tcec-chess.com INT 2023) 12.Rxh3 Nc5 13.0-0-0 cxd5 14.cxd5 a6 15.Kb1 Qa5 16.Rc1 Kh7 (*16...Rab8 17.Rhh1 Rfc8 18.Rc2 b5 19.Rhc1 Nfd7 20.b3 b4 21.Na4 Qd8 22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Rh1 a5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 dxc5 26.g4 Qf6 27.gxh5 gxh5 28.Rg1 Qxh4 29.Qh6 Qe1+ 30.Rxe1 Bxh6 31.Rh1 Rb6 32.Kc2 Bf4 33.Rxh5 Rg6 34.Kd3 Rg2 35.Rh1 Kf8 36.Rh8+ Ke7 37.Rc8 c4+ 38.Rxc4 Rg1 39.Rc2 Rc1 40.Rxc1 Bxc1 41.Kc4 Kd6 42.Kb5 Bg5 43.Kxa5 Kc5 44.d6 Bd8+ 45.Ka4 f6 46.Bc4 Bb6 47.Bf1 Bd8 48.Be2 Bb6 49.Bd3 Bd8 50.Bb5 Bb6 51.Be2 Bd8 52.Bb5 Bb6 53.Bd3 Bd8 54.Bf1 Bb6 55.Bb5 Bd8 56.Bc4 Bb6 57.Bb5 Bd8 58.Bf1 Bb6 59.Bh3 Bd8 60.Bc8 Bb6 61.Bb7 Bd8 62.Bd5 Bb6 63.Ba8 Bd8 64.Bb7 Bb6 65.Ba8 Bd8 66.Bd5 Bb6 67.Bc4 Bd8 68.Ba6 Bb6 69.Bc4 Bd8 70.Ba6 Bb6 71.Bf1 Bd8 72.Bh3 Bb6 73.Bf5 Bd8 74.Bh3 Bb6 75.Bg4 Bd8 76.Bc8 Bb6 77.Bg4 Bd8 78.Bf5 Bb6 79.Bg6 Bd8 80.Bh7 Bb6 81.Bg8 Bd8 82.Bf7 Bb6 83.Bg8 Bd8 84.Bf7 Bb6 85.Be8 Bd8 86.Bg6 Bb6 87.Bf7 Bd8 88.Be8 Bb6 89.Bh5 Bd8 90.Bg6 Bb6 91.Be8 Bd8 92.Bh5 Bb6 93.Bf7 Bd8 94.Be8 Bb6 95.d7 Bd8 96.Bf7 Bb6 97.Bg6 Bc7 98.a3 bxa3 99.Kxa3 Kd6 100.Bf5 Bb6 101.Kb4 Kc6 102.Kc4 Bc7 103.Be6 Bd8 104.Bh3 Be7 105.Bf5 Bd8 106.Bh3 Bc7 107.Be6 Bd8 108.Kb4 Bb6 109.Bf5 Bd8 110.Bh3 Bb6 111.Be6 Bd8 112.Bf5 Bb6 113.Kc4 Bd8 114.Bg4 Bb6 115.Bh3 Bd8 116.Kb4 Bb6 117.Bf5 Bd8 118.Bg4 Bc7 119.Kc4 Bb6 120.Kd3 Kb5 121.Bh3 Ba5 122.Kc2 Bc7 123.Kb2 Bb6 124.Kc1 Kc5 125.Kd1 Bc7 126.Kc1 Bb6 127.Kc2 Kb4 128.Bg4 Bd8 129.Kb2 Bc7 130.Bh3 Ba5 131.Bf5 Bd8 132.Ka2 Bc7 133.Bh3 Bd8 134.Bf5 Bb6 135.Bh3 Bc7 136.Kb2 Bd8 137.Bg4 Ba5 138.Bf5 Bb6 139.Bg4 Bd8 140.Ka2 Bc7 141.Bh3 Ba5 142.Kb2 Bc7 143.Bf5 Ba5 144.Bg4 Bc7 145.Be6 Ba5 146.Kc2 Bd8 147.Kd3 Kc5 148.b4+ ½-½ (148) Ethereal (3532)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT

2023) 17.Rhh1 b5 18.Rc2 Rab8 19.b3 Rh8 20.Rhc1 b4 21.Nd1 Qd8 22.Nb2 a5 23.Bd3 Nfd7 24.Rh1 Rb7 25.g4 Kg8 26.g5 Kh7 27.Na4 Qe7 28.Rhc1 Ra8 29.Qe2 Bf8 30.Bb5 Rab8 31.Bc6 Rc7 32.Nb2 Ra7 33.Rd2 Qd8 34.Nc4 Rc8 35.Rdc2 Rcc7 36.Qd1 Ra6 37.Qf1 Raa7 38.Qe2 a4 39.bxa4 b3 40.Rc3 bxa2+ 41.Qxa2 f6 42.Ra3 Rc8 43.a5 fxg5 44.hxg5 Be7 45.Rg1 Ra6 46.Qd2 Nb8 47.Bxc5 Nxc6 48.Bb6 Qg8 49.Qd3 Nb8 50.Be3 Qd8 51.Ka2 Qe8 52.Rg2 Rc7 53.Rb2 Kg8 54.Rb6 Kh7 55.Qb3 Ra8 56.Nxd6 Bxd6 57.Rxd6 Qc8 58.Bb6 Rd7 59.Re6 Rf7 60.Qc3 Qa6 61.Qd3 Qxd3 62.Rxd3 Nd7 63.Kb3 h4 64.Kb4 Kg7 65.Rd1 Nf8 66.Rc6 Kg8 67.Rc7 Rf4 68.d6 Ne6 69.Re7 Nd4 70.Kc5 Kf8 71.Kd5 Nxf3 72.Ra7 Rb8 73.Bc7 Nxg5 74.Bxb8 Nf7 75.d7 Rf2 76.Bxe5 g5 77.Bd4 Rf3 78.Rb1 Kg8 79.Rb8+ Kh7 80.Rh8+ Kg6 81.d8Q Rf5+ 82.exf5+ Kxf5 83.Qc8+ Kf4 84.Rxf7+ Kg3 85.Rf2 h3 86.Qxh3# 1-0 (86) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2b) 8...Nc5 9.Qc2 *(9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.h5 Ne8 11.Qd2 Nd6 12.Nf3 a6 13.a3 Bg4 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.b4 b6 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qg5 18.Qh3 Rfb8 19.Rb1 cxb4 20.axb4 a5 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.0-0 Rd8 23.Qd3 Bh6 24.Nb5 Nxb5 25.cxb5 Bf8 26.Ra1 Rda8 27.Rxa5 Rxa5 28.g3 Bc5 29.Bd1 Ra2 30.Bb3 Rb2 31.Qf3 Qe7 32.d6 cxd6 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Bc4 Bd4 35.Qa3 Qc7 36.Bd5 Qd7 37.Bc6 Qe6 38.Qf3 Qe7 39.Qa3 Rc2 40.Qd3 Rc3 41.Qe2 Qg5 42.Rd1 Rb3 43.Rd2 Rb1 44.Bd7 Qh6 45.Bh3 Qh5 46.Qxh5 gxh5 47.Bd7 Kf6 48.f4 Rg1+ 49.Kh3 Rf1 50.Kg2 Rg1+ 51.Kh3 Ke7 52.Bc6 Be3 53.Rg2 Rh1+ 54.Rh2 Rxh2+ 55.Kxh2 exf4 56.Kg2 Bc1 57.Kf3 fxg3 58.Kxg3 Bg5 59.Bb7 Kf6 60.Bd5 Kg7 61.Bb7 Be7 62.Kf4 Kg6 63.Bc8 Bg5+ 64.Kf3 Kf6 65.Bd7 Ke5 66.Be8 Ke6 67.Kg3 Be7 68.Kf4 Bf6 69.Kg3* 1-0 (69) Xiong,J (2659)-Shevchenko,K (2661) chess.com INT 2024)

A2b1) 9...h5 10.Nh3 c6 11.f3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Ng5 *(13.Nf2 Rc8 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rb1 Qd8 16.g4 hxg4 17.fxg4 Nh7 18.h5 Bf6 19.Nd3 Bg5*

20.Nxc5 Rxc5 21.Qd3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Qg5 23.Kd2 Qxe3+ 24.Kxe3 Ng5 25.Rbf1 Kg7 26.hxg6 Kxg6 27.Rh5 Rfc8 28.Rxg5+ Kxg5 29.Rxf7 R5c7 30.Bb5 Bxg4 31.Rf1 Rh8 32.Rg1 Rh3+ 33.Kd2 Kf4 34.Rf1+ Rf3 35.Rh1 Rf2+ 36.Kc1 Bf3 37.Rh6 Bxe4 38.Rxd6 Rc2+ 39.Kd1 Rxb2 40.Be2 Rxc3 0-1 (40) Aditya,M (2505)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023*)* 13...Rc8 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Rab1 Nxg5 17.hxg5 Na4 18.b4 Qd8 19.Nxa4 Bxa4 20.Rfc1 Qd7 21.b5 a6 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Bxa6 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bb5 25.Bxb5 Qxb5 26.Kh2 Ra8 27.Rc3 Qb1 28.a3 Bf8 29.Qc1 Qa2 30.Bd2 Kg7 31.Rd3 Be7 32.Bb4 Qe2 33.Qd2 Qf1 34.Rc3 h4 35.Rc1 Qb5 36.Rc7 Re8 37.f4 h3 38.f5 hxg2 39.f6+ Kg8 40.Kxg2 Bf8 41.Qc2 Qb8 42.Qc6 Qd8 43.Qd7 Qxd7 44.Rxd7 Ra8 45.Kf3 Ra6 46.Ke3 Rb6 47.Kd3 Ra6 48.Kc4 Ra8 49.Kb3 Rb8 50.a4 Ra8 51.a5 Rb8 52.a6 Ra8 53.a7 Kh8 54.Ka4 Kg8 55.Kb5 Kh8 56.Ka6 Kg8 57.Kb7 Re8 58.a8Q 1-0 (58) Nakamura,H (2778)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023;

A2b2) 9...c6

A2b21) 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.h5 cxd5 12.Nxd5 *(12.h6 Bh8 13.Nxd5 Be6 14.Nf3 Ne8 15.Rd1 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Nd6 17.Nd2 Rc8 18.a4 a6 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Qd6 21.Kf1 Bf6 22.a5 Bd8 23.Ra1 Rc7 24.g3 f5 25.exf5 Rcf7 26.Kg2 gxf5 27.Rac1 Bxa5 28.Qxc5 Qxc5 29.Rxc5 Bb4 30.Rc4 Bd6 31.Rh5 Rf6 32.f3 Rg6 33.Kf2 Bb8 34.Bd1 Ba7+ 35.Kg2 Bb8 36.Rc3 e4 37.fxe4 fxe4 38.Rh4 Bd6 39.Be2 Rff6 40.Rxe4 Rxh6 41.Bg4 Rhg6 42.Bc8 Rf8 43.Re6 Kg7 44.Bxb7 Rb8 45.Bxa6 Rxb2+ 46.Kh3 Rd2 47.Bc4 Rd4 48.Bb3 Rb4 49.Bc2 Rxe6 50.dxe6 Kf6 51.Bb3 h6 52.Rf3+ Ke5 53.Ba2 Ra4 54.Bb3 Rb4 55.Kg2 Be7 56.Re3+ Re4 57.Rc3 Rb4 58.Kh3 Bg5 59.Ba2 Ra4 60.Rc2 Kd6 61.Re2 Ke7 62.Rc2 Kd6 63.Bc4 Ra1 64.Rc3 Ra4 65.Rd3+ Ke5 66.Bb3 Rb4 67.Rd5+ Kf6 68.Rd3 Ke5 69.Rf3 Ke4 70.Kg2 Ke5 71.Kf2 Rb6 72.Rd3 Rd6 73.Rc3 Rb6 74.Ke2 Rb4 75.Rf3 Rb6 76.Kf2 Rb4 77.Kg2 Rb6 78.Kh3 Rb4 79.Ba2 Ra4 80.Rf2 Kd6 81.Rc2 Ke7 82.Rc7+ Kd8 83.Rd7+ Ke8 84.Bb1 Be7 85.Rd5 Ra6 86.Bf5*

Kf8 87.Kg4 Kg7 88.Rd1 Ra4+ 89.Kh3 Ra6 90.Bg4 h5 91.Bf5 Ra3 92.Kg2 Kf6 93.Bh3 Ra2+ 94.Kh1 Rf2 95.Rd5 Kg6 96.Kg1 Ra2 97.Rd7 Kf6 98.Rd1 Kg6 99.Kf1 Ra3 100.Kg2 h4 101.gxh4 Bxh4 102.Rf1 Ra2+ 103.Kf3 Ra3+ 104.Kg2 Ra2+ ½-½ (104) Sjugirov,S (2692)-Mihok,O (2528) Hungary HUN 2024*)*
12...Ne8 13.Nf3 Be6 14.0-0-0 Bxd5 15.Rxd5 Qc7 16.Nd2 Nf6 17.h6 Bh8 18.Rd3 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Nb1 Rd4 21.Nc3 a6 22.a3 Ne8 23.Kb1 Bf6 24.Nd5 Qc6 25.Qb3 Kf8 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 Bd8 28.Qg3 Qd6 29.Qh3 Nc7 30.Qc8 Nxd5 31.cxd5 Qc7 32.Bg4 a5 33.Qa8 Ke7 34.Bc8 b5 35.Ba6 c4 36.Bxb5 c3 37.bxc3 Qc5 38.Qc6 Bb6 39.f3 Qxc6 40.Bxc6 Be3 41.Kc2 Bxh6 42.Kb3 Bd2 43.c4 Kd6 44.Be8 f5 45.Bf7 f4 46.Bg8 h5 47.Bf7 h4 48.Bxg6 Be1 49.Ka4 Kc5 50.d6 Kxd6 51.Kb5 Kc7 52.Kc5 Bc3 53.Kd5 Bb2 54.Be8 Bc3 55.Bb5 Bb2 56.c5 Bc3 57.Ke6 Bd4 58.Kf5 Bc3 59.Kg4 Be1 60.Kf5 ½-½ (60) So,W (2752)-Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2570) Budapest HUN 2024;

A2b22) 10.h5

A2b221) 10...a5

11.Rd1 *(11.h6 Bh8 12.Nf3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Nxe5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxe5 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Rad1 Re8 18.Qb1 Nxe4 19.Bd4 Qh4 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Rd4 Bf5 22.Bf3 Rce8 23.g3 Qxh6 24.Bxe4 Rxd5 25.Ra4 Rde5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Rh4 Rh5 28.Rxh5 Qxh5 29.Qd3 Qh6 30.Qxd6 Qh5 31.Qd7 Qe5 32.Qxb7 h5 33.Qc6 Re6 34.Qc8+ Kg7 35.Qc3 Qxc3 36.bxc3 Re2 37.Rc1 Kf6 38.c4 Ke6 39.c5 Kd7 40.a3 Rb2 41.c6+ Kc7 42.Rc5 a4 43.Rc4 Rb6 44.Rxa4 Kxc6 45.Ra7 f6 46.Rg7 g5 47.Rh7 Kd5 48.Rxh5 Ke6 49.g4 Ra6 50.Rh3 Ke5 51.Rf3 Ke4 52.Kg2 Ke5 53.Kg3 Ke4 54.Re3+ Kd4 55.Rb3 Ke4 56.Rb4+ Ke5 57.a4 Kd5 58.f3 Ke5 59.Re4+ Kd5 60.Kf2 Rb6 61.a5 Rb2+ 62.Re2 Ra2 63.Rxa2* 1-0 (63) Ter Sahakyan,S (2611)-Haddouche,M (2490) chess.com INT 2025*)*
11...Bd7 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rxd6 Ne6 14.Nf3

Ng4 15.Qd2 Nxe3 16.Rxd7 Nxg2+ 17.Kf1 Qf6 18.Kxg2 Nf4+ 19.Kf1 Rfd8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Nxe5 Rxd7 22.Nxd7 Qg5 23.Bf3 Rd8 24.Ne2 Be5 25.Rg1 Qe7 26.Nxf4 Rxd7 27.Nxg6 fxg6 28.Rxg6+ Bg7 29.Qxa5 Qf7 30.Qf5 Qxc4+ 31.Kg2 Rf7 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Rxc6 Qd4 34.Qh3+ Kg8 35.Qc8+ Bf8 36.Rg6+ Kh7 37.Qg4 Rg7 38.Rxg7+ Bxg7 39.b3 Bf8 40.Qf5+ Kg7 41.Bh5 Bc5 42.Qf7+ Kh8 43.Bg6 1-0 (43) Xiong,J (2645)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2603) chess.com INT 2024;

A2b222) 10...cxd5 11.cxd5 *(11.h6 d4 12.hxg7 Re8 13.b4 Ne6 14.Bd2 dxc3 15.Bxc3 b5 16.Rd1 Bb7 17.Bxe5 Nxe4 18.Nf3 N6g5 19.Bf4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qf6 21.Be3 Nc3 22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Qxc3 bxc4 24.Qxc4 Rxe3 25.fxe3 Qg3+ 26.Kf1 Rc8* 0-1 (26) Sarana,A (2685)-Chigaev,M (2617) Bucharest ROU 2023 *)* 11...Qa5 *(11...Bd7 12.h6 Bh8 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Nf3 Ne8 15.Nd2 Nd6 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.a4 Rad8 18.0-0-0 a6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Bc4 Bf6 21.Qe2 Rb8 22.a5 Bd8 23.Qe3 Bxa5 24.Ne2 b5 25.Ba2 c4 26.Kb1 Rfc8 27.Rc1 Rc7 28.Rc2 Rbc8 29.Rhc1 Qf6 30.Qa3 Qb6 31.Qg3 Qd6 32.Nd4 Bb6 33.Nf3 Re8 34.Qg5 a5 35.Qd2 a4 36.Qg5 Ba5 37.Qe3 Bb4 38.Qg5 Bc5 39.Qd2 Qf6 40.Qa5 Qb6 41.Qd2 Qd6 42.Qg5 Ba7 43.Qd2 Bb6 44.Qg5 Ba5 45.Qe3 Bb4 46.Qg5 Bc5 47.Qd2 a3 48.b3 Bb4 49.Qg5 c3 50.Ng1 Ba5 51.Ka1 b4 52.Bb1 Bb6 53.Ka2 Bb5 54.Qg3 Qf6 55.Rd1 Qf4 56.Qh3 Qf6 57.Qg3 Rcc8 58.Nf3 Bc7 59.Rcc1 Bd6 60.Bd3 Bxd3 61.Rxd3 Rc7 62.Rc2 Rce7 63.Ng1 Qf4 64.Qxf4 exf4 65.f3 f5 66.exf5 gxf5 67.Rd4 Re1 68.Nh3 Rf1 69.Nxf4 Ree1* 0-1 (69) Martirosyan,H (2678)-Guseinov,G (2636) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 12.h6 Bh8 13.f3 *(13.Kf1 Bd7 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Rc1 Rac8 16.Qb1 a5 17.Nf3 Ng4 18.Bd2*

Qb6 19.Be1 f5 20.Ng5 Nxe4 21.Ncxe4 fxe4 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Nxe4 Ne3+ 24.Kg1 Bf5 25.Qd3 Ng4 26.Bxg4 Bxg4 27.b3 Bf5 28.Kh2 Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Rf4 30.Qc2 Qd8 31.Kg1 Bf6 32.Rh3 Bg5 33.Rc3 Rf8 34.Bd2 Bxd2 35.Qxd2 Qd7 36.Qc1 Qf7 37.Qd2 Qf5 38.Rc7 Qb1+ 39.Kh2 Qf5 40.f3 Qh5+ 41.Kg1 e4 42.Rg7+ Kh8 43.Qd4 Qe5 44.Qxe5 dxe5 45.fxe4 Rc8 46.d6 Rd8 47.d7 b5 48.Re7 Rf8 49.Re8 1-0 (49) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Demchenko,A (2641) chess.com INT 2020 *)*

A2b2221) 13...Bd7 14.Rb1 Na4 15.Qd2 *(15.Bd3 Rfc8 16.Nge2 Qd8 17.Qd2 Nxc3 18.Nxc3 a6 19.g4 Be8 20.0-0 Nd7 21.Rbc1 Bf6 22.Rc2 b5 23.Rfc1 Nc5 24.Nd1 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Rxc2 26.Qxc2 Qb8 27.Nf2 Bd8 28.g5 Bd7 29.Ng4 Qb7 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.Qc7 Qxc7 32.Rxc7 Be7 33.Rxd7 Kf8 34.Rc7 Bd8 35.Rd7 Be7 36.Rc7 Bd8 37.Rc6 Ke7 38.Bb6 a5 39.Kf2 Rb8 40.Bc7 Rc8 41.Bxa5 Rxc6 42.Bxd8+ Kxd8 43.dxc6 Kc7 44.Ke3 Kxc6 45.a3* 1-0 (45) Vallejo Pons,F (2702)-Amin, B (2680) Chennai IND 2022 *)* 15...Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qc7 17.c4 *(17.g4 Bc8 18.Nh3 Nd7 19.Nf2 Bf6 20.0-0 Be7 21.Kh2 Nc5 22.Nd3 b6 23.Nxc5 bxc5 24.f4 exf4 25.Bxf4 Bd7 26.c4 Rab8 27.Qc3 f6 28.Rb3 Rb6 29.g5 Rf7 30.Bc1 Qd8 31.Bb2 Qf8 32.Kg2 Bd8 33.Qf3 Bc8 34.Qe3 Rxb3 35.axb3 fxg5 36.Qc3 Rxf1 37.Qh8+ Kf7 38.Qxh7+ Ke8 39.Qxg6+ Ke7 40.Qxg5+ Rf6 41.h7 Kd7 42.Qg8* 1-0 (42) Nakamura, H (2736)-Grischuk,A (2764) Berlin GER 2022 *)* 17...Bc8 18.g4 Nd7 19.Nh3 Bf6 20.Nf2 Bd8 21.Nd3 Qa5 22.Kf2 Qxd2 23.Bxd2 Bb6+ 24.Be3 f5 25.gxf5 gxf5

26.Bxb6 axb6 27.Ke3 Rxa2 28.Ra1 f4+ 29.Kf2 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Kf7 31.Bf1 Ke7 32.Bh3 Nf6 33.Bxc8 Rxc8 34.Ra4 Kd7 35.Rb4 Kc7 36.Nb2 Nd7 37.Ra4 Rg8 38.Ra1 Rg6 39.Na4 Rxh6 40.Nc3 Nc5 41.Nb5+ Kd7 42.Ra8 Rg6 43.Rh8 h6 44.Na7 Nd3+ 45.Ke2 Nb2 46.Rh7+ Ke8 47.Rxb7 Rg2+ 48.Kf1 Rc2 49.Nb5 Nxc4 50.Rh7 Rb2 51.Nc7+ Kf8 52.Rxh6 Nd2+ 53.Ke2 Nxe4+ 54.Kd1 Kg7 55.Re6 Ng5 56.Rxd6 Nxf3 57.Re6 Kf7 58.Kc1 Rb3 59.d6 Rd3 60.Re7+ Kf6 61.Ne8+ Kf5 62.d7 Ng5 63.Kc2 Rd4 64.Rg7 f3 65.Nc7 f2 66.Rxg5+ Kxg5 67.Ne6+ Kg4 68.Nxd4 f1Q 69.d8Q Qc4+ 70.Kd2 exd4 71.Qxb6 Qc3+ 72.Kd1 Qd3+ 73.Ke1 Qe4+ 74.Kd2 Qf4+ 75.Ke2 Qe5+ 76.Kd2 Qe3+ 77.Kd1 Qe4 78.Kd2 Qf4+ 79.Ke2 Qe5+ 80.Kd2 Qh2+ 81.Kd1 Qg1+ 82.Kd2 Qf2+ 83.Kd1 Qf3+ 84.Kd2 Qc3+ 85.Kd1 Qd3+ 86.Ke1 Qe3+ 87.Kd1 Qd3+ ½-½ (87) Grandelius,N (2653)-Salem,A (2631) Budapest HUN 2024;

A2b2222) 13...Nh5 14.a3 Qd8 15.b4 Nd7 16.Nb5 Nf4 17.Bf1 Nb6 18.Qc7 Qg5 19.Kf2 Bd7 20.Nxa7 Nbxd5 21.exd5 Rac8 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qxd7 Bd4+ 25.Ke1 Bc3+ 26.Kf2 Bd4+ 27.Ke1 Bc3+ 28.Kf2 Bd4+ ½ - ½ (28) Martirosyan,H (2661)-Shankland,S (2683) Biel SUI 2024;

B) 7...a5

B1) 8.g4 Na6

B1a) 9.h4 Nc5 10.f3 h5 11.g5 Nfd7 *(11...Ne8 12.Qd2 c6 13.Nh3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 a4 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Bxc5 Qc8 17.Rh2 dxc5 18.Bd1 a3 19.Na4 Qb8 20.Qe3 Nc7 21.Qxa3 Ne6 22.Qc3 Nd4 23.Nxc5 Qa7 24.b4 f6 25.gxf6 Rxf6 26.Rg2 Kh7 27.a4 Raf8 28.Ra3 Rf4*

29.Rh2 Bh6 30.a5 Qe7 31.Qb2 Rxh4 32.Qg2 Rxh2 33.Qxh2 Qg5 34.Rd3 Qc1 35.Qg3 Bd2+ 36.Rxd2 Nxf3+ 37.Qxf3 Rxf3 38.a6 Re3+ 39.Re2 Qc3+ 40.Kf1 Rf3+ 41.Rf2 Qxc4+ 42.Be2 Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2 Qxb4 44.Ne6 Kh6 45.Kf1 g5 46.Nc7 Qa5 47.Ne8 g4 48.Nd6 Kg5 0-1 (48) Sarana,A (2685)-Makarian,R (2547) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 12.Nh3 Na6 13.Qd2 Ndc5 14.Nf2 Bd7 15.0-0-0 a4 *(15...Qb8 16.Nd3 a4 17.Ne1 Kh7 18.Nc2 f5 19.gxf6 Rxf6 20.Rdg1 Qf8 21.Rg3 Bh6 22.Rhg1 Qg7 23.Bg5 Raf8 24.Ne3 Be8 25.Ncd1 Rf4 26.Ng2 Bxg5 27.Rxg5 Rxf3 28.Bxf3 Rxf3 29.Ne1 Nxe4 30.Rxh5+ Kg8 31.Qe2 Rg3 32.Rg5 Rxg5 33.hxg5 Nec5 34.Ne3 Bd7 35.Ng4 Bxg4 36.Qxg4 Qf8 37.Rh1 a3 38.bxa3 Nb8 39.Qh4 Qg7 40.Kc2 Nbd7 41.Nd3 Nxd3 42.Kxd3 e4+ 43.Kc2 Nf8 44.Qxe4 Qf7 45.Qd4 Qf5+ 46.Kb2 Nh7 47.Re1 Qxg5 48.Re8+ Kf7 49.Rb8 Qe7 50.Rxb7 Nf6 51.a4 Ne4 52.Rb3 Nc5 53.Rf3+ Kg8 54.Rh3* 1-0 (54) Sychev,K (2549)-Anton Guijarro,D (2685) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2023 *)* 16.Kb1 Kh7 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.Rhg1 c6 19.Nc3 a3 20.b3 Qc7 21.Rc1 Qa5 22.Rgd1 Rfd8 23.Nd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 c5 25.Nb5 Qb6 26.Rf1 Rf8 27.Rf2 Kg8 28.Bd2 Nc7 29.Nc3 Qa6 30.f4 exf4 31.Bxf4 f5 32.gxf6 Rxf6 33.Be3 Rxf2 34.Bxf2 Rf8 35.Qg3 Qa8 36.Rg1 Bg4 37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Be1 Bd4 39.Qxg4 Bxg1 40.Qxg6+ Kh8 41.Qh6+ Kg8 42.Qg6+ Kh8 43.Qh6+ Kg8 44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Qh5+ ½-½ (45) Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497)-Stockfish2021061923 (3632) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B1b) 9.g5 Nd7

B1b1) 10.Nf3 Ndc5 11.h4 c6 *(11...Bg4 12.Nh2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nb4 14.Rd1 a4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.a3 Na6 17.Nxa4 f5 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nf3 Nd7 20.h5 Nb6 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qd3 Nc8 23.Qe3 Nd6 24.Nh4 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxg5 27.Qxg6 Qxg6 28.Nxg6 Rf6 29.Rg1 Re8 30.Rd3 e4 31.Rdg3 Rf7 32.Nf4 Kh7 33.Ne6 Bh6 34.Rh3 Rf6 35.Rg4 Rg8 36.Rxe4 Rg1+ 37.Ke2 Kg6 38.Rg3+ Rxg3 39.fxg3 Bc1 40.b3 Bxa3 41.Nxc7 Rf8 42.Ne6 Rh8 43.Kf3 Kf6 44.d6 Rh7 45.Nf4 Rd7 46.Re6+ Kf5 47.g4+ Kg5 48.Rg6+ Kh4 49.Ke4 Bc1 50.Nd3 Bg5 51.Ne5* 1-0 (51) Sarana,A (2657)-Kovalev,V (2648) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.Nd2 f5 13.a3 Bd7 14.f3 cxd5 15.cxd5 a4 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.0-0 b5 18.Nd2 b4 19.Na2 Rab8 20.Rc1 bxa3 21.bxa3 Bb5 22.Nb4 Bxe2

23.Qxe2 Nxb4 24.axb4 Rxb4 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Nc4 Qd7 27.Kg2 Rfb8 28.d6 Rb3 29.Qd1 Kh8 30.Qd5 fxe4 31.Qxe4 a3 32.Rf2 Rf8 33.Rd1 Rbb8 34.Nxe5 Qe6 35.Nc4 Qxe4 36.fxe4 Rxf2+ 37.Kxf2 a2 38.d7 a1Q 39.Rxa1 Bxa1 40.e5 Kg7 41.e6 Kf8 42.Na5 Ke7 43.Nc6+ Kxe6 44.Nxb8 Ke7 45.Ke3 Bd4+ 46.Ke4 Bf2 47.Kd5 c4 48.Nc6+ Kxd7 49.Ne5+ Ke7 50.Nc6+ Kf8 51.Kxc4 Bxh4 52.Nd4 Bxg5 53.Ne6+ Kf7 54.Nxg5+ Kf6 55.Nxh7+ Kf5 56.Kd5 g5 57.Nxg5 ½-½ (57) Eljanov,P (2694)-Leitao,R (2592) chess.com INT 2023;

B1b2) 10.h4 Ndc5 11.h5 c6 12.Nf3 Bd7

B1b21) 13.Nd2 a4 *(13...Rb8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nb3 Rf7 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Qd2 Bf8 18.f3 a4 19.0-0-0 Qa5 20.Qc2 Be8 21.Qd2 cxd5 22.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 23.Rxd2 Kh8 24.Kc2 Bc6 25.Kc3 Ne6 26.Kb4 Nc7 27.Rc1 Be8 28.Ka3 Bc6 29.Kb4 Kg7 30.Rdc2 Rc8 31.Rd1 Rb8 32.Rdc1 Rc8 33.Rd1 Rb8 34.Rb1 Kg8 35.Rbc1 Kg7 36.Ka3 Kg8 37.Kb4 Kg7 38.Ka3 Kg8 39.Rb1 Rc8 40.Rd1 Rb8 41.Rb1 Rc8 42.Rd1 Rb8 43.Rf1 b5 44.cxb5 Nxb5+ 45.Bxb5 Bxb5 46.Rff2 Be7 47.Nxe7+ Rxe7 48.Bd2 Rd7 49.Bb4 Rf8 50.Rcd2 Rfd8 51.Rd5 Bc6 52.Rd3 Bb5 53.Rdd2 d5 54.Ba5 Rf8 55.exd5 Rf5 56.Kb4 Rb7 57.Kc5 Rxg5 58.f4 Rf5 59.fxe5 Rxe5 60.a3 Re8 61.Rf6 Rc8+ 62.Kd6 g5 63.Rg2 Rg7 64.Bd2 Rc2 65.Rgf2 Rd7+ 66.Ke5 Rc5 67.Rd6 Re7+ ½-½ (67) Stockfish (3601)-Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 14.Kf1 f5 *(14...Rb8 15.Bg4 a3 16.bxa3 Nd3 17.Rb1 Nf4 18.h6 Bh8 19.Rg1 Be8 20.Nf3 Bd7 21.Nd2 f6 22.Rg3 Nc5 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.a4 f5 25.Be2 b6 26.Bf3 Qe8 27.Qb3 Qf7 28.a5 cxd5 29.cxd5 b5 30.a4 b4 31.Nb5 Bxb5+ 32.axb5 Rxb5 33.Ra1 Rbb8 34.Be2 Rfd8 35.Bc4 Kf8 36.Qc2 Nh5 37.Rf3 Nf4 38.Qb2 fxe4 39.Nxe4 Qf5 40.Re1 Qg4 41.Rg3 Qh4 42.Qb3 Qh1+ 43.Rg1 Qh5 44.d6 Ke8 45.Re3 Kf8 46.Rf3 Ke8 47.a6 Ra8 48.Qa4+ Kf8 49.Qd1 Ra7 50.Nxc5 Qxf3 51.Qxf3 Rxd6 52.Rg4 Rd8 53.Rxf4+ exf4 54.Qxf4+ Ke8 55.Qe4+ Kf8 56.Nb7 Rd1+ 57.Kg2 Rd7 58.Qc6 Rdxb7 59.axb7*

Rxb7 60.Qxb7 Ke8 61.Qf7+ Kd8 62.Be6 Bd4 63.Qd7# 1-0 (63) Stockfish2021061923 (3632)-Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 15.b4 Nxb4 16.h6 Bh8 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.a3 Na6 *(18...Qxg5 19.axb4 cxb4 20.Nxa4 cxd5 21.Nb6 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qxd2 23.Nxd7 Rc8 24.Rh3 dxe4 25.Nb6 b3 26.Rxb3 Qxh6 27.Ke1 Rf8 28.Nd5 e3 29.Nxe3 e4 30.Qa5 Bg7 31.Rxb7 f4 32.Nd1 Kh8 33.Qc7 f3 34.Bf1 Rg8 35.Qd6 Qg5 36.c5 Qc1 37.Rxg7 Rxg7 38.Qd8+ Rg8 39.Qd4+ Rg7 40.Bc4 h5 41.c6 Qg5 42.Bd5 Kh7 43.Ne3 Re7 44.Qc5 Qe5 45.Kd1 Kh6 46.Kc2 Rc7 47.Nc4 Qf4 48.Kb3 h4 49.Be6 Qf6 50.Bd7 h3 51.Ne3 Kh7 52.Nd5 Qf7 53.Qd6 Ra7 54.Bxh3 Ra8 55.c7 Kh6 56.Kc2 Qg7 57.c8Q Ra2+ 58.Kb3 Qb2+ 59.Kc4 Ra4+ 60.Nb4 Qc2+ 61.Kb5 Qxc8 62.Bxc8 Ra7 63.Qf8+ Kh7 64.Nd5 Rg7 65.Nf6+ Kh6 66.Nxe4 Kh7 67.Ng5+ Kh6 68.Nf7+ Kh5 69.Qh8+ Rh7 70.Qxh7#* 1-0 (70) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 19.Rb1 Nc7 20.Rxb7 Bc8 21.Rb1 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Qf6 23.Rb6 Bd7 24.dxc6 Rad8 25.Qxa4 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Qf4 27.cxd7 Qxe4 28.Qc6 Qf5 29.Qxc7 e4 30.Rb3 Rxd7 31.Qc6 Bf6 32.a4 Rdd8 33.Re3 exf3 34.Rxf3 Qe5 35.Bd3 Rd6 36.Qb7 Kh8 37.Qc7 Qd4 38.Rhh3 Rd7 39.Qb6 Rd6 40.Qb1 Ra6 41.Qd1 Raa8 42.Be2 Qe5 43.Qd7 Qa1+ 44.Kg2 Qxa4 45.Qd6 Qa1 46.Qxc5 Rac8 47.Qd5 Rcd8 48.Qc5 Rc8 49.Qd6 Rcd8 50.Qc6 Qd4 51.Qb7 Rde8 52.Bd3 Qc5 53.Qd7 Rd8 54.Qg4 Bg5 55.Be2 Rxf3 56.Bxf3 Rf8 57.Kg1 Rf4 58.Qg3 Qf5 59.Be2 Qe5 60.Kf1 Qa1+ ½-½ (60) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B1b22) 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.Kf1 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 16.Rh2 a4 17.Kg1 Qe7 18.Kh1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Qb7 21.Qg4 Rfc8 22.Kg2 Qd7 23.Qh4 Kf8 24.Rh3 Nb7 25.Nf3 Ke7 26.Nh2 Nbc5 27.Bd2 b4 28.Ne2 Qb5 29.Ng3 Qe8 30.Ng4 Kd7 31.hxg6

hxg6 32.Ne3 Nd3 33.Qg4+ Kd8 34.Rxc8+ Rxc8 35.Rh7 Nf4+ 36.Kf3 Qg8 37.Qh4 Kc7 38.Nc4 Nd3 39.Kg2 Nac5 40.Ne2 Nd7 41.Qh3 N7c5 42.Nxd6 Kxd6 43.Rxg7 Qf8 44.Rh7 Kc7 45.Qf3 Kb6 46.Nc1 Nf4+ 47.Bxf4 exf4 48.Qxf4 Qe8 49.e5 Qb5 50.Rxf7 Na6 51.Rf6+ Ka5 52.Rd6 Rc5 53.Qd2 Qc4 54.Qe2 Nc7 55.Qxc4 Rxc4 56.Rxg6 Nxd5 57.Rd6 Ne7 58.Rd7 Nc6 59.Nd3 Rg4+ 60.Kh3 Rxg5 61.f4 Rg8 62.f5 Rf8 63.Kg4 Kb6 64.e6 Nb8 65.Rd5 Nc6 66.Kg5 Ne7 67.Rd6+ Kb5 68.f6 Rg8+ 69.Kf4 Rf8 70.f7 a3 71.bxa3 bxa3 72.Ne5 Kc5 73.Rd7 Ng8 74.e7 Nxe7 75.Rxe7 Rd8 76.Re8 Rd4+ 77.Kg5 Rd5 78.f8Q+ Kb6 79.Qb4+ Ka7 80.Re7+ Ka8 81.Qb7# 1-0 (81) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 8.h4 h5 9.f3 *(9.Nf3 Ng4 10.Bg5 Bf6 11.Bd2 c6 12.Nh2 Nxh2 13.Rxh2 Bg7 14.g4 hxg4 15.Bxg4 f5 16.Bf3 Na6 17.Qe2 Nb4 18.0-0-0 cxd5 19.cxd5 b6 20.Bg5 Qe8 21.a3 Ba6 22.Qe3 Rc8 23.Kb1 Rf7 24.axb4 axb4 25.Na2 Qa4 26.b3 Qa3 27.Rc1 Ra8 28.Rc2 f4 29.Qd2 Qxb3+ 30.Kc1 Qxf3 31.Nxb4 Qxe4 32.Qc3 Rc8 33.f3 Qf5 34.Nc6 e4 35.Qa3 Bd3 36.Qxd6 Bxc2 37.Rxc2 exf3 38.Qe6 f2 39.Qxf5 f1Q+* 0-1 (39) Ponomariov,R (2654)-Dragun,K (2528) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...Nbd7 10.Nh3 Nc5 11.Nf2 c6 12.Nd3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Nxd3+ 14.Bxd3 Nd7 15.Qd2 a4 16.0-0-0 a3 17.b3 f5 18.Kb1 Nf6 19.Na4 fxe4 20.fxe4 Ng4 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.g3 Bd7 23.Nc3 Rac8 24.Bc4 Rf3 25.Qe1 Bh6 26.Rd3 Rf7 27.Ka1 Rcf8 28.Nb1 Nf2 29.Bxf2 Rxf2 30.Nxa3 Bg4 31.Qb4 Rg2 32.Nb5 Be2 33.Qxd6 Qxd6 34.Nxd6 Bxd3 35.Bxd3 Rff2 36.Bb1 Be3 37.Nb5 Kf8 38.Re1 Rxg3 39.Rd1 Ke7 40.d6+ Kd7 41.Rd5 Bc1 42.a4 Rxb3 43.Ba2 Rb4 44.Rd3 Bb2+ 45.Kb1 Bd4+ 0-1 (45) Tabatabaei,M (2713)-Radjabov,T (2704) Moscow RUS 2024]

[6...c6 7.h4 *(7.h3 e5 8.d5 cxd5 9.cxd5 Ne8 10.Nf3 f5 11.0-0 f4 12.Bd2 Rf7 13.Rc1 Bf8 14.Nb5 Na6 15.b4 h5 16.Bc3 Rg7 17.Qb3 Qf6 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.a4 Rh7 20.Bb2 g5 21.f3 Be7 22.Nc4 g4 23.fxg4 hxg4 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.hxg4 Qh4 26.Qf3 Nf6 27.Nbxd6 Nxg4 28.Qh3 Qg5 29.Qf3 Bxd6 30.Nxd6 Qh5 31.Qh3 Qg6 32.Nf5 Kf7 33.Nh4 Qb6+ 34.Kh1 Rah8 35.g3 Qf6 36.Kg1 Rxh4 37.gxh4 Rxh4 38.Qf3 Ne3 39.b5 Nb4 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.Rc8 Qg5+ 42.Kf2 Rh2+ 43.Ke1 Nd3#* 0-1 (43) Praggnanandhaa,R (2642)-Giri,A (2761) chess24.com INT 2022;

7.g4 Qa5 8.Kf1 c5 9.d5 b5 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Nxb5 Bxb2 12.Rb1 Bg7 13.Rb3 a6 14.Bd2 Qd8 15.Nc3 Nb6 16.h4 e6 17.h5 exd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf5 20.Bg4 Qd7 21.Rg3 Be5 22.Rg2 Ra7 23.Qf3 Bxg4 24.Rxg4 Rb7 25.Kg2 Qf5 26.Qxf5 gxf5 27.Rgh4 Nd7 28.Nf3 Rb2 29.a4 Re8 30.Re1 Rbb8 31.a5 Bg7 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Rf4 Re4 34.Nh4 Ne5 35.Nxf5 Rxf4 36.Bxf4 Nxc4 37.Bxd6 Nxa5 38.Bxc5 Nb7 39.Bb4 a5 40.Ba3 Bc3 41.d6 Bb4 42.Bxb4 axb4 43.d7 b3 44.Nd6 Nd8 45.Nc4 Kf8 46.Kf3 Ke7 47.Ke3 Kxd7 48.Kd3 Ke6 49.Kc3 Kf5 50.Kxb3 Kxg5 51.Kc3 Kxh5 52.Kd4 Kg5 53.Ke4 Ne6 54.Nd6 f6 55.Kf3 h5 56.Ne4+ Kg6 57.Nd6 Nd4+ 58.Kg2 Nf5 59.Ne4 Nh6 60.Nd6 Nf7 61.Ne4 Ng5 62.Nc3 Kf5 63.Nb5 Kf4 64.Nc7 h4 65.Nd5+ Ke5 66.Ne3 Ke4 67.Ng4 f5 68.Nf6+ Ke5 69.Nd7+ Kf4 70.Nc5 Kg4 71.Nd3 h3+ 72.Kh2 Nf3+ 73.Kh1 Kh4 74.Nf4 Ne5 75.Kh2 Ng4+ 76.Kg1 Nf6 77.Kh2 Ng4+ 78.Kg1 Ne5 79.Kh2 Nf3+ 80.Kh1 Kg4 81.Nxh3 Kxh3 ½-½ (81) Ter Sahakyan,S (2605)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 7...h5 8.f3 a6 9.a4 a5

A) 10.Qd2 Na6 *(10...e5 11.d5 Na6 12.Nh3 Bd7 13.Nf2 cxd5 14.cxd5 Rc8 15.Ra3 Nb4 16.Nd3 Rc4 17.Nxe5 Rc8 18.Nc4 Rxc4 19.Bxc4 Nh7 20.Bb5 Bc8 21.Kd1 f5 22.Bh6 fxe4 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Nxe4 Bf5 25.Qd4+ Kh6 26.Re3 Qc7 27.Rc3 Qe7 28.Re1 Qxh4 29.Qd2+ g5 30.g3 Qh3 31.Bf1 Qh1 32.Bg2 Qh2 33.Rh1 Qxh1+ 34.Bxh1 Bxe4 35.fxe4 Rf1+ 36.Ke2 Rxh1 37.Qd4* 1-0 (37) Martirosyan,H (2652)-Chigaev,M (2631) Sharjah UAE 2022 *)* 11.Nh3 Qc7 12.Nf2 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Ra3 Nh7 15.g4 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.gxh5 Qe7 18.h6 Bf6 19.Rg1+ Kh8 20.Bg5 Bd7 21.f4 Rg8 22.Nh3 exf4 23.Bxf4 Rxg1+ 24.Nxg1 Bxh4+ 25.Kd1 Bg5 26.Nf3 Bxf4 27.Qxf4 Rg8 28.Nd4 Qf6 29.Nb3 Rg1+ 30.Kc2 b6 31.Nxc5 dxc5 32.Rb3 Qd4 33.Qc7 Nf6 34.Rxb6 f4 35.Rb8+ Kh7 36.dxc6 f3 37.cxd7 Nxd7 38.Bxf3 Rf1 39.Be4+ Kxh6 40.Qh2+ 1-0 (40) Martirosyan,H (2681)-Piorun,K (2592) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 10.Nh3 Bxh3 11.Rxh3 Nbd7 *(11...Na6 12.Qd2 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Bd1 Rc8 15.Bc2 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qb4 17.Qe2 Kh7 18.Kf2 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Kxh6 20.Na2 Qb6 21.Qe3+ Kg7 22.Rhh1 cxd5 23.cxd5 Ncd7* 0-1 (23) Woodward, A (2530)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024*)* 12.g4 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Kd1 Qc8 17.Rg3 Rh8 18.Kc2 Kg8 19.Rh1 Qc7 20.Rg2 Rd8 21.Nd1 hxg4 22.Nc3 Bh6 23.Qd1 gxf3 24.Bxf3 Bf4 25.h5 Kg7 26.Qg1 Rh6 27.hxg6 Rxg6 28.Qxc5 b6 29.Qf2 cxd5 30.cxd5 Qc4 31.Rxg6+ fxg6 32.Qxb6 Rc8 33.d6 Qxa4+ 34.Kb1 Qd7 35.Rd1 Rc6 36.Qb8 Rc8 37.Qb3 Be3 38.Be2 Bd4 39.Nb5 Rb8 40.Qc4 Nxe4 41.Nxd4 exd4 42.Qxd4+ Nf6 43.Bd3 Rb4 44.Qe5 Rg4 45.Bb5 Qd8 46.d7 Re4 47.Qc5 Rb4 48.Qc8 1-0 (48) Caruana,F (2786)-Rapport,R (2776) Warsaw POL 2022]

[6...a6 7.Nf3 Bg4 *(7...c6 8.h3 Qc7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qc2 b6 11.Rfd1 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.b4 Re8 14.c5 b5 15.a4 Bb7 16.Qb3 Rad8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bxb5 cxb5 19.Nxb5 Qb8 20.Nd6 Re7 21.Ng5 Rf8 22.b5 h6 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.c6 Qb8 25.Nf3 Nb6 26.Ra6 Na8 27.b6 Nc7 28.Ra3 Ne6 29.b7 Qc7 30.Ra8 Ree8 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Ba7 Qxc6 33.b8Q Rxb8 34.Bxb8 Nxe4 35.Bxe5 Qc5 36.Qe3 Qxe3 37.fxe3 h5 38.Bxg7 Kxg7 39.Rd7 Kf6 40.Kf1 Ng3+ 41.Ke1 g5 42.Rd5 h4 43.Nd4 Nc7 44.Rd6+ Ke7 45.Rc6 Nd5 46.Kf2 Nb4 47.Rb6 Nd3+ 48.Kg1 f6 49.Rb3 Nc5 50.Rb6 Nce4 51.Rb2 Kd6 52.Ne2 Nf5 53.Rb3 Ke7 54.Ra3 Kf7 55.Kf1 Nd2+ 56.Ke1 Nc4 57.Ra7+ Kg6 58.e4 Nfe3 59.Kf2 Nd1+ 60.Kg1 Nde3 61.Nc3 g4 62.hxg4 Nxg4 63.Nd5 Nd2 64.Ra4 Kg5 65.Rb4 Ne5 66.Ra4 Ng4 67.Ne7 Ne5 68.Kf2 Ndc4 69.Nf5 Nd3+ 70.Kg1 Nde5 71.Ra8 Nd2 72.Rg8+ Kf4 73.Nxh4 Nxe4 74.Ng6+ Nxg6 75.Rxg6 Kf5 76.Rg8 Kf4 77.Kh2 Ng5 78.Rg7 Kg4 79.Kg1 Kf4 80.Ra7 Ne4 81.Ra4 f5 82.Ra8 Kg4 83.Kh2 Kg5 84.Rg8+ Kf4 85.Kh3 Nf6 86.Rg6 Ne4 87.Kh4 Ke3 88.Ra6 Kf2 89.Kh3 Ng5+ 90.Kh2 Ke3 91.Kg3 Ne4+ 92.Kh3 Kf4 93.Kh4 Ke3 94.Ra3+ Kf4 95.Rf3+ Ke5 96.Kh5 Nd2 97.Rd3 Nc4 98.Kg5 Ke4 99.Rd8 Ne3 100.Re8+ Kd3 101.Rxe3+* 1-0 (101) Esipenko,A (2701)-Jones,G (2670) Tornelo INT 2021*)* 8.0-0 Nfd7 9.a4 a5 10.Ne1 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc6 12.Nf3 e5 13.Rad1 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Ndb5 b6 16.Nd5 Rc8 17.f3 Nc5 18.b3 Nxb3 19.Ndxc7 Rxc7 20.Bxb6 Ree7 21.Rxd6 Qc8 22.Bxc7 Rxc7 23.Rfd1 Bf8 24.Nxc7 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxc7 26.e5 Nbd4 27.Qe4 Qb6 28.h4 Nxf3+ 29.Kf1 Qg1+ 30.Ke2 Ncd4+ 31.Rxd4 Nxd4+ 32.Kd3 Ne6 33.Qa8+ Kg7 34.Qxa5 Qf1+ 35.Kd2 Qxg2+ 36.Kc3 Qg3+ 37.Kb2 Qxh4 38.Qd5 Qf2+ 39.Kb3 h5 40.a5 h4 41.a6 Nc5+ 42.Ka3 Qe3+ 43.Kb2 Qb3+ 44.Kc1 Qc3+ 45.Kd1 Nxa6 46.e6 Qa1+ 47.Kd2 Qb2+ 48.Kd1 Qb3+ 49.Kd2 fxe6 50.Qd4+ Kf7 51.Qa7+ Kf6 52.Qxa6 Qb2+ 53.Kd3 h3 54.Qd6 Qb1+ 55.Kd2 Qb2+ 56.Kd3 Qb3+ 57.Kd2 Qxc4 58.Qf8+ Kg5 59.Ke3 Qc3+ 60.Ke2 Qe5+ 61.Kd1 Qd4+ 62.Ke2 Qe5+ 63.Kd1 h2 64.Qd8+ Kg4 0-1 (64) Sarana,A (2656)-Anton Guijarro,D (2669) Riga LAT 2021]

7.h3

[7.Nf3

A) 7...Bg4 8.0-0 Nfd7 *(8...Nbd7 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 c6 11.f4 Ne8 12.e5 c5 13.dxc5 dxe5 14.f5 gxf5 15.Rxf5 e6 16.Rg5 f5 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.Rd1 Rc8 19.Na4 e4 20.Qd2 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Rxc5 22.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Qd4 Qe7 24.Rxg7+ Qxg7 25.Ne5 Nf6 26.Qb6 Re8 27.Qxa5 f4 28.Rd8 f3 29.g3 Qg5 30.Rxe8+ Nxe8 31.Qc3 Nf6 32.Kf2 Qxe5* 0-1 (32) Eljanov,P (2695)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2611) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 9.d5 e5 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Nd4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qe7 13.Rad1 Nc6 14.b3 Nde5 15.Ndb5 Nf7 16.Rd2 g5 17.Qh5 Nce5 18.h3 Ng6 19.g3 Kh8 20.Kh2 Rg8 21.Nd4 Raf8 22.Rdd1 Bf6 23.Nde2 Rg7 24.f4

gxf4 25.gxf4 Rfg8 26.Rg1 Nf8 27.Rxg7 Bxg7 28.Rg1 b6 29.Nb5 e5 30.f5 Nd7 31.Nxc7 Nf6 32.Nd5 Nxd5 33.cxd5 b5 34.Qf3 Rc8 35.Rg2 Bf6 36.Ng3 Bg5 37.f6 Qxf6 38.Qxf6+ Bxf6 39.Rf2 Bg5 40.Rxf7 Bxe3 41.Nf5 Bf4+ 42.Kg2 h5 43.Nxd6 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 Rxa2 45.Rb7 Rh2 46.Nf7+ Kg8 47.d6 Rxh3+ 48.Kf2 Rd3 49.d7 a4 50.bxa4 bxa4 51.d8Q+ Rxd8 52.Nxd8 h4 53.Ra7 h3 54.Rxa4 h2 55.Kg2 Bg5 56.Ne6 1-0 (56) Sarana,A (2717)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2612) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7...a4 8.0-0 a3 9.b3 c5 *(9...Nc6 10.h3 e5 11.d5 Nb4 12.Ne1 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Nc2 Nxc2 15.Qxc2 Qc7 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.b4 Rfb8 18.Rab1 d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bc5 d4 21.Nb5 Qc6 22.Nd6 Nd7 23.Rdc1 Bf8 24.Nc4 Nxc5 25.bxc5 Qxc5 26.Bd3 Bh6 27.Rxb8+ Rxb8 28.Rb1 Rxb1+ 29.Qxb1 Bf8 30.Qb3 Kg7 31.Kf1 Qb4 32.Qxb4 Bxb4 33.Ke2 f6 34.Kd1 h5 35.Kc2 h4 36.Kb3 Be7 37.Ka4 Kh6 38.Nxa3 Bxa2 39.Bc4 Bxc4 40.Nxc4 Kg5 41.Kb3 Kf4 42.Nd2 Bd8 43.Kc2 Ba5 44.Nf3 Kxe4 45.Nxh4 d3+ 46.Kd1 g5 47.Nf3 Kf4 48.Nh2 e4 49.Nf1 Bb6 50.Ke1 f5 51.Nh2 Ke5 52.Nf1 Bd4 53.g3 Kd5 54.h4 gxh4 55.gxh4 f4 56.h5 e3 57.fxe3 fxe3 58.Ng3 Be5 59.Ne2 Ke4* 0-1 (59) Sarana,A (2685)-Kovalenko,I (2674) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Rad1 Qa5 12.h3 Nb4 13.Qb1 b6 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.d5 Nd7 16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Nb5 Bb2 19.Kh2 Ba6 20.f4 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Qa7 22.Bc4 Qc7 23.Re2 Rae8 24.Rf1 e6 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Bxb4 cxb4 27.Qd3 Kg7 28.h4 d5 29.exd5 Rxf4 30.Rxf4 Qxf4+ 31.g3 Qd6 32.dxe6 Qxd3 33.Bxd3 Kf6 34.Bc4 Ke7 35.Kh3 Bc3 36.Kg4 Rd8 37.Rf2 Bf6 38.Kh3 Rd1 39.g4 h6 40.g5 hxg5 41.hxg5 Bxg5 42.Rf7+ Kd8 43.Rb7 Rd2 44.Rxb6 Rxa2 45.Ra6 Ra1 46.b6 a2 47.b7 Kc7 48.Ra7 Rh1+ 49.Kg4 a1Q 50.Rxa1 Rxa1 51.Kxg5 Kxb7 52.e7 Re1 53.Kf6 g5 54.Bb5 1-0 (54) Sarana,A (2668)-Kovalev,V (2623) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 7...Ng4 8.Bg5 *(8.Bc1 e5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.d5 Ne7 11.Ne1 f5 12.Nd3 b6 13.f3 Nf6 14.g4 Kh8 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.Kh1 Neg8 17.Rg1 fxe4 18.fxe4 Qe7 19.Be3 Rf7 20.g5 Ne8 21.Bg4 c6 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Nc7 25.Rc1 Nb5 26.Be6 Rff8 27.Bxb6 Nd4 28.Rc7 Qe8 29.Rd7 Nxe6 30.dxe6 Qxe6 31.Rc7 Rf7 32.Rxf7 Qxf7 33.Qe2 Rf8 34.b3 a4 35.bxa4 Qc4 36.a5 Ne7 37.Nf4 Qg8 38.Ng2 Nc6 39.a6 Nd4 40.Bxd4 exd4 41.Rc1 Ra8 42.Rc6 Be5 43.Ne1 Qe8 44.Qc4 Bf4 45.Qxd4+ Be5 46.Qc4 Qf8 47.Qe2 Qf4 48.Nf3 Rb8 49.Nxe5 Rb1+ 50.Kg2 dxe5 51.Rc8+ Kg7 52.Rc7+ Kh8 53.Rc8+ Kg7 54.Qf3 Rb2+ 55.Kg1 Qxf3 56.Rc7+ Kf8 57.Rc8+ Ke7 58.Rc7+ Kd6* 0-1 (58) Sarana,A (2693)-Kobo,O (2551) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 8...h6

C1) 9.Bd2 e5 10.d5 f5 *(10...Na6 11.h3 Nf6 12.g4 Nc5*

13.Qc2 c6 14.Be3 cxd5 15.cxd5 Nfd7 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Nb5 Na6 18.Nc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc7 Nxc7 20.Bxb6 Ne8 ½-½ (20) Grigoryan,K (2617)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2614) Santiago de Compostela ESP 2022 *)* 11.h3 Nf6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.g3 Na6 14.Nh4 Qe8 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Qc2 e4 17.0-0-0 Bd7 18.g4 f4 19.Bxf4 Nxg4 20.Bxg4 Rxf4 21.Kb1 Nd3 22.Rd2 Bxg4 23.hxg4 Rxg4 24.Nf5 Qf7 25.Nxh6+ Bxh6 26.Rxh6 Qg7 27.Rh1 Rf8 28.a3 Nc5 29.Ka2 Rf3 30.Rh2 Qe5 31.Rh6 Kg7 32.Rh1 Rff4 33.Nb5 Rf7 34.f3 Rxf3 35.Nxc7 Rf7 36.Rdh2 Kf8 37.Rh8+ Rg8 38.Rxg8+ Kxg8 39.Nb5 e3 40.Qg6+ Rg7 41.Qxd6 Qxd6 42.Nxd6 e2 43.Re1 Rg2 44.Nf5 Nd3 45.d6 Kf7 46.d7 Rg8 47.Rxe2 Nc1+ 48.Kb1 Nxe2 0-1 (48) Lobanov,S (2506)-Niemann,H (2703) chess.com INT 2024;

C2) 9.Bh4 Nf6

C2a) 10.Qd2 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.0-0-0 a4 13.Kb1 a3 14.b3 Nd7 15.Nxg5 Nxg3 16.hxg3 hxg5 17.Rh5 e5 18.Rxg5 exd4 19.Nd5 c6 20.Rh1 Qxg5 21.Qxg5 cxd5 22.exd5 Re8 23.Bd3 Nf6 24.f3 Bd7 25.g4 Re3 26.Kc2 b5 27.Kd2 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Re5 29.Qh4 Nxd5 30.g5 Ne3 31.Bd3 Bf5 32.Rc1 Rae8 33.g6 Bxg6 34.Bxg6 fxg6 35.Rc7 Nf5 36.Qf2 d3 37.Kxd3 Rd5+ 38.Kc4 Ne3+ 39.Kb4 Rb8+ 40.Ka4 Ra8+ 41.Kb4 Bd4 42.Qh4 Rb8+ 43.Ka4 Ra8+ 44.Kb4 Rb8+ 45.Ka4 Ra8+ 46.Kb4 ½-½ (46) Sargsyan,S (2649)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024;

C2b) 10.h3 Nc6 *(10...Na6 11.g4 e5 12.d5 Nc5 13.Nd2 c6 14.Qc2 a4 15.Rb1 Qa5 16.b4 axb3 17.axb3 Qb4 18.f3 Bd7 19.0-0 h5 20.Kg2 Ra3 21.Na2 Qa5 22.Rb2 Qa8 23.b4 Na4 24.Rb3 Rxb3 25.Qxb3 Rc8 26.Ra1 hxg4 27.hxg4 cxd5 28.Nc3 Qa7 29.Bf2 d4 30.Nxa4 Bh6 31.Ra2 Kg7 32.Nc5 Qb6 33.Nxd7 Nxd7 34.Qa3 Qd8 35.Bg3 Nf8 36.c5 Ne6 37.Qa5 Qf6 38.Nc4 Bf4 39.Bf2 Rh8 40.Nxd6 Be3 41.Bf1 Nf4+* 0-1 (41) Lupulescu,C (2587)-Niemann,H (2688) Chartres FRA 2024*)* 11.d5 Nb4 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.a3 Nc5 14.axb4 Nb3 15.Qd1 Nxa1 16.b5 c5 17.Qxa1 f5 18.exf5 g5 19.Bg3 a4 20.Qa3 Qa5 21.f6 Bxf6 22.Bd3 Qb4 23.Kd2 g4 24.hxg4 Bxg4 25.Kc2 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 28.Kxc3 Rxf3 29.Ra1 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.Ra3 Kh6 32.Ke2 Raf8 33.Ra1 R3f6 34.f4 Rg8 35.Kf3 Rff8 36.Re1 Rf7 37.Re6+ Kg7 38.Be1 Kf8 39.Rh6 Rfg7 40.Bf2 Ke8 41.Rxh5 Kd7 42.b6 Kc8 43.Bc2 Rf8 44.Bxa4 Rgg8 45.Rh7 Rh8 46.Rxe7 Rh3+ 47.Bg3 Rh1 48.Bd7+ Kd8 49.Rg7 Rf1+ 50.Kg2 Rh8 51.Be6 Rb1 52.Rxb7 1-0 (52) Sarana,A

(2706)-Vakhidov,J (2599) Sharjah UAE 2024;
C2c) 10.Nd2 Nc6 11.Nb5 *(11.d5 Nd4 12.0-0 e5 13.Bd3 g5 14.Bg3 h5 15.h3 h4 16.Bh2 g4 17.Kh1 Bh6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Kh8 20.f4 gxh3 21.gxh3 Bxh3 22.fxe5 Rg8 23.Rg1 Ng4 24.Qf3 Qg5 25.Be2 Qe3 26.Qxe3 Bxe3 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.Rxg4 Rxg4 29.exd6 cxd6 30.Bxd6 Rag8 31.Be5+ Kh7 32.d6 Bf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Rg1 Rd8 35.e5 Rf5 36.Nd5 Rxe5 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.d7 Re7 39.Kh2 b6 40.Kh3 Rexd7 41.Nxd7 Rxd7 42.Kxh4 Rd3 43.Rc1 Rxb3 44.c5 Rb4+ 45.Kg3 bxc5 46.Rxc5 a4 47.Ra5 Kg7 48.Kf3 Kg6 49.Ke3 f6 50.Kf3 Kf7 51.Ra6 Kg7 52.Ra7+ Kh6 53.Ra5 Kg6 54.Ke3 f5 55.Ra8 Kf6 56.Ra7 f4+ 57.Kd3 Kf5 58.Kc3 Rb3+ 59.Kc2 Rb4 60.Kc3 Rb3+ 61.Kc2 Rb6 62.Rxa4 f3 63.Kd3 Re6 64.Ra8 Kf4 65.Rf8+ Kg3 66.Rg8+ Kh3 67.Rh8+ Kg2 68.Rg8+ Kf1 69.b4 Rc6 70.Rf8 f2 71.Kd4 Ke2 72.b5 Rc7 73.Re8+ Kd2 74.Rf8 Ke2 75.Re8+* ½-½ (75) Nesterov,A (2584)-Dubov,D (2710) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 11...e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.0-0 Qe8 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Bd3 Bg7 17.f4 Bd7 18.Qc2 c6 19.Rae1 cxd5 20.exd5 Qc8 21.Ne4 Qc7 22.f5 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 gxf5 24.Ng3 f4 25.Nf5 Rae8 26.Rf1 Re5 27.Rxf4 Rfe8 28.g3 Rxf5 29.Rxf5 Re3 30.Kg2 Qe7 31.Rf3 Rxf3 32.Kxf3 Qe3+ 33.Kg2 Be5 34.b3 b6 35.Qe2 Qxe2+ 36.Bxe2 Kg7 37.Bd3 Kf6 38.Kf3 Kg5 39.h4+ Kf6 40.Bc2 Ke7 ½-½ (40) Martirosyan,H (2661)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2757) Biel SUI 2024]

[7.h4 h5 *(7...Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.h5 Neg4 10.Bg5 c6 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.f3 Qb6 13.Nh3 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Nh5 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.axb3 Ng3 17.Rg1 Nf6 18.Bd1 h6 19.Bh4 Ngh5 20.g4 g5 21.Bf2 Nh7 22.Na4 N5f6 23.Be3 Nd7 24.Be2 c5 25.Kd2 Rb8 26.Rcf1 Ne5 27.Nb6 Nd7 28.Na4 Nhf6 29.Nc3 Ne5 30.Na4 b6 31.Nc3 Bd7 32.f4 Nexg4 33.fxg5 Nxe3 34.Kxe3 Ng4+ 35.Kd2 Rxf1 36.Rxf1 hxg5 37.Bxg4 Bxg4 38.Nxg5 Bh6 39.Rg1 Bxg5+ 40.Kd3 Bf6 41.Rxg4+ Kf7 42.Rf4 Ke8 43.Nb5 Kd7 44.Rg4 Rh8 45.Kc2 Rh2+ 46.Kc1 Bb2+ 47.Kd1 Be5 48.Kc1 Rb2 49.Rg3 a4 50.Rd3 axb3 51.Na3 b5 52.Rd2 Ra2* 0-1 (52) Martirosyan,H (2678)-Riazantsev,A (2616) Samarkand UZB 2023*; 7...a4 8.a3 e5 9.d5 Nbd7 10.h5 Nc5 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.h6 Bh8 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.0-0-0 Nd6 16.Kb1 Qe7 17.Bd3 Ra6 18.Qe2 Bf6 19.Rdf1 Rb8 20.Ka2 Kf8 21.g3 Bg4 22.Qe3 Ra5 23.Nd2 Bd7 24.Qe2 Qe8 25.f3 Kg8 26.Rh2 Bh8 27.Ka1 Qe7 28.Qe3 Bf6 29.Qe1 Qe8 30.Qc1 Qe7 31.Qc2 Ra6 32.f4 Qe8 33.f5 Bg5 34.Nf3 Be3 35.Re1 Bd4 36.g4 g5 37.Nxg5 b5 38.cxb5 Bxb5 39.Nf3 Bxd3 40.Qxd3 Rab6 41.Rc2 Rb3 42.Qd2*

Kf8 43.Qg5 Qe7 44.f6 Qd8 45.Nxe5 Ne8 46.Nc6 Bxf6 47.Qf5 Qc8 48.Nxb8 Qxb8 49.e5 1-0 (49) Praggnanandhaa,R (2642)-Van Foreest,J (2715) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 8.f3 *(8.Nf3 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bc1 e5 11.b3 Nc6 12.d5 Nb4 13.a3 Na6 14.b4 Bd7 15.Rb1 axb4 16.axb4 f5 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.Bd3 f4 19.f3 Nh7 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Qe2 Bf6 22.Qf2 c5 23.dxc6 bxc6 24.c5 dxc5 25.bxc5 Nc7 26.Ne2 Be6 27.Bc2 Ra2 28.Nc3 Ra7 29.Bd2 Rf7 30.g3 fxg3 31.Qxg3 Qd4 32.Rc1 Bc4 33.Nd1 Ne6 34.Be3 Qd8 35.Nf2 Ra2 36.Nh3 Bxh4 37.Ng5+ Nxg5* 0-1 (37) Matviishen,V (2566)-Sargsyan,S (2646) New York USA 2024 *)* 8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nh3 c6 11.Nf4 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.a4 Be8 14.0-0 Nfd7 15.Rc1 Nc5 16.Nb5 Bh6 17.g3 Bd7 18.Kg2 Bg7 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Rxc5 Qb6 21.Qc2 Rac8 22.Rc1 Bh6 23.Qc3 Bg7 24.Qa3 Rxc5 25.Qxc5 Qf6 26.Qe3 Bh6 27.Rc7 Bxb5 28.Bxb5 b6 29.Qc3 Qd6 30.Rb7 Bg7 31.Qa3 Rc8 32.Qxd6 exd6 33.Rxb6 Rc2+ 34.Be2 Nd3 35.Nxd3 Rxe2+ 36.Kf1 Re3 37.Ne1 Be5 38.f4 Bd4 39.Rxd6 Rxe4 40.Nf3 Bxb2 41.Rb6 Ba3 42.d6 Re3 43.d7 Rxf3+ 44.Ke2 Rf2+ 45.Ke1 Be7 46.Rb8+ Kg7 1-0 (46) Martirosyan,H (2678)-Mamedov,R (2651) Zagreb CRO 2023]

[7.a3 Na6 8.Nf3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nf6 11.Nd2 Qe8 12.f4 c6 13.Bf2 Nc7 14.0-0 Ne6 15.Be3 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.e5 Nd7 19.Nde4 a4 20.Kh1 Ra5 21.Nb5 Qd8 22.Qe1 b6 23.Rd1 e6 24.Rd6 Ra6 25.Qd2 Qe7 26.Rd1 Nb8 27.Bf3 Kh8 28.Nf6 Bb7 29.Bxb7 Qxb7 30.Nd7 Nxd7 31.Rxd7 Qc6 32.Qe2 Kg8 33.h4 Raa8 34.Na7 Rxa7 35.Rxa7 Qc8 36.Rdd7 Qc6 37.Rac7 Qa8 38.h5 g5 39.f5 exf5 40.e6 Bd4 41.exf7+ Kh8 42.Rxd4 1-0 (42) Yakubboev,N (2668)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) Doha QAT 2024]

[7.g4 a4 *(7...c5 8.dxc5 a4 9.cxd6 a3 10.b3 Nxg4 11.Bd4 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Nc6 13.Qd2 exd6 14.h3 Nf6 15.Bf3 Ne5 16.Bg2 Nh5 17.0-0-0 Be6 18.Nf3 Qf6 19.Qg5 Qxg5+ 20.Nxg5 Nf4 21.Bf1 Bc8 22.Kd2 f6 23.Nf3 Nxf3+ 24.Ke3 f5 25.Kxf3 fxe4+ 26.Ke3 Ra5 27.Rxd6 Nxh3 28.Nxe4 Ng5 29.Bg2 Raf5 30.Nxg5 Rxg5 31.Bd5+ Kg7 32.Bxb7 Re5+ 33.Kd4 Bxb7 34.Rd7+ Kf6 35.Rxb7 Re2 36.Ra7 h5 37.Rxa3 Rd8+ 38.Kc3 Rxf2 39.Ra6+ Kg7 40.Rg1 Rf6 41.Rxf6 Kxf6 42.b4 h4 43.b5 h3 44.b6 g5 45.c5 g4 46.Rxg4 Rh8 47.Rg1 h2 48.Re1* 1-0 (48) Lalith,B (2509)-Karthikeyan,M (2627) Aix-en-Provence FRA 2024*)* 8.a3 c5 9.g5 Nfd7 10.d5 Qb6 11.Qc2 Bd4 12.Bd2 f5 13.gxf6 Nxf6 14.f4 Qb3 15.Bd3 Nh5 16.Nge2 Bg4 17.f5 Bf3 18.Rf1 Bg2 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Qxb3 axb3 21.Rf2 dxc3 22.Bxc3 Bh3 23.Kd2 Nd7 24.Rg1 Ne5 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Rf3 Nf4 27.Rgg3 Rf6 28.Rxh3 Nxh3 29.Rxh3 b6 30.Kc3 Kg7 31.Kxb3 gxf5 32.exf5 Rh6 33.Rxh6 Kxh6 34.Kb4 Kg5 35.Kb5 Kf4 36.Kxb6 e4 37.Bf1 Ke5 38.Kb7 Rf8 39.c5 Rxf5 40.Ba6 Rf2 41.b4 Rf7 42.c6 e6+ 43.Kb6 Kd6 44.dxe6 Rc7 45.e7 Rxe7 46.Be2 Re8 47.b5 Rb8+ 48.Ka7 Kc7 49.a4 Rf8 50.a5

e3 51.Bh5 Rf5 52.Be2 Rf8 53.Bg4 Rf7 54.Bh5 Rf5 55.Be2 ½-½ (55) Gokerkan,C (2473)-Svane,F (2654) Eforie Nord ROU 2025]

7...e5 8.d5 Na6 9.Qc2

[9.Nf3 Nh5 10.Nd2 Nf4 11.Bf1 f5 12.g3 g5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nde4 Qe8 15.f3 Nh5 16.g4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf4 18.Nxg5 Bh6 19.Ne6 Nxe6 20.Bxh6 Nd4 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Bg2 Nb4 23.0-0 Qf4 24.Rf2 Rf8 25.Qd2 Qg3 26.a3 Na6 27.Raf1 Rf4 28.Qxa5 Nc5 29.Qd2 h5 30.b4 Nd7 31.Re1 Nf6 32.Re3 Nh7 33.Re4 Ng5 34.Rxf4 Nxh3+ 35.Kf1 Nxf4 36.gxh5 Nf5 37.h6 Qh4 38.Kg1 Ng3 39.a4 Qxh6 40.a5 Qg7 41.b5 Kf7 42.a6 bxa6 43.bxa6 Qh8 44.a7 Qa8 45.Qa5 Qb7 46.a8Q Qb1+ 47.Bf1 Nfe2+ 48.Rxe2 1-0 (48) Niemann,H (2708)-Kadric,D (2601) Sharjah UAE 2023]

9...c6 10.Nf3 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nh5 12.Qd2 f5 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Qd3 Rb8 15.0-0 h6 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.Rab1 Qe8 18.a3 g5 19.b4 g4 20.hxg4 fxe4 21.Nh2 Qg6 22.g5 hxg5 23.bxa5 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Kf7 25.Rb8 Rh8 26.Qc4 Qh5 27.Rxc8 Qxh2+ 28.Kf1 Rh4 29.Qxa6 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Qxg2 31.Rc7+ Kg6 32.Qxd6 Rh1 33.Kd2 Qf1 34.Kc2 Qd3+ 35.Kb2 Rh2 36.Kb3 Rh1 37.Kb2 Rh2 38.Qxe5 Qxe3 39.Qxh2 Qd2+ 40.Kb3 e3 41.Rxg7+ Kxg7 42.Qc7+ Kg6 43.fxe3 Qxe3 44.a6 Nxd5 45.Qd6+ Nf6 46.Kb4 Qf2 47.Qc5 Qb2+ 48.Ka5 Nd7 49.Qd6+ Kh5 50.Ne4 Ne5 1-0 (50) Deac,B (2668)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2758) Warsaw POL 2025

6.h4 e5

[6...c5 7.d5

A) 7...e6 8.h5 exd5 9.exd5 Re8

A1) 10.h6 Bh8 11.Bg5

A1a) 11...Qb6 12.b3 Ne4 *(12...Qa5 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.Kf1 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Rc1 Rh4 17.Rxh4 Qxh4 18.g3 Qd8 19.Kg2 Nd7 20.Nf3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Bd3 Bd7 23.Qf3 f5 24.Re1 Qf6 25.b4 cxb4 26.Bxb4 b6 27.Bd2 Re8 28.Qd1 f4 29.Qf3 fxg3 30.Qxf6 Bxf6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.fxg3 Kf8 33.g4 Ke7 34.g5 Bd4 35.Kf3 Bd7 36.Be3 Bc3 37.Bc2 Kf7 38.Be4 Bb4 39.Bd4 Bc5 ½-½ (39) Grischuk,A (2766)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2775) Paris FRA 2019)* 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Kf1 *(14.Nf3 Bg4 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Bd3 Ree8 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Rc2 Ne5 19.Be2 Bf5 20.Rd2 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qc3 22.Re1 Bc2 23.Qc1 Bf5 24.Qd1 Bc2 25.Qc1 Bf5 26.Rde2 Qxc1 27.Bxc1 Rxe2 28.Rxe2 Be5 29.Be4 Bxe4 30.Rxe4 f5 31.Re2 Kf7 32.Bg5 Re8 33.Kf1 a6 34.g3 Bd4 35.Rxe8 Kxe8 36.Ke2 Kd7 37.f3 Be5 38.g4 fxg4 39.fxg4 Bd4 40.Kd3 Be5 41.Ke4 Bg3 42.Be3 b6 43.Bd2 Be5 44.b4 Ke7 45.Be3 Bg3 46.Bd2 Be5 47.a4 Kd7 48.b5 axb5 49.cxb5 Bg3 50.Kd3 Be5 51.Kc4 Kc7 52.a5 bxa5 53.Bxa5+ Kb7 54.Bd2 Bg3 55.Be3 Be5 56.Bg5 Kb6 57.Bd2 Kb7 58.Be3* ½-½ (58) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Naroditsky,D (2618) chess.

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A1a1) 14...Re8 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.Bd2 *(16.Rh4 Ne5 17.g3 a6 18.Kg2 Qa5 19.a4 Bf5 20.Nh3 Bxh3+ 21.Rxh3 Nd7 22.Bd3 Qb6 23.Rb1 Re5 24.Bf4 Re7 25.a5 Qc7 26.Qd2 Rae8 27.Rhh1 Nf6 28.Rhe1 Nh5 29.Bg5 Re5 30.b4 cxb4* 1-0 (30) Grischuk,A (2759)-Gelfand,B (2686) Amsterdam NED 2019*)* 16...Qd8 17.Nf3 Nf6 18.Ng5 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.g3 Bd4 21.Bf3 Qf6 22.Bg5 Qxg5 23.Bxe4 Bg4 24.f4 Qe7 25.Qd3 Re8 26.Bf3 Qe3 27.Qxe3 Bxe3 28.Bxg4 Bxc1 29.Rh2 f5 30.Re2 Rxe2 31.Bxe2 g5 32.fxg5 Bxg5 33.Bd3 f4 34.gxf4 Bxf4 35.Kf2 Bxh6 36.Kf3 Kg7 37.Bf5 Bc1 38.Bc8 b6 39.a4 Kf6 40.Ke4 a5 ½-½ (40) Bacrot,E (2658)-Jones,G (2684) Malmo SWE 2021;

A1a2) 14...Na6 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.f3 Rd4 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.Re1 Nb4 19.Bxg6 Nxd5 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qc2+ f5 22.cxd5 Be5 23.Ne2 Qa6 24.Kf2 Qd3 25.Qxd3 Rxd3 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 a5 28.Rd3 a4 29.Re3 axb3 30.axb3 Ra2 31.Kg1 Ra1+ 32.Kf2 Ra2 33.Kg1 ½-½ (33) Oparin,G (2674)-Nakamura,H (2750) Berlin GER 2022;

A1b) 11...Qa5 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.b3 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.Nf3 Ne5 17.Ng5 Nd3+ 18.Kf1 Nb2 19.Qc2 Rxe2 20.Kxe2 Bf5 21.Ne4 Re8 22.f3 Qd8 23.Rce1 Rxe4+ 24.fxe4 Bg4+ 25.Kf1 Be5 26.Be3 f5 27.exf5 Bxf5 28.Qd2 Nd3 29.Bg5 Qf8 30.Rxe5 dxe5 31.Kg1 Qd6 32.g4 e4 33.gxf5 Qg3+ 34.Qg2 Qe5 35.Rh4 Qd4+ 36.Kh1 Qa1+ 37.Qg1 Qxa2 38.Rh2 Qxb3 39.fxg6 Ne5 40.gxh7+ Kxh7 41.Be3 Ng6 42.Rg2 1-0 (42) Ding,L (2806)-Jones,G (2669) chess24.com INT 2022;

A2) 10.Kf1 Nbd7 11.h6 Bh8 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.b3 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.Nf3 Re8 *(15...Nf6 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Rh4 Ng4 18.Rc1 Bd7 19.Nd2 Ne5 20.Bb1 f5 21.Nf3 Nf7 22.Bd2 Re7 23.Rh3 Rae8 24.Ng5 Ne5 25.Qc2 Bf6 26.Rg3 Qa6 27.a4 Qb6 28.f4 Nf7 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Re1 Rxe1+ 31.Bxe1 Bh4 32.Qc3 Bf6 33.Qc1 Qd8 34.Re3 Rxe3 35.Qxe3 Bd4 36.Qh3 a6 37.Bc3 Qf6 38.Ba5 b5 39.axb5 axb5 40.Bd3 b4 41.Qf3 Qh4 42.g3 Qxh6 43.Bc7 Qf8 44.Qe2 Bf6 45.Qa2 Be7 46.Qa7 Qc8 47.Be2 h5 48.Kg2 Be8 49.Bf3 Qd7 50.Qb8 Bf8 51.Kf2 Qe7 52.Bg2 h4 53.Bf3 hxg3+ 54.Kxg3 Bg7 55.Bxd6 Qe1+ 56.Kg2 Bd4 57.Qc7+ Kg8 58.Qe7 Qf2+ 59.Kh3 Qxf3+ 60.Kh2 Qf2+ 61.Kh3 Qf1+ 62.Kh4 Qh1+ 63.Kg3 Qg1+ 64.Kh3 Qf1+ 65.Kh4 Qh1+ 66.Kg3 Qe4*

67.Qf8+ Kh7 68.Be5 Bxe5 69.Qe7+ Bg7 70.Qh4+ Kg8 71.Qd8 Kf7 72.d6 Qe1+ 73.Kf3 Bf6 74.Qc7+ Ke6 75.d7 Qd1+ 76.Ke3 Bxd7 77.Qb6+ Qd6 78.Qd8 Bxd8 0-1 (78) Wagner,D (2616)-Kuybokarov,T (2550) chess.com INT 2024*)* 16.Bd3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rb1 a5 19.g3 Bd7 20.Qd2 Qb4 21.Qd1 Qb6 22.Kg2 Qc7 23.Qc2 Bh8 24.Rbe1 Bd4 25.Qd2 f6 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Rxe3 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Re8 29.Qd2 Kf7 30.a3 b6 31.b4 axb4 32.axb4 Ra8 33.Re1 cxb4 34.Qxb4 Qc5 35.Rb1 Ra3 36.Qxc5 dxc5 37.Be4 f5 38.Bf3 Ra6 39.d6 Ke6 40.Bb7 Ra7 41.Bd5+ Kf6 42.Rxb6 Kg5 43.Rb7 Rxb7 44.Bxb7 Kf6 45.Bd5 g5 46.g4 Kg6 47.gxf5+ Bxf5 48.Kf3 Bd7 49.Ke4 Kf6 50.Bg8 Bc6+ 51.Kd3 Kg6 52.Ke3 1-0 (52) Dardha,D (2606)-Movsesian,S (2609) Czech Republic CZE 2024;

B) 7...b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.a4 axb5 10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.Bxa6 *(11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.axb5 Nbd7 13.Nf3 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 Qb6 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Qa6 Ne8 17.Ra1 Kf8 18.h5 Nc7 19.Qa4 Ra8 20.Qd1 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Ne5 22.h6 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Bxc3 24.Bxc3 Qxb5 25.b4 Ne8 26.bxc5 dxc5 27.Bg7+ Kg8 28.Qa8 c4 29.Qd8 Qa4 30.Kg2 Qb5 31.Bb2* 1-0 (31) Vachier Lagrave,M (2751)-Svidler,P (2714) Saint Louis USA 2021*)* 11...Nxa6 12.Nf3 Qd7 13.0-0 Qg4 14.Re1 Nd7 *(14...Nb4 15.Bg5 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Nf4 17.g3 Rfe8 18.Bxd6 Nfd3 19.Re3 Nxb2 20.Qb3 N2d3 21.e5 f5 22.Nh2 Qh3 23.Ne2* 1-0 (23) Caruana,F (2764)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2741) Bucharest ROU 2023*)* 15.Bg5 *(15.Ra3 Nb4 16.Nb5 Rfc8 17.Bg5 Bxb2 18.Rb3 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.e5 Nfxd5 21.exd6 exd6 22.Nxd6 Rd8 23.Nxf7 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Nf4+ 25.Kf1 Rxd1 26.Nh6+ Kg7 27.Rxd1 Kxh6 28.Ra3 Nc6 29.a5 Rxa5 30.Rxa5 Nxa5 31.Rd7 Nb3 32.Ng5 Kh5 33.Rxh7+ Kg4 34.f3+ Kg3 35.Rc7 c4 36.Ne4+ Kxf3 37.Rxc4 Nd5 38.Ng5+ Kg3 39.Ke1 Kg2 40.Ke2 Ne7 41.Rg4+ Kh1 42.Kf2 Nf5 43.Nf3 Ng3 44.Rxg3 Nd2 45.Rg1#* 1-0 (45) Paravyan,D (2619)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025*)* 15...Rfe8 16.Qe2 h6 17.Bc1 Nb4 18.Nb5 Rec8 19.Ra3 c4 20.Rd1 Ne5 21.Nbd4 Ned3 22.Bd2 Rab8 23.a5 Nxb2 24.Rb1 N2d3 25.g3 Nxd5 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.exd5 Bxd4 28.Nxd4 Qxd4 29.Bc3 Rb1+ 30.Kh2 Qxd5 31.f3 Qc5 32.Ra2 Qg1+ 33.Kh3 Qh1+ 34.Kg4 f5# 0-1 (34) Esipenko,A (2695)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

[6...a6 7.h5 Nc6 *(7...Nbd7 8.h6 Bh8 9.Be3 e5 10.d5 Nc5 11.Qc2 a5 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.f3 Nh5 14.g4 Nf4 15.Qd2 Ng2 16.Bf2 Bf6 17.Nh3 Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Bd4 Be5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Kb1 f6 22.Qe1 a4 23.Qg1 b6 24.Nb5 Kf7 25.a3 Nb3 26.Bd3 Ra5 27.Rh2 Nc5 28.Rc2 g5 29.Rcd2 Nb3 30.Rg2 Rg8 31.Qh1 Ra8 32.Bc2 Nc5 33.Rgd2 Ra6 34.Qh5+ Rg6 35.Rc1 Ra8 36.Rh1*

Rb8 37.Rhd1 Ra8 38.Ka2 Ra5 39.Qh1 Ra6 40.Kb1 Ra5 41.Nc3 Ra8 42.Qh5 Qf8 43.Rh2 Qd6 44.Rdh1 Nb7 45.Qh3 Qc5 46.Rc1 Rgg8 47.Qf1 Nd6 48.Qd1 Qa5 49.Bd3 Qc5 50.Rh1 Kg6 51.Qe2 Kf7 52.Rh2 Rgc8 53.Rhh1 Rg8 54.Nb5 Nb7 55.Bc2 Nd6 56.Nc3 Ra5 57.Nb5 Rga8 58.Bd3 Ke7 59.Rc3 Kf7 60.Rhc1 Ke7 61.Bc2 Kf7 62.Rd1 Be8 63.Bd3 Nb7 64.Rcc1 Nd6 65.Qc2 Nb7 66.Qg2 Nd6 67.Qh1 Nb7 68.Rd2 Nd6 69.Rdd1 Rd8 70.Rc3 Kg8 71.Qg2 Nb7 72.Qf1 Rc8 73.Qh1 Qf8 74.Bc2 Nc5 75.Ka2 Bf7 76.Ka1 Raa8 77.Kb1 Be8 78.Ka2 c6 79.dxc6 Bxc6 80.Bb1 Bd7 81.Bc2 Be6 82.Rd6 Rcb8 83.Rd1 Qf7 84.Nd6 Qa7 85.Nb5 Qb7 86.Nd6 Qa7 87.Nb5 Qf7 88.Nd6 Qc7 89.Nb5 Qb7 90.Nd6 Qc6 91.Nf5 Bxf5 92.gxf5 Kf7 93.Rd5 Rd8 94.Qg1 Rac8 95.Qf1 Ke7 96.Qe2 Rd7 97.Qd2 Rcd8 98.Qd1 Ra8 99.Qf1 Rc8 100.Qd1 Rdd8 101.Ka1 Re8 102.Kb1 Red8 103.Ka2 Rd7 104.Qe1 Qc7 105.Qd2 Rcd8 106.Bd3 Rc8 107.Bc2 Rcd8 108.Qe2 Ra8 109.Qd1 Qa7 110.Qe2 Qa6 111.Qd2 Qb7 112.Qd1 Rc7 113.Kb1 Qc6 114.Qd2 Rd7 115.Qd1 Rad8 116.Qg1 Rc7 117.Ka2 Qa8 118.Qd1 Rdd7 119.Qe2 Rd6 120.Qf1 Qc6 121.Qd1 Rdd7 122.Ka1 Qa8 123.Ka2 Qc6 124.Kb1 Qa8 125.Ka2 Qa6 126.Bd3 Rc8 127.Kb1 Rcc7 128.Ka2 Qb7 129.Bc2 Qa7 130.Bd3 Rd8 131.Be2 Qa8 132.Bd3 Rcd7 133.Kb1 Rd6 134.Bc2 Qa5 135.Bd3 Qa7 136.Ka2 R6d7 137.Kb1 Qa5 138.Ka2 Rc7 139.Qe2 Qa7 140.Qd1 Rdc8 141.Bc2 Qa6 142.Qe2 ½-½ (142) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 8.h6 Bh8 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Nb8 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Rc1 c5 13.a4 Qb6 14.b3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 e6 16.0-0 Qc7 17.g3 exd5 18.cxd5 Rae8 19.Kg2 Qc8 20.Bf4 Qb8 21.Rb1 Qc7 22.Qc2 Ne5 23.Be2 Nfd7 24.Bd2 Nf6 25.f4 Neg4 26.Rh1 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bxb5 Ra8 29.Rbe1 Qc8 30.Be2 c4 31.Bxc4 Nh5 32.Be2 Re8 33.Bf3 Bxc3 34.Bxc3 Re7 35.Qd2 Rea7 36.Ra1 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Rxa1 38.Bxa1 Kf8 39.Bd4 Nxh6 40.b4 Ng8 41.b5 Nhf6 42.b6 Nd7 43.Qb2 Qb7 44.Qb4 Qb8 45.b7 Ne7 46.Qb5 Qd8 47.Qxd7 Qxd7 48.b8Q+ Nc8 49.e5 dxe5 50.Qxe5 f6 51.Qxf6+ Ke8 52.Qh8+ Ke7 53.Bc5+ Nd6 54.Qe5+ Kf7 55.Bxd6 Qe8 56.Bg4 Qxe5 57.fxe5 h5 58.e6+ Kg8 59.e7 Kf7 60.Be6+ Kg7 61.e8Q Kh7 62.Qg8+ Kh6 63.Qh8+ Kg5 64.Bf4# 1-0 (64) Ethereal (3535)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[6...Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.h5 c6 9.h6 *(9.Nf3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Rxh6 Rc8 15.Qd4 Kg7 16.Rh1 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Rd1 Rc4 19.a3 Rfc8 20.Be2 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Nxe4 22.c4 Ra8 23.Ra1 Nc5 24.f3 h5 25.Kf2 Bf5 26.Rhd1 Bc2 27.Rd2 Bf5 28.Rb2 Ra6 29.Rb4 h4 30.Ra2 Kf6 31.a4 g5 32.Rab2 Nxa4 33.Ra2 Nc5 34.Rxa6 bxa6 35.Rxb6 Ke5 36.Rb8 Kd4 37.Re8 a5 38.Rxe7 a4 39.Ra7 Bc2 40.Ra5 Kc3 41.Bd1 Bxd1 42.Rxc5 dxc5 43.d6 a3 44.d7 a2 45.d8Q Kc2 46.Qf6 Kb1*

47.Qb6+ Kc2 48.Qa5 Kb1 49.Qe1 Kc2 50.Qe5 Kb1 51.Qxc5 Ka1 52.Qd4+ 1-0 (52) Artemiev,V (2709)-Dubov,D (2710) lichess.org INT 2021 *)* 9...Bh8 10.Nf3 Neg4 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qb3 Nh5 13.Nh2 Nhf6 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Nc5 16.Bf4 a5 17.Rae1 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Qd2 Qf8 21.Bd1 Rf7 22.b3 Nxh6 23.dxc6 bxc6 24.Nd4 Nf5 25.Nxc6 Bb7 26.Bf3 Ra6 27.Nxe7+ Nxe7 28.Bxb7 Bxc3 29.Qxc3 Nxb7 30.Re2 h6 31.Bc1 Ra8 32.Bb2 Kh7 33.Rfe1 Nc5 34.Qd2 Nf5 35.Qd5 h5 36.Bc3 Nd7 37.Re6 Rc8 38.Bxa5 Nf6 39.Qd2 Re8 40.Bc3 Rxe6 41.Rxe6 Nd7 42.Qg5 Qg8 43.g4 hxg4 44.Qxg4 Ne5 45.Qh3+ Nh6 46.Rxd6 Qe8 47.Qe6 Re7 48.Qd5 Nef7 49.Rf6 Rd7 50.Qe6 Rd1+ 51.Kg2 Qxe6 52.Rxe6 Nf5 53.Re1 Rd3 54.Rc1 Ng5 55.Kf1 Ne6 56.Be5 Rd2 57.b4 Rxa2 58.c5 Ra4 59.c6 Rxb4 60.c7 Nxc7 61.Rxc7+ Kg8 62.Bg3 Ra4 63.Kg2 Rb4 64.Ra7 Rc4 65.Rb7 Kf8 66.Ra7 Kg8 67.Rb7 Kf8 68.Ra7 ½-½ (68) Deac,B (2671)-Firouzja,A (2804) Bucharest ROU 2022]

7.d5

[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.h5 c6 10.Bg5 Na6 11.Nf3 Nc5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Rh4 Ne6 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Rxg4 dxe3 19.fxe3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Re8 22.Kc2 Re5 23.Rf4 Ra5 24.Kb3 Kf8 25.Rh4 Kg7 26.Rf4 Rg5 27.Rf2 Kf8 28.Kc2 Ke7 29.Kd3 b6 30.Kd4 Ke6 31.Kd3 f6 32.Rd2 Ra5 33.Rf2 Rh5 34.Rb2 Ra5 35.Rf2 Ra4 36.g4 Ra5 37.Rh2 g5 38.Rf2 a6 39.Rh2 b5 40.c5 Ra4 41.Rh7 Rc4 42.Ra7 Rxc5 43.Rxa6 Kd6 44.a4 bxa4 45.c4 Re5 46.Kd4 a3 47.Rxa3 c5+ 48.Kd3 Re8 49.Ra6+ Ke5 50.Rc6 Rd8+ 51.Ke2 Rh8 52.Rxc5+ Kxe4 53.Rf5 Rh2+ 54.Rf2 Rh3 55.Kd2 Rxe3 56.Rxf6 Rg3 57.c5 Rxg4 58.c6 Kd5 59.c7 Rc4 60.Rf5+ Ke4 61.Rxg5 Rxc7 ½-½ (61) Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020]

7...h5

[7...Na6

A) 8.h5 Nc5 9.h6 Bh8 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.f3 *(11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Nh3 a5 13.f3 c6 14.g4 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 16.Qd2 Qb8 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.0-0 Ne8 19.Kg2 b4 20.Nd1 Ra7 21.Ne3 Bf6 22.Nc4 Bxg5 23.Nxg5 Bb5 24.Qe3 f6 25.Ne6 Nxe6 26.dxe6 Rac7 27.b3 g5 28.Rfd1 Rc6 29.Rd2 Kf8 30.Rd5 Ke7 31.Rcd1 Bxc4 32.Bxc4 Nc7 33.Rxa5 Nxe6 34.Qa7+ Qxa7 35.Rxa7+ R6c7 36.Ra6 Rd8 37.Rb6 Nd4 38.Rd2 d5 39.Bxd5 Rc3 40.Bc4 Rc2 41.Rf2 Rc1 42.Rxb4 Rd7 43.Rd2 Ra7 44.Rb6 Re1 45.a4 Re3 46.a5 Rxa5 47.Rb7+ Kd6 48.Rxh7 Ra8 49.Rb7 Rc3 50.h7 Rh8 51.Ra2 Rc2+ 52.Rxc2 Nxc2 53.Bg8 Ne3+ 54.Kf2 Nd1+ 55.Ke2 Nc3+ 56.Kd3 Nd1 57.Rb8 f5 58.exf5 Nf2+ 59.Kc4 e4 60.f6 Nd3 61.Re8 Ne5+ 62.Rxe5 Kxe5 63.f7 Kf4 64.Kd4 e3 65.f8Q+ Kg3 66.Kxe3 Rxh7 67.Bxh7 Kg2 68.Qh6 Kg1 69.Qxg5 Kf1 70.Qh4 Kg2 71.Be4 Kg1 72.f4 Kf1 73.Qf2#* 1-0 (73) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 11...Nh5

12.g4 Bf6 13.Rxh5 Bxg5 14.Rxg5 f6 15.Rf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.gxf5 Qh5 18.Qd2 Qh4+ 19.Kd1 a5 20.Ne4 b6 21.Kc2 Kf7 22.Bd3 Rg8 23.Rf1 Qh1 24.Qc1 Rg2+ 25.Ne2 Qh3 26.Nxc5 bxc5 27.Kb3 Rb8+ 28.Ka3 Rh2 29.b3 Qxh6 30.Qxh6 Rxh6 31.Rf2 Rh1 32.Ng3 Rg1 33.Ne2 Rh1 34.Ng3 Rg1 35.Ne4 h5 36.Rh2 Rh8 37.Rh4 Rg2 38.Nc3 Rf2 39.Be2 Rg2 40.Bd3 Rf2 41.Be4 Ke7 42.Nd1 Re2 43.Nc3 Rf2 44.Ka4 Kd7 45.a3 Rb2 46.Nd1 Ra2 47.Nc3 Ra1 48.Nb5 Kc8 49.Nc3 Kb7 50.Bb1 Ka6 51.Bd3 Ka7 52.Be4 Kb7 53.Bb1 Ka6 54.Bd3 Ka7 55.Be4 Kb6 56.Bd3 Ka6 57.Be4 Ka7 58.Bd3 Rh6 59.Nb5+ Kb6 60.Nc3 Kb7 61.Be4 Rh7 62.Nb5 Rc1 63.b4 axb4 64.Kb3 bxa3 65.Nxa3 Rh8 66.Kb2 Rg1 67.Nc2 Rg5 68.Kc3 Ra8 69.Rh1 Kc8 70.Kb3 Kd7 71.Kb2 Rh8 72.Rh4 Rb8+ 73.Kc3 Rb1 74.Ne3 Re1 75.Kd3 Ke7 76.Nc2 Rb1 77.Kc3 Rc1 78.Kb2 Rcg1 79.Kc3 R1g2 80.Na3 Kd7 81.Rh1 Rg1 82.Rh4 R1g2 83.Nc2 Ke7 84.Ne3 Ra2 85.Nc2 Ra8 86.Kb3 Rb8+ 87.Kc3 Ra8 88.Kb3 Kf7 89.Na3 Kg7 90.Nb5 Rc8 91.Kc3 Kh6 92.Rh1 Rg7 93.Kd2 Rcg8 94.Ke3 Rg1 95.Rxg1 Rxg1 96.Nxc7 h4 97.Kf2 Rg8 98.Nb5 h3 ½-½ (98) Ethereal (3535)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8.g4

B1) 8...c6

B1a) 9.Be3 cxd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 *(10...Qa5 11.f3 Bxg4 12.fxg4 Nxe4 13.Bd2 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Nc5 15.Ne4 Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 e4 17.Rb1 f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.Nh3 Be5 20.Rg1+ Kh8 21.Nc4 Bd4 22.Rf1 Bf6 23.h5 Bh4+ 24.Kd1 Rf6 25.Ne3 Raf8 26.Ng2 Bg3 27.Ngf4 Re8 28.b4 Nd3 29.Bxd3 exd3 30.Rb3 Bxf4 31.Nxf4 Re4 32.a3 Rf7 33.Rxd3 Kg7 34.Ne6+ Kh6 35.Rg3 Re5 36.Nf4 Rc7 37.Kd2 Rc4 38.Rg8 Rd4+ 39.Nd3 Rexd5 40.Rf3 Rg4 41.Rb8 Rg7 42.Kc3 Rc7+ 43.Kb3 a5 44.Rf8 Kg5 45.Rg3+ Kh4 46.Rfg8 axb4 47.Nf4* 1-0 (47) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Jones,G (2670) chess24.com INT 2020 *)* 11.f3 h5 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 a5 14.a4 *(14.b3 Rb8 15.g5 Ne8 16.Nb5 b6 17.0-0 f6 18.Kh2 Qe7 19.a3 fxg5 20.hxg5 Ra8 21.a4 Bc8 22.Na3 Nc7 23.Rg1 N7a6 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Bxd3 Nc5 26.Bb5 Qd8 27.Rc1 Ba6 28.Bxa6 Rxa6 29.Rc3 Ra8 30.Rg3 Rf7 31.Qe2 Rc8 32.Qg2 Kh7 33.Rh3 Kg8 34.Nb5 Qd7 35.Rg3 Bf8 36.Qh3 Qb7 37.Bxc5 Rxc5 38.Qe6 Kh7 39.Rc4 Rxc4 40.bxc4 Qe7 41.Kh3 Rf4 42.Kg2 Kg7 43.Qxe7+ Bxe7 44.Nc7 Rh4 45.Ne6+ Kf7 46.Rh3 Rxh3 47.Kxh3 Kg8 48.Kg2 Kh7 49.Kf2 Kg8 50.Ke2 Kh8 51.Ke3 Kh7 52.f4 exf4+ 53.Kxf4 Kg8 54.Nd4 Bd8 55.Nf3 Bc7 56.Kg3 Bd8 57.Kh4 Kg7 58.Nd4 Kg8 59.Nc6 Bc7*

60.Kh3 Kf7 61.Kg3 Ke8 62.Nd4 Bd8 63.Kf4 Bc7 64.Nf3 Kf7 65.Ke3 Kg8 66.Kd3 Bd8 67.Kd4 Bc7 68.Kd3 Bd8 69.Ke2 Be7 70.Ke3 Bd8 71.Kd3 Kg7 72.Ke2 Kf7 73.Kf2 Kg7 74.Kg1 Kg8 75.Kf1 ½-½ (75) Scorpionn3 (3483)-Komododragon2747 (3582) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 14...Rc8 15.Rc1 Kh7 16.Rh2 *(16.Bc4 b6 17.b3 Rc7 18.Bb5 Rc8 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Kf1 Rh8 21.Be3 Qd8 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Kg2 Rhf8 24.Kh2 Qd8 25.Rg1 hxg4 26.fxg4 Rh8 27.Kg2 Kg8 28.Rh1 Bf8 29.h5 Rh7 30.Rb1 Be7 31.Qf3 gxh5 32.g5 Rg7 33.Rbg1 Nxb3 34.Kf1 Nh7 35.Ne2 Nd4 36.Qxh5 Nxe2 37.Kxe2 Kh8 38.Kd3 Qe8 39.Qh3 Rc7 40.Rc1 Rxc1 41.Rxc1 Qxa4 42.Rc8+ Rg8 43.g6 Qb5+ 44.Kd2 Qb4+ 45.Ke2 fxg6 46.Rxg8+ Kxg8 47.Qe6+ Kf8 48.Qxg6 Ng5 49.Bxg5 Bxg5 50.Qxg5 a4 51.Qf5+ Kg7 52.Ng4 a3 53.Qd7+ Kh8 54.Qc8+ Kh7 55.Nf6+ Kh6 56.Qh3+ Kg7 57.Nh5+ Kf7 58.Qe6+ Kf8 59.Qc8+ Kf7 60.Kf3 Qb3+ 61.Kg2 Qb2+ 62.Kh3 Qb3+ 63.Kh4 Qf3 64.Qd7+ Kf8 65.Qxd6+ Ke8 66.Nf6+ Kf7 67.Qe6+ Kg7 68.Qg8+ Kxf6 69.Qf8+ Kg6 70.Qxf3 b5 71.Qf5+ Kh6 72.Qf6+ Kh7 73.Kg5 a2 74.Qg6+ Kh8 75.Kf6 a1Q 76.Qg7#* 1-0 (76) Komododragon2747 (3582)-Scorpionn3 (3483) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 16...b6 17.Kd2 Rh8 18.b3 Kg8 19.g5 Ne8 20.Nd3 Kh7 21.Ke1 Rf8 22.Kf1 Nc7 23.Nb2 Qe7 24.Kg1 Rb8 25.Rf2 f5 26.Nc4 N7a6 27.Bf1 fxe4 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.fxe4 Bg4 30.Qc2 Rxf2 31.Bxf2 Nc5 32.Bg2 Qc7 33.Kh2 Bc8 34.Be3 Ba6 35.Bh3 Bc8 36.Bf1 Qd7 37.Qd1 Nxe4 38.Nxb6 Qf5 39.Nxc8 Nf2 40.Nxd6 Qf8 41.Bxf2 Qxf2+ 42.Bg2 e4 43.Nc4 Qxh4+ 44.Kg1 Qxg5 45.d6 Bd4+ 46.Qxd4 Qxc1+ 47.Kf2 Qf4+ 48.Ke2 Qg4+ 49.Kf1 Qf4+ 50.Qf2 Qc1+ 51.Ke2 Qc2+ 52.Ke1 Qc1+ 53.Ke2 Qc2+ 54.Ke1 Qc1+ 55.Ke2 ½-½ (55) Igel (3502)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023; **B1b)** 9.f3 h5 10.Nh3 Qb6 11.g5 Nh7 12.Qb3 Qxb3 13.axb3 Nb4 14.Kd1 Bxh3 15.Rxh3 f6 16.Bd2 a6 17.c5 dxc5 18.Na4 cxd5 19.Nxc5 Nc6 20.Ne6 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.exd5 fxg5 23.hxg5 Be5 24.Rh4 d3 25.Bxd3 Rxf3 26.Kc2 Nf8 27.Rf1 Rxf1 28.Bxf1 Rc8+ 29.Rc4 Rc7 30.Kd3 Rd7 31.Bg2 Kf7 32.Be3 Bg3 33.Ke4 Bd6 34.Kf3 Ke8 35.Bh3 Rc7 36.Rxc7 Bxc7 37.Bc8 a5 38.Bxb7 Nd7 39.Bc8 Ne5+ 40.Ke2 Bd8 41.Bf4 Nf7 42.Kd3 ½-½ (42) Koivisto (3493)-Berserk (3476) tcec-

chess.com INT 2023;
B1c) 9.h5 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc5 11.h6 Bh8 12.f3
B1c1) 12...a5 13.Nh3 Ne8 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.0-0 *(16.Nf2 Bf6 17.Rc1 Nc7 18.b3 Be7 19.Na4 Bxa4 20.bxa4 b6 21.0-0 Ne8 22.Kg2 Nf6 23.Bb5 Nfd7 24.Nh3 Kh8 25.Kh1 Bh4 26.Rc4 Rb8 27.Rg1 Qf6 28.Kg2 Qe7 29.Kh2 Rbc8 30.Qe2 f6 31.Kh1 Rf7 32.Rb1 Nb8 33.Kg2 Rcf8 34.Kh2 Qd8 35.Rg1 Qc7 36.Rgc1 Qe7 37.Rb1 Rc8 38.Kg2 Rcf8 39.Rg1 Qd8 40.Kh2 Qc7 41.Qd2 Qa7 42.Rcc1 Rd8 43.Kg2 Rdf8 44.Rc4 Qe7 45.Kh2 Nbd7 46.Qe2 Nb8 47.Rc2 Qc7 48.Rb1 Qc8 49.Rcb2 Rc7 50.Rc1 Qd8 51.Qf1 Rcf7 52.Qg2 Nbd7 53.Rg1 Nb8 54.Qd2 Rc7 55.Bxc5 Rxc5 56.Rc1 Kg8 57.Rxc5 bxc5 58.Qd3 Kh8 59.Qd2 Kg8 60.Qe2 Kh8 61.Qg2 Nd7 62.Qg1 Rg8 63.Qc1 f5 64.g5 f4 65.Qd2 Nf8 66.Qg2 Bg3+ 67.Kg1 c4 68.Rc2 Nd7 69.Rxc4 Qb6+ 70.Kf1 Nc5 71.Qg1 Qb7 72.Nf2 Bxf2 73.Qxf2 Qe7 74.Qh4 Qa7 75.Rc2 Rb8 76.Kg2 Kg8 77.Qh3 Kf8 78.Kf1 Ra8 79.Kg2 Qe7 80.Qh4 Qa7 81.Kh3 Ke7 82.Qg4 Kf8 83.Rc3 Qf7 84.Qh4 Qe7 85.Kg2 Rb8 86.Qg4 Qa7 87.Rc2 Qb6 88.Kf1 Qc7 89.Rc3 Qc8 90.Qxc8+ Rxc8 91.Kg2 Kf7 92.Kh3 Rd8 93.Kg4 Ke7 94.Rc1 Kf7 95.Rb1 Rb8 96.Rg1 Ke7 97.Rc1 Rh8 98.Kh4 Rf8 99.Kh3 Ra8 100.Kh4 Kd8 101.Rc2 Rb8 102.a3 Kc7 103.Kh3 Rf8 104.Rc3 Rb8 105.Rc1 Rb7 106.Kh4 Rb8 107.Kg4 Kb7 108.Rc3 Kb6 109.Rc2 Kc7 110.Kh3 Kb6 111.Kh2 Kc7 112.Rc3 Rc8 113.Kg2 Rd8 114.Kf1 Rf8 115.Kg2 Rb8 116.Rc1 Kd8 117.Rc2 Ke7 118.Kh3 Kd8 119.Rc4 Kc8 120.Kg4 Kd8 121.Rc1 Rb6 122.Rc2 Rb7 123.Rc4 Kc7 124.Rc1 Rb8 125.Kh4 Rg8 126.Rc3 Rb8 127.Rc2 Rc8 128.Kh3 Kd8 129.Kh4 Ra8 130.Kg4 Kc7 131.Rc4 Rf8 132.Rc1 Rd8 133.Rc3 Rb8 134.Rc1 Rh8 135.Kh4 Rf8 136.Rc2 Rb8 137.Rc3 Rb6 138.Kh3 Rb8* ½-½ (138) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 16...Bf6 17.Kh2 Bh4 18.Rg1 Kh8 19.Raf1 f6 20.Rg2 b6 21.f4 b5 22.Bxb5 Nxe4 23.Qd3 Nxc3 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.bxc3 Qc7 26.Qa6 Qd7 27.Ng1 Kg8 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Qc6 Qxc6 30.dxc6 Nd5 31.Bc1 g5 32.Nxh4 gxh4 33.g5 h3 34.Rgg1 f5 35.fxe5 dxe5 36.Rd1 Nb6 37.Rd6 Rfd8 38.Rxd8+ Rxd8 39.g6 f4 40.Rg5 hxg6 41.c7 Rc8 42.Rxg6+ Kh7 43.Rxb6 Rxc7 44.Bd2 Rf7 45.Be1 e4 46.Kxh3 e3

47.Bh4 e2 48.Be1 a4 49.Kg4 f3 50.Kg3 f2 51.Bxf2 Re7 52.Be1 Re8 53.Rf6 a3 54.Kf2 Re7 55.Rf3 Kg6 56.h7 Rxh7 57.Kxe2 Re7+ 58.Re3 Ra7 59.c4 Ra4 60.Bb4 Kf5 61.Bxa3 Rxc4 1-0 (61) Komododragon (3587)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B1c2) 12...Ne8 13.b4 Nd7 14.Nh3 a5 15.b5 Bf6 16.Be3 Be7 17.Qd2 a4 18.Rb1 Nc5 19.0-0 Nf6 20.b6 Nfd7 21.Kh2 a3 22.Rfd1 Bh4 23.Nb5 Nxb6 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Qc1 Nd7 26.Rb3 Nf6 27.Kg2 Bd7 28.d6 Rc8 29.Bc4 Bxb5 30.Bxb5 c4 31.Rc3 Qa5 32.Bxc4 Rc6 33.Rc2 Nd7 34.Bd5 Rxc2+ 35.Qxc2 Qb4 36.g5 Nc5 37.f4 exf4 38.Rb1 Qa5 39.Qc1 Nd3 40.Qd1 Ne1+ 41.Kg1 Qa7+ 42.Kh2 Bg3+ 43.Kh1 Qa6 44.Ng1 Qf1 45.Qe2 Qxe2 46.Nxe2 Bh4 47.Nd4 f3 48.Rxb7 Bxg5 49.d7 f2 50.Bc4 Bxh6 51.Rc7 Bg5 52.Rc8 Rd8 53.e5 h5 54.e6 Kf8 55.Nc6 fxe6 56.Bb5 Bf6 57.Nxd8 Ke7 58.Rc1 Bh4 59.Nb7 f1Q+ 60.Bxf1 Kxd7 61.Rc3 e5 62.Rxa3 Kc6 63.Rb3 e4 64.a4 Nf3 65.a5 Nd2 66.Rb6+ Kc7 67.Kg2 Bg5 68.Nd6 Be3 69.Nb5+ Kc8 70.Rxg6 Nf3 71.Rg7 Bh6 72.Rh7 Kd8 73.Rxh6 Nh4+ 74.Kh3 Nf3 75.a6 Ng5+ 76.Kh4 Nf3+ 77.Kxh5 Ke7 78.Bg2 Ne5 79.Bxe4 Nd7 80.a7 Kf7 81.Nd6+ Ke7 82.Nf5+ Kf7 83.Bd5+ Ke8 84.a8Q+ Nb8 85.Qxb8+ 1-0 (85) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B2) 8...Nc5 9.f3

B2a) 9...h5 10.b4 Ncd7 11.Bg5 *(11.Nh3 a5 12.b5 Nc5 13.Nf2 c6 14.Be3 cxd5 15.cxd5 a4 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.Qd2 Rc8 18.Rb4 a3 19.b6 Nh7 20.Nb5 Qxb6 21.Nxa3 Qc7 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Bxb5 Qd8 24.Kf1 Bf6 25.Kg2 Be7 26.Be2 Rc7 27.g5 f6 28.Nh3 Rf7 29.a4 fxg5 30.hxg5 Nf8 31.a5 Nfd7 32.Ra1 Qf8 33.Ra3 Bd8 34.Nf2 Rc8 35.Rb1 Ra8 36.Bb5 Qe7 37.Qc3 Rc8 38.Qb2 Kh7 39.Qe2 Ra8 40.Qe1 Kg8 41.Qc3 Rc8 42.Qd2 Ra8 43.Qe1 Rc8 44.Rb2 Ra8 45.Qc3 Rc8 46.Qc1 Kh7 47.Nh3 Ra8 48.Qc3 Rc8 49.Qb4 Na6 50.Qe1 Nac5 51.Qb1 Ra8 52.Rba2 Rc8 53.Qb2 Qf8 54.Ra1 Qe7 55.Rb1 Ra8 56.Qd2 Rc8 57.Bg1 Ra8 58.Be3 Rc8 59.Bf2 Ra8 60.Qc3 Kg8 61.Qb4 Kh7 62.Qd2 Rc8 63.Be3 Ra8 64.Qc3 Kg8 65.Rb2 Kh7 66.Nf2 Nf8 67.Rba2 Bc7 68.Qb2 Nfd7 69.Nh3 Ra7 70.Qb1 Bd8 71.Qb4 Ra8 72.Rc3 Rc8 73.Qb2 Ra8 74.Rca3 Rc8 75.Nf2 Rc7*

76.Bxd7 Qxd7 77.Ra1 Rc8 78.Rb1 Qe7 79.Qd2 Qd7 80.Qb2 Qe7 81.Nh3 Na6 82.Ra2 Qd7 83.Nf2 Rc4 84.Qa3 Kg7 85.Rbb2 Kg8 86.Qd3 Qc8 87.Bd2 Rd4 88.Qe3 Kh7 89.Rb1 Rc4 90.Qd3 Rd4 91.Qe2 Rc4 92.Qf1 Kg7 93.Rbb2 Rd4 94.Qe1 Rc4 95.Qb1 Rd4 96.Rc2 Qd7 97.Be3 Rb4 98.Rcb2 Rc4 99.Rb3 Qc8 100.Qb2 Rfc7 101.Qb1 Rf7 102.Bd2 Kg8 103.Rbb2 Nc5 104.Ra3 Na6 105.Qd1 Nc5 106.Qe2 Na6 107.Raa2 Kh7 108.Qd3 Rd4 109.Qe2 Rc4 110.Qf1 Rcc7 111.Qh1 Be7 112.Qd1 Qd8 113.Nh3 Qd7 114.Rb1 Kg7 115.Nf2 Qd8 116.Be3 Bxg5 117.Bb6 Bf4 118.Nh3 Nc5 119.Bxc7 Qxc7 120.Ra3 Qd8 121.Qe1 Kh6 122.Qe2 Qh4 123.Qe1 Qd8 124.Rb5 Qd7 125.Qe2 Qd8 126.Rc3 Na4 127.Rcb3 Nc5 128.Ra3 Bc1 129.Ra2 Bf4 130.Rb1 Qh4 131.Qf2 Qd8 132.Ra3 Bg5 133.Qa2 Bf4 134.Rc3 Bg5 135.Ra3 Bf4 136.Rc3 Bg5 137.Ra1 Bf4 138.Rg1 Qh4 139.Qf2 Qd8 140.Ra3 Nd7 141.Qc2 Nc5 142.Qb2 Rf8 143.Qa1 Qh4 144.Qe1 Qd8 145.Qf2 Rg8 146.Kh1 Rf8 147.Rb1 Rf7 148.Kg2 Bg5 149.Qc2 Bf4 150.Qb2 Qh4 151.Qf2 Qd8 152.Rb6 Bg5 153.Qe2 Bf4 154.Rb1 Qh4 155.Qf2 Qd8 156.Rf1 Bg5 157.Qe2 Bf4 158.Rfa1 Bg5 159.Rb1 Bf4 160.Rba1 Bg5 161.Rg1 Bf4 162.Qf2 Qc8 163.Rga1 Qd8 164.Qe1 Bg5 165.Nxg5 Qxg5+ 166.Kh1 Rf4 167.R1a2 Qf6 168.Kg1 g5 169.Rg2 Kg6 170.Qc1 Qf7 171.Qe3 Qf6 172.Qc1 Qf7 173.Qd2 Kh6 174.Re3 Qe8 175.Qf2 Qa4 176.Qg3 Qd1+ 177.Re1 Qd4+ 178.Kh1 Rh4+ 179.Qxh4 gxh4 180.Reg1 Nxe4 181.Rg6+ Kh7 182.Rg7+ Kh8 183.Rg8+ ½-½ (183) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...a5 12.b5 Nc5 13.gxh5 Qe8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Be3 b6 17.0-0-0 Rf6 18.Bf1 Qf8 19.Kc2 Kh7 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Bh3 Bxh3 22.Rxh3 Bh6 23.Qf2 a4 24.a3 Qc8 25.Rh1 Qg4 26.Rd3 Rf7 27.Nge2 Qd7 28.Qg2 Rf6 29.Kb2 Qg7 30.Nd1 Raf8 31.Ka2 Qf7 32.Rh3 Qd7 33.Rh2 Qe7 34.Rh3 Qf7 35.Nf2 Qe8 36.Nd1 R8f7 37.Ndc3 Qa8 38.Qg4 Rf8 39.Rh1 R8f7 40.Rg1 Kh8 41.Kb2 Rg7 42.Kb1 Kg8 43.Kc2 Kh8 44.Rg2 Kg8 45.Rg1 Kf8 46.Rh1 Rff7 47.Qe6 Re7 48.Qh3 Rg8 49.Qg4 Kg7 50.Ng1 Nf6 51.Qg2 Kf8 52.Nge2 Nh5 53.Rb1 Kg7 54.b6 Qb7 55.bxc7 Qxc7 56.Nxa4 Qa7 57.Nac3 Qa6 58.Nb5 Kh7 59.Rdb3 Rb7 60.Qg4 Rf7 61.Qe6 Rf6 62.Qd7+ Rg7 63.Qc6 Qa5 64.Nbc3 Nf4 65.Ng1 g5

66.hxg5 Rfg6 67.Rb8 Rxg5 68.Ra8 Qc7 69.Nb5 Rg2+ 70.Kb3 Qe7 71.Ka4 R2g6 72.Qc8 Rg8 73.Qxg8+ Rxg8 74.Ra7 Qxa7+ 75.Nxa7 Kg6 76.Nc6 Ra8+ 77.Kb3 Kf6 78.a4 Bf8 79.a5 Nd3 80.Ne2 Bh6 81.Nc3 Nf2 82.Nb5 Bd2 83.Nxd6 Ra6 84.Ne8+ Kf7 85.Nc7 Rxa5 86.Nxa5 Bxa5 87.Ka4 Bd2 88.d6 Bg5 89.Rb7 Nd3 90.Kb5 Ne1 91.Nd5+ Kg6 92.Re7 Nxf3 93.d7 Nd4+ 94.Kxc5 Bxe7+ 95.Nxe7+ Kf7 96.d8Q Ne6+ 97.Kd6 Nxd8 98.Nc6 Nb7+ 99.Kd5 Kg7 100.Nxe5 1-0 (100) Rubichess (3508)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B2b) 9...c6 10.Be3 a5 *(10...Bd7 11.b4 Na6 12.Rb1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Nc7 14.a4 Rc8 15.Nh3 a6 16.Nf2 h5 17.Rc1 Nh7 18.Kd2 Bf6 19.g5 Bg7 20.Qg1 Qe8 21.Ra1 f6 22.Nd3 fxg5 23.hxg5 Rf7 24.Nb2 Bf8 25.Nc4 Na8 26.Qg2 Rb8 27.Kc2 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Na3 Rb7 30.Kb3 Nc7 31.Qh2 Qe7 32.Nc2 Bg7 33.Qg3 Qd8 34.Rhc1 Be8 35.Ra5 Bf8 36.Rd1 Bg7 37.Ne1 Nf8 38.Rda1 Nd7 39.Ra7 Rxa7 40.Bxa7 Nb8 41.Bb6 Qc8 42.Nc2 Nba6 43.Kb2 Na8 44.Be3 N8c7 45.Ra3 Bd7 46.Ra1 Be8 47.Qg1 Bd7 48.Qf1 Qb8 49.Qg1 Qc8 50.Qd1 Qb7 51.Qf1 Qb8 52.Qf2 Qb7 53.Ba7 Bf8 54.Be3 Bg7 55.Qg3 Rf8 56.Qg1 Rb8 57.Ra5 Be8 58.Ra1 Bd7 59.Qf1 Qc8 60.Bd3 Rb7 61.Qf2 Nb8 62.Kb3 Nba6 63.Ra3 Bf8 64.Na2 Rb8 65.Kb2 Qb7 66.Nc1 Bg7 67.Kb1 Ra8 68.Na2 Qc8 69.Qg3 Bf8 70.Qf2 Bg7 71.Rc3 Kh7 72.Rb3 Kg8 73.Nc3 Be8 74.Kb2 Rb8 75.Ra3 Qb7 76.Bf1 Qc8 77.Ra1 Qd8 78.Ba7 Rb7 79.Be3 Rb8 80.Kb3 Qc8 81.Ra3 Bf8 82.f4 Nc5+ 83.bxc5 b4 84.Nxb4 dxc5 85.Bxc5 Nxd5 86.Ncxd5 Bxc5 87.Qc2 Bf7 88.Bc4 Kh8 89.Ra4 Qg4 90.fxe5 Bd4 91.Qd3 Bxe5 92.Ra7 Qe6 93.Ka3 Bd6 94.Qc3+ Be5 95.Qf3 Bg8 96.Ra6 Qg4 97.Qxg4 hxg4 98.Nd3 Bd4 99.N3f4 g3 100.Nxg6+ Kg7 101.Nh4 Bh7 102.Nf6 Bg6 103.Nd7 Bxe4 104.Nxb8 g2 105.Nxg2 Bxg2 106.Nd7 Be3 107.Ne5 Bd4 108.Re6 Bc5+ 109.Kb3 Kf8 110.Nd7+ Kg7 111.Nxc5 Bf3 112.Rf6 Bd1+ 113.Kc3 Bg4 114.Kd4 Kh8 115.Ke5 Kg7 116.Ne6+ Kh7 117.Bd3+ Bf5 118.Bxf5+ 1-0 (118) Berserk (3476)-Koivisto (3493) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 11.h5 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Nh3 gxh5 14.Nf2 Rc8 15.Qd2 hxg4 16.fxg4 Ne8 17.Rh2 f6 18.Kf1 a4 19.Kg2 Rf7 20.Rah1 Bf8 21.Rg1 Be7 22.Kh1 Rg7 23.Qd1 Kh8 24.Bf1 Qa5 25.Bh6 Rg6 26.Qf3 a3 27.bxa3 Kg8

28.Bd2 Na4 29.g5 fxg5 30.Bh3 Nc5 31.Bxd7 Nxd7 32.Qh3 Nef6 33.Qe6+ Kf8 34.Rxh7 Nxh7 35.Qxg6 Ndf6 36.Rg3 Bd8 37.Nh3 Rc7 38.Nxg5 Nxg5 39.Qh6+ Rg7 40.Rxg5 Ne8 41.Rf5+ Nf6 42.Rxf6+ Bxf6 43.Qxf6+ Kg8 44.Bh6 Rg4 45.Qe6+ Kh7 46.Qxg4 Kxh6 47.Ne2 Qe1+ 48.Kg2 Qd1 49.Qe6+ Kh7 50.Ng3 Qd4 51.Qxd6 Kg8 52.Qe6+ Kh7 53.d6 Qd2+ 54.Kh3 b5 55.d7 b4 56.Qe7+ Kg6 57.d8Q Qxd8 58.Qxd8 b3 59.Nf5 b2 60.Qg8+ Kf6 61.Qg7+ Ke6 62.Qe7# 1-0 (62) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

8.Nh3 Na6

[8...c6 9.Be3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Nbd7 11.f3 Nc5 12.b4 cxd5 13.cxd5 Ncd7 14.a3 a5 15.Rc1 axb4 16.axb4 Ra3 17.Qd2 Qa8 18.Kf2 Ne8 19.Bb5 Qd8 20.Bd3 f5 21.Kg1 f4 22.Bf2 Ndf6 23.Qd1 Rf7 24.Nb5 Ra2 25.Rh1 Bh6 26.Kf1 Qa8 27.Nc3 Ra3 28.Bc4 Kh7 29.Nb5 Ra6 30.Ke2 Kg8 31.Rc2 Nc7 32.Nc3 Ra3 33.Bd3 Kh7 34.Bb6 Qb8 35.Qb1 Ra8 36.Ra2 Qf8 37.Rxa8 Nxa8 38.Bf2 Rg7 39.Kd1 g5 40.hxg5 Rxg5 41.Bf1 Nc7 42.Kc2 Rg7 43.Kb3 Qa8 44.Rh2 Rg8 45.Bd3 Bg5 46.Rh1 Kh6 47.Qg1 Qe8 48.Qa1 Nd7 49.Ne2 Qd8 50.Qg1 Nf6 51.g4 Rg6 52.Nc3 Rg7 53.Rh2 Nce8 54.Qh1 Kg6 55.gxh5+ Kh6 56.Rg2 Nd7 57.Na4 Nf8 58.Bb5 Bf6 59.Bb6 Qc8 60.Rc2 Nc7 61.Bxc7 Rxc7 62.Nb6 Qd8 63.Rxc7 Qxc7 64.Nc4 Nh7 65.Qh3 Ng5 66.Qg4 Qe7 67.Bd7 Kg7 68.b5 Kh8 69.Be6 Qf8 70.b6 Be7 71.Kb4 Bf6 72.Bc8 Nxf3 73.Bxb7 Ne1 74.Qc8 Kg8 75.Ba6 Qxc8 76.Bxc8 Bd8 77.Kb5 f3 78.Kc6 Bxb6 79.Kxb6 f2 80.Bh3 Nf3 81.Nxd6 Ng5 82.Bf1 Kg7 83.Nf5+ Kf6 84.d6 Ne6 85.d7 Kg5 86.h6 Kg6 87.Ne7+ Kxh6 88.Nc6 Kh7 89.d8Q Nxd8 90.Nxd8 Kg6 91.Kc5 Kg5 92.Nc6 Kf4 93.Kd5 Ke3 94.Nxe5 1-0 (94) Komododragon (3583)-Obsidian (3555) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

9.Ng5 Nc5 10.b4 Ncd7 11.Rb1 a5 12.a3 b6 13.Be3 Nh7 14.g4 hxg4 15.Bxg4 axb4 16.axb4 Nxg5 17.hxg5 f5 18.Bh3 Rf7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qh5 Nf8 21.g6 Rf6 22.Bg5 e4 23.Ne2 Qe7 24.Nf4 Qe5 25.0-0 Ra3 26.Rfe1 Nxg6 27.Bxf6 Nxf4 28.Bxe5 Nxh5 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Bf1 Nf6 31.Ra1 Rb3 32.Ra7 Ne8 33.b5 Kf7 34.Re3 Rb1 35.f4 exf3 36.Rxf3 Bd7 37.Kf2 Rb2+ 38.Ke3 Rh2 39.Bd3 Kf6 40.Ra8 Rh5 41.Kd2 Kf7 42.Kc2 Rg5 43.Kc3 Nf6 44.Ra7 Ne8 45.Rh3 Rg7 46.Rh1 Kf6 47.Ra8 Kf7 48.Rh8 f4 49.Ra7 Ke7 50.Rh4 Bg4 51.Kd4 Kf6 52.Ra1 Kf7 53.Rh8 f3 54.Ke3 Ke7 55.Ra7 Kd7 56.Kf2 Nf6 57.Rb8 Re7 58.Rf8 Nh7 59.Rf4 Bh3 60.Bxh7 Rxh7 61.Rxf3 Ke8 62.c5 dxc5 63.d6 Bc8 64.Rg3 Rh2+ 65.Kg1 Rc2 66.Rxc7 Rc1+ 67.Kf2 Rc2+ 68.Ke1 Be6 69.Re3 Rc1+ 70.Kf2 Rc2+ 71.Kf3 Kf8 72.Rxe6 Ra2 73.d7 Ra3+ 74.Kg4 Ra8 75.Kf5 Rd8 76.Kg6 c4 77.Rc8 Rxc8 78.dxc8Q# 1-0 (78) Obsidian (3555)-Komododragon (3583) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

6.Bg5 c5

[6...Nbd7 7.Qd2 *(7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4*

g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.0-0 e6 11.d5 Nc5 12.Nd4 Nxg3 13.fxg3 a5 14.Bh5 Bd7 15.Qd2 Qe7 16.Rae1 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 e5 18.Qd1 f5 19.Bg6 f4 20.g4 Rf6 21.Bf5 h5 22.gxh5 Bxf5 23.exf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rf7 25.Ne4 b6 26.Rf3 Kh8 27.Kg2 Rg8 28.h3 Rff8 29.a4 Qh7 30.Qc2 Nd7 31.b3 Nf6 32.Qd3 Nd7 33.Re2 Nc5 34.Qc2 Rg7 35.Kf1 Rfg8 36.Ke1 Re7 37.Kd1 Reg7 38.Ke1 Rc8 39.Kf1 Nxe4 40.Qxe4 Qxe4 41.Rxe4 c6 42.dxc6 Rxc6 43.Rd3 Kg8 44.Kf2 Kf7 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.Re1 Re7 47.Red1 Kd7 48.Ke4 Ke6 49.Rd5 Rf7 50.R1d3 Rfc7 51.Kf3 Re7 52.Ke4 Rf7 53.Kf3 Rfc7 54.Rd2 Rf7 55.R2d3 Re7 56.Ke4 Rd7 57.Kf3 Rc5 58.Ke4 Rc6 59.Kf3 Rdc7 60.Rd2 Rf7 61.R2d3 ½-½ (61) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Grischuk,A (2745) chess.com INT 2022*)* 7...e5 8.d5 a5 9.h4 Nc5 10.f3

A) 10...Qe8 11.g4 h5 12.0-0-0 a4 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.Rf1 *(14.a3 Nb3 15.Qe3 Kh7 16.Rf1 Rh8 17.Bd1 Kg8 18.Nge2 hxg4 19.Ng3 gxf3 20.Qxf3 Bg4 21.Qf2 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Nh5 23.Nce2 f6 24.Nxh5 Rxh5 25.Be3 f5 26.Ng3 f4 27.Nxh5 gxh5 28.Rhg1 Qf7 29.Rdf1 Rf8 30.Qe2 Qe8 31.Bf2 Kh7 32.Rd1 Rf6 33.Qd3 f3 34.c5 dxc5 35.Qc3 Rf7 36.Bxc5 Qb5 37.Be3 Nd4 38.Rgf1 Ne2 39.Qc2 Qd7 40.Rf2 Qg4 41.Ka2 Qxh4 42.d6 cxd6 43.Rxd6 Qg4 44.Rh2 Rf6 45.Rxf6 Bxf6 46.Qxa4 Bg5 47.Bxg5 Qxg5 48.Qd7+ Kh6 49.Qe6+ Kg7 50.Rh3 Nc1+ 51.Ka1 Ne2 52.Qd7+ Kh6 53.Qd6+ Kh7 54.Qc7+ Kg8 55.Ka2 Nd4 56.Qc8+ Kf7 57.Qxb7+ Kg6 58.Qb6+ Kf7 59.Qc7+ Ke6 60.Qc8+ Ke7 61.Rh1 Qg6 62.Qc4 Kf6 63.Qa6+ Kg7 64.Qxg6+ Kxg6 65.b4 Kg5 66.a4 Kg4 67.a5 f2 68.a6 Nb5 69.Kb3 Kg3 70.Ka4 Kg2 71.Rc1 Nc7 72.a7 Na8 73.b5 f1Q 74.Rxf1 Kxf1 75.Ka5 h4 76.b6 h3 77.b7 h2 78.bxa8Q h1R 79.Qe8 Rh7 80.Qxe5* 1-0 (80) Stoofvleesii A18 (3532)-LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 14...Kh7 15.a3 Nb3 16.Qd1 Nd4 17.Ka2 Rh8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.gxh5 Kg7 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Bd3 Rxh4 22.Rxh4 Bxh4 23.Nge2 Nxe2 24.Qxe2 Bg3 25.Rh1 Qe7 26.Qd1 Bf4 27.Bc2 Qe8 28.Qe1 Qe7 29.Rh4 Bg5 30.Rh2 Bf4 31.Rg2 Bh3 32.Re2 Bd7 33.Qd1 Qe8 34.Re1 b6 35.Rh1 Bh6 36.Rh2 Bf4 37.Rh1 Bh6 38.Kb1 Bf4 39.Ka1 Bh6 40.Rh2 Bf4 41.Re2 Ra5 42.Rg2 Bh3 43.Rf2 Bd7 44.Re2 Ra8 45.Ka2 b5 46.Bd3 bxc4 47.Bxc4 Qb8 48.Qg1 Qb6 49.Qxb6 cxb6 50.Bb5 Bh3 51.Rc2 Rc8 52.Bxa4 Kf6 53.Kb3 Kg5 54.Kb4 Be3 55.Rh2 Bc5+ 56.Kb3 Bf1 57.Bb5 Bxb5 58.Nxb5 Kf4 59.Rh6 Kxf3 60.Rxg6 Ke3 61.Re6 Kd3 ½-½ (61) Komododragon (3587)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 10...c6 11.g4 a4 12.h5 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Nh3 Qa5 15.h6 Bh8 16.Nf2 Rfb8 *(16...b5 17.Rc1 Rfc8 18.Nb1 b4 19.0-0 Ne8 20.Qe3 Nc7 21.Nd3 Nxd3 22.Bxd3 Ne8 23.Nd2 Bb5 24.Bxb5 Qxb5 25.b3 Rxc1*

26.Rxc1 Bf6 27.Bxf6 Nxf6 28.Kg2 axb3 29.axb3 Qb7 30.Kg3 Nd7 31.Nc4 Qb8 32.f4 f6 33.fxe5 fxe5 34.Qf2 Ra6 35.Rf1 Qe8 36.Kh4 Ra8 37.Kh3 Qe7 38.Qh4 g5 39.Qh5 Rf8 40.Rf5 Rxf5 41.gxf5 Kf8 42.Nd2 Nc5 43.Kg4 Nd7 44.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 45.Kxg5 Kf7 46.Nc4 Nc5 47.Nxd6+ Ke7 48.Nc4 Nxe4+ 49.Kh4 ½-½ (49) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 17.0-0 b5 18.Rac1 *(18.Qe3 Qd8 19.Kg2 Qf8 20.Bh4 Qd8 21.Bg5 Qf8 22.Rac1 Ne8 23.Bh4 b4 24.Nb1 Nc7 25.Bc4 Nb5 26.Nd3 Nxd3 27.Bxd3 Nd4 28.Rg1 b3 29.a3 Bb5 30.Bxb5 Rxb5 31.Rc7 Rbb8 32.Rgc1 Nc2 33.Qd2 Rc8 34.Rd7 Rc4 35.Nc3 Rac8 36.Be7 Qe8 37.Rb7 R8c7 38.Rxc7 Rxc7 39.Bxd6 Rc4 40.Bb4 Bf6 41.d6 Rd4 42.Rxc2 Bd8 43.Qe2 bxc2 44.Qxc2 f5 45.Ne2 Rxb4 46.axb4 fxg4 47.f4 Qe6 48.fxe5 Qxe5 49.Qc4+ Kf8 50.Qd4 Qf6 51.Qc3 g3 52.Qd4 g5 53.b5 Kf7 54.e5 Qxh6 55.Qc4+ Qe6 56.Qe4 Qb3 57.Qf5+ Kg7 58.e6 Qxb2 59.Qe4 Qf6 60.Nxg3 Kf8 61.b6 Qb2+ 62.Kh3 g4+ 63.Qxg4 Qxb6 64.Qf5+ Kg7 65.Qf7+ Kh6 66.e7 Bxe7 67.Qe6+ Kg5 68.Qxe7+ Kg6 69.Qe6+ Kg7 70.Nf5+ Kf8 71.Qe7+ Kg8 72.Qg7#* 1-0 (72) LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614)-Stoofvleesii A18 (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 18...Ne8 19.Qe3 Ra7 20.Nb1 Rc7 21.Rfd1 Rbc8 22.Na3 Rb7 23.Kg2 Rbb8 24.Rc2 Rc7 25.Rcc1 Rcc8 26.Rc2 Rb7 27.Rdc1 Ra8 28.Nb1 Qa7 29.Nd2 Rc7 30.Rc3 Rb7 31.Bh4 Rc7 32.Bg5 Rb7 33.Kh2 Rc7 34.Bf1 Qb7 35.Bh4 Rac8 36.Kg1 Qb8 37.Kg2 Qa7 38.g5 Ra8 39.Ng4 Qb8 40.Bg3 Na6 41.Rxc7 Naxc7 42.Bh4 Qc8 43.Kh2 Qd8 44.Nb1 Na6 45.Na3 Nac7 46.Kh1 Rb8 47.b4 axb3 48.axb3 Na6 49.Kh2 Kf8 50.Rb1 Qc8 51.Be2 Ra8 52.b4 Nac7 53.Rb3 Ra4 54.Qc1 Qa8 55.Be1 Qb7 56.Bf1 Na6 57.Nf2 f6 58.Ng4 Nac7 59.Bf2 Kg8 60.Be2 Na6 61.Be1 Qc7 62.Qd2 Qb6 63.Bf2 Qb8 64.Bh4 f5 65.Nf2 Nac7 66.Nd1 Qa8 67.Nc2 Ra7 68.Nc3 Kf8 69.Kg2 Qb8 70.Ra3 Rb7 71.Ra5 Qc8 72.Na3 Kg8 73.Bf2 Qb8 74.Qc1 Kf8 75.Kf1 Qc8 76.Qd2 f4 77.Ke1 Qd8 78.Bh4 Bg7 79.hxg7+ Kxg7 80.Kd1 Kg8 81.Qe1 Kh8 82.Kc2 h5 83.Qg1 Qc8 84.Kb3 Kg8 85.Ra7 Kf8 86.Rxb7 Qxb7 87.Qf1 Ng7 88.Naxb5 Nce8 89.Qa1 Qc8 90.Qa5 Bh3 91.Na7 Qb7 92.b5 Nc7 93.Bf2 h4 94.Bxh4 Nh5 95.Nc6 Ng3 96.Qb4 Ne8 97.b6 Bc8 98.Bc4 Nh1 99.Nxe5 Kg7 100.Nd3 Kh7 101.Nxf4 Qe7 102.Qa4 Kg7 103.Ne6+ Kg8 104.Qa7 Kf7 105.Qb8 Bb7 106.Bb5 Ng7 107.Bd7 Ng3 108.Bxg3 Ne8 109.Bxe8+ Qxe8 110.Qxb7+ Qe7 111.Qxe7+ Kxe7 112.b7 Kf7 113.b8Q Ke7 114.Bxd6+ Kd7 115.Qd8# 1-0 (115) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[6...Re8 7.Nf3 h6 8.Be3 Nc6 9.d5 Nb4 10.Qd2 Ng4 11.Bd4 e5 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nd4

Nf6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.f3 c6 17.a3 Na6 18.b4 Nc7 19.Rfd1 a5 20.Nc2 axb4 21.axb4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 d5 23.exd5 cxd5 24.c5 b6 25.Nd4 bxc5 26.bxc5 Ne6 27.Nxe6+ Rxe6 28.Qd4 Qc7 29.Bf1 Qe5 30.Ne2 Qe3+ 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Rc1 Kf8 33.c6 Bc8 34.Nd4 Ke7 35.Ra1 Ne8 36.Ra7+ Kf6 37.Nb5 Re1 38.Ra8 Bf5 39.Kf2 Rxf1+ 40.Kxf1 Bd3+ 41.Kf2 Bxb5 42.Rxe8 Bxc6 43.Rc8 Bd7 44.Rc7 Be6 45.Ke3 Ke5 46.Rc5 h5 47.h4 Kf5 48.g3 Ke5 49.Ra5 Bd7 50.f4+ Kf6 51.Rxd5 Bh3 52.Kd4 Bg4 53.Rd6+ Kg7 54.Ke5 Bh3 55.Rb6 Bg4 56.Rf6 Bh3 57.Rb6 Bg4 58.Rb7 Bh3 59.Ra7 Bg4 60.Re7 Bh3 61.Kd6 Kf6 62.Re5 Be6 63.Kc7 Ke7 64.Kc6 f6 65.Ra5 Bg4 66.Kd5 Kf7 67.Ra7+ Kf8 68.Kd6 Bh3 69.Re7 Bg4 70.Rc7 Bh3 71.Rc6 Kf7 72.Ra6 Bg4 73.Ra7+ Kf8 74.Kd5 Bh3 75.Kd4 Bg4 76.Ke4 Bf5+ 77.Kd5 Bg4 78.Kd6 Bh3 79.Ra8+ Kf7 80.Rd8 Bg4 81.Rh8 Bh3 82.Rh7+ Kf8 83.Re7 Bg4 84.Re4 Kf7 85.Re3 Bf5 86.Ra3 Bg4 87.Ra7+ Kf8 88.Kd5 Bh3 89.Ke4 Bf5+ 90.Kf3 Bg4+ 91.Kg2 Bf5 92.Rc7 Bg4 93.Kf2 Bh3 ½-½ (93) Erigaisi,A (2727)-Dubov,D (2710) Samarkand UZB 2023]

[6...Na6

A) 7.Nf3

A1) 7...h6 8.Bh4 e5 9.0-0 Qe8 10.d5 Nc5 11.Nd2 a5 12.b3 Bd7 13.a3 Nh7 *(13...g5 14.Bg3 h5 15.f3 h4 16.Bf2 Nh5 17.b4 Na4 18.Qc2 Nf4 19.Bd3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 f5 21.Rfe1 axb4 22.axb4 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 h3 24.g3 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Qg6 26.Ra7 g4 27.Rxb7 gxf3 28.Rxc7 fxe4 29.Qxe4 Bf5 30.Qe1 Bh6 31.b5 Rf7 32.Rxf7 Bxd2 33.Qxd2 Kxf7 34.c5 dxc5 35.d6 Be6 36.d7 Qb1+ 37.Be1 f2+ 38.Qxf2+ Ke7 39.Qxc5+ Kxd7 40.Qb4 Qd3 41.Qd2 Qd4+ 42.Qxd4+ exd4 43.Kf2 Bc4 44.b6 Kc6 45.Ba5 Bd5 46.g4* ½-½ (46) Cori,J (2655)-Yakubboev,N (2621) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 14.b4 Na4 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 f5 17.f3 g5 18.Bf2 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 g4 21.fxg4 fxe4 22.h3 Qg6 23.Qe3 Nf6 24.Rf1 c6 25.Bh4 cxd5 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.cxd5 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 h5 29.gxh5 Qxh5 30.Nxe4 Qg6 31.Bd3 Bf5 32.Qf3 Bxe4 33.Bxe4 Qg5 34.b5 b6 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.g3 Qd2+ 37.Qg2 Qe1 38.h4 Bh6 39.Qf3 Qe3 40.Qxe3 Bxe3 41.g4 Bf2 42.Kh3 Kg7 43.g5 Be1 44.h5 Bd2 45.Kg4 Be3 46.h6+ Kf7 47.Kh5 Bf4 48.g6+ 1-0 (48) Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Guseinov,G (2665) Tornelo INT 2021;

A2) 7...c6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.Re1 Nc7 10.d5 Bg4 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.a4 a5 13.f4 e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nb3 b6 16.Qd2 Nce8 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.c5 bxc5 20.Nxa5 Ba8 21.Bb5 Nc7 22.Rf1 Rd6 23.Nc4 Re6 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rad1 Bg5 26.Rd7 Na6 27.Nd6 Re7 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.Nxf7 Nb4 30.Nxe5 Bf6 31.Nf3 Rd8 32.e5 Be7 33.Rd1 g5 34.h3 h5 35.a5 Kf7 36.Rxd8 Bxd8 37.a6 Ke6

38.Bc4+ Kf5 39.e6 g4 40.hxg4+ hxg4 41.Nd2 Ke5 42.Nb3 Be7 43.Kf2 Kd6 44.Kg3 Kc7 45.Kxg4 Bxg2 46.Kf5 Bc6 47.Ne4 Kb6 48.Nf6 Nxa6 49.Ng8 Bd6 50.e7 Nc7 51.Nd2 Ne8 52.Bf7 Bd7+ 53.Kg6 Bf4 54.Ne4 Be5 55.b3 Nc7 56.Ngf6 Bb5 57.Kf5 Bd4 58.Nd6 Bd3+ 59.Kg5 Kc6 60.Nde8 Nb5 61.Bd5+ Kb6 62.Bc4 Bc2 63.Bxb5 Bxb3 64.Nd6 1-0 (64) Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-McShane,L (2674) Tornelo INT 2021;

B) 7.f4 c6 8.Qd2 Nc7 9.Bf3 Ne6 10.Bh4 Rb8 11.e5 Ne8 12.Nge2 dxe5 13.fxe5 f6 14.d5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 g5 16.Bf2 f5 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Bb6 Qd7 19.g4 fxg4 20.Bxg4 Kh8 21.h4 Qc6 22.b3 Bxe5 23.hxg5 Bxa1 24.g6 Nf6 25.Qh6 Rxa2 26.Qxh7+ 1-0 (26) Erigaisi,A (2627)-Korobov,A (2684) Riga LAT 2021;

C) 7.Qd2

C1) 7...e5 8.d5 Nc5 *(8...Qe8 9.Bd1 Nh5 10.Nge2 f5 11.f3 Bd7 12.a3 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf4 14.0-0 h6 15.Nxf4 hxg5 16.Nd3 Bf5 17.Re1* 1-0 (17) Korobov,A (2683)-Kasparov,G (2812) Zagreb CRO 2021*)* 9.f3 h6 10.Be3 a5 11.g4 h5 12.h3 Nh7 13.h4 hxg4 14.fxg4 Nf6 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.g5 Nh5 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.Nge2 Bg4 19.Ng3 f6 20.g6 Qe8 21.Nf5 Kh8 22.Rg1 Qxg6 23.Qe3 b6 24.Ne2 Kh7 25.Rxg4 hxg4 26.h5 Qxh5 27.Neg3 Qg5 28.Qe2 Rh8 29.Kd1 Kg6 30.Kc2 Rh3 31.Rg1 Rah8 32.Nf1 g3 33.Rg2 Bh6 34.Kb3 Qh5 35.Qd3 Bf4 36.d6 cxd6 37.Ka4 Kh7 38.Qxd6 Qe8+ 39.Ka3 Qf7 40.Qxb6 Rg8 41.Qxc5 Rh2 42.Rg1 Qb7 43.Nxh2 gxh2 44.Rxg8 Qb4+ 45.Qxb4 axb4+ 46.Kxb4 Kxg8 0-1 (46) Maghsoodloo,P (2728)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

C2) 7...c5 8.d5 Nc7 9.a4 e6 10.h4 h5 11.Nf3 Qd7 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Ng4 14.Qd2 Qe7 15.Ng5 e5 16.f3 Nf6 17.Nh3 *(17.g4 Kg7 18.0-0-0 a6 19.Rdg1 b5 20.Bd1 Rh8 21.Ne2 bxa4 22.Ng3 hxg4 23.fxg4 a3 24.bxa3 Rb8 25.Nf1 Nce8 26.Qc3 Qd8 27.Rh2 Rb7 28.Ne3 Bd7 29.Rgg2 Kg8 30.Rf2 Bc8 31.Qd3 Qa5 32.h5 Kf8 33.Ne6+ Kg8 34.Ng5 Kf8 35.Rh1 Qb6 36.h6 Qa5 37.Rhh2 Kg8 38.Rfg2 Kf8 39.Rh1 Kg8 40.Bc2 Bd7 41.Rg3 Bc8 42.Rgg1 Bd7 43.Rg2 Bc8 44.Bd1 Bd7 45.Rhh2 Kf8 46.Rf2 Bc8 47.Rfg2 Bd7 48.Rf2 Bc8 49.Rb2 Rxb2 50.Kxb2 Kg8 51.Qe2 Nh7 52.Nxh7 Rxh7 53.Qg2 f6 54.Bb3 Rb7 55.Qc2 Qe1 56.Qf2 Qxf2+ 57.Rxf2 Kh7 58.Rh2 Nc7 59.Kc3 Bd7 60.Rh1 a5 61.Bd1 Rb8 62.Nf1 Na8 63.Nd2 g5 64.Nf1 Nb6 65.Ng3 Na4+ 66.Bxa4 Bxa4 67.Nh5 Rb3+ 68.Kd2 Rb2+ 69.Ke3 Rb3+ 70.Kf2* ½-½ (70) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)*

17...Bxh3 18.Rxh3 Kg7 19.Rh1 Na6 20.0-0-0 Nb4 21.g3 a6 22.Kb1 b6 23.Rdf1 Rfb8 24.Re1 Rc8 25.Rc1 Rf8 26.Rh2 Rab8 27.Qe3 Rbe8 28.Rf1 Rh8 29.Rhh1 Rhf8 30.Rf2 Nd7 31.Rg1 Nf6 32.Rd1 Ng8 33.Rg2 Nf6 34.Rf1 Rh8 35.Bd1 Rhf8 36.Rh2 Rb8 37.Be2 Rbe8 38.Qg1 Rh8 39.Rh1 Rhf8 40.Rh2 Rh8 41.Rhf2 Ref8 42.Qg2 Re8 43.Qg1 Ref8 44.Qh1 Rh7 45.Qg2 Rhh8 46.Bd1 Qd8 47.Rd2 Qe7 48.Rdf2 Qd8 49.Be2 Qe7 50.Qg1 Re8 51.Bd1 Rhf8 52.Be2 Rh8 53.Rh2 Rhf8 54.Rg2 Rh8 55.Qe3 Rhf8 56.Kc1 Rh8 57.Rfg1 Rhf8 58.b3 Rh8 59.Bf1 Nh7 60.Be2 Rhg8 61.Rh2 Rh8 62.Rf2 Rhf8 63.Kb1 Rg8 64.Rh1 Kh8 65.Qh6 Rg7 66.Rg2 Kg8 67.Nd1 Rf8 68.Ne3 Re8 69.Rhg1 Nf6 70.Nd1 Rh7 71.Qe3 Kg7 72.Rf1 Rg8 73.Qg5 Re8 74.Kc1 Rhh8 75.Ne3 Qd8 76.Rgf2 Kg8 77.Nd1 Kg7 78.Nc3 Rhf8 79.Rg2 Qe7 80.Qe3 Nh7 81.Rfg1 Rg8 82.Rh2 Rh8 83.Kb2 Nf6 84.Kb1 Nd7 85.Bf1 Rhf8 86.Bh3 Rb8 87.Bf1 Rh8 88.Qd2 Nf6 89.Kc1 Rb7 90.Kd1 Nd7 91.Ke1 Rg8 92.Kf2 Rbb8 93.Bh3 Nf6 94.Rf1 Nh7 95.Kg1 Kh8 96.Rg2 Rg7 97.Kh2 Re8 98.Nd1 Rgg8 99.Rgf2 Qf8 100.Kh1 Qe7 101.Ne3 Ref8 102.Re2 Qf6 103.Kh2 Re8 104.Ng2 Re7 105.Rff2 Ree8 106.Re3 Re7 107.Kh1 b5 108.a5 Qg7 109.f4 Qf6 110.Qe2 Kg7 111.Ne1 Rb7 112.Kh2 bxc4 113.bxc4 Rgb8 114.Ng2 Kh6 115.Rb3 Re8 116.Rf1 Reb8 117.Qd1 Rg8 118.Qd2 Kg7 119.Qe2 Kh6 120.Ne3 Kg7 121.f5 Qd8 122.Ra3 Nf6 123.Qf3 Nh7 124.Rf2 Ra7 125.Qe2 Nf6 126.Ng2 Kh7 127.fxg6+ fxg6 128.Raf3 Rf8 129.Qf1 Kg7 130.Be6 Qe7 131.Ne3 Nh7 132.Rxf8 Nxf8 133.Rf7+ Qxf7 134.Bxf7 Rxf7 135.Qh3 Rf3 136.Nf1 Kf6 137.Kg1 Ke7 138.Qg2 Ra3 139.Qd2 Rf3 140.Kg2 Rf7 141.Nh2 Rf6 142.Nf3 Ke8 143.Ng5 Ke7 144.Kg1 Ke8 145.Qc1 Nd3 146.Qd1 Nb4 147.Nh3 Ke7 148.Qc1 Nd7 149.Qh6 Nc2 150.Ng5 Ne3 151.Qg7+ Ke8 152.Ne6 Rf1+ 153.Kh2 Ng4+ 154.Kh3 Rf2 155.Qxg6+ Ke7 156.Qh7+ Rf7 157.Qg8 Nf8 158.Nxf8 Rf2 159.Qh7+ Kxf8 160.Qxh5 Nf6 161.Qg6 Ne8 162.h5 Rf6 163.Qg5 Kf7 164.Kg2 Kf8 165.h6 Rf7 166.g4 Nf6 167.Qg6 Ne8 168.g5 Ke7 169.Qe6+ Kf8 170.g6 Rb7 171.h7 Kg7 172.Qxe8 Kf6 173.Qf8+ Kxg6 174.h8Q Rb2+ 175.Kh3 Rb3+ 176.Kh4 Rh3+ 177.Kxh3 Kg5 178.Qf5# 1-0 (178) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2-(3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[6...h6 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Kh7 9.0-0-0 e5 10.h4 exd4 11.Bxd4 Qe7

12.h5 g5 13.f4 gxf4 14.Nf3 Ne5 15.Qxf4 Re8 16.a3 *(16.c5 Nc6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Bf2 Kg8 19.Bc4 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Rad8 23.Bc5 Kf7 24.Rf1 Kg8 25.Rh1 Kf7 26.a4 Rxd6 27.Bxd6 Rg8 28.e5 Nd7 29.Ne4 Bh8 30.Rf1 Ke8 31.Ba3 Ndxe5 32.Nxe5 Bxe5 33.Nf6+ Bxf6 34.Rxf6 Rxg2 35.Rxe6+ Kf7 36.Rxh6 Rg4 37.Rh7+ Rg7 38.Rh6 Rg4 39.Rh7+ Rg7 40.Rh8 Rg4 41.b3 Rg3 42.Rh7+ Rg7 43.Rh8 Rg3 44.Kb2 Na5 45.Ka2 Rxb3 46.h6 Rh3 47.Rf8+ Ke6 48.Re8+ Kf7 49.Rf8+ Ke6 50.Bc1 Nc6 51.Rg8* ½-½ (51) AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543)-Igel3 (3512) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 16...Nc6 17.Bf2 Kg8 18.Rde1 Ne5 19.Bh4 Neg4 20.Rhf1 Bd7 21.Kb1 Nxh5 22.Qd2 Qe6 23.Nd4 Qg6 24.Ka2 Rxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxe4 26.Nb3 Ne5 27.Bxh5 Qxh4 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Qxh6 Qxc4 30.Qg5+ Bg7 31.Bxf7+ Qxf7 32.Rxf7 Kxf7 33.Qh5+ Ke7 34.Qh4+ Kf8 35.Nd4 Re8 36.Qf4+ Kg8 37.Qg5 Kf8 38.Nf5 Be5 39.Qh6+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.g4 a5 42.g5 Be6+ 43.Kb1 Bxf5+ 44.Qxf5+ Ke7 45.Qe4 b6 46.Qc4 Kd7 47.a4 Re7 48.Kc2 Re8 49.g6 Re7 50.b3 Rg7 51.Kd3 Re7 52.Ke4 Bh8+ 53.Kf4 Bb2 54.Qb5+ Kd8 55.Qf5 Bc1+ 56.Kg4 Bh6 57.Qd5 Bg7 58.Qg5 Bb2 59.Kf3 Ba1 60.Qg4 Bh8 61.b4 axb4 62.Qxb4 Ba1 63.Qc4 Re8 64.Kg4 Bb2 65.Qf7 Ba1 66.Kg5 Re5+ 67.Kh6 Re7 68.Qf8+ Kd7 69.Qf3 Ke8 70.Kg5 Re5+ 71.Kf4 Re7 72.Kg4 Kd8 73.Qa8+ Kd7 74.Qh1 Bd4 75.Qd5 Ba1 76.Qf5+ Kd8 77.Qf8+ Re8 78.Qf4 Re6 79.Qf1 Bb2 80.Qf5 Re8 81.Qg5+ Re7 82.Kf3 Ba1 83.Qf5 Re1 84.Qf8+ Re8 85.Qf7 Bb2 86.Kf4 Ba1 87.g7 Bxg7 88.Qxg7 Re5 89.Qg4 Rc5 90.Ke3 Ra5 91.Kd2 Re5 92.Kc3 Ra5 93.Qg8+ Kd7 94.Kb4 Rc5 95.Qh7+ Kc8 96.Qg7 Kb8 97.Qg1 Ka7 98.Kb3 Ra5 99.Qc1 Kb8 100.Kb4 Re5 101.Qa3 Rf5 102.Qh3 Rc5 103.Qh1 Kc8 104.Qg1 Kb8 105.Kb3 Re5 106.Qg8+ Kb7 107.Qg2+ Kc8 108.Qh3+ Kb7 109.Qf3+ Kc8 110.Qc3 Kb8 111.Kb4 Re4+ 112.Ka3 Re5 113.Kb3 Ra5 114.Kb4 Re5 115.Qf3 Rc5 116.Ka3 Kc8 117.Qa8+ Kd7 118.Kb4 Ra5 119.Qb7 Rc5 120.Kb3 Ra5 121.Kc3 Rxa4 122.Kb3 Ra5 123.Kc4 Kd8 124.Kb3 Re5 125.Kb4 Rc5 126.Kb3 Ra5 ½-½ (126) Igel3 (3512)-AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

[6...c6 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e5 9.d5 a5 10.h3 Na6 11.Nf3 Nc5 12.Qc2 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Nd2 h6 16.Be3 g5 17.Nc4 Be8 18.Nd2 Kh8 19.Bf3 Rg8 20.Nb3 b6 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Bg4 Rb8 23.Bf5 Bf8 24.Qd2 Nh5 25.Kh1 Rb4 26.Na2 Rxa4 27.b3 Rd4 28.Bxd4 exd4 29.Nc1 Nf4 30.Nd3 Nxd3 31.Qxd3 Qb6 32.Qd2 Bb5 33.Rfb1 Bg7 34.Rxa5 Be5 35.g3 Be2 36.Kg2 d3 37.Ra4 h5 38.h4 Qd8 39.Ra7 Qf6 40.hxg5 Qxg5 41.Rxf7 Rg6 42.Qxg5 Rxg5 43.Rh7+ Kg8 44.Re7 d2 45.Be6+ Kf8 46.f4 Kxe7 47.fxg5 d1Q 48.Rxd1 Bxd1 49.g6 Bxb3 50.Kf3 c4 51.g4 c3 52.gxh5 c2 53.h6 c1Q 54.g7 Qf4+ 55.Kg2 Qg3+ 56.Kf1 Bc4# 0-1 (56) Ebrahimi Herab,H (2404)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025]

7.d5 e6
[7...b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.a4
A) 9...h6 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Bd2 axb5 12.Bxb5 Ba6 *(12...Qb6 13.Nf3 Ba6 14.Qb1 Qb7 15.0-0 Ne8 16.Qc1 Kh7 17.Ra3 Nc7 18.Bxa6 Nbxa6 19.Nd1 e6 20.Nh4 exd5 21.Nf5 gxf5 22.Bxh6 f6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne3 Rh8 25.Nxf5+ Kf8 26.Nxd6 Qc6 27.Qf4 Ke7 28.Nf5+ Kd7 29.exd5 Qxd5 30.Ne3 Qe5 31.Rd1+ Ke8 32.Qxe5+ fxe5 33.Re1 Nb4 34.Nc4 Rh5 35.g4 Rg5 36.Re4 Nc6 37.h4 Rg6 38.g5 Re6 39.Kh2 Kf8 40.a5 Nb5 41.Rd3 Nbd4 42.Kg3 Kg8 43.Ra3 Rb8 44.Ra4 Re7 45.a6 Rf8 46.Ne3 Kg7 47.Nd5 Ra7 48.f4 Rd8 49.Nf6 Rda8 50.fxe5 Rxa6 51.Rxa6 Rxa6 52.h5 Ne6 53.h6+ Kg6 54.h7 Ra8 55.Ra4 Rh8 56.Ra6 Ncd4 57.Kg4 Rf8 58.Rb6 Ra8 59.Rd6 Rf8 60.Ra6 Rh8 61.Rd6 Rf8 62.Ra6 Rh8 63.Nd5 Kxh7 64.Nf4 Nxf4 65.Kxf4 Kg7 66.Ke4 Rh4+ 67.Kd5 Rg4 68.Kxc5 ½-½ (68) Komododragon3 (3592)-Berserk13 (3540) tcec-chess.com INT 2024)* 13.Nge2 Qb6 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.0-0 Nc7 16.a5 Qb7 17.Ba4 e6 18.Rfd1 Bxe2 19.Nxe2 exd5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Qe4 Ra7 22.Bc1 Nc7 23.Qxb7 Rxb7 24.Rxd6 Bxb2 25.Bxb2 Rxb2 26.Nc3 Kg7 27.g3 Rb4 28.Kf1 Nba6 29.Bd1 Re8 30.Rb6 Re6 31.Rb1 Rc4 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Na4 g5 34.Nb6 Rb4 35.Rc1 Rd4 36.Be2 Kf6 37.Nc4 Ke7 38.Kg2 Nb4 39.Ne3 Nba6 40.Ra1 Rd2 41.Kf1 Rb2 42.h3 Rb4 43.Ng4 h5 44.Ne5 Kf6 45.Nc4 h4 46.Kg2 hxg3 47.fxg3 Ke7 48.Kf2 Kf6 49.Rf1 Kg7 50.Ra1 Kf6 51.Rf1 Kg7 52.Rd1 Nd5 53.Ra1 Ndc7 54.Rd1 Nd5 55.Ra1 Ndc7 56.Bf1 Rb8 57.Rd1 Nd5 58.Re1 Kf6 59.Nd6 Ndc7 60.Ne4+ Kg6 61.Bd3 Nb4 62.Nxc5+ Nxd3+ 63.Nxd3 Rb3 64.Ne5+ Kf5 65.Nc4 Kf6 66.Ra1 Na6 67.Ne3 Kg6 68.Ra2 Nb4 69.Ra1 Na6 70.Nc4 Kf6 71.Nd2 Rb2 72.Ke3 Rb5 73.Ne4+ Kg7 74.Kd4 Rd5+ 75.Kc4 Kf8 76.Ra3 Re5 77.Kd4 Rd5+ 78.Kc4 Re5 79.Nf2 Ke7 80.Nd3 Rd5 81.Ra4 Kd6 82.Nf2 Re5 83.Ra3 Re2 84.Ng4 Re4+ 85.Kd3 Rb4 86.Ke3 Rb5 87.Kf3 Rf5+ 88.Kg2 Rc5 89.Ne3 Ke7 90.Nf1 Rd5 91.Ne3 Rb5 92.Kg1 Rb1+ 93.Kg2 Rb4 94.Nf1 Rb5 95.Ra2 Rc5 96.Ne3 Rc3 97.Ng4 Rc5 98.Ra3 Rf5 99.Nh2 Rb5 100.Ng4 Rf5 101.Ne3 Rc5 102.Kf2 Kf7 103.Ke2 Rb5 104.Nc4 Rc5 105.Kd3 Rd5+ 106.Kc3 Ke7 107.Rb3 Rd1 108.Kb2 Rd4 109.Kc3 Rd1 110.Rb7+ Kf6 111.g4 Rc1+ 112.Kd4 Rd1+ 113.Ke3 Re1+ 114.Kd2 Rh1 115.Rb6 Nc7 116.Rb3 Ke7 117.Rd3 Rh2+ 118.Kc3 Rh1 119.Kb2 Rh2+ 120.Nd2 Re2 121.Kb3 Re1 122.Nf3 Rf1 123.Nxg5 Rb1+ 124.Ka4 Nd5 125.Rb3 Ra1+ 126.Kb5 Nc7+ 127.Kc6 Rxa5 128.Nh7 Ne8 129.Rb7+ Kd8 130.Rd7+ Kc8 131.Rd3 Ra6+ 132.Kc5 Kc7 133.Kd4 Kd7 134.Ke3+ Ke7 135.Kf3 Nd6 136.Ng5 e5 137.Kg3 Ra4 138.Re3 Kf6 139.h4 Rb4 140.Rd3 Ke7 141.h5 Ne8 142.Nh7 Nd6

143.Ra3 Rb1 144.Ra7+ Ke6 145.Rg7 Ne4+ 146.Kg2 Kd5 147.Ng5 Nf6 148.h6 Rb4 149.Nh3 Rc4 150.Kg3 Rc8 151.Kh4 Kc4 152.g5 Nd5 153.h7 Ne3 154.Rf7 Rh8 155.g6 Ng2+ 156.Kg5 Rd8 157.g7 Rd4 158.g8Q Rg4+ 159.Kxg4 Ne3+ 160.Kf3 Kd3 161.Qd8+ Nd5 162.Qxd5+ Kc3 163.Qc6+ Kb2 164.Rb7+ Ka1 165.Qa6# 1-0 (165) Berserk13 (3540)-Komododragon3 (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9...Qa5 10.Bd2 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6 12.Nge2 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Qb6 14.f3 Na6 15.Bc3 Nc7 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.0-0 Rfb8 18.Qc2 Qb7 19.Rfb1 Nd7 20.Ra3 Bxc3 21.Nxc3 Nb6 22.b3 Nd7 23.Raa1 Qb4 24.Nb5 Rxb5 25.axb5 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Qd4+ 27.Kf1 Qxa1+ 28.Kf2 Qd4+ 29.Kf1 Qb4 30.Qc4 Qxc4+ 31.bxc4 Nb6 0-1 (31) Erigaisi,A (2801)-Giri,A (2733) New York USA 2024]

[7...h6

A) 8.Bh4

A1) 8...e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.cxd5 g5 *(10...Re8 11.Nd2 a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.0-0 g5 14.Bg3 Ne5 15.Qc2 Nfd7 16.f4 gxf4 17.Bxf4 Nf8 18.Kh1 Nfg6 19.Bg3 Bd7 20.Rf2 Rb8 21.Raf1 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Nd1 Qg5 24.Rf5 Bxf5 25.exf5 Nd7 26.Nf3 Rxe2 27.Qxe2 Qxf5 28.Ne5 Qxe5 29.Bxe5 Ndxe5 30.Ne3 Ne7 31.Qh5 c4 32.Ng4 N5g6 33.h4 b4 34.Nxh6+ Bxh6 35.Qxh6 Nxd5 36.Qg5* 1-0 (36) Maghsoodloo,P (2676)-Amin,B (2690) Europe-Chess INT 2020 *)* 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Nd2 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nd7 14.Nc4 Nf6 15.Ne3 b5 16.Bxb5 Rb8 17.Qc2 Ng4 18.Nxg4 Bxg4 19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Qb6 21.Nd1 Qb4+ 22.Kf1 Rbe8 23.Nc3 f5 24.a3 Qb3 25.Qd2 fxe4 26.Re1 e3 27.Rxe3 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Qxb2 29.Ne2 Qb1+ 30.Nc1 c4 31.Kg1 Qc2 32.Kh2 Qxf2 33.Qe6+ Kh7 34.Qxd6 Rf4 35.Qe6 Rf5 36.d6 g4 37.Qe8 Be5 38.Qd7+ Kg6 39.Qe6+ Kg5 40.Ne2 Qxe2 41.Qg8+ Kh5 42.d7 Bxg3+ 0-1 (42) Chirila,I (2530)-Fressinet, L (2588) New York USA 2024;

A2) 8...b5 9.cxb5 a6 10.a4 Qa5 11.Qd2 Qb4 12.Nf3 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qxe4 14.0-0 g5 15.Bg3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Nd7 17.h4 g4 18.Nh2 Nf6 19.Ra3 axb5 20.Bxb5 Qxd5 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxg4 f5 23.Bc4 fxg4 24.Rb3 Rxa4 25.Rxb7 Rxc4 26.Rxd5 Bf6 27.h5 Ra8 28.Kh2 Ra1 29.Rf5 Rd4 30.Bf4 Rxf4 31.Rxf4 Be5 32.Kg3 Ra4 33.b4 Rxb4 0-1 (33) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Jones,G (2672) chess.com INT 2022;

B) 8.Bd2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Qc1 Kh7 14.a4 Na6 15.Ra3 Re8 16.Rb3 b6 17.Bd1 Rc8 18.Bc2 Qd7 19.a5 bxa5 20.Bxa5 Qa4 21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Nxe4 1-0 (22) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Asadli,V (2567) Almaty KAZ 2022;

C) 8.Bf4 Re8 9.Nf3 e6 10.Nd2 exd5 11.cxd5 Na6 12.0-0 Nc7 13.a4 b6 14.Re1 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Nb5 Bf8 17.Nc4 Nxe4 18.Qd3 Nb4 19.Qf3 f5 20.Qb3 a6

21.Nc3 Qf6 22.Rad1 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Nxc3 24.Rde3 Rxe3 25.Bxe3 Ne4 26.Qxb6 Re8 27.Qxa6 f4 28.Bc1 Qd4 29.Rf1 Nxf2 0-1 (29) Gareev,T (2602)-Naroditsky,D (2622) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 8.Be3

D1) 8...e6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.exd5 Kh7 11.Nf3 Bf5 *(11...Re8 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.h3 a6 14.a4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Bf4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Be3 a5 21.Rad1 f5 22.f3 Qd6 23.Bf2 Ra7 24.b3 Rae7 25.Bc2 Bf6 26.Re2 e4 27.fxe4 f4 28.e5 Bxe5 29.Be4 Bf6 30.Rde1 Kg7 31.Qd3 g5 32.Bf3 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Rxe2 34.Qxe2 Qe5 35.Qxe5 Bxe5 36.Bg4 Bxg4 37.hxg4 Kg6 38.Kh2 h5* ½-½ (38) Rasulov,V (2505)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Ne1 Nd7 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Rb1 a6 17.b4 b6 18.Qc2 Qh4 19.bxc5 dxc5 20.g3 Bxd3 21.Nxd3 Qe4 22.Rfc1 b5 23.Nxc5 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Nb6 25.Nxa6 Nxc4 26.Nc7 Na3 27.Rcc1 Nxb1 28.Rxb1 Rxe3 29.Nxa8 Ra3 30.Nc7 Rxa2 31.d6 Rd2 32.Nxb5 Be5 33.Kf1 Bxd6 34.Nxd6 Rxd6 ½-½ (34) Le,Q (2709)-Giri,A (2773) chess.com INT 2022;

D2) 8...Nbd7 9.Nf3 *(9.a4 Re8 10.Qd2 e6 11.dxe6 Rxe6 12.f3 Ne5 13.Rd1 Bd7 14.Nh3 g5 15.Nf2 Ng6 16.0-0 Nh5 17.g3 Nhf4 18.Bxf4 gxf4 19.Nd5 h5 20.b3 fxg3 21.hxg3 Ne7 22.Nf4 Rh6 23.Kg2 Bd4 24.Rh1 h4 25.g4 Rh8 26.Bd3 a6 27.N2h3 Be5 28.Rhf1 Qf8 29.b4 Bxa4 30.Rb1 Qh6 31.Kh1 Bxf4 32.Nxf4 Qg5 33.Qh2 cxb4 34.Rxb4 Bc6 35.Nd5 Kf8 36.Qxd6 Rh6 37.Qc5 Re8 38.Rb2 b5 39.cxb5 Bxd5 40.bxa6 Qg7 41.Rfb1 Bxe4 42.fxe4 Qxg4 43.Bf1 h3 44.Qe3 Nf5 45.Qa3+ Nd6 46.Re1 Kg7 47.Qc3+ Kh7 48.e5 Ne4 49.Qe3 Ng3+ 50.Kh2 Nxf1+ 51.Rxf1 Rxa6 52.Rxf7+ Kh8 53.Rf3 Rg6 54.Rxh3+ Kg8 55.Rd2 Rb8 56.Ra2 Rg7 57.Rd2 Qg6 58.Qd4 Re8 59.Re2* ½-½ (59) Lczero Dev (3586)-Komododragon (3590) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 9...Ng4 10.Bd2 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.Ng5+ hxg5 14.Bxg4 Bf6 15.Be2 Ne5 16.Qc2 Nc6 17.e5 Bxe5 18.h4 gxh4 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Rxh4 Rh8 21.Rxh8 Qxh8 22.0-0-0 Bd7 23.Bd3 Rg8 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.Bg5 a6 26.Qf3+ Ke8 27.Ne4 Nd4 28.Qe3 Bc6 29.f4 Nxc2 30.Nxd6+ Kd7 31.Nxb7+ Kc7 32.Qxe5+ Qxe5 33.fxe5 Kxb7 34.Kxc2 Rh8 35.Be3 Rh5 36.Bxc5 Rxe5 37.Bb4 Re3 38.Kd2 Rg3 39.Re1 Bd7 40.Re2 Rg4 41.b3 Bc6 42.Kc3 Rxg2 43.Rxe6 Rxa2 44.Rxg6 a5 45.Rg7+ Kc8 46.Bd6 Bd7 47.Rg8+ Kb7 48.Rb8+ Kc6 49.Bf4 Rf2 ½-½ (49) Komododragon (3590)-Lczero Dev (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[7...Qb6 8.Qc1 *(8.Qc2 e6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 Rb8 13.Rfd1 exd5 14.cxd5 Qc7 15.a5 h6 16.Be3 Ne5 17.h3 g5 18.Na4 g4 19.h4 g3 20.fxg3 Neg4 21.Bf4 Nxd5 22.Bxg4 Nxf4 23.Bxc8 Ne2+ 24.Kh2 Rbxc8 25.Nb6 d5 26.Ra3 Be5 27.Nf1 Nd4 28.Qb1 Rcd8 29.Nxd5 Qd6 30.Rad3 Qg6 31.Re3 Kh8 32.b4 c4 33.Qc1 Qg4 34.Kh1 Nc6 35.Nh2 Qh5 36.Rf1 Re6 37.Rf5 Qg6 38.Qxc4 Bg7 39.g4 Rde8 40.Nf4 Qh7 41.Nxe6 fxe6 42.Rf1 Ne5 43.Qc7 Qg6 44.Qxb7 Nxg4 45.Rg3 Nf2+ 46.Rxf2 Qxg3 47.Rf3 Qe1+ 48.Rf1 Qxh4 49.Qc7 Qxe4 50.Nf3 Rg8 51.Qd6 Qc4 52.Re1 Qg4 53.Qxe6 Qxb4 54.Ne5 Qxe1+ 55.Kh2 Bxe5+* 0-1 (55) Korobov,A (2692)-Chigaev,M (2631) chess.com INT 2021*)* 8...e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bd3 Na6 15.Qd2 Nc7 16.g4 Ncxd5 17.cxd5 c4+ 18.Kh1 cxd3 19.Qxd3 Qxb2 20.Rab1 Qa3 21.Rxb7 Rac8 22.Rb3 Qa5 23.Bd2 Qc5 24.Ng2 h5 25.h3 Rb8 26.Be3 Qa5 27.Bd4 Rxb3 28.axb3 Qb4 29.Ne3 Nxg4 30.Nc2 Ne5 31.Nxb4 Nxd3 32.Bxg7 Nxb4 33.Bf6 Bxh3 34.Ra1 Nc2 35.Rxa7 Ne1 36.Kh2 Bf5 37.Kg3 h4+ 38.Bxh4 Kg7 39.Be7 Rh8 40.Bxd6 Rh3+ 41.Kf2 Nxf3 42.Bg3 Ng5 43.d6 Kh6 44.d7 Bxd7 45.Rxd7 f5 46.Rd4 Ne6 47.Rd6 f4 48.Rxe6 Rxg3 49.Rc6 Kh5 50.b4 g5 51.b5 g4 52.b6 Rf3+ 53.Ke2 Re3+ 54.Kd2 Re8 55.b7 Rb8 56.Rc7 g3 57.Ke2 Kg4 58.Rg7+ 1-0 (58) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Chigaev,M (2632) Almaty KAZ 2022]

[7...a6 8.a4 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qb6 *(9...e6 10.Nf3 exd5 11.exd5 Bg4 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Ne8 15.g3 Be5 16.Be2 Ng7 17.Bd3 Rae8 18.Kg2 Qd8 19.Qb3 f5 20.f4 Bd4 21.Rae1 b6 22.Ne2 h5 23.Bb1 a5 24.Qc2 Rf7 25.b3 Ree7 26.Qd1 Be3 27.Bc3 Nf6 28.Ng1 Bxg1 29.Rxg1 Rxe1 30.Qxe1 Qf8 31.Qd2 Re7 32.Re1 Rxe1 33.Qxe1 Qf7 34.Kf3 Nge8 35.Ke3 Qd7 36.Kf2 Kf8 37.Kg1 Qe7 38.Qxe7+ Kxe7 39.Kh2 Nc7 40.Bc2 Na6 41.Bd3 Nb4 42.Bb1 Kf7 43.Kg2 Ke7 44.Ba1 Kf7 45.Bb2 Na6 46.Kf1 Nc7 47.Bc2 Nce8 48.Bc3 Nc7 49.Be1 Na6 50.Bd2 Nb4 51.Bb1 Ke7 52.Ke1 Kd7 53.Kd1 Ke7 54.Bc3* ½-½ (54) Xiphos (3717)-Stockfish (3851) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 8.Nf3 h6 9.h3 a5 10.Nf3 Na6 11.0-0 e5 12.g4 Qd8 13.Kh1 Nb4 14.Rg1 Bd7 15.Be3 Ra6 16.Qd2 Kh8 17.Rg2 Rb6 18.Rag1 Ng8 19.h4 f6 20.g5 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.h5 gxh5 23.Nh4 Qc8 24.g6 h6 25.Rh2 Nc2 26.Nxf5 Qxf5 27.Rxh5 Nxe3 28.Rxf5 Nxf5 29.Nb5 Nd4 30.Bg4 Ra6 31.Nc7 Ra7 32.Ne6 Rf6 33.Nd8 Bf8 34.Qd3 b6 35.Nf7+ Kg7 36.Rg2 Re7 37.Qc3 Ra7 38.Qh3 Re7 39.Bd1 e4 40.Bg4 Rc7 41.Ng5 Re7 42.Nh7 Re5 43.Nxf6 Nxf6 44.Bd1 Be7 45.Qc8 h5 46.Rh2 Bf8 47.Qb7+ Be7 48.Qxb6 e3 49.fxe3 Rxe3 50.Qxa5 Bd8 51.Qxd8 Re1+ 52.Kg2 Rxd1 53.Qe7+ Kxg6 54.Qe3 Nf5 55.Qe2 Rd4 56.Kg1 Re4 57.Rg2+ Kf7 58.Qd3 Re1+ 59.Kh2 Re4 60.a5 Ne3 61.Re2 Rd4 62.Rxe3 Rxd3 63.Rxe3 1-0 (63) Stockfish (3851)-Xiphos (3717) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[8...exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Re8 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Rfe1 a6 14.a4 Qc7 15.h3 Rac8 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.f4 Rxg5 19.fxg5 Nd7 20.Nd1 Qd8 21.h4 h6 22.Qd2 Bd4+ 23.Kh1 Ne5 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.g3 Re8 26.gxh6 Ng4 27.Qf4 Qxe4+ 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.Nc3 Re5 30.h7+ Kxh7 31.Rxf7+ Kh6 32.Rf3 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Rf4 Nf2+ 35.Kg2 Nd3 36.Rf7 b4 37.Raa7 g5 38.Rh7+ Kg6 39.Rag7+ Kf6 40.hxg5+ Rxg5 41.Ne4+ Kf5 42.Nxg5 Bxg7 43.Rxg7 Nxb2 44.Nf3 Nc4 45.Rb7 Ke4 46.g4 Kf4 47.g5 Ne3+ 48.Kf2 Ng4+ 49.Ke2 Kf5 50.Rb6 1-0 (50) Erigaisi,A (2629)-Sindarov,J (2609) Warsaw POL 2021]

9.Be3 exd5 10.cxd5 Na6

[10...b5

A) 11.e5 dxe5 *(11...Ng4 12.exd6 Nxe3 13.fxe3 b4 14.Na4 Qxd6 15.0-0 Re8 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Nc4 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 Bxd5 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Nxc5 Bf8 21.Nd6 Rd8 22.Ndb7 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nd7 24.Nxd7 Bxb7 25.Nxf8 Kxf8 26.Rd7 Bc6 27.Rc7 Bd5 28.a3 bxa3 29.bxa3 a5 30.Rc5 Be6* ½-½ (30) Korobov,A (2699)-Sadhwani,R (2616) Warsaw POL 2021 *)* 12.Bxc5 Re8 *(12...e4 13.Nd4 Re8 14.Bxb5 Bg4 15.Nde2 Nbd7 16.Be3 a6 17.Bc6 Ne5 18.0-0 Nxc6 19.dxc6 Qc8 20.Qa4 Rb8 21.b3 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Ng4 23.Rac1 Rb5 24.h3 Nf6 25.Rfd1 Nd5 26.Nd4 Rb4 27.Qa5 Re5 28.Rc5 Re7* 1-0 (28) Korobov,A (2684)-Adhiban,B (2672) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 13.Bxb5 Nbd7 14.Ba3 e4 15.Nd4 e3 16.0-0 exf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bb7 18.Bc6 Bxc6 19.Nxc6 Qb6 20.Qb3 Qe3 21.Nb5 Qxb3 22.axb3 Nxd5 23.Rd1 N7b6 24.Nd6 Re6 25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Re1+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Rd8 29.Kf2 Nc7 30.Ke3 Ne6 31.Rd3 f5 32.g3 Kg7 33.Nc4 Rxd3+ 34.Kxd3 Kf6 35.Nxb6 axb6 36.Kc4 Nc7 37.Bd6 Ne8 38.Bf4 g5 39.Be3 Nd6+ 40.Kd5 Ne4 41.Bxb6 Nd2 42.b4 Nf1 43.b5 Ke7 44.Kc6 Nxh2 45.Bc7 Nf3 46.b6 Nd4+ 47.Kd5 Nb5 48.Be5 Kd7 49.b7 Nc7+ 50.Kd4 Na6 51.b8Q Nxb8 52.Bxb8 Kc6 53.Be5 h5 54.Bf6 f4 55.gxf4 gxf4 56.Ke4 Kb5 57.Kxf4 Kc4 58.Kg5 Kb3 59.Kxh5 1-0 (59) Korobov,A (2626)-Kosakowski,J (2522) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 11.Bxb5 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Nfd2 Qxb5 14.Nxd6 Qa6 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bg7 19.Rb7 Rd8 20.Rhb1 Na6 21.a3 Rxd5 22.Nc4 Bd4 23.Bxh6 g5 24.f4 g4 25.Bg5 Re8+ 26.Kf1 Re6 27.Rxa7 Bc3 28.Ra8+ Kg7 29.Rd8 Nc7 30.Rbb8 Rxd8 31.Rxd8 Nb5 32.Rd5 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Re4 34.Nd6 Nxd6 35.Rxd6 f6 36.Bh4 Rxf4+ 37.Ke3 Ra4 38.Rd3 Rxa3 39.Ke4 Ra4+ 40.Kf5 Bd4 41.Rb3 c4 42.Rb7+ Kf8 43.Rc7 Ra5+ 44.Kg6 Rc5 45.Rxc5 Bxc5 46.Bxf6 Bd6 47.g3 Bc5 48.Kf5 Bg1 ½-½ (48) Erigaisi,A (2710)-Amin,B (2694) Biel SUI 2023]

[10...Bg4 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.a4 Re8 14.Qc2 a6 15.h3 Rc8 16.a5 c4 17.Ra4 Ne5 18.Be2 Nfd7 19.f4 Nd3 20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Qxd3 Nc5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.e5 dxe5 24.f5

e4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Bxc3 27.fxg6 Bf6 28.gxf7+ Kg7 29.Qe8 1-0 (29) Korobov,A (2651)-Sonis,F (2577) chess.com INT 2024]
11.Nd2 Nc7 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 b6 14.Rfe1 Rb8 15.a4 Na6 16.Na2 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Nc4 Qf6 20.Nc3 Nc7 21.Qd2 b5 22.e5 dxe5 23.Ne4 Qh4 24.Ncd6 Red8 25.Bxc5 bxa4 26.Bxa7 Rb3 27.Nc5 Rb4 28.Nxd7 Rxd7 29.g3 Rd4 30.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 31.Qxd4 exd4 32.Nc4 Rxd5 33.Rxa4 d3 34.Rd1 Ne6 35.Kg2 Rd8 36.b4 Rc8 37.b5 Nc5 38.Rb4 Bf8 39.b6 Rc6 40.Na5 Re6 41.b7 Re2+ 42.Kf1 Rxh2 43.Kg1 Nxb7 44.Rxb7 Ra2 45.Nb3 1-0 (45) Erigaisi,A (2801)-Abdusattorov,N (2777) New York USA 2024

6.g4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h4 exd5 9.exd5 b5 10.cxb5 a6 11.a4 axb5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nxb5 Re8 14.Ra3 Na6 15.Kf1 Nc7

[15...Nb4 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.Ne2 Be5 18.Kg2 Bb7 19.Nbc3 c4 20.Nf4 Ra5 21.f3 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Bxd5 23.Nb5 Nd3 24.Kg3 Qb6 25.Rxd3 cxd3 26.Qxd3 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 Rxa4 28.Nxd6 Rxf4 29.Qxf4 Re3+ 30.Kg2 Qxb2+ 31.Qf2 Re2 32.Ne4 Rxf2+ 33.Nxf2 Qb7+ 34.Kg3 Qc7+ 35.Kg2 Qc6+ 36.Kf1 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qc6+ 38.Kf1 Kg7 39.Rh3 h6 40.gxh6+ Qxh6 41.Kg2 Qf4 42.Rg3+ Kf8 43.Rh3 Qc4 44.Kg1 Qc6 45.Kf1 Qc4+ 46.Kg2 Qc6+ 47.Rf3 Qg6+ 48.Rg3 Qc6+ 49.Rf3 Qg6+ 50.Rg3 Qc2 51.Rf3 Qe2 52.Rf4 Kg7 53.Kg3 f6 54.Rf3 Qe1 55.Kg2 Qe2 56.Kg3 Qe5+ 57.Kg2 Qe1 58.Rg3+ Kf8 59.Rf3 Kf7 60.Rf4 Qe2 61.Kg3 Qe3+ 62.Rf3 Qe5+ 63.Kg2 Qe2 64.Kg3 Qe5+ 65.Kg2 Qd4 66.Kg3 Kg6 67.Rf4 Qe3+ 68.Rf3 Qd4 69.Rf4 Qe3+ 70.Rf3 Qe1 71.Kg2 f5 72.Rg3+ Kf6 73.Rf3 Ke6 74.Rf4 Qe3 75.Rf3 Qd4 76.Rh3 Qc4 77.Re3+ Kf6 78.Rh3 Qc6+ 79.Kf1 Qc4+ 80.Kg1 Qc1+ 81.Kg2 Qc6+ 82.Kf1 Qc4+ 83.Kg1 Qc1+ 84.Kg2 Qd2 85.Kg1 Qe1+ 86.Kg2 Qb4 87.Kf1 Qb1+ 88.Kg2 f4 89.Kf3 Qf1 90.Rh1 Qc4 91.Rh3 Kf5 92.Kg2 Qd5+ 93.Kh2 Qa2 94.Kg2 Qd5+ 95.Kh2 Qa2 96.Kg2 Qa8+ 97.Kh2 Qa7 98.Kg2 Qb7+ 99.Kh2 Qd5 100.Rd3 Qg8 101.Rh3 Qd5 102.Rd3 Qb7 103.Kh3 Qe7 104.Rf3 Qa7 105.Kh2 Qa2 106.Kh3 Qa1 107.Kg2 Qa8 108.Nh3 Kg4 109.Nf2+ Kxh4 110.Nh3 Kg4 111.Nf2+ Kf5 112.Nh3 Qb7 113.Nf2 Qg7+ 114.Kh2 Qb7 115.Kg2 Qg7+ 116.Kh2 Qb2 117.Kg1 Qb1+ 118.Kg2 Qa2 119.Kf1 Qa1+ 120.Kg2 Qa8 121.Nh3 Qe4 122.Nf2 Qd5 123.Nh3 Qa8 124.Nf2 Qg8+ 125.Kh2 Qd5 126.Kg2 h4 127.Nh3 Qa2+ 128.Nf2 Qa8 129.Nh3 Kg4 130.Nf2+ Kf5 131.Nh3 Qb7 132.Nf2 Qc6 133.Nh3 Qa8 134.Nf2 Qb7 135.Nh3 Ke5 136.Nf2 Ke6 137.Nh3 Qg7+ 138.Kf2 Ke5 139.Kf1 Qg8 140.Nf2 Kf5 141.Rh3 Qa8 142.Ke2 Qa6+ 143.Kf3 Qc6+ 144.Ke2 Qb5+ 145.Kf3 Qc6+ 146.Ke2 Qa6+ 147.Kf3 Qb7+ 148.Ke2 Qb5+ 149.Kf3 Qd5+ 150.Ke2 Qa2+ 151.Kf1 Qa1+ 152.Kg2 Qa8+ 153.Rf3 Qg8+ ½-½ (153) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]
16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Kg2 Re4 18.Bxh5 gxh5 19.Ne2 Rg4+ 20.Ng3 Be5 21.Re1 Bf5 22.Rae3 Qd7 23.Rxe5

dxe5 24.Rxe5 Bg6 25.d6 Rd8 26.Qd5 Rd4 27.Qxc5 Qxa4 28.Be3 Qa8+ 29.Kg1 R4xd6 30.b4 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Qxd5 32.Qc7 Qd7 33.Qe5 Qd6 34.Qc3 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qd5 36.Bb6 Re8 37.Bd4 Qd7 38.Bh8 f5 ½-½ (38) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

[121] **6...Na6** 7.0-0

[7.Bf4 Bg4 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Bg5 c5 10.d5 Nc7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Be2 Qe8 15.Qd2 e5 16.Be3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Ne5 20.Rae1 Qg6 21.Kh1 Kh8 22.b3 Ne8 23.Bd3 Qh5 24.Bc2 Ng6 25.Ne2 Nxf4 26.Nxf4 Qh6 27.Re6 Qh4 28.Qe1 Qxe1 29.Rexe1 Be5 30.Ne6 Rf7 ½-½ (30) Korobov,A (2626)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

7...e5

[7...Bg4 8.Be3 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxd1 11.Bxd1 Bxd1 12.Raxd1 Nxe4 13.Nxg6 Nxc3 14.Ne7+ Kh8 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.Rd3 Bf6 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Rb1 c6 19.Ne7 Rad8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Bxa7 Rd7 22.Nf5 Nb4 23.g3 Nxa2 24.Re1 h6 25.h4 Nc3 26.Bb6 Na4 27.Ba5 b6 28.Bb4 c5 29.Ba3 Kh7 30.h5 Bc3 31.Rb1 Rd2 32.Kg2 Bf6 33.Rb3 Bd4 34.Rf3 Bg7 35.Bc1 Rc2 36.Be3 Rxc4 37.Nd6 Rc2 38.Rxf7 Kg8 39.Ra7 Nc3 40.Nf5 Bf8 41.Bxh6 Ne4 42.Be3 c4 43.h6 Bc5 44.Rg7+ Kh8 45.Nh4 1-0 (45) Bluebaum,M (2654)-Kevlishvili,R (2556) chess.com INT 2024]

8.Be3

[8.Re1

A) 8...Qe8

A1) 9.Bf1 Bg4 10.d5 Nb4 11.a3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Na6 13.b4 Nh5 14.c5 dxc5 *(14...Nb8 15.Be3 Nf4 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Rc1 Nd7 19.Nxa7 f5 20.Nb5 fxe4 21.fxe4 Nf6 22.Rc7 Qd8 23.f3 Bh6 24.Rxb7 N6h5 25.Qd2 Qh4 26.Qf2 Qg5+ 27.Kh1 Rfc8 28.Nxd6 Rc3 29.Nf7 Nh3 30.Nxh6+ Qxh6 31.Bxh3 Nf4 32.Bg4 Raxa3 33.d6 Rxe3 34.Rxe3 Ra1+ 35.Re1 Nd3 36.Rxa1 Nxf2+ 37.Kg2 Qd2 38.Ra8#* 1-0 (38) Zhou Jianchao (2619)-Kovalev,V (2637) chess.com INT 2021*)* 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.bxc5 f5 17.Rb1 Kh8 18.Rb7 Rf7 19.c6 Bf8 20.exf5 gxf5 21.f4 e4 22.Kh1 Rg7 23.Be3 Kg8 24.Rg1 Bd6 25.Bd4 Rg6 26.Be5 Nxf4 27.Bxd6 cxd6 28.Rxg6+ Nxg6 29.Qd4 Ne5 30.Qe3 Qh5 31.Qg3+ Ng6 32.c7 f4 33.Rb8+ Kf7 34.Qg2 e3 35.c8Q Rxb8 36.Qxb8 f3 37.Qc7+ Kg8 38.Qc8+ Kg7 39.Qd7+ Kh6 40.Qgh3 exf2 41.Qxh7+ Kxh7 42.Qxh5+ Kg7 43.Qxf3 1-0 (43) Cheparinov,I (2672)-Kovalev,V (2623) chess.com INT 2022;

A2) 9.d5 Nc5 10.Bf1 a5 11.Rb1 Bd7 12.b3 Nh5 13.g3 f5 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Be3 b6 16.Bh3 Ng4 17.Bxg4 fxg4 18.Nb5 Rc8 19.Na7 Ra8 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.dxc6 Qxc6 22.Qxg4 Rae8 23.Rbd1 a4 24.b4 Nd7 25.b5 Nf6 26.Qe6+ Rxe6 27.bxc6 Ree8 28.f3 h6 29.Nh3 Ra8 30.Rb1 Kf7 31.Nf2 Ng8 32.Nd1 Ne7 33.Nc3 Nxc6

34.Nd5 Ra7 35.Kg2 Nd8 36.Rec1 Ne6 37.h4 Ke8 38.Kf2 Kd7 39.Ke2 Rfa8 40.Nc3 Nd4+ 41.Bxd4 exd4 42.Nb5 a3 43.Nxa7 Rxa7 44.Rb5 Ra4 45.Kd3 Ke6 46.f4 Ra8 47.h5 g5 48.fxg5 Rf8 49.Rf5 Rxf5 50.exf5+ Kxf5 51.gxh6 Bxh6 52.Rf1+ Ke5 53.Rf7 c6 54.g4 Be3 55.Rf5+ Ke6 56.Rf3 b5 57.cxb5 cxb5 58.Rf5 d5 59.Rf8 Kd6 60.Rb8 Kc5 61.Rh8 b4 62.Rb8 Bf4 63.Rc8+ Kb6 64.Rc2 Kb5 65.Kxd4 b3 66.axb3 Kb4 67.Kxd5 Kxb3 68.Rf2 Be3 69.Rf3 a2 70.Rxe3+ Kc2 71.Re1 Kb2 72.Re2+ Kb3 73.Rxa2 Kxa2 74.h6 Kb3 75.h7 Kc3 76.h8Q+ Kd2 77.Qh7 Ke3 78.g5 Kf3 79.g6 Kf4 80.g7 Kg4 81.g8Q+ Kf4 82.Qgg6 Ke3 83.Qhh5 Kf2 84.Qgg4 Kf1 85.Qhh3+ Kf2 86.Qgg2+ Ke1 87.Qhh1# 1-0 (87) Paravyan,D (2647)-Kovalev,V (2648) lichess.org INT 2021;

A3) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.a3 Bg4 11.b4 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nb8 13.b5 Nh5 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.h3 Be6 17.Rad1 Nf4 18.Bf1 c6 19.Qa4 Nb6 20.Qxa7 Nxc4 21.Bc5 cxb5 22.Bxf8 Bxf8 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Bc5 25.Qxb7 Nd6 26.Qa6 e4 27.Nd4 Qe5 28.Nb3 Nxh3+ 29.gxh3 Qg3+ 30.Kh1 Bxf2 31.Bg2 Bxe1 32.Nd4 Bc3 33.Ne2 Qe5 34.Rc1 e3 35.Bf3 Kg7 36.Rxc3 Rxc3 37.Nxc3 Qxc3 38.Qxd6 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Bg2 e2 41.Qe5+ Kh6 0-1 (41) Karjakin,S (2743)-Rapport,R (2763) Baku AZE 2021;

B) 8...c6 9.Be3 *(9.Bf1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Ng4 11.h3 Ne5 12.Be3 Re8 13.f4 Nd7 14.Bf2 Ndc5 15.Qd2 Qa5 16.Rad1 Na4 17.Nxa4 Qxa4 18.b3 Qa3 19.Bd3 Qb4 20.Qc1 Qa5 21.a3 Nc5 22.Bc2 Qc7 23.b4 Nd7 24.Qd2 a5 25.b5 Nb6 26.Bd3 Bd7 27.Bf1 Na4 28.bxc6 bxc6 29.Qc2 Nc5 30.Nf3 Bf8 31.f5 Rab8 32.Bd4 d5 33.fxg6 hxg6 34.exd5 cxd5 35.Qf2 Nb3 36.Ng5 Bg4 37.Rxe8 Rxe8 38.hxg4 Nxd4 39.Kh1 Bh6 40.Qh4 Kg7 41.Nh3 Be3 42.cxd5 Qd6 43.Qe1 Qxd5 44.Qc3 Qe5 45.Re1 a4 46.Bc4 Re7 47.g5 Nf5 48.Qxe5+ Rxe5 49.g4 Nd6 50.Bd3 Bd4 51.Rxe5 Bxe5 52.Bc2 Bb2 53.Bxa4 Bxa3 54.Kg2 Bc1 55.Kf3 Nc4 56.Bb5 Ne5+ 57.Kg3 Kf8 58.Ba4 Ke7 59.Bb3 Kd6 60.Nf2 Kc5 61.Bxf7 Nxf7 62.Nd3+ Kd4 63.Nxc1 Nxg5 64.Kf4 Ne6+ 65.Kf3 Ng5+ 66.Kf4 Ne6+ 67.Kf3 Ng5+ 68.Kf4* ½-½ (68) Vidit,S (2727)-Radjabov,T (2763) chess.com INT 2021*; 9.d5 Nc5 10.Qc2 Qb6 11.h3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Be3 Rfc8 14.Rac1 Qd8 15.Qb1 a5 16.Nd2 Nh5 17.Nc4 Bf8 18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bg7 23.Nf3 Bxc3 24.Rxc3 Qxd5 25.Re5 Qd6 26.Qc1 b6 27.Qxf4 Ne6 28.Qe4 Rab8 29.Rd5 Qf4 30.Qxf4 Nxf4 31.Rxc8+ Rxc8 32.Rd6 b5 33.g3 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Ne6 35.Kg2 Rc2 36.Rd2 Rc5 37.a3 a4 38.Nd4 Rd5 39.Nf3 Rc5 40.Nd4* ½-½ (40) Karjakin,S (2752)-Carlsen,

M (2861) Cupar SCO 2019*)* 9...Qe7 *(9...Re8 10.d5 Ng4 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Rf1 Qxb2 13.Na4 Qb4 14.Bd2 Qa3 15.Bc1 Qb4 16.Bd2 Qa3 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.Bc1 Qb4 19.Bd2 Qa3 20.Bc1 Qb4 21.Bd2 Qa3* ½-½ (21) Dubov,D (2699)-Vitiugov,N (2722) Sochi RUS 2020*)* 10.c5 dxc5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Bg5 Qe8 *(12...Qe6 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Bf4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Qc2 Be6 18.Na4 c4 19.b3 Rab8 20.Rab1 Rb4 21.Nb2 cxb3 22.axb3 Rxb3 23.Nc4 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Qc5 25.Ne3 Qxc2 26.Nxc2 Rd8 27.Ra1 Bc4 28.f3 c5 29.Ne3 Bb5 30.Nd5 Kg7 31.Kf2 Bc4 32.g4 Bxd5 33.exd5 Rxd5 34.Rxa6 Rd7 35.Rc6 a5 36.Ra6 Rd2+ 37.Kg3 c4 38.Rxa5 c3 39.Rc5 c2 40.g5 Kf8 41.h4 Ke7 42.Kf4 Re2 43.Rc6 Kd7 44.Rc5 Kd6 45.Rc8 Kd5 46.h5 Kd4 47.hxg6 hxg6 48.Kg3 Kd3* 0-1 (48) Navara,D (2697)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Na4 Nxe5 15.Nxc5 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Qe5 17.Be3 Qxb2 18.a4 Qxa1 19.Rxa1 Bxa1 20.h4 h5 21.Qd1 Be5 22.Qc1 Rd8 23.Bf4 Bg7 24.Bh6 Bh8 25.Bg5 Re8 26.Bd2 Be6 27.Bc3 Bxc3 28.Qxc3 Rab8 29.Kh2 Rb1 30.Kg3 Bc8 31.f3 Rd1 32.Kf4 Rd6 33.Qa5 Re7 34.Qb4 f6 35.Nb7 Rdd7 36.Nc5 Rd8 37.Nxa6 Kf7 38.Nc5 Kg7 39.Qc3 Kf7 40.Qb4 Kg7 41.Qc3 Kf7 ½-½ (41) Cheparinov,I (2664)-Firouzja,A (2804) Warsaw POL 2021;

C) 8...Qe7 9.c5 exd4 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Bf4 Rad8 14.Qd2 Nfd7 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bh6 Rfe8 17.Rad1 Ne5 18.Be2 a6 19.b3 b5 20.Bf1 b4 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Qb7 23.Qf4 Bg7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.h4 h5 26.Qg5 Kh7 27.f4 Ng4 28.f5 Ne4 29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.fxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxd8 Rxd4 32.Rc1 Kh6 33.Qh8+ 1-0 (33) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Svane,F (2603) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 8...h6 9.Bf1 Bg4 10.d5 Nh7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 f5 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.b4 Nd7 15.c5 Ng5 16.Qd1 dxc5 17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Ba3 b6 20.Na4 e4 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Bxc5 Rf6 23.d6 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Rg6+ 25.Kh1 Qg5 26.Bc4+ Kh7 27.Rg1 Qh4 28.Rxg6 Qxh3+ 29.Kg1 Be5 30.f4 Bxf4 31.Rg2 1-0 (31) Dubov,D (2708)-Makarian,R (2557) chess.com INT 2023;

E) 8...Bg4

E1) 9.d5 Nc5

E1a) 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 a5 12.Nf3 *(12.Be3 b6 13.a3 Nfd7 14.Nf3 a4 15.Nd2 f5 16.f3 f4 17.Bf2 h5 18.Reb1 g5 19.Kf1 Rf7 20.Ke1 Bf8 21.Kd1 Rg7 22.Kc2 g4 23.Rg1 Qg5 24.Raf1 Be7 25.Nb5 Rc8 26.Kb1 Kh8 27.Ka2 Qh6 28.Nb1 Nf6 29.N1c3 h4 30.h3 gxh3 31.gxh3 Rg3 32.Na7 Rcg8 33.Nc6 Bf8 34.Nb5 R8g7 35.Rh1 Qh5 36.Bxc5 bxc5 37.Nd8 Rg2 38.Qd1 R7g3 39.Ne6 Bh6 40.Nc3 Qe8 41.Nxc7 Qd7 42.Ne6 Nh7 43.Qxa4 Qxa4 44.Nxa4 Rd2 45.Nb6 Ng5 46.a4 Nxf3*

47.a5 Ng5 48.Nxg5 Rxg5 49.Rhg1 Rgg2 50.Rxg2 Rxg2 51.Kb3 1-0 (51) Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Chigaev,M (2616) chess.com INT 2023*; 12.b3 Nfd7 13.Rb1 h6 14.Nf3 f5 15.Be3 Na6 16.a3 f4 17.Bd2 g5 18.g4 Nf6 19.h3 Qd7 20.Kh1 Rf7 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Raf8 23.c5 Nb8 24.b5 Nxg4 25.hxg4 Qxg4 26.Nh2 Qxe2 27.Rxe2 Nd7 28.c6 Nb6 29.f3 Nc4 30.Ra1 b6 31.Ra4 Nxd2 32.Rxd2 h5 33.Rda2 Bf6 34.Ra8 Rg7 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.Ra8+ Kf7 37.Na4 Kg6 38.Kg2* 1-0 (38) Hakobyan,A (2617)-Yakubboev,N (2617) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12...Nfd7 13.Be3 f5 14.Qc2 b6 15.b3 f4 16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.h3 g5 18.Qe2 Qf6 19.Nb5 Rac8 20.Nh2 Qg6 21.Qg4 Nf6 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Ng4 Rce8 24.Qf5 Qxf5 25.exf5 Re7 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Nc3 Rxf5 28.Ne4 h5 29.f3 Re8 30.Kf2 Rb8 31.Ke2 Kh7 32.Kd3 Kg6 33.Rab1 Rff8 34.Rg1 Bf6 35.a3 Be7 36.Rb2 Rb7 37.Rgb1 Rfb8 38.Kc3 Kf5 39.Rh1 Ra8 40.Rhb1 Rab8 41.Rh1 Ra8 42.Rhb1 Rab8 ½-½ (42) Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Rapport,R (2752) Zagreb CRO 2023;

E1b) 10.Qc2 a5 11.Be3 b6 12.a3 a4 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.b4 axb3 15.Nxb3 Na4 16.Nb5 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Nc1 f5 19.f3 f4 20.Bf2 Bd7 21.Ne2 g5 22.h3 h5 23.Nec3 Nc5 24.Kf1 Nb7 25.a4 Na5 26.Qd3 Rf7 27.Reb1 Bf6 28.Ke2 Rg7 29.Kd2 Be8 30.Kc2 Bg6 31.Na2 Kh7 32.Be1 Nb7 33.Bf2 Qd7 34.Nac3 Rgg8 35.Rh1 Qe7 36.Kb2 Ra5 37.Kc2 Rga8 38.Qe2 Qd7 39.Kb2 Rf8 40.Qd2 Raa8 41.Qe2 Na5 42.Kc2 Rfc8 43.Rhd1 Bg7 44.Rab1 c6 45.dxc6 Rxc6 46.Rb4 Rac8 47.Na3 Bf7 48.Nd5 Nxc4 49.Nxc4 b5 50.axb5 Rxc4+ 51.Qxc4 Rxc4+ 52.Rxc4 Qxb5 53.Rc3 Qa4+ 54.Kc1 Bxd5 55.Rxd5 Qa1+ 56.Kc2 Qa2+ 0-1 (56) Nepomniachtchi,I (2771)-Firouzja,A (2777) Saint Louis USA 2023;

E2) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 c6 12.c5 Qe7 13.Na4 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Nc7 15.Rad1 Ne6 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Rd1 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.b4 h5 20.Nb2 Nh7 21.g3 h4 22.Bg2 Ng5 23.Re1 h3 24.Bh1 d3 25.Nxd3 Ne6 26.e5 Rd4 27.f4 Qd7 28.Be4 Nc7 29.Nf2 Rxb4 30.f5 Bxe5 31.Nxh3 Rb2 32.Qd1 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 gxf5 34.Qh5 fxe4 35.Ng5 Qd5 36.Qh7+ Kf8 0-1 (36) Reshetnikov,A (2492)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025;

E3) 9.Be3

E3a) 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 exd4 11.Bxd4 c6 *(11...Re8 12.g3 h5 13.Rc1 c6 14.Rc2 Nc5 15.Rd2 Qa5 16.a3 Ne6 17.Be3 Rad8 18.Rxd6 Ng4 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.c5 Be5*

21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Qxg4 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3 24.Rb1 Qxa3 25.Rxb7 Nxc5 26.Rc7 Qa1+ 27.Kg2 Qe5 28.Rxc6 Nxe4 29.Rc8 Rxc8 30.Qxc8+ Kg7 31.Qd7 Nf6 32.Qxa7 Qe4+ 33.f3 Qc2+ 34.Bf2 g5 35.Qd4 Kg6 36.h3 Ne8 37.h4 gxh4 38.Qg4+ Kf6 39.Qxh4+ Ke6 40.Qh6+ f6 41.g4 Kf7 42.Qh5+ Ke7 43.Kg3 Ng7 44.Qh6 Ne6 45.Be3 Qb1 46.f4 Qe1+ 47.Kf3 Qd1+ 48.Kg3 Qe1+ 49.Bf2 Qc3+ 50.Kg2 Qc6+ 51.Kg3 Qc3+ 52.Kg2 ½-½ (52) Yilmaz,M (2641)-Kadric,D (2601) Sharjah UAE 2023 *)* 12.g3 Re8 13.Bg2 Nc5 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.e5 Nd7 16.f4 f6 17.e6 Nb6 18.f5 Nxc4 19.Qc2 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Ne3 21.Qb3 Re7 22.fxg6 c4 23.Qb4 Rae8 24.gxh7+ Kh8 25.Re2 Nxg2 26.Kxg2 Rxe6 27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Qxb7 Qd2+ 29.Kh1 Kxh7 30.Qf7 Re5 31.Qxc4 Qxb2 32.Rf1 Rh5 33.Qd3+ f5 34.Ne2 Qxa2 35.Rxf5 Rxf5 36.Qxf5+ Kg8 37.Qc8+ Kh7 38.Qf5+ Kg8 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Qf5+ ½-½ (40) Jacobson,B (2537)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

E3b) 9...exd4 10.Nxd4 *(10.Bxd4 Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 c6 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.g3 h5 16.Bg2 Ne6 17.Be3 Nd7 18.f4 h4 19.gxh4 Qxh4 20.Rf1 Nb6 21.Ne2 Rad8 22.f5 Ng5 23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Nf4 Be5 25.Rd3 Kh7 26.b3 Rf8 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Rxf2 Rde8 29.h4 Bxf4 30.Rxf4 Rxf4 31.Bxf4 Nxe4 32.Bxd6 Nxd6 33.Rxd6 Re7 34.Bh3 Kh6 35.Rd8 g5 36.hxg5+ Kxg5 37.Kf2 Kf4 38.Rd4+ Ke5 39.Ke3 Rg7 40.Bg4 a5 41.Kd3 Rf7 42.c5 Nd5 43.Re4+ Kf6 44.Be6 Nf4+ 45.Rxf4+ Kxe6 46.Ra4 Kd5 47.Rxa5 Rf3+ 48.Kc2 Kd4 49.Kb2 Rf5 50.b4 Kc4 51.Ka3 Rf3+ 52.Ka4 Kc3 53.Ra7 b5+ 54.Ka5 Kc4 55.Rh7 Ra3+ 56.Kb6 Rxa2 57.Rh4+ Kd5 58.Rh5+ Kc4 59.Kxc6 Kxb4 60.Kb6 Ka4 61.c6 b4 62.Ra5+ Kb3 63.c7* 1-0 (63) Firouzja,A (2777)-Saric,I (2657) Zagreb CRO 2023 *)* 10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Re8 *(11...c6 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.f3 Nd7 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Kh1 Rfe8 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Bh6 Ne5 18.Qe2 Nc5 19.Be3 Bg7 20.b3 Qc7 21.Qc2 Qe7 22.Re2 h6 23.Bf2 h5 24.h3 Ned7 25.b4 Ne6 26.Red2 Nxd4 27.Bxd4 Bh6 28.Rf2 Ne5 29.Qb3 Qh4 30.Rff1 b6 31.b5 Rc8 32.bxc6 Nxc6 33.Bf2 Qe7 34.Nd5 Qe6 35.f4 Bg7 36.Rfe1 Na5 37.Qf3 Nxc4 38.Bd4 Bxd4 39.Rxd4 f5 40.Qg3 Kf7 41.Rf1 b5 42.Qb3 a6 43.a4 Rc5 44.axb5 axb5 45.Ra1 Rd8 46.Qg3 Kg7 47.exf5 Qxf5 48.Ne7 Qf6 49.Ra7 Kh6 50.h4 Rf8 51.Nd5 Rxd5 52.Rxd5 Rf7 53.Qg5+ Kg7*

54.Qxf6+ Kxf6 55.Rxf7+ Kxf7 56.Rxb5 Ne3 57.g3 Ke6 58.Kg1 d5 59.Kf2 Nf5 60.Rb6+ Kf7 61.Ra6 Kg7 62.Ra5 Ne7 63.Kf3 Kf7 64.Ra7 Kf6 65.Ra6+ Kf7 66.Rd6 Kg7 67.Ra6 Nf5 68.Ra5 Ne7 69.g4 hxg4+ 70.Kxg4 Kh6 71.Ra6 Kg7 72.Kg5 Kf7 73.Rd6 Kg7 74.h5 gxh5 75.f5 Kf7 76.f6 Ng8 77.Rd7+ Ke6 78.f7 1-0 (78) Sadhwani,R (2603)-Sindarov,J (2646) Dubai UAE 2023 *)* 12.f3 c6 13.Rad1 Nd7 *(13...Qa5 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.Kh1 b6 17.Nd4 Nc5 18.b4 Ne6 19.b5 cxb5 20.cxb5 d5 21.e5 Qxe5 22.Nc6 Qh5 23.Nxd8 Rxd8 24.Ne2 Bf8 25.Nf4 Qf5 26.g4 Qe5 27.Bxb6 Ne4 28.Bxd8 Nxf4 29.fxe4 Bd6 30.exd5* 1-0 (30) Duda,J (2732)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2591) chess.com INT 2024*)* 14.Kh1 *(14.b3 Qa5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.Bf2 Nac5 17.Qc2 Ne5 18.h3 Qc7 19.f4 Ned7 20.b4 Ne6 21.Nde2 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 Bh6 24.g3 Nf6 25.Qd3 Nh5 26.Qf3 Ra8 27.Rd3 Bf8 28.Red1 Nf6 29.Be3 Ng7 30.g4 Qe7 31.Ng3 Qe6 32.Bd4 Be7 33.f5 Qxc4 34.fxg6 fxg6 35.Bxf6 Rf8 36.e5 d5 37.Rd4 Qb3 38.Rb1 Qc2 39.Qd3 Qxd3 40.Rxd3 Bxf6 41.exf6 Rxf6 42.b5 Ne6 43.bxc6 bxc6 44.Nge2 h5 45.gxh5 gxh5 46.Rf1 Kf7 47.Rdf3 Rg8+ 48.Ng3 Rxf3 49.Rxf3+ Ke7 50.Kf2 Rg5 51.Rf5 h4 52.Rxg5* ½-½ (52) Cheparinov,I (2688)-Yakubboev,N (2647) Almaty KAZ 2022*;* *14.Rd2 Qe7 15.Qd1 Rad8 16.Nde2 Ne5 17.b3 Nc5 18.Qc2 a6 19.Bf2 b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.a4 bxa4 22.Nxa4 Na6 23.h3 d5 24.exd5 Nb4 25.Qd1 Nxd5 26.Kh1 Bh6 27.Bc5 Qf6 28.f4 Nxf4 29.Nxf4 Bxf4 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qe2 Rd2 32.Qf1 Qg5 33.Re4 Bg3 34.Rd4 h5 35.Nc3 Rxd4 36.Bxd4 Qd2 37.Qd1 Qxd1+ 38.Nxd1 Nd3 39.Nc3 f5 40.Kg1 Kf7 41.Kf1 Ke6 42.Be3 h4 43.Ke2 Ne1 44.Kf1 Nc2 45.Ke2 Be5 46.Nb1 Nxe3 47.Kxe3 g5 48.Kd3 g4 49.Nd2 Kd5 50.Nc4 Bd4 51.Nd2 Ba7 52.Nc4 Bc5 53.Nd2 Ke5 54.Ke2 Kf4 55.hxg4 fxg4 56.Kf1 h3 57.gxh3 gxh3 58.b4 Be3 59.Nc4 Kf3* 0-1 (59) Muradli,M (2561)-Shankland,S (2671) Sharjah UAE 2024*;* *14.Nc2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe7 16.Rd4 Ne5 17.Red1 Rad8 18.Bc1 Nc7 19.R4d2 Ne6 20.Ne3 f6 21.Ba3 Nf7 22.Qf2 Ng7 23.Rd3 Qe6 24.c5 dxc5 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Nxd8 27.Bxc5 b6 28.Ba3 Nf7 29.c4 Ne5 30.Qd2 Qd7 31.Qd6 Qxd6 32.Bxd6 Kf7 33.Kf1 Ke6 34.Bb8 Nd7 35.Bf4 Ne5 36.Ke2 Nh5 37.g3 Nxf4+ 38.gxf4 Nd7 39.h4 Kd6 40.Kd2 a5 41.Kc3*

Nc5 42.Ng4 f5 43.exf5 gxf5 44.Ne3 Ke6 45.Nc2 Kd7 46.Nd4 Ne6 47.Nxf5 Nxf4 48.a3 Ke6 49.Nd4+ Kd6 50.Nf5+ Kc5 51.Ng3 Kd6 52.Kd4 Ne6+ 53.Ke4 Kc5 54.Kd3 b5 55.Ne4+ Kb6 56.cxb5 cxb5 57.Nf6 h6 58.h5 Kc5 59.Ng4 Nf4+ 60.Kc3 Nxh5 ½-½ (60) Vidit,S (2714)-Yakubboev,N (2620) Chennai IND 2022) 14...Nac5 15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc7 17.Qd2 Re6 18.Ne2 a5 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 Ree8 21.Qg5 Kh8 22.Nc2 Re6 23.Ra1 Qb6 24.Qd2 Qd8 25.Ra3 Qf6 26.Rxa5 Rxa5 27.Qxa5 Qxb2 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Qxd7 Qxc2 30.Qxb7 Re5 31.Rg1 Rg5 32.h3 c5 33.Qe7 Qd2 34.Qa7 Qb2 35.Qa6 Qxb3 36.Qa1+ f6 37.Qa7+ Kg8 38.Ra1 Re5 39.Qd7 Qb8 40.Ra7 1-0 (40) Duda,J (2740)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024]

[8.Rb1 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 c6 11.Bg5 Nc5 12.Kh1 a5 13.Qd2 a4 14.Rfd1 Qa5 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3 Nfxe4 17.fxe4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Ne6 19.Qxd6 Qxg5 20.Bf3 h5 21.Qd2 Qxd2 22.Rxd2 Ra3 23.Na4 Kf8 24.Kg1 Ke7 25.Kf2 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Kxd8 27.Ke3 Kc7 28.h4 b6 29.e5 Ng7 30.Kf4 Bf5 31.Rb2 Ne6+ 32.Ke3 Ra1 33.Nc3 Re1+ 34.Ne2 Nc5 35.Ra2 Be6 36.Ra7+ Kb8 37.Ra3 Kc7 38.Ra7+ Kb8 39.Ra3 Bd7 40.Kd2 Rh1 41.Nd4 Kb7 42.g3 Rh2+ 43.Kc3 Rh3 44.b4 Ne6 45.Nxe6 Bxe6 46.b5 Rxg3 47.bxc6+ Kb8 48.Kb4 Rg1 49.Bd5 Rd1 50.Bxe6 Rb1+ 51.Rb3 Rxb3+ 52.Kxb3 fxe6 53.Kb4 1-0 (53) Korobov,A (2672)-Rapport,R (2731) Samarkand UZB 2023]

[8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bc1 Nf6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qc2 Qe8 13.Nd5 Nd7 14.Be3 c6 15.Nc3 Qe7 16.h3 Re8 17.Rfd1 Nc7 18.c5 Ne6 19.b4 b6 20.b5 Bb7 21.cxb6 Nxb6 22.bxc6 Bxc6 23.Bb5 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Rac8 25.Qb3 Nc5 26.Qb4 Nca4 27.Qxe7 Rxe7 28.Rac1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 f5 30.Kf1 Rd7 31.Nh4 fxe4 32.Nxg6 Nd5 33.Rc4 Nxe3+ 34.fxe3 Nb6 35.Rxe4 Rd5 36.Ne7+ 1-0 (36) Abdusattorov,N (2716)-Rapport,R (2752) Berlin GER 2023]

[8.dxe5 dxe5

A) 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 Nh6 12.Qc2 *(12.Qa4 Qe8 13.Qa3 c6 14.b4 Nc7 15.b5 Ne6 16.Rfd1 g5 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Be3 g4 19.Nh4 Nd4 20.Rab1 Qh5 21.g3 f5 22.Qc5 Qf7 23.Bd3 f4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Ne2 Bf6 26.Nf5 Nxf5 27.exf5 fxg3 28.hxg3 Be7 29.Qxc6 Bxf5 30.Bxf5 Qxf5 31.Qd5+ Qxd5 32.cxd5 Bc5 33.Nxd4 Rf6 34.Rbc1 Bb6 35.Rc6 Raf8 36.Rxf6 Rxf6 37.Rd2 h5 38.Kg2 Bxd4 39.Rxd4 Rd6 40.Kf1 Kf7 41.Ke2 Ra6 42.a4 Rf6 43.Rb4 Rf5 44.Rb5 Kf6 45.Ra5 Re5+ 46.Kd3 Rf5 47.Ke3 Rf3+ 48.Ke2 Rf5 49.Ra6+ Kg5 50.Rd6 a5 51.Rd8 Kg6 52.Ke3 Rf3+ 53.Ke4 Rxf2 54.Rg8+ Kf7 55.Rg5 Re2+ 56.Kd4 Rg2 57.Rxh5 Rxg3 58.Kc5 Rc3+ 59.Kb5 g3 60.Kxa5 Kf6 61.Rh1 g2 62.Rg1 Rc2 63.Kb4 Ke5 64.a5 Kxd5 65.a6 Ke5* ½-½ (67) Cheng,B (2559)-

Saric,I (2667) Chartres FRA 2023) 12...c6 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.a3 Nf7 15.b4 Nc7 16.Be3 Ne6 17.c5 Kh8 18.Bf1 Bh6 19.Qc1 Bg7 20.Qc2 h5 21.g3 Nfg5 22.Bg2 Nxf3+ 23.Bxf3 h4 24.Bg4 Nd4 25.Bxd4 Bxg4 26.Be3 Bxd1 27.Qxd1 Qe6 28.Qf3 Rad8 29.gxh4 f5 30.exf5 Qxf5 31.Qg2 e4 32.Nxe4 Bxa1 33.Nd6 Qb1+ 34.Qf1 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Rd7 36.Ke2 Be5 37.Ne4 Re8 38.f3 Bd4 39.Bf4 Kg7 40.Bd6 Be5 41.Kd3 Bxd6 42.Nxd6 Re6 43.f4 Rexd6+ 44.cxd6 Rxd6+ 45.Ke3 Kf6 46.h3 Kf5 47.a4 b5 48.a5 a6 49.Ke2 Rd4 50.Kf2 Rxb4 51.Ke3 Rxf4 52.Kd3 Rxh4 53.Kc3 c5 54.Kb3 Ke5 55.Kc2 Kd5 56.Kc3 b4+ 57.Kb3 Rxh3+ 58.Ka4 Ra3# 0-1 (58) Gukesh,D (2736)-Sadhwani,R (2603) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9.Qc2 Nb4 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Rad1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 c5 16.Nd5 Nxe4 17.Bc7 Qd7 18.Bd3 f5 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bxf5 Qf7 21.Bg6 Qd7 22.Bf5 Qf7 23.Bg6 Qd7 24.Bf5 ½-½ (24) Robson,R (2682)-Yakubboev,N (2620) Abu Dhabi UAE 2022;

C) 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.h3 Re8 11.Be3 b6 12.Rfd1 Bb7 13.Nd2 Rad8 14.a3 Nb8 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 c6 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Bb5 Re6 19.Bc4 Red6 20.Bd5 Na5 21.Bxb7 Nxb7 22.Kf1 f5 23.g3 f4 24.gxf4 exf4 25.Bxf4 Rd3 26.Rab1 Nc5 27.Ke2 Na4 28.Nc4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxd1 30.Kxd1 Nxb2+ 31.Nxb2 Bxb2 32.a4 a6 33.Be3 b5 34.Kc2 Be5 35.axb5 axb5 36.Kb3 Bd6 37.Kc3 Kf7 38.Kd4 Ke6 39.f4 Bb8 40.Kd3 Bd6 41.Bd2 Bc5 42.Bc1 ½-½ (42) Sarana,A (2712)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024]

[8.Qc2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Rd1 Nb4 11.Qa4 c5 12.Ndb5 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Bf3 Rxc4 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Bd5 Rg4 17.Bxf7+ Kh8 18.h3 Rh4 19.Bb3 Nc2 20.Nxd6 Bxa4 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nxd8+ Bxb3 0-1 (22) Reshetnikov,A (2492)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

8...Ng4

[8...Qe7

A) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nd5 *(10.h3 c6 11.a3 Nc5 12.Qc2 Nh5 13.Rfd1 Ne6 14.b4 f5 15.Na4 b6 16.c5 b5 17.Nb2 Nef4 18.Bf1 fxe4 19.Qxe4 Nd5 20.Rxd5 cxd5 21.Qxd5+ Be6 22.Qd6 Qxd6 23.cxd6 e4 24.Nd4 Bd7 25.a4 a6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rb1 Rab8 28.Nd1 Rfc8 29.Rb3 Be5 30.Nc3 Bxd6 31.Nxe4 Be7 32.Nc3 Bxb4 33.Rxb4 Rxc3 34.Bxb5 Bxb5 35.Rxb5 Rxb5 36.Nxb5 Rb3 37.Nd4 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Nf6 39.g3 Nd5 40.Bh6 Nc3 41.Kg2 Rb2 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.Bc1 Ra2 44.Bg5 Nd1 45.Ne2 Ra5 46.h4 Ra2 47.Bh6 Ke7 48.Bg5+ Kd6 49.Bf4+ Kd5 50.Bh6 Kc4 51.Be3 Ra3 52.Nf4 Nxe3 53.fxe3 Kc5 54.h5 gxh5 55.Nxh5 Ra7 56.Kf4 Kd6 57.g4 Ke7 58.e4 Ra1 59.Kf5 Ra8 60.e5 Rg8 61.Nf6 Rg7 62.g5 Rf7 63.e6 Rg7 64.Nh5 Rg8 65.Nf6 Rxg5+ 66.Kxg5 Kxe6 67.Nxh7* ½-½ (67) Duda,J (2724)-Shevchenko,K (2684) Warsaw POL

2023) 10...Qd8 (*10...Qd6 11.Qc2 c6 12.c5 Qe6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Rd6 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.h4 Rxd6 19.cxd6 Qe6 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Qxa2 22.Nxe5 c5 23.Qxc5 Qa4 24.Rd4 Qa1+ 25.Kh2 Rc8 26.d7 Rxc5 27.d8Q+ Kg7 28.Qf6+* 1-0 (28) Makarian,R (2547)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2594) chess.com INT 2024) 11.Qc2

A1) 11...c6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Rfd1 (*13.c5 Nc7 14.h3 Ne6 15.Rfd1 Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.e5 Bg7 18.Rxd4 Qe7 19.Re1 Be6 20.b4 Rfd8 21.Rd6 Bd5 22.Qd3 Bxa2 23.Qd4 Bd5 24.Qf4 a5 25.bxa5 Rxa5 26.Qb4 Raa8 27.Qb6 Re8 28.Rxd5 cxd5 29.Bb5 Rec8 30.e6 fxe6 31.Rxe6 Qf8 32.c6 Ra1+ 33.Ne1 bxc6 34.Bxc6 Rb8 35.Qc7 Rbb1 36.Bxd5 Kh8 37.Be4 Rxe1+ 38.Kh2 Rh1+ 39.Kg3 Ra3+ 40.f3 Ra8 41.Bxa8 Qxa8 42.Qd7 Qb8+ 43.f4 Qg8 44.Re8 Bf8 45.Qd4+ Bg7 46.Rxg8+ Kxg8 47.Qd5+ Kf8 48.Qa8+ Kf7 49.Qb7+ Kf8 50.Qc8+ Kf7 51.Qd7+ Kf8 52.Kf2 Kg8 53.Qe8+ Bf8 54.Qe6+ Kg7 55.Qe5+ Kg8 56.f5 gxf5 57.Qxf5 h6 58.Qg6+ Bg7 59.Qe6+ Kh8 60.Qe8+ Kh7 61.Qe4+ Kh8 62.h4 Ra1 63.g3 Ra2+ 64.Kf3 Ra3+ 65.Kg2 Ra2+ 66.Kh3 Ra1 67.Qd5 Kh7 68.Qd3+ Kh8 69.Qd8+ Kh7 70.Qd7 Kh8 71.Kg4 Kh7 72.Qf5+ Kh8 73.Qe6 Kh7 74.Qe4+ Kh8 75.Qd3 Kg8 76.Kh5 Kf7 77.Qd5+ Kf8 78.Kg6 Ra6+ 79.Kh7 Ra7 80.Qg8+ Ke7 81.Qxg7+* 1-0 (81) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Mikaelyan,A (2495) chess.com INT 2025*)* 13...Qe7 14.c5 Nc7 15.b4 (*15.h3 Be6 16.Bc4 Rad8 17.b4 Bg7 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Qf7 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 f5 24.Qd6 fxe4 25.Nxe5 Qf5 26.Qb8+ Qf8 27.Qxf8+ Kxf8 28.Nc4 Bc3 29.a3 Nd4 30.Nd6 Nb5 31.Nxb7 Nxa3 32.Na5 Bxb4 33.Nxc6 a5 34.Kf1 Nc4 35.Ke2 Nxe3 36.fxe3 Bxc5 37.Nxa5 Ke7 38.Nb3 Bb6 39.Nd2 Ke6 40.Nxe4 Ke5 41.Nf2 h5 42.Kf3 g5 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.hxg4 Bd8 45.Nd3+ Kd5 46.Ne1 Be7 47.Ke2 Ke4 48.Nf3 Bf6 49.Nd2+ Kd5 50.Kd3 Bd8 51.Nf3 Be7 52.e4+ Ke6 53.e5 Bd8 54.Ke4 Be7 55.Nd4+ Kf7 56.Kf5 Bd8 57.Nf3 Ba5 58.Nxg5+ Ke7 59.Ne4 Be1 60.g5 Kf7 61.g6+ Kg7 62.Ng5 Bb4 63.Ne6+ Kg8 64.Nf4 Bf8 65.Nd5 Kg7 66.e6 Bd6 67.e7* 1-0 (67) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Perez Ponsa,F (2528) chess.com INT 2025*)* 15...Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 a5 18.a3 Nb5 19.Be2 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Bd3 Bg7 22.g3 h5 23.h4 Rfb8 24.Kg2 b6 25.cxb6 Rxb6 26.bxa5 Rxa5 27.a4 Rc5 28.Qd2 Rc3 29.a5 Rbb3 30.Qe2 Qa7 31.a6 c5 32.e5 Kh7 33.Kh2 Rb4 34.e6 c4 35.e7 cxd3 36.Qe4 Rc8 37.e8Q Rxe8 38.Qxe8 Rb2 39.Kg1 d2 40.Qe2 d3 41.Qxd3 Bd4 42.Qf3 Rc2 43.Ra3 Rc1

44.Kg2 Bxf2 45.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 46.Kxf2 Rxd1 47.Ke2 Rb1 48.Kxd2 Rb8 49.a7 Ra8 50.Ke3 Kg7 51.Ke4 Kf6 52.Ra6+ Ke7 53.Ke5 f6+ 54.Kd5 g5 55.hxg5 fxg5 56.Rh6 Kf7 57.Kc5 Kg7 58.Ra6 h4 59.gxh4 gxh4 60.Kb6 h3 61.Kb7 h2 62.Ra1 Rh8 63.Rh1 Kf6 64.a8Q 1-0 (64) Gukesh,D (2725)-Mamedov,R (2646) Baku AZE 2022;

A2) 11...Ng4

A2a) 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 c6 14.Ne3 Qe7 15.h3 Nxe3 16.Bxe3 Nb4 17.Qa4 c5 18.Qb5 b6 19.Rad1 Nxa2 20.Qc6 Bb7 21.Qa4 Nb4 22.Rd7 Qe8 23.Qd1 Bxe4 24.Qd6 Rd8 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Rd1 Bf5 28.Rxd8 Bxe6 29.Rd6 Re8 30.g4 e4 31.Nd2 f5 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Bf4 Bxb2 34.Bh5 Rg8+ 35.Kh2 Nd3 36.Bg3 Bc8 37.f3 Rxg3 0-1 (37) Weetik,V (2423)-Carlsen,M (2837) chess.com INT 2025;

A2b) 12.Bd2 c6 13.Nc3 Qe7 14.h3 Nf6 15.Be3 Nh5 16.Rfe1 *(16.Rfd1 Nf4 17.Bf1 Qf6 18.Nd2 Nc7 19.b4 Nce6 20.Nb3 Qg5 21.Kh2 Nd4 22.Qd2 Qh5 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Bxf4 dxc3 25.Qc2 a5 26.b5 Bg4 27.Rd3 Be6 28.Rg3 Qc5 29.bxc6 Qxc6 30.e5 Rfc8 31.Rxc3 b5 32.Rc1 b4 33.Re3 a4 34.Bg3 Ra7 35.c5 Ra5 36.Qb2 Rxc5 37.Rb1 Rb8 38.Qd4 Rd5 39.Qh4 Qc5 40.Re4 b3 41.Bc4 b2 42.Bxd5 Bxd5 43.e6 Bxe4 44.Qxe4 Rf8 45.Qxa4 Qf5 46.exf7+ Rxf7 47.Qd1 h5 48.a4 Kh7 49.f3 Ra7 50.Kh1 Qxb1 51.Qxb1 Rxa4* 0-1 (47) Mareco,S (2657)-Karthikeyan,M (2613) Abu Dhabi UAE 2022) 16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.c5 e4 19.Nd4 f4 20.Bxh5 fxe3 21.fxe3 Nxc5 22.Rf1 Bxh3 23.Qe2 Qg5 24.b4 Bxg2 25.Qc4+ Kh8 26.Qxc5 Qg3 27.Nde2 Qh3 28.Nf4 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Qh2+ 31.Ke1 Rf5 32.Qc4 Qc2 33.Rf2 Qxc3+ 0-1 (33) Woodward,A (2530)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024;

A2c) 12.Rad1 Nxe3 13.Nxe3

A2c1) 13...Qe7 14.Nd5 Qe8 15.c5 c6 16.Ne3 Nc7 17.Nc4 Bg4 *(17...Qe7 18.Nd6 Ne6 19.Bc4 Nf4 20.Qb3 Bg4 21.h3 Bh5 22.Kh2 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 b5 24.Bb3 a5 25.a3 Ne6 26.Bxe6 Qxe6 27.Rd3 f5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.Qxc6 e4 30.Qd5 Qxd5 31.Rxd5 Bxb2 32.Nxb5 f4 33.c6 e3 34.fxe3 fxe3 35.Re1 Rae8 36.c7 Be5+ 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.Nd6 Rc5 39.c8Q Rfxc8 40.Nxc8 Rxc8 41.Rxe3 Rc4 42.g4 Kf7 43.Kg3 Kg6 44.Kh4 a4 45.Re6+ Kg7 46.Ra6 Rd4 47.Kh5 Rd3 48.Ra7+ Kg8 49.Rxa4 Rxh3+ 50.Kg5 Rb3 51.Ra7 Rb5+ 52.Kh4* 1-0 (52) Bluebaum,M (2672)-

Chigaev,M (2621) chess.com INT 2023) 18.Nd6 Qe7 19.Nxb7 a5 *(19...Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Ne6 21.Nd6 Nd4 22.Qc3 a5 23.Rfe1 Rfb8 24.Be2 Qc7 25.Bc4 Rf8 26.f4 Qa7 27.fxe5 Ne6 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Rf1 Qa6 30.Qb3 Kh8 31.Qxe6 h6 32.Qxg6 Qa7 33.Nf7+ Kg8 34.Nxh6+ Kh8 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Ng5 Qxc5+ 37.Kh1 Rxf1+ 38.Rxf1* 1-0 (38) Bluebaum,M (2663)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2487) London ENG 2025) 20.Nd6 Ne6 21.Qc3 Qa7 22.Rc1 Rab8 23.Rfe1 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Nd4 25.Bd1 Bh6 26.Rb1 Nb5 27.Qxe5 Na3 28.Nf5 gxf5 29.Qg3+ Bg7 30.Qxa3 Rb4 31.exf5 Qxc5 32.Bf3 Qxf5 33.b3 Rd8 34.Rbd1 Bd4 35.Qc1 c5 36.Re2 Rb6 37.Rde1 Kg7 38.h3 Rf6 39.Qb1 Qg5 40.Qe4 h5 41.h4 Qh6 42.g3 Rdd6 43.Bg2 Rde6 44.Qb1 Rxf2 45.Rxf2 Qd2 46.Rxe6 Qxf2+ 47.Kh2 fxe6 48.Qf1 Qxa2 49.Qf4 Qe2 50.Qg5+ Kf7 51.Qf4+ Bf6 52.Qc7+ Be7 53.Qf4+ Kg7 54.Kh3 a4 55.Qxa4 Qe5 56.Bf3 Bd6 57.Qf4 Qxf4 58.gxf4 Kh6 59.Kg3 Kg6 60.Be4+ Kf6 61.Kf3 Bc7 62.Bd3 Bd8 63.Be4 Kf7 64.Kg3 Kg7 65.Bf3 Bc7 66.Bxh5 Kf6 67.Bf3 e5 68.fxe5+ Kxe5 69.Kg4 Kf6 70.Be2 Ba5 71.Bc4 Bb4 72.h5 Kg7 73.Kf3 ½-½ (73)

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A2c2) 13...Qe8 14.c5 Nb4 15.Qb3 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.Qc2 *(17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Nd5 Rc6 19.Qb5 f5 20.Qxa5 Rf7 21.b4 h6 22.Nd2 Kh7 23.Qa4 Qf8 24.Qc2 Be6 25.Nc4 Ra6 26.a4 fxe4 27.a5 Bf5 28.Nde3 Raf6 29.Nd2 c6 30.h4 h5 31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Rf4 33.Qc2 Rxb4 34.Rd6 Rf6 35.Nc4 Rf5 36.Rb1 Rxb1+ 37.Qxb1 Qf7 38.Qc2 e4 39.Ne3 Re5 40.Rd4 Re7 41.Rxe4 Rd7 42.g3 Qf6 43.Rf4 Qe6 44.Kg2 Re7 45.Qc4 Qe5 46.Qc2 Bh6 47.Rf3 Bxe3 48.Rxe3 Qd5+ 49.Kh2 Rf7 50.f4 Rd7 51.Re5 Qd2+ 52.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 53.Kh3 Rd7 54.Re6 Kg7 55.a6 bxa6 56.Rxc6 Ra7 57.Rb6 a5 58.c6 Ra8 59.Rb7+ Kf6 60.c7 Rc8 61.Ra7 a4 62.Kg2 a3 63.Kf3 a2 64.Rxa2 Rxc7 65.Ra6+ Kf5 66.Ra5+ Kf6 67.Ra3 Rc6 68.Re3 Rc5 69.Rd3 Kf5 70.Ke3 Rb5 71.Rc3 Kg4 72.Rc6 Rb3+ 73.Ke4 Rb4+ 74.Ke5 Rb5+ 75.Ke4 Rb4+ 76.Ke3 Rb3+ 77.Ke4 Rb4+* ½-½ (77) Bluebaum,M (2662)-Movahed,S (2518) chess.com INT 2025) 17...Qc6 18.Rc1 a4 19.Nd5 Re8 20.Rfd1 Bh6 21.Rb1 Bg4 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Bxg4

Qxc5 24.Qxa4 Kh8 25.b4 Qd6 26.b5 c6 27.Nb6 cxb5 28.Rxd6 bxa4 29.Nxa8 Rxe4 30.Bf3 Re5 31.g3 1-0 (31) Lazavik,D (2572)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 exd4 11.Bxd4

B1) 11...Qxe4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7

B1a) 13.Re1 Nc5 14.Rc1 a5 15.Rc4 *(15.Bf1 Qf4 16.Rc4 Qf6 17.Qd2 Bf5 18.Rf4 Qd8 19.g4 Bd7 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.h4 f5 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Ng5 Qf6 24.Qxf6 Rxf6 25.Re7 h6 26.Ne6 Nxe6 27.dxe6 c6 28.Bh3 Raf8 29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.h5 Kh8 31.Kf1 d5 32.b4 a4 33.b5 cxb5 34.Rb4 f4 35.Rxb5 Rb8 36.Rxd5 Kg8 37.Rdd7 Kf8 38.Rh7 Kg8 39.Rdg7+ Kf8 40.e7+* 1-0 (40) Lysyj,I (2589)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024*)* 15...Qe7 16.Nd4 Qf6 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.Rc2 Rae8 19.Nxc7 Re5 20.Bf1 Ba4 21.b3 Nxb3 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Rc4 b5 24.axb3 bxc4 25.bxa4 c3 26.Nb5 Rc8 27.Qc2 Qf5 28.Na3 Qxc2 29.Nxc2 Rc5 30.Bd3 Rxd5 31.Ne1 e4 32.Bc2 Rd2 33.g4 f5 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Kg2 Kf6 36.Bb3 f4 37.Kf1 Ke5 38.Nc2 f3 39.Ke1 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Rd2 41.Ke1 Rd8 42.Ne3 Kd4 43.Nf5+ Ke5 44.Ne3 Kd4 45.Nf5+ Kd3 46.Ne3 Rb8 47.Bc2+ Kd4 48.Kd1 Rg8 49.Nf5+ Ke5 50.Ng3 Rg4 51.Kc1 Rh4 52.h3 e3 53.fxe3 Rxh3 54.Nf1 Rh1 55.Bd3 h5 56.Kc2 h4 57.Kxc3 h3 58.Nd2 f2 59.Bf1 h2 60.Bg2 Rc1+ 61.Kd3 h1Q 62.Bxh1 Rxh1 63.Ke2 Ra1 64.Nc4+ Kd5 65.Nxa5 f1Q+ 0-1 (65) Ragger,M (2580)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025;

B1b) 13.Rc1 Nc5

B1b1) 14.Rc4 Qe7 15.b4 Ne4 *(15...Nd7 16.Rxc7 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Qd8 19.Qd4+ Nf6 20.Rfc1 Kg8 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qxf6 Re8 24.Bf1 Qd8 25.Qf4 Kg7 26.h4 Qf6 27.Qd2 Re4 28.b5 h6 29.Qd3 Rb4 30.g3 Qb2 31.h5 g5 32.Qe3 Qf6 33.Kg2 Ra4 34.Be2 Ra2 35.Qe4 Kf8 36.Qc4 Rb2 37.Nd4 Rd2 38.Nf3 Rb2 39.Bd3* 1-0 (41) Van Foreest,L (2505)-Narayanan,S (2695) Chartres FRA 2024*)* 16.Qa1+ Kg8 17.Rfc1 c6 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Rxc6 Bg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 d5 22.Qd4 Rfd8 23.Rc7 Qg5 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Qxe4 Rab8 26.a3 Re8 27.Qf3 Re7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.g3 Qe5 30.Kg2 a5 31.Rc5 Qd4 32.Rxa5 Rb6 33.Qd5 Qf6 34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.Qd8 Qe6 36.Qf8+ Kf6 37.Qh8+ Kg5 38.Qd4 Qc6+ 39.Kh2 Kh6 40.Rg8 g5 41.Qg7+ 1-0 (41) Makarian,R (2557)-Gukesh,D (2730) chess.

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B1b2) 14.Qd4+ Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Re8 16.b4 Nd7 17.Rxc7 Nb6 18.Bf3 a5 19.Nb5 Rd8 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 Ra4 22.Re1 Rxb4 23.Nc3 Rc4 24.Rxc4 Nxc4 25.h4 Bd7 26.Rb1 Rb8 27.Rb4 b5 28.Be2 Na3 29.Bd3 Rc8 30.Rb3 Ra8 31.Nxb5 Nxb5 32.Bxb5 Rb8 33.Bc4 Rxb3 34.Bxb3 Kf6 35.f4 Kf5 36.g3 Ke4 37.Kf2 h5 38.Ba2 Kd4 39.Bb3 Bb5 40.f5 Bd3 41.fxg6 fxg6 42.Kf3 Be4+ 43.Kf4 Bxd5 44.Bc2 Bf7 45.Kg5 Ke5 46.g4 d5 47.Bd3 Kd4 48.Be2 Ke3 49.gxh5 gxh5 50.Bb5 d4 51.Kf6 Bd5 52.Kg6 Bf3 53.Kg5 d3 54.Bxd3 Kxd3 55.Kf4 Ke2 56.Kg3 Ke3 57.Kh2 Kf4 58.Kh3 Be2 59.Kh2 Kg4 60.Kg2 Kxh4 61.Kf2 Bg4 62.Kg1 Kg3 63.Kh1 h4 64.Kg1 h3 65.Kh1 Bf3+ 66.Kg1 h2+ 0-1 (66) Ragger,M (2585)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025;

B2) 11...Nc5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qd4+ f6 14.b4 Nd7 15.Rac1 Ne5 16.Nd2 g5 17.Rc3 c6 18.Rfc1 Bd7 19.Nf1 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.Qxb4 c5 22.Qb1 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Qb2 Rf7 25.Ng3 Bg6 26.Bh5 Ra4 27.Bxg6 hxg6 28.Re3 Rd4 29.Rce1 Qf6 30.Qe2 Rxd5 31.Ne4 Qf4 32.Nxd6 Ng4 33.g3 Qxd6 34.Qxg4 Rdf5 35.Rf1 b5 36.a4 b4 37.Qc4 Qd5 38.Re4 Qxc4 39.Rxc4 Ra7 40.Ra1 Ra5 41.Kf1 Kf6 42.Ke2 Ke6 43.Re4+ Kd5 44.f3 Re5 45.Kd3 Rf5 46.Ke3 Rf6 47.h4 gxh4 48.gxh4 Kc6 49.f4 Rd6 50.Rc4 Re6+ 51.Kd3 Ra8 52.Rg1 Rd8+ 53.Kc2 Re2+ 54.Kb1 Rdd2 55.Rg5 Rd1+ 56.Rc1 Rxc1+ 57.Kxc1 c4 58.Rxg6+ Kc5 59.h5 b3 60.h6 c3 61.Rg1 Ra2 62.Kb1 c2+ 0-1 (62) Sarana,A (2699)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 9.Bg5

C1) 9...Bg4 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nd5 Qe6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd4 exd4 14.Bxg4 Qd6 15.b4 Bg7 16.c5 Qe5 17.f4 Qe8 18.Be2 Rd8 19.Bxa6 bxa6 20.Qd3 a5 21.b5 f5 22.Rae1 Qf7 23.Qb3 Kh8 24.b6 cxb6 25.cxb6 fxe4 26.Nc7 Qxb3 27.axb3 e3 28.Ne6 axb6 29.Nxf8 Bxf8 30.Rf3 Bc5 31.Rd1 e2 32.Re1 d3+ 0-1 (32) Yilmaz,M (2641)-Karthikeyan,M (2610) chess.com INT 2024;

C2) 9...c6 10.c5 exd4 *(10...h6 11.cxd6 Qxd6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.f4 Qc5+ 18.Qf2 Qxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Rd8 20.Rc1 Rb8 21.b3 Rb4 22.Re2 Bg4 23.Rec2 Be6 24.g3 c5 25.Na4 c4 26.Nc5 cxb3 27.axb3 Bxb3 28.Nxb3 Rxb3 29.Rc7 Kg8 30.R1c2 Rb1+ 31.Kg2 Rdb8 32.Rxa7 R8b2 33.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 34.Kh3 Ra2 35.e5 h5 36.g4 hxg4+ 37.Kxg4 Rxh2 38.Rxa6 Rc2 39.Kf3 Kg7 40.Rd6 Rc4*

41.Rd3 Kf8 42.Rd6 Ke7 43.Rd3 Rc6 44.Ke4 Ke6 45.Rd4 Rb6 46.Rc4 Ra6 47.Rd4 Rc6 48.Rb4 Rc1 49.Rb6+ Ke7 50.Rb7+ Kf8 51.Kf3 Rc4 52.Ke3 Ra4 53.Kf3 Rc4 54.Kg4 Rc6 55.Kg5 Kg7 56.Re7 Ra6 57.f5 gxf5 58.Kxf5 Rh6 59.e6 Rf6+ 60.Ke5 Rxe6+ 61.Rxe6 fxe6 62.Kxe6 ½-½ (62) Yilmaz,M (2665)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.cxd6 Qe6 12.Qxd4 Ng4 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Be7 Re8 15.h3 Ne5 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Rad1 Rxe7 18.dxe7 Qxe7 19.f4 Ned3 20.e5 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bc4 1-0 (22) Vidit,S (2730)-Shevchenko,K (2662) chess.com INT 2023;

C3) 9...exd4 10.Nd5 *(10.Nxd4 c6 11.Re1 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Nxe4 14.Bf3 Nxc3 15.Rxe7 Nxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf6 17.Ree1 Rd8 18.h3 Nb4 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 Nc7 21.b5 c5 22.Nb3 Be6 23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.Bxd6 Ne8 25.Bxc5 Bxc4 26.Bxb7 Rd8 27.Bc6 Nd6 28.Na5 Bxb5 29.Rd1 Ne4 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8 31.Bxe4 Bxa5 32.Bxa7 Bd7 33.g4 Bc3 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.Kf3 h5 36.Bc5 hxg4+ 37.hxg4 Ba4 38.Ke3 f6 39.f3 Kf7 40.Bb4 Bb2 41.Bd5+ Ke8 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Be5 44.Bc3 Kd6 45.Be4 Kc5 46.Bxe5 fxe5 47.Kc3 Bd1 48.Kd2 Ba4 49.Bc2 Bc6 50.Ke3 Kc4 51.a4 Kb4 52.Bd1 Bb7 53.Kd3 Bd5 54.Ke3 Bc6 55.Bc2 Bd5 56.Be4 Bb3 57.Bc6 Bc2 58.Kd2 Bg6 59.Bb5 Bf7 60.Kd3 Bg6+ 61.Ke3 Bc2 62.Bd7 Bb3 63.Ke4 Bd1 64.Bc6 Kc5 65.Bb7 Bxa4 66.Kxe5 Bd1 67.Kf6* 1-0 (67) Vidit,S (2716)-Carlsen,M (2839) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10...Qd8 11.Nxd4 c6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qd2 Nc5 *(14...Re8 15.f3 Nc7 16.Rac1 Ne6 17.Rfd1 Nf4 18.Bf1 h5 19.b3 h4 20.g3 hxg3 21.hxg3 Ne6 22.Bg2 d5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Nb5 dxe4 25.Nd6 Rd8 26.Nxe4 Qe5 27.Qxd8+ Nxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7 29.f4 Qe6 30.Rc7 Qb6+* 0-1 (30) Shankland,S (2671)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 15.f3 a5 *(15...Rd8 16.Rad1 d5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.b4 Ne6 19.c5 Nf4 20.Rfe1 Bd7 21.Bf1 Ba4 22.Rc1 a6 23.g3 Ne6 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.f4 Bc6 26.Bh3 d4 27.Re5 d3 28.Rce1 Kh8 29.Bxe6 a5 30.bxa5 Rd4 31.Bb3 Rad8 32.a6 Ra8 33.Re6 Qd8 34.Qc3 Rxa6 35.Re8+ Bxe8 36.Rxe8+* 1-0 (36) Shankland,S (2671)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 16.Rad1 *(16.b3 Rd8 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Bf1 f6 20.Qe3 Bf7 21.Rd2 d5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Rac8 26.g4 Kf8 27.h4 Rd6 28.Kf2 Nd7 29.Re1 Nf6 30.Bh3 Rcd8 31.Rc1 Ne8 32.g5 Rb6 33.Rc5 a4 34.bxa4 Rb4 35.Rb5 Rxa4 36.Rxb7 Nd6 37.Rd7 Rxd7 38.Bxd7 Ra3 39.Be6 Nc4 40.Re2 Rd3 41.Nb5 Be8*

42.Nc7 Bc6 43.a4 Na5 44.Bg4 Nc4 45.h5 d4 46.h6 Ne3 47.Ne6+ Kg8 48.Bh3 Bd5 49.Nf4 Rd1 50.Nxd5 Nxd5 51.Be6+ Kf8 52.Bxd5 d3 53.Rb2 d2 54.Bb3 Rh1 55.Rxd2 Rh2+ 56.Ke3 Rh1 57.Rd7 Re1+ 58.Kf2 Rb1 59.Rf7+ Ke8 60.Bd5 Rd1 61.Rxh7 Rd2+ 62.Kg3 Rxd5 63.Kg4 Rd4+ 64.f4 Rd1 65.Rb7 Rg1+ 66.Kf3 Rb1 67.Rxb1 1-0 (67) Yilmaz,M (2640)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 16...Bd7 17.b3 Rfd8 18.Qe3 Qe5 19.Qf2 Ne6 20.Rd2 Nxd4 21.Rxd4 Be6 22.Rfd1 a4 23.b4 c5 24.bxc5 Qxc5 25.R1d2 a3 26.h4 Ra6 27.Qe3 Rb6 28.Qc3 Rc8 29.Kf2 h5 30.Qe3 Kh7 31.R4d3 Ra6 32.Qxc5 dxc5 33.Rb3 Rc7 34.Rc2 Ra4 35.Rcc3 Rc6 36.Rxb7 Rb4 37.Ra7 Rd6 38.Raxa3 Rd2 39.Ke3 Rbb2 40.Bd3 Rxg2 41.Ra5 Rxa2 42.Rxc5 Rh2 43.Re5 Rxh4 44.c5 Ra7 45.c6 Rc7 46.Rb5 Bc8 47.Rb6 Rh1 48.Kf2 h4 49.Kg2 Rd1 50.Rb2 Kg7 51.Be2 Rd6 52.Rbc2 g5 53.Rc5 f6 54.e5 fxe5 55.Rxe5 Kf6 56.Rec5 Bf5 57.R2c3 Rd2 58.Re3 Be6 59.Kf2 Rb2 60.Ke1 h3 61.Kf2 h2 0-1 (61) Vidit,S (2716)-Carlsen,M (2839) chess.com INT 2023;

D) 9.Re1 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 exd4 11.Bxd4 *(11.Nxd4 Qxe4 12.Qd2 Qe5 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Bf3 Qf6 15.Nb5 Ne6 16.Nxa7 Bd7 17.b3 Nd4 18.Bxd4 Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Rxa7 21.Re7 Re8 22.Rde4 Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Rxa2 24.h3 Be6 25.Rxc7 b6 26.Rc6 Rb2 27.Rxb6 Bxc4 28.Rxd6 Rxb3 29.Rd4 Rb1+ 30.Kh2 Be6* ½-½ (30) Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2575)-Chigaev,M (2624) Marbella ESP 2024 *)* 11...Qxe4 12.Bd3 *(12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Nd4* ½-½ (14) Ivanchuk,V (2664)-Maze,S (2542) Reykjavik ISL 2023*)* 12...Qf4 *(12...Qg4 13.Re4 Qd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qd2 Qd8 16.Rae1 Nc5 17.Re7 Be6 18.Qc3+ Kg8 19.Qf6 Nxd3 20.R1xe6 Nf4 21.Re1 Nh5 22.Qh4 f6 23.Nd4 Rf7 24.Nf5 Rxe7 25.Nxe7+ Kg7 26.Qe4 Qd7 27.g4 Nf4 28.Qxf4 Re8 29.g5 fxg5 30.Qxg5 Kf7 31.Qf4+ Kg7 32.Qd4+ Kf7 33.Qf4+ Kg7 34.Qh4 c6 35.Re3 Rf8 36.Nxg6 Kxg6 37.Rg3+ Kf7 38.Qf4+* 1-0 (38) Ragger,M (2615)-Kadric,D (2584) Austria AUT 2023*)* 13.Re4 Qf5 14.Rh4 Qd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd2 Kg8 17.Ng5 h5 18.Nh7 Qe7 19.Qh6 Bg4 20.Ng5 f6 21.Qxg6+ Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rxg4 hxg4 24.Ne6+ Kh6 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Re1 f5 27.Re7 Kg5 28.g3 Kf6 29.Rh7 Kg6 30.Re7 Kf6 31.Rh7 Re8 32.Kf1 Kg6 33.Rh4 Kg5 34.Rh7 Nc5 35.Bc2 Ne6 36.h4+ gxh3 37.Rxh3 Nd4 38.Bd3 Nf3 39.Rh7 c5 40.Rxb7 Rh8 41.Rg7+ Kf6 42.Rxa7 Ne5 43.Ke2 Rh2 44.Ra6 Ke6 45.a4 Ng4 46.a5 Rxf2+ 47.Kd1 Rxb2 48.Kc1 Rg2 49.Rb6 Rxg3 50.Bc2 Ne3 51.Rb3 Rg1+ 52.Kb2 Nxc4+ 53.Ka2 Nxa5 54.Re3+ Kf6 55.Rf3 Rg5 56.Rd3 Nc4 57.Bb3 Rg2+ 58.Ka1 Rg1+

59.Ka2 Rg4 60.Bxc4 Rxc4 61.Rxd6+ Ke5 62.Rd8 Rd4 63.Re8+ Kd5 64.Kb3 Re4 65.Rf8 f4 66.Kc3 Ra4 67.Kd3 Ra3+ 68.Ke2 f3+ 69.Kf2 Kd4 70.Rd8+ Kc4 71.Rf8 Rd3 72.Rc8 Kb4 73.Rb8+ Kc3 74.Rc8 c4 75.Rc7 Kb3 76.Rb7+ Kc2 77.Rb8 c3 78.Ke1 Rd2 79.Ra8 f2+ 80.Kf1 Kb3 81.Rb8+ Kc2 82.Ra8 Kc1 83.Ra1+ Kb2 84.Ra8 c2 85.Rb8+ Kc1 86.Kg2 Kd1 0-1 (86) Ragger,M (2603)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024;

E) 9.Nd2 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nc5 11.Re1 c6 12.Bf1 Ne6 13.Be3 h5 14.h3 h4 15.Rc1 Nh5 16.Nf3 Nef4 17.Qd2 Be5 18.Rcd1 Be6 19.Nd5 cxd5 20.exd5 Bxh3 21.Bxf4 Nxf4 22.Qxf4 Bxf4 23.Rxe7 Bc8 24.b4 a5 25.b5 b6 26.Nxh4 Bg5 27.Re4 f5 28.Red4 Kf7 29.Nf3 Bf6 30.R4d2 Ra7 31.Nd4 ½-½ (31) Ivanchuk,V (2673)-Yakubboev,N (2667) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

F) 9.c5 exd4 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.Bxd4 Nxe4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qd4+ Nf6 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Ng5 Be6 17.Nxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxf6+ Kxf6 19.Nxh7+ Ke7 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.b3 Kd7 22.Rfd1 Rb8 23.Rac1 Rb5 24.Rc2 a5 25.Rdc1 Rb7 26.f3 a4 27.bxa4 a5 28.Kf2 Rb4 29.Rc7+ Ke8 30.a3 Rxa4 31.R1c3 Kf8 32.g4 g5 33.Kg3 Rd4 34.h4 gxh4+ 35.Kxh4 Kg7 36.Kg3 Kf6 37.f4 Rd1 38.f5 Bd5 39.Kh4 Rh1+ 40.Rh3 Rg1 41.Ra7 Bg2 42.g5+ Ke5 43.Re7+ Kf4 44.Rh2 Bf3 45.Rxf7 Rg4+ 46.Kh3 Rxg5 47.Rh7 Rg3+ 48.Kh4 Rg4+ 49.Kh3 Rg3+ 50.Kh4 Rg4+ 51.Kh3 Rg3+ ½-½ (51) Makarian,R (2547)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024;

G) 9.Qc2 exd4 *(9...Nb4 10.Qd2 Bg4 11.d5 a5 12.b3 Na6 13.Ne1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nh5 15.f3 f5 16.Nd3 Nf4 17.Qd2 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 h5 19.Rab1 Kh7 20.a3 f4 21.Bf2 g5 22.g4 fxg3 23.hxg3 g4 24.fxg4 Qd7 25.Kg2 Qxg4 26.Rh1 Bf6 27.Rxh5+ Qxh5 28.Rh1 Qxh1+ 29.Kxh1 Bg5 30.Kg2 Rf6 31.Nd1 Raf8 32.Qe2 Bc1 33.Qh5+ Rh6 34.Qg4 Rg6 35.Qd7+ Kg8 36.a4 Bf4 37.g4 Nb4 38.c5 Nd3 39.c6 bxc6 40.dxc6 Rg7 41.Qe6+ Kh7 42.Bg3 Nc5* 0-1 (42) Ivic,V (2595)-Sindarov,J (2661) Sharjah UAE 2023 *)* 10.Nxd4 c6 11.Rad1 Re8 12.f3 d5 13.cxd5 Nb4 14.Qc1 *(14.Qd2 Nbxd5 15.Bf2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nd7 17.Rfe1 Nc5 18.Bf1 Qc7 19.e5 Ne6 20.f4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Be6 22.Bc4* ½-½ (22) Yilmaz,M (2624)-Saric,I (2687) Terme Catez SLO 2022*)* 14...cxd5 15.Bg5 dxe4 16.fxe4 Qe5 17.Kh1 Ng4 18.Bf4 Qc5 19.Ndb5 Be5 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Rf4 h5 22.a3 Nc6 23.h3 Nf6 24.Rdf1 Be6 25.Rxf6 a6 26.Bxh5 Qxh5 27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Nc7 Qe5 29.Nxa8 Rxa8 30.Qh6 Qg7 31.Qg5 Rf8 32.Rd1 Ne5 33.Ne2 Qf6 34.Qg3 Kg7 35.Nd4 Rf7 36.Qb3 Re7 37.Kg1 Nf7 38.Nf3 Ng5 39.Nxg5 Qxg5 40.Qc3+ e5 41.Rf1 Qh4 42.Qf3 Kh7 43.Qf6 Qxf6 44.Rxf6 Kh6 45.Kf2 Kg5 46.Rb6 Kf4 47.Rxg6 Kxe4 48.Ke2 Rc7 49.Rg4+ Kd5 50.Kd3 Rc1

51.h4 Rh1 52.g3 b5 53.Rg8 e4+ 54.Ke3 Re1+ 55.Kd2 Rb1 56.h5 Rxb2+ 57.Ke3 Rb3+ 58.Kf4 Rf3+ 59.Kg4 Rf1 60.h6 Rh1 61.Kg5 e3 62.Re8 Kd4 63.Kg6 Rg1 64.h7 Rxg3+ 65.Kf5 Rh3 66.h8Q+ Rxh8 67.Rxh8 e2 68.Rh1 ½-½ (68) Narayanan,S (2660)-Kadric,D (2601) Sharjah UAE 2023;

H) 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 *(11.Bc1 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rb1 Nc7 14.b4 Rd8 15.a4 Be6 16.Nd2 f5 17.b5 d5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.bxc6 dxc4 20.Qc2 Qc5 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Qxc5 Bxe2 24.Re1 Ne6 25.Qa5 Nd4 26.c7 1-0 (26) Fedoseev,V (2675)-Kadric,D (2584) Budva MNE 2023)* 11...g5 *(11...Nh6 12.Ne1 c5 13.Nc2 Bd7 14.Ne3 Nc7 15.h3 Rfb8 16.a3 a5 17.Qc2 Nf7 18.Nb5 Rc8 19.Nxc7 Rxc7 20.b4 b6 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Rab1 h5 23.Rb6 Bh6 24.Rfb1 Ng5 25.Rb8+ Rc8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Rb7 Qd8 28.Qb1 Be8 29.Bd3 a4 30.Bc2 Kf8 31.Rb6 Nf7 32.Nd1 Bd2 33.Rb7 Kg7 34.f3 Bd7 35.Bd3 Bc8 36.Rb2 Qa5 37.Kf1 g5 38.Bf2 g4 39.fxg4 hxg4 40.h4 Bh6 41.g3 Bd7 42.Rb7 Ra7 43.Rb8 Ra8 44.Rb6 Re8 45.Rb7 Bc8 46.Rb8 Qc7 47.Nc3 Bd2 48.Nxa4 Ba5 49.Ra8 Bd7 50.Rxe8 Bxe8 51.Qb3 f5 52.exf5 e4 53.Bxe4 Qe7 54.Bc2 Qf6 55.Nb2 Ne5 56.Qe3 Bd7 57.Qf4 Kf7 58.Kg2 Nf3 59.Qxg4 Ne1+ 60.Bxe1 Qxb2 61.Qg6+ Kf8 62.f6* 1-0 (62) Sarana,A (2662)-Demchenko,A (2645) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2022*; 11...h5 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.f3 Nf7 14.a3 Bh6 15.b4 Bd7 16.Kh1 Be3 17.c5 dxc5 18.b5 Nb8 19.Nc4 Bd4 20.d6 Nxd6 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.f4 Bxb5 23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.fxe5 Qxf1+ 26.Qxf1 Nxe4 27.Qf3 Nf2+ 28.Kg1 Ng4+ 29.Kh1 Bc6 30.Qb3 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Ne4+ 32.Kh1 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Ne4+ 34.Kh1 ½-½ (34) Gelfand,B (2674)-Mamedov,R (2673) Riga LAT 2021)* 12.Bg3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 *(13...Nh6 14.Nd2 Bxf5 15.Nde4 g4 16.a3 Nc5 17.Nxc5 dxc5 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nf5 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Nd4 22.f3 gxf3 23.gxf3 Rf5 24.f4 Qf8 25.fxe5 Nf3+ 26.Kg2 Nxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rexe5 28.Bxe5 Bxe5 29.b3 Rh5 30.h3 Kh8 31.Nf2 Rg5+ 32.Ng4 Qf4 33.Qf3 h5 34.Qxf4 Bxf4 35.Kf3 Bd6 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Ne3 Rg3+ 38.Ke4 Rxh3 39.Nf5+ Kf7 40.Nxd6+ cxd6 41.Re6 Rxb3 42.Rxd6 Rxa3 43.Rh6 Ke7 44.Rxh5 Rc3 45.Rh7+ Kd6 46.Rh6+ Kc7 47.Rh7+ Kb6 48.Rh6+ Ka5 49.d6 Rxc4+ 50.Kd5 Kb5 51.Rh8 Rd4+ 52.Ke6 c4 53.d7 c3 54.d8Q Rxd8 55.Rxd8 Kc4 56.Ke5 c2 57.Rd7 b5 58.Rxa7 b4 59.Ke4 Kc3 60.Rc7+ Kd2 61.Kd4 b3 62.Rb7 c1Q 63.Rxb3 Qg1+ 64.Kc4 Qg8+ 65.Kb4 Qc8 66.Kb5 Qb7+ 67.Kc4 Qc6+ 68.Kd4 Qa4+* 0-1 (68) Yuffa,D (2592)-Vakhidov,J (2607) Dubai UAE 2023 *)*

H1) 14.Nd2 Nf6

H1a) 15.Re1 h5 *(15...Nc5 16.b4 Nd3 17.Qb1 Nxe1 18.Qxf5 a5 19.b5 Nd7 20.Qe6+ Qxe6 21.dxe6 Nc2 22.Rc1 Nd4 23.exd7 Nxe2+*

24.Nxe2 Rad8 25.Ne4 h6 26.c5 Rxd7 27.c6 bxc6 28.bxc6 Rdf7 29.N2c3 Rb8 30.f3 Rb4 31.Nd5 Rd4 32.Ne3 Rd3 33.Rc3 Rd4 34.Rc2 Rd3 35.Kf2 Rf8 36.Ke2 Rd4 37.Be1 Ra8 38.Nc3 1-0 (38) Navara,D (2689)-Asadli,V (2563) Durres ALB 2023 *)* 16.f3 Qf7 17.a3 h4 18.Bf2 h3 19.g3 g4 20.Be3 Qg6 21.Rf1 Rf7 22.Nde4 Bxe4 23.fxe4 Raf8 24.b4 Nb8 25.Rxf6 Rxf6 26.Bxg4 Rf1+ 0-1 (26) So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

H1b) 15.a3 Nc5 16.b4 Nd3 17.Nf3 e4 18.Nxg5 Nh5 19.Ngxe4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxg3 21.Nxg3 Nxf2 22.Rxf2 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Qf6+ 24.Bf3 Qxa1 25.Qxa1 Bxa1 26.Ne4 a5 27.c5 axb4 28.axb4 Be5 29.cxd6 cxd6 30.b5 Ra2+ 31.Be2 Bxh2 32.g3 Kf8 33.Nxd6 Bxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Rxe2 35.Nxb7 Rb2 36.Nd6 Ke7 37.Nf5+ Kf6 38.Nd6 Rb3+ 39.Kf4 Rb4+ 40.Ne4+ Ke7 41.Ke5 Rxb5 42.Nf6 Rb1 43.Nxh7 Re1+ 44.Kf4 Kd6 45.Nf6 Rf1+ 46.Kg5 Ke5 47.Ng4+ Kd6 48.Nf6 Rf3 49.Ng4 Kxd5 50.Nf6+ Ke6 51.Ng4 Ra3 52.Kf4 Ra4+ 53.Kf3 Kf5 54.Ne3+ Kg5 55.Nd5 Rd4 56.Ne3 Rf4+ 57.Ke2 Rh4 58.Kd3 Kf6 59.Nd5+ Ke5 60.Ne3 Rh3 61.Kd2 Kd4 62.Nf5+ Ke4 63.Nd6+ Ke5 64.Nb5 Rb3 65.Nc3 Kd4 66.Ne2+ Kc4 67.Nf4 Ra3 68.Ke2 Kd4 69.Ne6+ Ke5 70.Nc5 Rc3 71.Nd3+ Kd4 72.Nf2 Re3+ 73.Kf1 Re8 74.Kg2 Ke3 75.Ng4+ Kf4 76.Nf2 Re2 77.Kf1 Kf3 78.Nd3 Rd2 79.Ne1+ Kg3 80.Kg1 Rf2 81.Nd3 Rf8 82.Ne1 Rf7 83.Nd3 Kf3 84.Ne1+ Ke2 85.Ng2 Rg7 86.Kh2 Kf2 87.Nh4 Rg3 88.Nf5 Ra3 89.Nh4 Rb3 90.Nf5 Kf3 91.Nh4+ Kg4 92.Ng2 Rb2 93.Kg1 Kg3 94.Ne1 Rf2 95.Nd3 Rf3 96.Ne1 Rf5 97.Nd3 Kf3 98.Ne1+ Ke3 99.Ng2+ Ke2 ½-½ (99) Drygalov,S (2547)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

H1c) 15.Rc1 Nc5 16.b4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 Bxd3 18.Re1 Bg6 19.Nde4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 a5 21.b5 b6 22.Qg4 Rf5 23.h3 h5 24.Qe2 Bh6 25.Rc3 Raf8 26.Rf1 Qg7 27.Bh2 Qf7 28.a4 Kh8 29.Re1 Qh7 30.g4 R5f7 31.f3 Kg7 32.Kg2 Rh8 33.Bg3 Qg8 34.Bf2 Qd8 35.Be3 Rhf8 36.Bd2 Qe7 37.Rh1 Kg8 38.Bc1 Qd8 39.Bd2 Qe7 40.Bc1 Rh7 41.Bd2 Rff7 42.Ra3 Rh8 43.Rc3 Rfh7 44.Rcc1 Qd8 45.Ng3 Rf7 46.Ne4 Rf8 47.Be3 Bxe4 48.fxe4 Qd7 49.Rcf1 Kg7 50.Rf5 Rxf5 51.gxf5 Qf7 52.Rg1 Kh7 53.Kf1 Rg8 54.Ke1 Qe8 55.Kd1 Qf7 56.Kc2 Qe8 57.Qd2 h4 58.Qe2 Qf7 59.Qg4 Qe8 60.Kd3 Qf7 61.Rf1 Qf6 62.Qh5 Rg7 63.Rg1 Kg8

64.Qe8+ Kh7 65.Rg4 Re7 66.Qh5 Qf7 67.Qxf7+ Rxf7 68.Bxg5 Rg7 69.Bxh4 Rf7 70.Ke2 Bf8 71.Kf3 Bg7 72.Rg6 Bh8 73.Kg4 Bg7 74.Bg5 Bh8 75.h4 Bg7 76.h5 Rd7 77.Re6 Bf8 78.Re8 Rf7 79.f6 c5 80.Kf5 Bg7 81.Re7 Rf8 82.Rxg7+ Kh8 83.Rd7 Rg8 84.Rxd6 Kh7 85.Rd7+ Kh8 86.f7 Rf8 87.Kg6 1-0 (87) Gelfand,B (2657)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024;

H2) 14.h3 Nh6 15.Nd2 *(15.Re1 Nc5 16.b4 Ne4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Qd2 Bf6 19.Bd1 Bg6 20.Nd4 e4 21.Bc2 Nf5 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 23.Rad1 Qg7 24.Re3 Rae8 25.f3 Qg6 26.Rde1 Qg7 27.fxe4 Bg6 28.e5 dxe5 29.Bxg6 Qxg6 30.Bxe5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 h6 34.d6 cxd6 35.Qxd6 Qh7 36.Re6* 1-0 (36) Van Wely,L (2618)-Popovic,D (2494) Munich GER 2025 *)* 15...Bg6 16.Nde4 Nf5 17.Bg4 h6 18.a3 Nd4 19.b4 Nb8 20.c5 Nd7 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Rc1 Nb6 23.a4 Bxe4 24.Nxe4 Nxd5 25.b5 Nf4 26.Nc3 Qf7 27.Bxf4 gxf4 28.Bf3 Kh8 29.Bd5 Qe7 30.Ne2 Ne6 31.Nc3 Rac8 32.Ne4 Rxc1 33.Qxc1 Nd4 34.Qd1 f3 35.g3 b6 36.Kh2 Rc8 37.Nd2 Rc5 38.Bxf3 d5 39.Nb3 Nxb3 40.Qxb3 e4 41.Bg4 Qg5 42.Qe3 Qe5 43.Qe2 Rc4 44.Rd1 Rc5 45.Re1 Kh7 46.h4 Bf6 47.h5 Kg7 48.Bh3 Qg5 49.Rd1 Kf7 50.Kg2 Kg7 51.a5 bxa5 52.Qa2 e3 53.Qxa5 Be5 54.Qxa7+ Rc7 55.Qxe3 Qxe3 56.fxe3 Rc5 57.Bd7 Kf6 58.Bc6 Ke6 59.Kf3 Bd6 60.g4 Be7 61.Rd3 Bg5 62.Be8 Ke5 63.Bc6 Kd6 64.e4 d4 65.Rxd4+ Kc7 66.Rd7+ Kb6 67.Rd5 Rc3+ 68.Kf2 Bh4+ 69.Ke2 Rg3 70.e5 Rxg4 71.Rd6 Kc5 72.Rd5+ Kb6 73.Rd7 Rg5 74.Rd5 Rxh5 75.Kf3 Be7 76.Ke4 Bc5 77.Rd7 Rh4+ 78.Kf5 Rh5+ 79.Kf4 Rh4+ 80.Kf5 Rh5+ 81.Kf6 Rh2 82.e6 Rf2+ 83.Kg7 Re2 84.Kf7 Rf2+ 85.Ke8 Rf8# 0-1 (85) Drygalov,S (2547)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

H3) 14.Re1 h6 *(14...Nh6 15.Qd2 Bf6 16.Bd3 g4 17.Nd4 Bg5 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.Qd1 h5 20.Ne4 Bh6 21.c5 h4 22.c6 Nb4 23.cxb7 Rab8 24.Bc4 hxg3 25.hxg3 Nd4 26.Qxg4+ Qg7 27.Qe6+ Nxe6* 0-1 (27) Grischuk,A (2689)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024*)* 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.f3 b6 17.a3 Nc5 18.b4 Ncd7 19.Nde4 Bg6 20.Bd3 a5 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.a4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Qf7 24.Nb5 Rc8 25.Bf2 Raa8 26.Bxg6 Qxg6 27.h3 Nf6 28.Re3 Nh5 29.Ra2 Nf4 30.Re1 Qd3 31.Rd2 Qg6 32.Be3 Nh5 33.Ra2 Nf6 34.Qd2 Nh5 35.Ra3 Kh7 36.Qe2 Nf6 37.Qd1 Rab8 38.Rf1 Rb7 39.g4 Rf8 40.Kg2 Kh8 41.Bd2 Kg8 42.Be1 Ra8 43.Rf2 Nd7 44.Re2 Nf6 45.Nc3 Rbb8 46.Nb5 Rb7 47.Ree3 Rf8 48.Nc3 Ra7 49.Nb5 Rb7

50.Nc3 Ra7 51.Kg1 Kh8 52.Ra2 Qf7 53.Kg2 Raa8 54.Qb1 Rae8 55.Nb5 Re7 56.Rf2 Kg8 57.Bb4 Ra8 58.Qc2 Qe8 59.Rfe2 Qd7 60.Bd2 Rf7 61.Rf2 Re7 62.Rf1 Ree8 63.Bb4 Re7 64.Bd2 Ree8 65.Rfe1 Rec8 66.Bb4 Qf7 67.Ra1 Nd7 68.Qe4 Nf6 69.Qc2 Nd7 70.Qe4 Nf6 71.Qf5 Ne8 72.Qxf7+ Kxf7 73.a5 c6 74.axb6 Rxa1 75.b7 Rb8 76.dxc6 Ke6 77.Rd3 Bf8 78.Ba3 Ra2+ 79.Kg1 Be7 80.Rd1 Bf8 81.Rb1 Be7 82.Kf1 Bd8 83.Rd1 Be7 84.Rb1 Bd8 85.Rd1 Be7 86.Kg1 Kf7 87.Rc1 Ke6 88.Kh1 Bd8 89.Rd1 Be7 90.Rc1 Bd8 91.Rd1 Be7 92.Rd5 Bf8 93.Rd3 Be7 94.Rd1 Bf8 95.Rb1 Be7 96.Rd1 Rc2 97.c7 Nxc7 98.Nxc7+ Kf7 99.Rb1 Ra2 100.Na6 Rxb7 101.Rxb7 Rxa3 102.Nc7 Ra1+ 103.Kg2 Ra2+ 104.Kf1 Bf8 105.Nd5+ ½-½ (105) Stockfish Dev F7 (3662)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[8...c6

A) 9.d5 Ng4 *(9...Nh5 10.g3 Nf6 11.Nd2 h5 12.Qc2 Ng4 13.Bxg4 hxg4 14.f4 gxf3 15.Nxf3 Bg4 16.Rf2 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nc7 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Qa5 21.Nh4 Kh7 22.Qb3 Qa6 23.Rc1 Rac8 24.Rfc2 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Bd1 26.Qc4 Bxc2 27.Qxc2 Rc8 28.Qxc8 Qd3 29.Ng2 Qxe4 30.Qh3+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kh7 32.Qxd6 Qb1+ 33.Kf2 Qc2+ 34.Kf1 Qd3+ 35.Ke1 Qb1+ 36.Ke2 Qxb2+ 37.Bd2 Qb5+ 38.Kf2 Qd3 39.Qb4 Qxd5 40.a4 Bf8 41.Qh4+ Kg8 42.Be3 Qa2+ 43.Kf1 Qb1+ 44.Ne1 Bb4 45.Bf2 Kg7 46.Qc4 a5 47.Qd3 Qa2 48.Qd7+ Kh6 49.Qb5 e4 50.Be3+ g5 51.h4 Qh2 52.hxg5+ Kg6 53.Ng2 Qh1+ 54.Bg1 fxg5 55.Qb6+ Kh5 56.Qd4 Kg6 57.Qb6+ Kg7 58.Qxb7+ Kf6 59.Qc6+ Ke5 60.Qe8+ Kd5 61.Qg8+ Kd6 62.Qxg5 Qh7 63.Qf6+ Kd7 64.Nf4 Qg8 65.Qd4+ Kc8 66.Qxe4 Qxg3 67.Qc6+ Kb8 68.Qb6+ Kc8 69.Qe6+ Kb8 70.Qe5+ Kb7 71.Bf2 Qa3 72.Qb5+ Kc8 73.Qc4+ Kd7 74.Qe6+ Kc7 75.Nd5+ Kb7 76.Qd7+ 1-0 (76) Socko,B (2642)-Mamedov,R (2656) Warsaw POL 2021)* 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 *(11.Bc1 Nh6 12.Rb1 c5 13.a3 Nc7 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5 bxc5 16.Bd2 Nf7 17.Qc1 f5 18.Bd1 f4 19.Ba4 Bg4 20.Ne1 f3 21.Nxf3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qh4 23.Rb7 Bh6 24.Bxh6 Nxh6 25.Rxc7 Rxf3 26.Bd7 Raf8 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Qd2 Ng4 29.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 30.Kh1 Qh3 31.Kg1 R8f4 32.Ne2 Rh4 33.Rc8+ Qxc8 34.Ng3 Qh3 35.Rd1 Qxh2+ 36.Kf1 Qxg3 0-1 (36) Lashkin,J (2517)-Theodorou,N (2600) chess.com INT 2024)* 11...f5 *(11...c5 12.Ne1 Nh6 13.g3 Bh3 14.Ng2 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Bg4 Bxg4 17.Qxg4 Nd4 18.Ne4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxd2 20.Nxd2 Qc8 21.Qxc8 Raxc8 22.Ne4 Rcd8 23.Ng5 Nc7 24.h4 h6 25.Ne4 Ne8 26.Ne3 Nf6 27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.b3 h5 29.Kg2 e4 30.Rae1*

Rde8 31.Re2 Kg7 32.Nd1 Re7 33.Rfe1 Rfe8 34.Kh3 Bd4 35.Ne3 Bc3 36.Rc1 Bd4 37.Ng2 Rf7 38.Nf4 e3 39.f3 Kh6 40.Kg2 Rxf4 41.gxf4 Rf8 42.Kg3 Rf7 43.Rd1 Kg7 44.b4 b6 45.b5 Kf6 46.Rd3 Re7 47.a4 Kf5 48.a5 Kf6 49.Ra3 Kf5 50.axb6 axb6 51.Ra6 Rb7 52.Ra8 Kf6 53.Re8 1-0 (53) Makarian,R (2546)-Guseinov,G (2661) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12.exf5 *(12.a3 f4 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.b4 Nc7 15.Rc1 Kh8 16.Rc2 Nh6 17.Bc1 Nf7 18.Rd2 Qe7 19.Qa4 Bd7 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Qa5 Ne6 22.a4 g5 23.h3 h5 24.Nh2 Nd4 25.Bxh5 Nb3 26.Qa6 Rdb8 27.Rb2 Rxb4 28.c5 Nxc5 29.Qe2 a5 30.Bg6 Nh6 31.Qh5 Nb3 32.Rb1 Nd4 33.Ba3 Rc4 34.Ne2 Rxa4 35.Nxd4 exd4 36.Bb2 c5 37.Nf3 g4 38.Ng5 Rf8 39.Nh7 gxh3 40.Nxf8 Bg4 41.Qd5 Bxf8 42.Bxd4+ cxd4 43.Rb7 Qe6 44.Qg5 Qe5 45.Qd8 Qg7 46.Rxg7 Kxg7 47.Rc1 d3 48.Be8 Nf7 49.Qc7* 1-0 (49) So,W (2776)-Rapport,R (2776) Warsaw POL 2022*; 12.Ne1 Nf6 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bg5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Be6 16.Nc2 Nc5 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.b3 Nce4 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Bf3 Nc3 22.Qd2 e4 23.Nd4 Nxa2 24.Rcd1 exf3 25.Qxa2 fxg2 26.Rfe1 Bf7 27.Qxa7 d5 28.Qxb7 dxc4 29.bxc4 Rxc4 30.Nf3 Re4 31.Rxe4 fxe4 32.Qxe4 Bh5 33.Qd5+ Rf7 34.Qxh5 Qxf3 35.Rd8+ Rf8 36.Qxf3* 1-0 (36) Paravyan,D (2586)-Guseinov,G (2661) chess.com INT 2023*)* 12...gxf5 *(12...Bxf5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Qa4 Qb6 15.Qa3 e4 16.Nh4 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 e3 18.Bxe3 Qxe3 19.Qxa6 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Bc8+ 21.Nf3 Bxa6 22.Rc1 Rae8 23.b3 g5 24.h3 h5 25.Ke1 d5 26.Kd2 g4* 0-1 (26) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 13.Bg5 Nf6 *(13...Qc7 14.Rc1 e4 15.Nd4 Ne5 16.Nb3 Nb4 17.Qd2 Nbd3 18.Bxd3 Nxd3 19.Rc2 Qf7 20.Bh6 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Qg6 22.Qxg6+ hxg6 23.c5 dxc5 24.dxc6 b6 25.f3 Ba6 26.Rd1 e3 27.Nd5 Rae8 28.Re2 f4 29.Nc7 Nb4 30.Nxa6 Nxa6 31.g3 g5 32.Kg2 Nb4 33.Rd6 Kg7 34.a3 Na2* 0-1 (34) Lashkin,J (2517)-Firouzja,A (2763) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 14.dxc6 bxc6

A1) 15.Qd2 Nc5 *(15...Qe7 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Rfe1 Nc5 18.Bf1 Ne6 19.Bh4 Bb7 20.Qc2 e4 21.Ng5 d5 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qb3 Qf7 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Ne2 Rd6 26.Nd4 Rb6 27.Qh3 f4 28.Qf5 Nd7 29.b3 Bxd4 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7 31.Rxd4 Ne5 32.Rc1 Rg8 33.Rc7+ Ke6 34.Kh1 Ng6 35.Bg5 Kf5 36.Bh6 Ne5 37.Bg7 Ng4 38.Kg1 Kg6 39.h3 Nxf2 40.Be5 Nxh3+ 41.Kh2 Kf5 42.Re7 Ng5 43.Rxb7 Kxe5 44.Rxb6 axb6 45.Rb4 Rg6 46.a4 f3 47.Rb5 e3 48.Bc4 e2 49.Rxd5+ Ke4 50.Rd7 e1Q 51.Re7+ Ne6* 0-1 (50) Martirosyan,H (2676)-Tsydypov,Z (2507) Sochi RUS 2024 *)* 16.Rfd1 Nfe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxd8 Nxd2 19.Be7 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 e4 21.Bh5 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Be5 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Ba6 25.Rxc6 Rab8 26.Rb3 Rxb3 27.axb3 Bb7

28.Rc7 Rb8 29.g3 a5 30.Bf7+ Kh8 31.Be6 e3 32.fxe3 Be4 33.c5 Rb5 34.Bc4 Rb4 35.Ra7 Bc2 36.c6 Bxb3 37.Bxb3 Rxb3 38.c7 Rb1+ 39.Kf2 Rb7 40.c8Q+ 1-0 (40) Shankland,S (2683)-Hong,A (2570) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 15.Rb1 Nc5 16.b4 Ne6 17.Bh4 Qd7 18.a4 a5 19.b5 Bb7 20.bxc6 Bxc6 21.Nb5 Ne4 22.Qc2 Bf6 23.Rfe1 Qg7 24.Bf1 N4c5 25.Qc3 e4 26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Nfd4 Nxd4 28.Nxd4 Bxa4 29.Rb6 f4 30.Qd2 Rae8 31.Rbb1 Qe5 32.Nb5 Bxb5 33.cxb5 e3 34.fxe3 fxe3 35.Bc4+ Kh8 36.Qb2 d5 37.Bf1 Qxb2 38.Rxb2 d4 39.Rc2 d3 40.Rxc5 d2 41.Rd1 Rxf1+ 42.Rxf1 e2 0-1 (42) Drygalov,S (2551)-Rapport,R (2713) Moscow RUS 2025;

B) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8 *(10.c5 Ng4 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.Qa4 Qxc5 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.h3 Nh6 17.Be3 Qb7 18.Qc4+ Nf7 19.Na4 Qb5 20.Rfd1 Qxc4 21.Rxc4 Rd8 22.Rd2 f5 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Nc5 Ne6 25.Nxe6 Bxe6 26.Rxc6 Bxa2 27.Rxa6 Bc4 28.Rxa7 Rxa7 29.Bxa7 fxe4 30.Nd2 Bd3 31.b4 Kf7 32.Bc5 Ke6 33.Nf1 Bf6 34.Ne3 h5 35.Nd1 Bg5 36.Ne3 Bd8 37.Kh2 Bh4 38.Kg1 Bg5 39.Kh2 Bf4+ 40.Kg1 Bh6 41.Kh2 Bg7 42.Kg1 Be2 43.Kh2 Bh6 44.Kg1 Bg5 45.Kh2 Bd8 46.Kg1 g5 47.g4 h4 48.Kh2 Bf6 49.Kg1 Bd8 50.Kh2 Bd3 51.Kg1 Kd7 52.Kh2 Bb1 53.Kg1 Ba2 54.Kf1 Be6 55.Nd1 Kc6 56.Nc3 Bc4+ 57.Kg1 Bd3 58.Kg2 Bf6 59.Kg1 Bd8 60.Kg2 Kd7 61.Kg1 Kc6* ½-½ (63) Xiong,J (2690)-Bok,B (2618) chess.com INT 2022*)*

10...Rxd8

B1) 11.a3 Re8 12.h3 Nh5 13.Rfd1 Nc7 14.b4 Ne6 15.c5 Nhf4 16.Bc4 h6 17.h4 Nh5 18.g3 Nf6 19.Nh2 Nd4 20.Rac1 Be6 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.f3 Nh5 23.Kf2 a5 24.b5 cxb5 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Nxb5 Rc8 27.Nxd4 Ree8 28.Nb5 Re5 29.Rd5 a4 30.Ng4 Re6 31.Nd6 Rc7 32.Nb5 Rc8 33.Rc4 Ra6 34.Nd6 Rc7 35.Ne8 Rc8 36.Nxg7 Kxg7 37.Rd7 Rac6 38.Ne5 R8c7 39.Rxc7 Rxc7 40.Nd3 Rd7 41.Rc3 g5 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.g4 Nf4 44.Nxf4 gxf4 45.Ke2 Rd4 46.c6 bxc6 47.Rxc6 f6 48.Rc5 Kg6 49.Rf5 Rc4 50.Rxf4 Rc3 51.e5 fxe5 52.Rxa4 Rb3 53.Kf2 Kf6 54.Kg3 Kg6 55.Ra6+ Kg7 56.Ra4 Kg6 57.Kf2 Kf6 58.Ra6+ Kf7 59.a4 Rb4 60.a5 e4 61.fxe4 Rxe4 62.Kg3 Re5 63.Kh4 Rb5 64.g5 Kg7 65.Kh5 Rb7 66.Rb6 Rc7 67.a6 1-0 (67) Sarana,A (2656)-Rapport,R (2763) chess.com INT 2021;

B2) 11.Rfd1 Re8 12.c5 Bf8 *(12...Nc7 13.h3 Nh5 14.Nd2 Nf4 15.Bf1 Nfe6 16.Nc4 Nd4 17.Nd6 Rf8 18.Rac1 Nce6 19.Ne2 b6 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.cxb6 axb6 22.Rxc6 Bd7 23.Rxb6 Rxa2 24.Nc1 Ra1 25.Ra6 Rb1 26.Ra2 Bh6 27.Ra7 Bc6 28.Ra6 Nd8*

29.Nc8 Bb7 30.Ne7+ Kg7 31.Rb6 Rxc1 32.Rxd4 Bg5 33.Nd5 Ne6 34.Rc4 Ba8 35.g3 h5 36.f4 Rxc4 37.Bxc4 Bd8 38.Ra6 Bb7 39.Ra7 Bxd5 0-1 (39) Xiong,J (2700)-Chigaev,M (2639) chess.com INT 2021*)* 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.h3 Rb8 15.b3 Nd7 16.Nd2 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Nxc5 18.Nc4 Be6 19.Na5 Rec8 20.Rac1 Kf8 21.f3 Ke7 22.Ne2 Rb5 23.b4 Na4 24.Nxc6+ Kf6 25.a3 Nb2 26.Nxa7 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Rb7 28.Nc8 Rb8 29.Nd6 Ke7 30.Rc2 Nd3 31.Nc4 Ne1 32.Rc1 Nd3 33.Rc2 Ne1 34.Rc1 Nd3 35.Rc2 ½-½ (35) Carlsen,M (2863)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com INT 2020;

B3) 11.Nxe5 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe5 13.Rad1 Bf5 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.b3 b6 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 c5 19.Ne4 Bf5 20.f4 Bxe4 21.fxe5 Nb4 22.a3 Nc6 23.Bf4 Kf8 24.Kf2 Ke7 25.g3 h5 26.Ke3 Bf5 27.Kd2 Bg4 28.Bc2 Nd4 29.Kc3 Ke6 30.b4 Ne2+ 31.Kd2 Nxf4 32.gxf4 g5 33.fxg5 Kxe5 34.bxc5 bxc5 35.Ke3 Bf5 36.Bd1 h4 37.Be2 Be6 38.Bd3 a5 39.Be2 Kf5 40.Bf1 Kxg5 41.Be2 Kf5 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Ke3 f5 44.Bf1 Bd7 45.Be2 Bc6 46.Bf1 f4+ 47.Kd3 Be4+ 48.Kc3 f3 49.Bh3 Bf5 50.Bf1 Ke4 51.Bd3+ Kf4 52.Bf1 Ke3 0-1 (52) Kantor,G (2550)-Shankland,S (2672) Saint Louis USA 2024;

C) 9.Ne1 exd4 10.Bxd4 Re8 11.f3 Nc5 12.Nc2 Ne6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Qd2 Nh5 15.Rad1 Rd8 16.f4 Nf6 17.f5 gxf5 18.exf5 Nf8 19.Kh1 N8d7 20.Bf4 Ne8 21.Ne4 Ne5 22.f6 Nxf6 23.Nxd6 Ng6 24.Bg5 Qe7 25.c5 h6 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.Bc4 Be6 28.Rde1 Be5 29.Bxe6 Qxe6 30.Qxh6 Bg7 31.Rxe6 Bxh6 32.Nxf7 Rf8 33.Rxg6+ 1-0 (33) Vetoshko,V (2528)-Oleksiyenko,M (2570) Lviv UKR 2024;

D) 9.Qc2 exd4 ½-½ (9) Wojtaszek,R (2671)-Czarnota,P (2501) Katowice POL 2024;

E) 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.Bf3 *(11.Qc2 Qe7 12.Rfe1 Nc5 13.Bf3 a5 14.Rad1 Nfd7 15.Bf4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Ne6 17.Be3 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Ne5 19.Be2 g5 20.Qd2 f6 21.b3 Be6 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Bb6 Rd7 24.Bxa5 Ng6 25.Bf1 h5 26.Bb4 c5 27.Ba3 g4 28.Nd5 Qf7 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Nf4 Ne5 31.Bb2 Qg7 32.Be2 Bf7 33.Qe3 Qg5 34.Qg3 Rdd8 35.Bc1 Qg7 36.Bb2 Qg5 37.a4 Bg6 38.Nxg6 Qxg6 39.Qf4 Kg7 40.Rd5 Rh8 41.Bxe5 dxe5 42.Qxg4 Qxg4 43.Bxg4 Rxd5 44.cxd5 b6 45.f3 Kf7 46.d6 Rd8 47.d7 Ke7 48.Kf2 c4 49.bxc4 Ra8 50.Ke3 Rxa4 51.Kd3 Ra3+ 52.Kc2 Ra2+ 53.Kb3 Rxg2 54.Kb4 Rb2+ 55.Kc3 Rb1 56.Kc2 Rb4 57.Kd3 b5 58.cxb5 Rxb5 59.Kc4 Rb6 60.Kc5 Rd6 61.Kb5 Rd4 62.Kc5 Rd6 63.Kc4 Rd4+ 64.Kc3 Rd6 65.Bf5 Rd4 66.Bg4 Rd6 67.Kc4 Rd4+ 68.Kc5 Rd6 ½-½* (68) Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com INT 2020*)* 11...Nc5 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nb3 Nh7 14.Rfd1 Qh4 15.Rxd6 Nxb3

16.axb3 Be5 17.Rd3 Ng5 18.Qd1 f5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Qd2 f4 21.Kf1 Be6 22.Rd1 h5 23.Ne2 Qf6 24.Qc2 a5 25.R1d2 Kg7 26.c5 Red8 27.Nc1 Re8 28.Ne2 Red8 29.Nc1 Rh8 30.Ne2 Rad8 31.Nc1 Ra8 32.Be2 Rae8 33.Rf3 Bg4 34.Rfd3 Bc8 35.b4 axb4 36.Nb3 Rd8 37.Qc4 Rxd3 38.Rxd3 Rd8 39.Nc1 Bxb2 40.Qxb4 Bxc1 41.Rxd8 Qxd8 42.Qc3+ Qf6 43.Qxc1 Qe5 44.Bf3 Kf7 45.Kg1 Ke7 46.Qc4 Be6 ½-½ (46) Keymer,V (2717)-Rapport,R (2752) Durres ALB 2023]

9.Bg5 f6

[9...Qe8 10.d5 f5 11.Nd2 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Nf6 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 Qg6 16.g4 fxg3 17.hxg3 Bd7 18.g4 h5 19.Be3 Rf7 20.Rf2 Raf8 21.Rg2 hxg4 22.fxg4 Bh8 23.Nf1 Rh7 24.Ng3 Rh3 25.Bf3 Qh6 26.Qd2 Nh7 27.Rf1 Qh4 28.Nce2 Rf4 29.Rff2 Nf6 30.Kf1 Bg7 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.Nf5 Bxf5 33.exf5 Nc5 34.Ng1 Nce4 35.Qe1 Ng3+ 36.Rxg3 fxg3 37.Nxh3 gxf2 38.Nxf2 Kf8 39.Kg2 Bh8 40.Qe6 Ne8 41.Nd3 b6 42.b4 Bd4 43.Qe4 Qh8 44.Bd1 Bc3 45.c5 Qd4 46.Qxd4 Bxd4 47.c6 Nf6 48.Bf3 Ke7 49.Ne1 Bc3 50.Nc2 a6 51.Kf2 b5 52.Ke3 Ng8 53.Kd3 Bb2 54.Ne1 Kf6 55.Ke4 Bc3 56.Nc2 Ke7 57.Kd3 Bb2 58.Ne1 Kf6 59.Kc2 Bd4 60.Nd3 Ne7 61.Kb3 Nc8 62.a4 bxa4+ 63.Kxa4 Nb6+ 64.Ka5 Nc4+ 65.Kxa6 Ne5 66.Nxe5 Kxe5 67.Kb7 Bb6 68.Kc8 Kf6 69.Kd8 Kf7 70.Be2 Kf6 71.Ba6 Kf7 72.Bc8 Kf6 73.Be6 1-0 (73) Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com INT 2020]

10.Bc1

[10.Bh4 Kh8 *(10...Nh6 11.h3 Nf7 12.a3 c6 13.b4 Nc7 14.Re1 Kh8 15.Rc1 Qe7 16.d5 c5 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.a4 a5 19.Rb1 Na6 20.Nd2 Nb4 21.Bg4 b6 22.Bxc8 Raxc8 23.Nb5 Qd7 24.Nf1 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Ng3 e4 27.Nh5 Ne5 28.Re3 Ng6 29.Nxg7 Qxg7 30.Bg5 Rce8 31.Nd6 Re5 32.f4 exf3 33.Qxf3 f4 34.Rxe5 Nxe5 35.Qh5 f3 36.Ne4 Nbd3 37.Rf1 Nf4 38.Qh6 Qxh6 39.Bxh6 Rf7 40.Nd6 Rf6 41.Bg5 Rf8 42.Be7 fxg2 43.Bxf8 gxf1Q+ 44.Kxf1 Kg8 45.Be7 Nxh3 46.Bd8 Nd7 47.Nc8 Nf4 48.Nxb6 Ne5 49.Bc7 Nfd3 50.d6 Nb2 51.d7 Nxd7 52.Nxd7 Nxc4 53.Nxc5 Kf7 54.Ke2 h5 55.Kd3 Nb2+ 56.Kc3 Nd1+ 57.Kc4 Ne3+ 58.Kb5 Nd5 59.Bxa5 h4 60.Ne4 Kg6 61.Kc5 Nf6 62.Nxf6 Kxf6 63.Bc7 Ke6 64.Kc6 h3 65.a5* 1-0 (65) Aronian,L (2782)-Ding,L (2799) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 11.h3 Nh6 12.Qd2 Nf7 13.Rad1 Qe8 14.Nd5 Nd8 15.c5 c6 16.Nxf6 Bxf6 17.Bxf6+ Rxf6 18.dxe5 Rxf3 19.Bxf3 Qxe5 20.cxd6 Be6 21.Bg4 Nc5 22.f4 Qg7 23.f5 Bc4 24.Rfe1 Nf7 25.e5 Nxe5 26.Qc3 Ncd3 27.f6 Qxf6 28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Kg7 31.Re7+ Kf6 32.Rxh7 b5 33.Rc7 Be4 34.d7 Rd8 35.Rxa7 Ke7 36.b4 Bf5 37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Kf2 Rg8 39.d8Q+ 1-0 (39) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Shankland,S (2669) chess.com INT 2024]

[10.Bd2 Nh6 11.Qc1 Nf7 12.Rd1 c6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.d5 c5 15.a3 f5 16.b4 f4 17.Bd2 h5 18.Ne1 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Nd3 b6 21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nxc5 bxc5 23.Rb1 Nd8 24.Rf1 g5 25.h3 Nf7 26.Bd1 g4 27.fxg4 hxg4 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.hxg4 Nh6

30.Rf3 Nxg4 31.Qe1 Rab8 32.Rh3 Qg5 33.Qh4 Qxh4 34.Rxh4 Rxb1+ 35.Nxb1 Nf6 36.Nc3 Rb8 37.Kf2 Rb3 38.Ke2 Rxa3 39.Rh1 Rxc3 40.Bxc3 Nxe4 41.Be1 Kf7 42.Rh3 Bf6 43.Ra3 Kg6 44.Rxa7 Kf5 45.Rd7 Bg5 46.Kd3 Bf6 47.Rf7 Ng5 48.Rd7 e4+ 49.Ke2 Be5 50.Bh4 f3+ 51.gxf3 exf3+ 52.Kf2 Bd4+ 53.Kf1 Ne4 54.Be1 Kf4 55.Rf7+ Ke3 56.Bh4 Nd2+ 57.Kg1 Nxc4 58.Bf2+ Ke2 59.Re7+ Ne3 60.Re8 c4 61.Ra8 c3 62.Ra1 c2 63.Re1+ Kd2 64.Kh2 Ng4+ 65.Kg3 Bxf2+ 66.Kxf3 Bxe1 67.Kxg4 c1Q 0-1 (69) Ragger, M (2585)-Movahed,S (2518) chess.com INT 2025]

10...Nh6 11.Rb1 Nf7 12.b4 c6 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.c5 dxc5 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.bxc5 Qf6 17.Qa4 Bg4 18.Ne1 Rac8 19.Be3 Rc7 20.Qxa6 Ng5 21.f3 Bc8 22.Qc4+ Be6 23.Qe2 Bf7 24.Rd1 Ne6 25.Qa6 Nd4 26.Rf2 Rd8 27.Rfd2 Rcd7 28.Ne2 Bf8 29.Bxd4 exd4 30.Nd3 Re7 31.Qa5 Rdd7 32.Kh1 Bh6 33.Rb2 Be3 34.Qa6 h5 35.e5 Qe6 36.Ng3 h4 37.Ne4 h3 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39.Nxd7 Qxd7 40.Rf1 hxg2+ 41.Rxg2 Qf5 42.Rg3 g5 43.Kg2 Bd5 44.h4 Qe6 45.Qa3 a5 46.hxg5 Qf5 47.g6 Rb7 48.Re1 Bc4 49.Rd1 Bxd3 50.Rxd3 Rb1 51.Rxe3 Qh5 52.Rh3 Qg5+ 53.Rg3 Qxe3 54.Qxe3 dxe3 0-1 (54) Deac,B (2668)-Firouzja,A (2757) Bucharest ROU 2025

6...c5 7.0-0

[7.d5

A) 7...e5 8.0-0 Nh5 9.Re1 *(9.g3 Bh3 10.Re1 Nf6 11.Be3 Na6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.g4 Kh8 14.Kh1 Ng8 15.Rg1 Bh6 16.g5 Bg7 17.h4 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.f4 Nc7 20.a4 Ne7 21.Nf3 e4 22.Ne1 a6 23.a5 Rb8 24.Nc2 Ne8 25.Qe1 b5 26.axb6 Rxb6 27.Nd1 Qb8 28.Ra5 Kg8 29.Ra3 Bc8 30.Na1 Bh8 31.Bd2 Rb7 32.Rgg3 Ra7 33.Nb3 Qb6 34.Na5 Bd4 35.Ne3 Ra8 36.Rb3 Qc7 37.Bc3 Rb8 38.Rxb8 Qxb8 39.h5 Rf7 40.Nc6 Bxc3 41.Qxc3 Qc7 42.Nxe7+ Qxe7 43.h6 Qf8 44.Bh5 Re7 45.Ng2 Ra7 46.Qa5 Rb7 47.Qxa6 Nc7 48.Qc6 Kh8 49.Ra3 Kg8 50.Ne3 Kh8 51.Ra1 Kg8 52.b4 Kh8 53.bxc5 Na6 54.Rxa6 Rb1+ 55.Kh2 Bxa6 56.Qxa6 Kg8 57.cxd6 Qb8 58.c5 Rb2+ 59.Ng2 Rxg2+ 60.Kxg2 Qb2+ 61.Be2 Kf7 62.d7 Qxe2+ 63.Qxe2 Ke7 64.Qb5 e3 65.Qc6 e2 66.Qe6+ Kd8 67.Qe8+ Kc7 68.Qc8#* 1-0 (68) LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614)-Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)*

9...b6 10.a3 Kh8 11.Rb1 Nf4 12.Bf1 a5 13.h3 Ra7 14.Be3 Na6 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Re7 18.Nf3 Rxe1 19.Qxe1 Nc7 20.Qd2 Ne8 21.Qxf4 Nd6 22.Re1 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.Na4 Bf5 25.Nxb6 Bxb2 26.g4 Be4 27.Ng5 Re8 28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Nxe4 30.Bd3 Nd6 31.a4 g5 32.Nd7 Nb7 33.Kg2 Bd4 34.f4 h6 35.Kg3 f6 36.h4 gxf4+ 37.Kxf4 Kg7 38.Ke4 Kf7 39.Nb8 Bf2 40.h5 Bg3 41.Nc6 Bh2 42.Kf3 Bc7 43.Bg6+ Kf8 44.Ke4 Nd6+ 45.Kd3 Nc8 46.Bf5 Nd6 47.Kc3 Nf7 48.Be4 Be5+ 49.Kc2 Bc7 50.Kb3 Nd6 51.Bg6 Kg8 52.Bf5 Kf7 53.Kc3 Kf8 54.Kb3 Ke8 55.Kc3 Kf7 56.Bg6+ Kf8 57.Kb3 Kg8 58.Bc2 Kf8 59.Kc3 Kf7 60.Kb3 Kf8 61.Bd3 Kg8 62.Bg6 Kf8

63.Bc2 Ke8 64.Bh7 Kf8 65.Bb1 Kg8 66.Ne7+ Kf7 67.Nc6 Kf8 68.Kc3 Kf7 69.Bf5 Kf8 70.Kd3 Ke8 71.Be4 Kf8 72.Bh7 Nf7 73.Bg6 Nd6 74.Na7 Bb8 75.Nb5 Ke7 76.Nc3 Bc7 77.Bf5 Bb8 78.Nd1 Kf8 79.Bh7 Nf7 80.Nf2 Nd6 81.Bf5 Bc7 82.Be6 Bb6 83.Nd1 Ne8 84.Nc3 Nd6 85.Nb5 Ke7 86.Bf5 Bd8 87.Bh7 Bb6 88.Nxd6 Kxd6 89.Ke4 f5+ 90.Kxf5 Bd8 91.Kg6 Bg5 92.Kf7 Kd7 93.Bb1 Bh4 94.Be4 Bg5 95.Bf5+ Kd6 96.Ke8 Bf6 97.Bg6 Be7 98.Bd3 Bf6 99.Be4 Be7 100.Bb1 Bf6 101.Kf7 Bd8 102.Ke8 Be7 103.Bd3 Bh4 104.Bc2 Bf6 105.Bf5 Bh4 106.Kf7 Bd8 107.Bc2 Be7 108.Kg6 Bg5 109.Kf7 Kd7 110.Bd1 Bh4 111.Bf3 Bg5 112.Kf8 Bh4 113.Kg7 Bg5 114.Kf8 Bh4 115.Kg7 Bg5 116.Kg8 Ke7 117.Be4 Bc1 118.Bd3 Bf4 119.Bg6 Be3 120.Bf5 Bf4 121.Be4 Be3 122.Kh8 Bf4 123.Bf5 Be3 124.Kg8 Bc1 125.Bc2 Bd2 126.Bg6 Bc1 127.Kh7 Be3 128.Bb1 Bd2 129.Kg7 Bf4 130.Kg8 Bd2 131.Bg6 Bc1 132.Be4 Bf4 133.Bf3 Be3 134.Bd1 Bd2 135.Bf3 Bf4 136.Kh7 Kf7 137.g5 Bxg5 138.Bd1 Kf6 139.Bg4 Ke5 140.Bd7 Bf4 141.Bc6 Bc1 142.Kg7 Be3 143.Kf7 Kd6 144.Bb5 Bf4 145.Be8 Be3 146.Bb5 Bf4 147.Ke8 Kc7 148.Ke7 Bg3 149.Be8 Bh2 150.Bg6 Bg3 151.Bc2 Bh2 152.Ke6 Bf4 153.Kf6 Kd6 154.Kf5 Bg5 155.Bd3 Ke7 156.Bb1 Bh4 157.Ba2 Bg3 158.Bb1 Bh2 159.Kg6 Bf4 160.Kf5 Bb8 161.Kg6 Bf4 162.Kf5 Be3 163.Ke5 Bd4+ 164.Kf4 Kf6 165.Bf5 Be5+ 166.Ke4 Bc7 167.d6 Bxd6 168.Kd5 Ke7 169.Kc6 Bf4 170.Kxc5 Kd8 171.Kc6 Bh2 172.Kb6 Bc7+ 173.Ka6 Ke7 174.c5 Kd8 175.Bh3 Ke8 176.Kb7 Kd8 177.Kc6 Bb8 178.Kb6 Bc7+ 179.Ka6 Ke8 180.Kb7 Kd8 181.Bf5 Bh2 182.Kc6 Bb8 183.Kb6 Bc7+ 184.Kb5 Ke8 185.Bh3 Ke7 186.Kc6 Kd8 187.Be6 Bb8 188.Ba2 Bh2 189.Bd5 Bb8 190.Bc4 Bh2 191.Bd5 Bb8 192.Be6 Be5 193.Kb6 Bc7+ 194.Kb7 Bh2 195.Kc6 Bb8 196.Bc4 Bf4 197.Bf1 Bh2 198.Bh3 Bc7 199.Bg2 Bb8 200.Kb5 Bc7 201.Bf3 Kc8 202.Bd1 Kb7 203.Bb3 Kb8 204.Bd1 Kb7 205.Bf3+ Kb8 206.Bh1 Kc8 207.Be4 Kb8 208.Bh1 Kc8 209.Bg2 Bd8 210.Bd5 Kb8 211.Be4 Be7 212.Kc6 Bg5 213.Kb6 Bd8+ 214.Ka6 Be7 215.Kb5 Kc7 216.Bc2 Kb7 217.Bd1 Kc7 218.Bc2 Bf8 219.Bg6 Be7 220.Be8 Kd8 221.Bf7 Kc7 222.Be6 Bf8 223.c6 Be7 224.Bd7 Bb4 225.Bg4 Be1 226.Bf5 Bc3 227.Kc4 Bf6 228.Kb5 Bd8 229.Bd7 Kd6 230.Ka6 Bc7 231.Kb7 Bd8 232.Bh3 Bc7 233.Be6 Bd8 234.Bb3 Bc7 235.Bd5 Bd8 236.Bb3 Bc7 237.Bc4 Bd8 238.Ba2 Bc7 239.Bc4 Bd8 240.Bg8 Bc7 241.Be6 Bd8 242.Bh3 Bc7 243.Bf5 Bd8 244.Kc8 Bb6 245.Be4 Bc7

246.Bf3 Bb6 247.Kb7 Bd8 248.Bh1 Bc7 249.Bd5 Bd8 250.Ba2 Bc7 251.Bf7 Bd8 252.Bg6 Bc7 253.Bb1 Bd8 254.Be4 Bc7 255.Bb1 Bd8 ChessBase has a hard limit of 300 moves for games, but gave integrity warnings about game length at move 257 in this game so I curtail it here 256. Bd3 Bc7 257. Bh7 Bd8 258. Bf5 Bc7 259. Bd7 Bd8 260. Bg4 Bc7 261. Bc8 Bd8 262. Bg4 Bc7 263. Bh3 Bd8 264. Bd7 Bc7 265. Ka6 ½-½ (255) Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497)-LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B) 7...e6 8.0-0 *(8.Nd2 Nbd7 9.0-0 e5 10.a3 Ne8 11.b4 f5 12.Rb1 Nef6 13.Nb5 Ne8 14.Qc2 b6 15.Nc3 Qe7 16.Bb2 f4 17.Bg4 Nc7 18.Nb5 Nxb5 19.cxb5 Nf6 20.Bxc8 Raxc8 21.Rbc1 Qd7 22.Qd3 f3 23.Nxf3 Nh5 24.Ng5 Nf4 25.Qd1 Qxb5 26.a4 Qxb4 27.Bc3 Qc4 28.Rc2 Qxa4 29.Bd2 h6 30.Bxf4 hxg5 31.Bxg5 Qxe4 32.Re1 Qf5 33.h4 Bf6 34.Bh6 Rf7 35.g3 Qh5 36.Qc1 Rh7 37.Be3 Bxh4 38.Qd1 Qxd1 39.Rxd1 Bf6 40.Ra1 Rb7 41.Ra6 Kf7 42.Kg2 Ke7 43.Rca2 Rcc7 44.Bd2 b5 45.Ba5 Rd7 46.f4 b4 47.Re2 Rb5 48.g4 Kf7 49.Rf2 e4* 0-1 (49) Firouzja,A (2759)-Sindarov,J (2558) Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021 *)*

B1) 8...exd5 9.exd5 *(9.cxd5 Bg4 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nbd7 12.a4 Re8 13.f3 Nh5 14.Nc4 Ne5 15.g4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Nf6 17.Bg5 a6 18.Rae1 Qb6 19.Bc1 Rac8 20.g5 Nd7 21.f4 Qb4 22.Qe2 c4 23.Qf3 Nc5 24.f5 Nd3 25.f6 Nxe1 26.Rxe1 Bf8 27.h4 b5 28.h5 Qb3 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Kg2 b4 31.Nd1 c3 32.bxc3 Qc2+ 33.Nf2 Rxc3 34.Be3 b3 35.Rh1 Re5 36.Qf4 Qe2 37.Bd4 Rc2 38.Bxe5 dxe5 39.Qh4 Qh5 40.Qg3 Qxh1+ 41.Kxh1 b2* 0-1 (41) Tin,J (2562)-Sindarov,J (2654) Almaty KAZ 2022 *)* 9...Bg4 10.Re1 *(10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nfd7 12.Qc2 Ne5 13.Be2 f5 14.Bd2 Nbd7 15.Rae1 f4 16.Ne4 f3 17.gxf3 Qh4 18.Kg2 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Qxh6 20.Nxd6 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Nxf3 22.Qe4 Nxe1 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Rxe1 Rxf2 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxf7 Qg3 27.Rf1 Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qe3+ 29.Qf2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Kg7 31.Ke3 Re8+ 32.Kd3 h5 33.Rg1 Kh6 34.Rh1 Rf8 35.Ke4 Re8+ 36.Kd3 Ne5+ 37.Kd2 Nf7 38.b4 b6 39.bxc5 bxc5 40.Bd3 g5 41.Rf1 Kg7 42.Rf5 Re5 43.Rf1 g4 44.Rb1 h4 45.Rb7 h3 46.d6 h2 47.d7 h1Q 48.d8Q Qxb7* 0-1 (48) Socko,B (2642)-Abdusattorov,N (2633) Warsaw POL 2021 *)* 10...Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Rxe1+ 13.Qxe1 Nbd7 14.b3 a6 15.Bf4 Ne8 16.Rc1 Ne5 17.Be2 Nc7 18.Qd2 f5 19.g3 Qd7 20.a4 a5 21.Kg2 Re8 22.Re1 Nf7 23.h4 Qe7 24.Nd1 b6 25.Ne3 Qe4+ 26.Bf3 Qd4 27.Nc2 Qxd2 28.Rxe8+ Nxe8 29.Bxd2 Bh6 30.Bc3 Bg7 31.Bd2 Nc7 32.Be2 Na6 33.Na3 Nc7 34.Nb1 Bd4 35.Nc3 Kg7

36.Bd1 Ne5 37.Ne2 Nd3 38.Bc2 Nb4 39.Bb1 Be5 40.h5 Ne8 41.h6+ Kf7 42.Bg5 Bf6 43.f4 Ke7 44.Ng1 Kf7 45.Nf3 Ke7 46.Kh3 Kf7 47.g4 fxg4+ 48.Kxg4 Ke7 49.f5 Bxg5 50.Kxg5 gxf5 51.Nh4 Na6 52.Nxf5+ Kf8 53.Ng3 Kg8 54.Bf5 Nac7 55.Ne4 Kh8 56.Be6 Na6 57.Nf6 Nec7 58.Kf5 Nb4 59.Ne4 Nc2 60.Nxd6 Nd4+ 61.Kf6 Nxb3 62.Nf7+ Kg8 63.Ng5+ Kh8 64.d6 Ne8+ 65.Ke7 Nxd6 66.Kxd6 Nd4 67.Ke7 Nxe6 68.Kxe6 1-0 (68) Makarian,R (2543)-Sindarov,J (2706) chess.com INT 2025;

B2) 8...Re8 9.h3 exd5 *(9...Na6 10.Bf4 exd5 11.exd5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Bd3 Re8 15.Qd2 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Bd7 17.Qf4 f5 18.Rae1 Qf6 19.b3 Nc7 20.Bb1 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Ne4 Qe5 23.Qxe5 Rxe5 24.Nf6+ Kf7 25.Rxe5 Kxf6 26.Re1 Kf7 27.f4 Ne8 28.Kf2 Nf6 29.Kf3 b5 30.Bd3 b4 31.a3 a5 32.axb4 axb4 33.Ra1 Ke7 34.Ra8 Kf7 35.Ke3 Ke7 36.Rh8 Kf7 37.Be2 Kg7 38.Rd8 Kf7 39.Bf3 Ke7 40.Ra8 Kf7 41.Ra7 Ke7 42.g4 Kf8 43.g5* 1-0 (43) Wagner,D (2613)-Melkumyan,H (2647) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10.exd5

B2a) 10...Bf5 11.Bd3 *(11.Nh4 Bc8 12.Bd3 Nfd7 13.Nf3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh2 a6 17.a4 Nd7 18.Ne2 Bg7 19.Ra3 Rb8 20.Qc2 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Bxb5 Re7 23.f5 Re5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Raf3 Nf6 26.Nc3 Bf5 27.Bd3 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 Rb7 29.Bf4 Rf5 30.Bg3 Rxf3 31.Qxf3 Rxb2 32.Nb5 Qe7 33.Nxd6 Nh5 34.Qxf7+ Qxf7* 0-1 (34) Maghsoodloo,P (2674)-Gokerkan,C (2473) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nbd7 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.b3 Nh5 15.Bd2 f5 16.Rae1 Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Qc2 e4 19.Ne2 Qd6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 f4 22.Qc2 f3 23.Nc3 fxg2 24.Kxg2 Nf4+ 25.Kh1 Nxh3 26.Rxe4 Qf6 27.Qe2 Rxe4 28.Nxe4 Qh4 29.f3 Rf8 30.Qh2 g5 31.Qg3 Qh6 32.Kg2 Nf4+ 33.Kf2 Rf5 34.Ke3 Qg7 35.Rd1 Qe5 36.Kf2 h5 37.Kf1 g4 38.Qh4 Ng6 39.Qd8+ Rf8 40.Qd6 Qxe4 0-1 (40) Makarian,R (2543)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025;

B2b) 10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 Rxe4 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.Rae1 Ne5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.f4 e4 19.Bxe4 Bd7 20.Bf3 b6 21.Kh2 Rad8 22.b3 a5 23.g4 h6 24.Kg3 Qd6 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Re1 Rxe1 27.Qxe1 f6 28.Qe3 Kf7 29.a4 Qe7 30.Qd2 g5 31.d6 Qe8 32.Qd5+ Kg7 33.f5 Qe3 34.Kg2 Qxb3 35.Qb7 Qb2+ 36.Kf1 Qc1+ 37.Ke2 Qxc4+ 38.Ke1 Qc3+ 39.Kf2 Qd4+ 40.Kg2 Qxd6 41.Bd5 Kf8 42.Qa8+ Ke7 43.Qb7 c4 44.Bxc4 Qc6+ 45.Qxc6

Bxc6+ 0-1 (45) Makarian,R (2550)-Carlsen,M (2832) chess.com INT 2024]

7...cxd4

[7...Re8 8.Re1 *(8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qd2 Qxh4 14.h3 Nf6 15.Rad1 Nc6* 0-1 (15) Erigaisi,A (2567)-Aronian,L (2781) chess.com INT 2021 *)* 8...a6 9.h3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be6 13.Bf1 Rc8 14.Nd5 Nd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd2 f6 17.Rac1 Bf7 18.b3 Rc6 19.Re3 Qb8 20.a4 Qd8 21.a5 e6 22.Nf4 b6 23.axb6 Qxb6 24.b4 Ne5 25.Ra3 g5 26.c5 dxc5 27.Rxa6 Qxb4 28.Qxb4 cxb4 29.Raxc6 Nxc6 30.Rxc6 gxf4 31.Rb6 e5 32.Rxb4 Ra8 33.Bc4 Ra1+ 34.Kh2 Bxc4 35.Rxc4 Rf1 36.f3 Ra1 37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Rc6 h5 39.Rc8 Kg7 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.Rc8 Kg7 42.Rc7+ Kg6 43.Rc8 ½-½ (43) Nakamura,H (2736)-Aronian,L (2782) chess24.com INT 2021]

8.Nxd4 Nc6

[8...Nbd7 9.Be3 Re8 *(9...a6 10.f3 b6 11.Nc6 Qe8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Bxb2 14.Rb1 Bg7 15.Bxb6 Nxb6 16.Rxb6 e6 17.Bc4 exd5 18.Bxd5 Bd7 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Rc1 Bxc6 21.Rbxc6 Rxc6 22.Rxc6 Qb8 23.Bb3 Rc8 24.Rxa6 d5 25.exd5 Qb5 26.Rc6 Rxc6 27.dxc6 Qxc6 28.Qd8+ Bf8 29.Qd5 Qf6 30.g3 h5 31.a4 h4 32.Kg2 Bb4 33.Bc4 Kf8 34.Qa8+ Kg7 35.Qb7 Bc3 36.Qd5 hxg3 37.hxg3 Kf8 38.Qc5+ Kg8 39.Qb5 Kf8 40.Qc5+ Kg8 41.Qb5 Kf8 42.a5 Bxa5 43.Qc5+ Kg8 44.Bxf7+ Kxf7 45.Qxa5 Qb2+ 46.Kf1 Qc1+ 47.Qe1 Qc4+ 48.Qe2 Qc6 49.Qe4 Qc1+ 50.Kg2 Qb2+ 51.Kf1 Qc1+ 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.g4 Qb2+ 54.Ke3 Qc1+ 55.Kf2 Qb2+ 56.Qe2 Qd4+ 57.Qe3 Qd7 58.Qe5+ Kh6 59.Ke3 Qa7+ 60.Qd4 Qe7+ 61.Kd2* ½-½ (61) Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482)-Stockfish (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 10.f3 *(10.Qd2 Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.b3 a6 13.Rac1 Bf8 14.Rfd1 Bg7 15.Bf1 Rc8 16.Nde2 Qb6 17.Kh1 Qb4 18.Rb1 Ne6 19.a4 Red8 20.Qe1 Ra8 21.Nc1 Rdc8 22.N1a2 Qa5 23.b4 Qd8 24.a5 Qe8 25.Qd2 Nc7 26.Nc1 Ne6 27.Nb3 Nc7 28.Nd4 Ne6 29.Nc2 Ba4 30.Bg1 Rd8 31.Bb6 Rdc8 32.Nxa4 Qxa4 33.Ne3 Bh6 34.Qe1 Bxe3 35.Bxe3 Qe8 36.h3 Nd7 37.f4 Nf6 38.e5 dxe5 39.fxe5 Nd7 40.Bg1 Rc7 41.b5 Ndf8 42.Be2 h6 43.Qb4 Nd7 44.Bf3 Rac8 45.Qe1 Kg7 46.b6 Rc6 47.Bd5 Ndf8 48.Qe4 Ng5 49.Qd3 Nge6 50.Be3 Nd8 51.Qe4 Nfe6 52.Rf1 h5 53.Rf3 Qg8 54.Rd1 Qh7 55.Rdf1 Qg8 56.Bd2 Kf8 57.Bb4 Ke8 58.Qd3 Qg7 59.Rd1 Nf8 60.Qd2 Qg8 61.Rd3 Nfe6 62.Bxc6+ Nxc6 63.Rd7 Kf8 64.Bxe7+ Kg7 65.Bf6+ Kh7 66.Qd5 Qe8 67.Rxb7 Nb4 68.Qd7 g5 69.Qd2 Qf8 70.Qe2 g4 71.Qe4+ Kg8 72.Qf5 Nc6 73.Rc7 Rd8 74.Rxd8 Ncxd8 75.Qxh5 Qg7 76.Bxg7 Kxg7 77.Qxg4+ Kh6 78.Rxf7 Nxf7 79.Qxe6+ Kg7 80.Qf6+ Kh7 81.Qxf7+ Kh8 82.Qd7 Kg8 83.b7 Kf8 84.b8Q#* 1-0 (84) Stockfish (3592)-Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 10...b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Rfd1 e6 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Bf1 Bf8 16.Kh1 Be7 17.Nc2 Ne5 18.b3 d5 19.cxd5 exd5 20.exd5 Bf8 21.a4 h6 22.Be3 Bd6 23.Bxh6 Bb8

24.Be3 Nfg4 25.fxg4 Nxg4 26.g3 Be5 27.Bd4 Bf6 28.Qf4 Ne5 29.Ne3 Bg5 30.Qf2 b5 31.h3 b4 32.Ne4 Rxc1 33.Rxc1 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Bxd5 35.Bg2 Ba8 36.Re1 Bxe4 37.Qxe4 f5 38.Qe3 f4 39.Qxf4 g5 40.Qe4 Re7 41.Bxe5 Qe8 42.Qf5 Qf7 43.Qxg5+ Kf8 44.Qh6+ Ke8 45.Bc6+ Kd8 46.Qd6+ Rd7 47.Qb8+ Ke7 48.Bg7+ Qe6 49.Qf8# 1-0 (49) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-Stoofvlees Ii A19 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[8...Na6 9.Be3 Nc5 *(9...Nb4 10.h3 Nc6 11.Qd3 Bd7 12.f4 Rc8 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Nf3 Qa5 15.Kh2 Be6 16.Qb1 Rfe8 17.a3 Qc7 18.Ng5 b6 19.Nd5 Qb8 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Nxf6+ exf6 22.Qd3 Rcd8 23.Bf3 Kh8 24.Bd2 e5 25.f5 gxf5 26.Bh5 Rf8 27.Rxf5 Nd4 28.Bg4 Nxf5 29.Bxf5 Rf7 30.h4 Re7 31.Qh3 Qb7 32.h5 Bf8 33.h6 Rc7 34.Qg4 Re8 35.Be6 Rxe6 36.Qxe6 Rf7 37.Rf1 Qe7 38.Qg4 Qe8 39.Be3 Be7 40.Rf3 Bd8 41.Kh3 Rc7 42.Rg3 Qg6 43.b3 Qf7 44.a4 Qe8 45.Bd2 Qf7 46.a5 Qf8 47.axb6 axb6 48.Qf5 Qe8 49.Kh2 Rd7 50.Bb4 d5 51.cxd5 Rc7 52.Qh3 Qd7 53.Bf8 Qxh3+ 54.Kxh3 Rc8 55.d6 Rb8 56.Rg7 b5 57.Be7 Bxe7 58.Rxe7 Kg8 59.d7 Kf8 60.Rg7 f5 61.Rxh7 Rd8 62.exf5 Kg8 63.Re7 b4 64.Re8+ Kf7 65.Rxd8 Ke7 66.h7 Kxd8 67.h8Q+ Kxd7 68.Qxe5 Kc6 69.f6 Kb6 70.f7 Ka6 71.f8Q Kb6 72.g4 Ka6 73.g5 Kb6 74.g6 Ka6 75.g7 Kb7 76.g8Q Ka7 77.Qa1+ Kb6 78.Qe6+ Kb7 79.Qaa6+ Kc7 80.Qac6#* 1-0 (80) Scorpionn (3514)-Rofchade (3467) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*; 9...Nb8 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Nc2 Qa5 12.f4 Nd7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Nxb4 Bxc3 15.Nd5 Bf6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxf6 exf6 19.Qd4 Bf5 20.Rf1 Nd7 21.Ne7+ Kg7 22.Nxf5+ gxf5 23.Qxd7 Rae8 24.Qd4 Qe5 25.Kf2 Qxh2 26.Bf3 Rd8 27.Bd5 b5 28.Ke2 Qh5+ 29.Rf3 Rfe8 30.Kf1 Qg6 31.Qxa7 f4 32.Rxf4 Re5 33.Rf3 h6 34.Qb6 Rde8 35.Kg1 R8e7 36.Rh3 Rh5 37.Rxh5 Qxh5 38.Qd4 Qe2 39.Bf2 Re5 40.c5 Rg5 41.Bc6 h5 42.a3 Rg4 43.Qe3 Qb2 44.Bd5 h4 45.Kh2 Rg5 46.Bf3 h3 47.Kxh3 Re5 48.Qd4 Qxa3 49.c6 Qc1 50.Kh2 Qh6+ 51.Qh4 Qxh4+ 52.Bxh4 b4 53.Bg3 Re8 54.Bd5 Rh8+ 55.Kg1 Kf8 56.Bd6+ Ke8 57.Bxb4 Rh4 58.Bd6 Rd4 59.c7 Kd7 60.Bb7 Rd1+ 61.Kf2 Rd2+ 62.Ke3 Rxd6 63.c8Q+ Ke7 64.Qc7+ Ke6 65.Bc8+ Kd5 66.Qxf7+ Kc6 67.Qb7+ Kc5 68.Qc7+ Kd5 69.Qb8 Ke5 70.Qa7 Kd5 71.Qa8+ Kc5 72.Qa7+ Kd5 73.g3 Kc4 74.g4 Rd3+ 75.Ke2 Rh3 76.g5 Rh2+ 77.Ke3 f5 78.g6 Rh3+ 79.Kf4 Rh4+ 80.Kxf5* 1-0 (80) AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1 (3509)-Stoofvlees Ii A16 (3513) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 10.f3 Bd7 *(10...Ne6 11.Nc2 b6 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rc8 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qc7 16.Rf2 a6 17.Bf1 Nc5 18.Qe3 Rfd8 19.Rfd2 Re8 20.h3 Ncd7 21.Qf2 Qb8 22.Rd4 Qc7 23.Nb4 Nh5 24.Rb1 Qc5 25.Nbd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 Qc7 27.Rc1 Ng7 28.b4 Qb7 29.Kh2 Rc7 30.f4 Nf5 31.Rd2 b5 32.cxb5 axb5 33.Bxb5 Rxc3 34.Bc6 Qxb4 35.Rxc3 Qxc3 36.Bxd7 Ra8 37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Re2 Ra3 39.Rxe7 Kg7 40.Re2 h6 41.Rb2 Qc4 42.Rb6 Qc5 43.Qb2+*

Qc3 44.Qxc3+ Rxc3 45.a4 Rc5 46.Rb5 Rc4 47.a5 Rxf4 48.Rb6 Ra4 49.a6 Kf6 50.Rxd6+ Ke5 51.Rxh6 f6 52.d6 Rxa6 53.d7 Rd6 54.Rh7 f4 55.h4 f5 56.h5 f3 57.gxf3 Kf4 58.Kg2 Kg5 59.Kf2 f4 60.h6 Rd2+ 61.Ke1 Rd4 62.Re7 Kxh6 63.Ke2 Rd5 64.Kf1 Rd2 65.Kg1 Rd1+ 66.Kh2 Rd2+ 67.Kh3 Kh5 ½-½ (67) Stoofvlees li A19 (3509)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 11.Qd2 Na4 12.Nd1 Nc5 13.Rc1 a6 14.b3 Ne6 15.Nc2 Qc7 16.Nc3 Rfc8 17.Kh1 *(17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nc5 19.b4 Na4 20.Nd4 a5 21.a3 Qd8 22.f4 axb4 23.axb4 Bf6 24.f5 Nb6 25.Bd3 Ra3 26.h4 Qf8 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.h5 Qg7 29.h6 Qf8 30.Ne2 Qd8 31.Ng3 Be8 32.Rxf6 exf6 33.Ne4 Nd7 34.Re1 Ne5 35.Bf1 Rxc4 36.Bxc4 Nxc4 37.Qc1 Rxe3 38.Rxe3 Ne5 39.Rg3 Kh7 40.Qf4 f5 41.Ng5+ Kh8 42.Rc3 b6 43.Qc1 Kg8 44.Rc8 Qe7 45.b5 Nd7 46.Qc3 Ne5 47.h7+ Kg7 48.h8Q+ Kxh8 49.Qh3+ Kg7 50.Qh7+ Kf6 51.Qh4 Nc6 52.bxc6 Ke5 53.Nf3+ Kxd5 54.Qxe7 Bxc6 55.Qc7 Ke6 56.Rd8 Kd5 57.Rxd6+ Kc4 58.Rxc6+ Kb5 59.Rxb6+ Ka5 60.Qa7#* 1-0 (60) Stoofvlees li A16 (3513)-AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 17...b5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Nc5 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qd8 22.Rcd1 Qf8 23.h3 Rc7 24.Qe3 e5 25.dxe6 Nxe6 26.Nxe6 Bxe6 27.f4 Qe7 28.Bf3 Rac8 29.Qb6 Rc2 30.f5 gxf5 31.exf5 Bxf5 32.Qxa6 Qe5 33.Rfe1 Qf4 34.Qxd6 Qxd6 35.Rxd6 Rxa2 36.Rd5 Be6 37.Rxb5 Rc3 38.b4 Rb3 39.Rb8+ Kg7 40.Rb7 Bc8 41.Rb8 Be6 42.b5 Rd2 43.b6 Bd5 44.Bxd5 Rxd5 45.Rf1 Rd7 46.Rf5 Rb2 47.Kh2 Rd6 48.Rb7 Rg6 49.Rbxf7+ Kh6 50.Rf2 Rxf2 51.Rxf2 Rxb6 52.Rf4 Kg5 53.Re4 Kh6 54.Kg3 Kg7 55.Rg4+ Kh8 56.Rc4 Kg8 57.Rg4+ Kh8 58.Rg5 Rb7 59.Ra5 Kg7 60.Rc5 Kg6 61.Kh2 Rb3 62.Rc2 Kf7 63.Rc5 Kg6 64.Rc4 Rb6 65.Rd4 Kf6 66.Rf4+ Kg7 67.Rg4+ Kf8 68.Rg3 Rb5 69.Ra3 Kg7 70.Ra6 Rb7 71.Ra3 Rb6 72.Rd3 Rb7 73.Rc3 Kh6 74.Re3 Kg6 75.Re1 Rb8 76.Re3 Kf7 77.Rg3 Ra8 78.Rg5 Ra7 79.h4 Ra6 80.g3 Ra2+ 81.Kh3 Ra6 82.Rh5 Kg6 83.Rc5 h5 84.Re5 Rb6 85.Ra5 Rb1 86.Ra2 Rb3 87.Rc2 Rb4 88.Re2 Kg7 89.Ra2 Rb3 90.Ra5 Kg6 91.Rg5+ Kh6 92.Kh2 Rb6 93.Re5 Rb8 94.Kg2 Rb2+ 95.Kf3 Rb3+ 96.Re3 Rb6 97.Kf2 Rb7 98.Re5 Rb2+ 99.Kf3 Rb3+ 100.Re3 Rb7 101.Re6+ Kg7 102.Rc6 Rb3+ 103.Kf2 Rb2+ 104.Kf1 Rb3 105.Rc7+ Kf6 106.g4 hxg4 ½-½ (106) Rofchade (3467)-Scorpionn (3514) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

9.Be3 Bd7

[9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bd7 11.Qc2 a5 12.Rad1 a4 13.b4 axb3 14.axb3 Qa5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bc6 17.b4 Qa2 18.Qxa2 Rxa2 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Bf3 f5 21.exf5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rc2 23.Rxd6 Rxc4 24.Rb6 Rf4 25.Rxb7 Rxf5 26.b5 Rd8 27.Rb1 Rdd5 28.b6 Rb5 29.Rxb5 Rxb5 30.Kf1 Rb2 31.Ke1 Kg7 32.Kd1 Rxf2 33.Rc7 Rxf3 34.b7 Rb3 35.Kc2 Rb5 36.Kd3 g5 37.Kc4 Rb1 38.Kd5 h5 39.Kc6 g4 40.Rd7 h4 41.Rd5 Rxb7 42.Kxb7 Kg6 43.Kc6 f5 44.Kc5 Kg5 45.Kd4 Kf4 46.Kd3

g3 47.hxg3+ Kxg3 48.Ke2 h3 49.Kf1 f4 50.Kg1 1-0 (50) Matlakov,M (2662)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024]

10.Nc2

[10.h3

A) 10...a6 11.Rc1 *(11.a4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a5 13.Re1 Bc6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Bc2 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qb6 17.Qd2 Nc5 18.Rab1 Qb4 19.b3 e5 20.Red1 Rad8 21.f3 Ne6 22.Kh1 Nd4 23.Ne2 Qxd2 24.Rxd2 Nxe2 25.Rxe2 f6 26.Kg1 Kf7 27.Kf2 Ke6 28.Ke3 f5 29.Rd1 f4+ 30.Kd2 g5 31.Kc3 h5 32.Red2 b6 33.Rh1 Rh8 34.Kd3 g4 35.hxg4 hxg4 36.Rxh8 Rxh8 37.fxg4 Rh1 38.Bd1 Re1 39.Be2 Rb1 40.Bd1 Rb2 41.Rxb2* 1-0 (41) Suleymanli,A (2626)-Sindarov,J (2668) chess.com INT 2024*; 11.Re1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b3 Qa5 16.Nd5 Rfe8 17.b4 Qd8 18.Nc3 Qb6 19.Rab1 Ne5 20.Qd2 f6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 a5 23.c5 dxc5 24.bxa5 Qxa5 25.Qxa5 Rxa5 26.Rxb7 c4 27.d6 Rxa2 28.Rxe7+ Rxe7 29.dxe7 Ra8 30.f4 Nf7 31.Bxc4 Nd6 32.Re6 Ne8 33.Kh2 Rb8 34.Re3 Rb4 35.Bd5 Rxf4 36.Rb3 Rd4 37.Rb7 Rxd5* 0-1 (37) Muradli,M (2575)-Sindarov,J (2668) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.Qc2 Qa5 *(13...Bh6 14.Rcd1 Nd7 15.b4 e5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qg5 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 Ra3 20.Qc1 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Bxe4 22.Bf3 Nf6 23.a4 d5 24.a5 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 Ne4 26.Qc7 d4 27.exd4 exd4 28.Rxd4 Qxb5 29.Rd8 Ng5 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Qd8+ Kg7 32.Qf6+ Kg8 33.Rc3* 1-0 (33) Hong,A (2570)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 14.Rb1 Rfc8 15.b4 Qd8 16.Qd3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rfc1 Ra3 19.Qd2 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Bxg7 Bxb1 22.Bb2 Rxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Bd3 24.Bxa3 Bxe2 25.Bb2 f6 26.Qc2 Bc4 27.a4 Qd7 28.a5 Kf7 29.Qe4 Qe6 30.Qh4 h5 31.Qf4 Bd5 32.Qd2 Bb7 33.f3 Qc4 34.Kh2 g5 35.Bd4 e5 36.Be3 Ke6 37.Qd1 g4 38.fxg4 Qe4 39.Qe2 d5 40.Qxb5 d4 41.Qb6+ Bc6 42.Kg3 hxg4 43.Bf2 Qxg2+ 44.Kh4 Qxh3# 0-1 (44) Bluebaum,M (2654)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6

B1) 12.Qc2 a5 13.Rad1

B1a) 13...a4 14.Rfe1 *(14.c5 Qa5 15.cxd6 exd6 16.a3 Rfe8 17.Bf3 Rac8 18.Qd2 Qa8 19.Qf4 Re6 20.Nd5 Nd7 21.Bg4 Bxd5 22.exd5 Re7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qxd6 Rce8 25.Bxd7 Qd8 26.Qb4 Qxd7 27.d6 Re2 28.Rd4 Rc2 29.Rfd1 Ree2 30.R4d2 Rexd2 31.Rxd2 Rxd2 32.Qxd2 Kf6 33.Qd4+ Ke6 34.f4 f6 35.Kh2 b5 36.Kg3 Qxd6 37.Qe4+ Kf7 38.Qb7+ Qe7 39.Qd5+ Qe6 40.Qb7+ Qe7 41.Qd5+ Qe6 42.Qb7+ Qe7* ½-½ (42) Anton Guijarro,D (2673)-Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2607) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 14...Qa5 15.Bf1 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nd5 Rfe8 18.Re3 Rac8 19.h4 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nf6 21.Qe2 Rc7 22.g3 h5 23.Rd4 Qc5 24.Rf4

b5 25.Qf3 Rf8 26.cxb5 Qc1 27.Rxa4 Qxb2 28.Rb3 Qd2 29.b6 Rc1 30.b7 Qe1 31.Qg2 Nd7 32.Ra8 Rb1 33.Rxf8 Kxf8 34.Qh3 f5 35.Qg2 Rxb3 36.axb3 Qb4 37.Bc4 Qxb7 38.Qf1 Ne5 39.Qa1 Qb4 40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Qd4 Qe1 42.Bf1 Qb1 43.b4 Qb3 44.b5 Qf3+ 45.Kg1 Qb3 46.Be2 Qxb5 47.Qe3 Qxd5 48.Qh6 Qe4 49.Qh7+ Ke6 50.Qg8+ Kd7 51.Qa2 Qd4 52.Qa8 Qe4 53.Bb5+ Ke6 54.Qg8+ Kf6 55.Qh8+ Ke6 56.Qg8+ Kf6 57.Qh8+ Ke6 58.Qc8+ Kf7 59.Qe8+ Kf6 60.Qh8+ ½-½ (60) Andreikin,D (2724)-Sadhwani,R (2609) chess.com INT 2021;

B1b) 13...Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Bg4 Ne5 16.c5 Nxg4 17.hxg4 Qc8 18.cxd6 Qxg4 19.dxe7 Rfe8 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Qc3+ Kg8 22.exd5 Rxe7 23.Rd4 Qc8 24.Qd2 Qf5 25.d6 Rd7 26.Rd5 Qf6 27.Rd1 a4 28.Qb4 Kg7 29.R1d3 Kg8 30.Rf3 Qe6 31.Qd4 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Qc1 33.Re3 Rad8 34.Rde5 Qc8 35.Rd5 Qb8 36.Rd3 Re8 37.g3 Re6 38.Qxa4 Rdxd6 39.Qf4 g5 40.Rxg5+ Kf8 41.Rgd5 Rh6+ 42.Kg2 Qc8 43.Rxd6 Qh3+ 44.Kf3 1-0 (44) Firouzja,A (2728)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) chess.com INT 2020;

B1c) 13...Qb8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Qc7 16.Qd3 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rfe1 Rfe8 19.Bf1 a4 20.Re3 Nc5 21.Qd4+ Kg8 22.Rde1 e5 23.dxe6 Rxe6 24.Rd1 Rae8 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.g3 Qe7 27.h4 h5 28.Bg2 Re1+ 29.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5 31.Qxe5 dxe5 32.Kg1 b6 33.Bc6 Nd3 34.Bxa4 Nxb2 35.Bb5 Nd3 36.Kf1 Kf8 37.Ke2 Nc5 38.Bc6 Ke7 39.Bd5 f5 40.Ke3 Kf6 41.a3 g5 42.hxg5+ Kxg5 43.Bg8 h4 44.gxh4+ Kxh4 45.f4 e4 46.Bd5 Kg4 47.Bc6 Kh5 48.Bb5 Nd3 49.Ba4 Kg4 50.Bd1+ Kg3 51.a4 Nxf4 52.Bb3 Ne6 0-1 (52) Csonka,B (2459)-Sindarov,J (2706) chess.com INT 2025;

B2) 12.Qd3 a5 13.Rfd1 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qd4+ Kg8 16.Bg4 Ne5 17.c5 Nxg4 18.hxg4 dxc5 19.Qxc5 Qc8 20.f3 Qe6 21.Rd2 Rfc8 22.Qg5 Rd8 23.Rad1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 a4 25.a3 f6 26.Qc5 Kf7 27.Ne2 Rc8 28.Nf4 Qb3 29.Nd5 Re8 30.Nb4 Rc8 31.Nd5 Re8 32.Nc3 Rc8 33.g5 fxg5 34.Qxg5 Qb6+ 35.Kh2 Rd8 36.Qf4+ Ke8 37.Rxd8+ Qxd8 38.Kg3 Qb6 39.Qd2 Qc5 40.Ne2 b5 41.Qd4 Qg5+ 42.Kf2 Qh4+ 43.g3 Qf6 44.Ke3 h5 45.Qc5 Bd7 46.e5 Qc6 47.Qxc6 Bxc6 48.Nd4 Bd7 49.Kf4 Kf7 50.Kg5 e6 51.f4 Be8 52.Nf3 Kg7 53.Nd2 Bc6 54.Nb1 Kf7 55.Nc3 Kg7 56.Ne2 Kf7 57.Nd4 Be8 58.Nf3 Kg7 59.Ne1 Bc6 60.Nd3 Kf7 61.Nc5 Bd5 62.Nd7 Bc6 63.Nf6 Kg7 64.Kh4 Kh6 65.g4 hxg4

66.Nxg4+ Kg7 67.Kg5 Kf7 68.Ne3 Be4 69.Nf1 Ke7 70.Nd2 Bd3 71.Nf3 Kf7 72.Nd4 Bc4 73.Kh6 Bd3 74.Nf3 Ke7 75.Kg7 Kd7 76.Ng5 Kc6 77.Nxe6 Kd5 78.Ng5 Bf5 79.Kf6 Kc4 80.e6 Kb3 81.e7 Bd7 82.Kxg6 Kxb2 83.f5 b4 84.f6 bxa3 85.f7 a2 86.f8Q a1Q 87.Qb8+ Ka2 88.Qg8+ Kb1 89.Qd5 Be8+ 90.Nf7 Qb2 91.Qd1+ Ka2 92.Qd5+ Qb3 93.Qg2+ Ka3 94.Qf2 Qe6+ 95.Kg7 Qxe7 96.Qg3+ Kb4 97.Qf4+ Kb3 98.Qf3+ Kb4 99.Qf4+ Ka5 100.Qd2+ Qb4 101.Qd8+ Qb6 102.Qxe8 a3 103.Ne5 Qd4 104.Kg6 Qd5 105.Nc6+ Kb6 106.Ne7 Qe6+ 107.Kg7 Qe5+ 108.Kf7 Qf4+ 109.Kg8 Qg4+ 110.Kh7 Qh4+ 111.Kg7 Qg4+ 112.Kh7 Qh4+ 113.Kg7 Qg4+ 114.Ng6 Qd4+ 115.Kh7 Qb2 116.Qe6+ Kb5 117.Ne5 Qh2+ 118.Kg6 Qc2+ 119.Kf7 a2 120.Qd5+ Ka4 121.Qd7+ Kb3 122.Qb5+ Kc3 123.Qc4+ Kb2 124.Qb4+ Qb3+ 125.Nc4+ Kc2 126.Qd2+ Kb1 127.Qe1+ Kc2 128.Qd2+ Kb1 129.Qe1+ Kc2 130.Qd2+ ½-½ (130) Yoo,C (2588)-Sindarov,J (2700) chess.com INT 2025;

C) 10...a5 11.Qc2 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a4 13.b4 axb3 14.axb3 Qc7 15.Bxf6 exf6 16.Nd5 Qc5 17.b4 Qd4 18.Rad1 Qe5 19.Nb6 Rad8 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Rd5 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Re8 23.c5 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4 25.Bb5 Rd8 26.Rxd6 Rc8 27.R6d4 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Rc7 29.Rd8+ Bf8 30.Rb8 Kg7 31.Be2 Be7 32.Bf3 Rd7 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Bxb7 f5 35.f4 Bf6 36.Kf1 Bc3 37.c6 1-0 (37) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Sindarov,J (2700) chess.com INT 2025]

[10.f3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 a5 12.Rc1 Bc6 13.c5 dxc5 14.Bxc5 Nd7 15.Be3 a4 16.Qd2 Qa5 17.Rfd1 e6 18.a3 Nc5 19.Bc4 Rfd8 20.Qf2 Nb3 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1 Qe7 23.Bxb3 axb3 24.Bc5 Qg5 25.Bd4 Bf8 26.Be3 Qf6 27.Qd2 Be7 28.h3 Qe5 29.Qe1 Rd8 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8 31.Qd1 Bc7 32.f4 Qd6 33.Qxd6 Bxd6 34.e5 Be7 35.Kf2 h5 36.g3 h4 37.g4 f6 38.Ne2 fxe5 39.fxe5 Kf7 40.Bd4 g5 41.Be3 Kg6 42.Bd4 Bd5 43.Nc1 Bc4 44.Ne2 Bd8 45.Nc3 Bc7 46.Ne4 b6 47.Nd6 Bd5 48.Nb5 Bd8 49.Nd6 Be7 50.Nc8 Bd8 51.Nxb6 Bxb6 52.Bxb6 Bc6 53.Bc5 Bd7 54.Be7 Bc6 55.Bd8 Bd7 56.Bb6 Bc6 57.Be3 Bd7 58.Bd2 Bc6 59.Be3 Bd7 60.Bd2 Bc6 61.Be3 ½-½ (61) Sjugirov,S (2646)-Sindarov,J (2682) chess.com INT 2024]

[10.Qd2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 a5

A) 13.Rfd1 Nd7 14.Be3 a4 *(14...Nc5 15.Rac1 a4 16.Nb5 Qa5 17.Qc2 Rfc8 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Be3 Qa5 20.Bd2 Qd8 21.Bc3 Bxb5 22.cxb5 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nb3* 0-1 (23) Checa,N (2507)-Sindarov,J (2707) chess.com INT 2025*)* 15.Rab1 Nc5 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qa5 18.Bf1 Rfe8 19.Qf2 e6 20.b4 axb3 21.axb3 Qa3 22.b4 exd5 23.Bc1 Qa4 24.Rxd5 Ne6 25.Rxd6 Bf8 26.Rb6 Qd1 27.Qd2 Rad8 28.Qxd1 Rxd1 29.Rxb7 Nc5 30.Rb5 Ree1 31.Kf2

Rxf1+ 32.Kg3 Ne6 33.c5 Rxc1 34.Rb3 Nd4 0-1 (34) Theodorou,N (2600)-Sindarov,J (2682) New York USA 2024;

B) 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rab1 e6 16.Rfd1 Be5 17.Bd4 b6 18.f4 Bxd4+ 19.Qxd4 e5 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Rbd1 exf4 24.Rxb6 Rfe8 25.Rd2 Rad8 26.Rbd6 Rxd6 27.Rxd6 Bxg2 28.Kf2 Be4 29.h4 h6 30.Rf6 Kg7 31.Rxf4 f5 32.Bf3 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Bxe4 gxf4 35.Bxf5 Kf6 36.Bg4 Re3 37.Bf3 Rc3 38.Bc6 Ke5 39.Bd5 Rc2+ 40.Kf3 Rxa2 41.Bf7 Rc2 42.Kg4 Rc3 43.Bd5 Rxb3 0-1 (43) Navara,D (2682)-Sindarov,J (2668) chess.com INT 2024]

[10.Nb3 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.f3 Bc6 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Rfd1 b6 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Ra3 Bd7 17.Bf1 Rc8 18.Ndb5 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Nc2 22.Nd5 Nxa3 23.bxa3 e6 24.Qh6 e5 25.Be3 Rf7 26.Bg5 Qf8 27.Qh4 Re8 28.Bh6 Rg7 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Nxe8 Qxe8 31.Qf6 Qe7 32.Bxg7+ Qxg7 33.Qxd6 h5 34.Qxb6 Ne6 35.c5 e4 36.fxe4 Bg4 37.Rd6 Nf4 38.c6 Qa1 39.Rd8+ 1-0 (39) Tabatabaei,M (2660)-Sindarov,J (2654) Almaty KAZ 2022]

10...a5 11.Qd2 a4 12.Rab1 Qa5 13.b4 axb3 14.axb3 Rfc8 15.b4 Qd8 16.f4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Bf2 Be6 19.Ne3 Ra3 20.Nb5 Rxe3 21.Bxe3 Bxc4 22.Na3 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Ra8 24.Nc4 Ra4 25.Rb1 h5 26.h3 b5 27.Nb6 Ra3 28.Bf2 Ra6 29.Nd5 e6 30.Nc3 Qb8 31.Ne2 Qa8 32.Rc1 Ra2 33.Qxd6 Rxe2 34.Qxc6 Qxc6 35.Rxc6 Rxe4 36.Bc5 Bd4+ 37.Kh2 Bxc5 38.bxc5 Rxf4 39.Rb6 b4 40.c6 Rc4 0-1 (40) Shankland,S (2666)-Sindarov,J (2706) chess.com INT 2025

6...Nbd7 7.0-0

[7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.e6 fxe6 10.0-0 Nde5 11.Nxe5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxe5 13.Be3 a6 14.h3 Nc6 15.Bf3 Na5 16.Be2 b6 17.Rac1 c5 18.Na4 Rb8 19.b4 cxb4 20.Nxb6 Nc6 21.c5 a5 22.Bb5 Na7 23.Bd7 Bb2 24.Rc2 Bc3 25.c6 Kf7 26.Bxc8 Nxc8 27.Nd7 Nd6 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.Bb6 Ra8 30.c7 Ke8 31.a3 Kd7 32.Bxa5 Rxa5 33.axb4 Ra3 34.Rd3 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Be5+ 36.f4 Kc8 37.fxe5 1-0 (37) Andreikin,D (2725)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2600) lichess.org INT 2021]

7...c6

[7...e5

A) 8.Qc2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bxg4 Bxg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Qd2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bh6 Rf7 16.Bxg7 Rxg7 17.Rae1 a5 18.Re2 c6 19.Rd1 Qh4 20.Qe1 Qg5 21.Qd2 Qh4 22.Qe1 Qxe1+ 23.Rexe1 Kf7 24.Nb3 Nxb3 25.axb3 Rg6 26.Re2 Re6 27.Red2 Ke7 28.Ne2 Rf6 29.Nf4 b6 30.h4 Rg8 31.Kf2 Rh6 32.g3 Rf6 33.Nh5 Rh6 34.Nf4 Rf6 35.Nh5 Rh6 36.Nf4 ½-½ (36) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

B) 8.Re1 c6 *(8...a6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 h5 12.Bg3 Nh6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Qb3 Nc5 15.Qa3 b6 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.b4 Ne6 18.Nd5 Qf7 19.c5 bxc5 20.bxc5 g5 21.h4 g4 22.Nd2 f5 23.exf5 Nxf5 24.Bc4 Kh8 25.Ne4 Rb8 26.c6 Nfd4 27.Qe7 Qxe7*

28.Nxe7 Kh7 29.Bd3 Kh6 30.Ng5 Nxg5 31.hxg5+ Kxg5 32.Bxe5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5+ Kf6 34.Rde1 Be6 35.Nd5+ Bxd5 36.Rxd5 Rbd8 37.Rxh5 Rg8 38.Bxa6 Nxc6 39.Rh6+ Rg6 40.Rxg6+ 1-0 (40) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Leitao,R (2592) chess.com INT 2023*)* 9.Rb1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.Bf1 Nc5 12.f3 a5 13.Be3 a4 14.b4 axb3 15.axb3 h5 16.b4 Ne6 17.Qd2 h4 18.Red1 Nh5 19.Nce2 Be5 20.b5 c5 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qxd6 h3 25.Qxc5 hxg2 26.Bxg2 Ra2 27.Qe3 Bxc4 28.Nc3 Rc2 29.Rbc1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Nf4 31.Kh1 Rd8 32.Bf1 Qg5 33.Qg1 Qh5 34.Qg4 Bxf1 35.Qxf4 Qh3 36.Qg3 Rd2 37.f4 Bg2+ 38.Kg1 Kg7 39.f5 Qxg3 40.hxg3 gxf5 41.exf5 Kf6 42.Re1 Kxf5 43.Re2 Rxe2 44.Nxe2 Bd5 45.Kf2 Ke4 46.b6 Bc4 47.Nf4 Bb5 48.Nh3 Kd5 49.Ng5 f6 50.Nh7 Ke6 51.Ke3 Kf7 52.Kd4 Kg7 53.Nxf6 Kxf6 54.Ke4 Kg5 55.Kf3 Bc6+ 0-1 (55) Gareev,T (2590)-Karthikeyan,M (2628) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 8.Be3

C1) 8...c6 9.d5 *(9.Qc2 Ng4 10.Bg5 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Ngxf6 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Rfe1 b6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.Bf1 Rfe8 16.g3 a6 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 b5 19.b4 Nb6 20.Qe3 Rec8 21.Nd2 Ng4 22.Qxb6 Rxc3 23.Bh3 Bc8 24.Rc1 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qg5 26.Rc2 Qh5 27.Qc6 Qxh3 28.Nf3 Bb7 29.Qxb7 Rf8 30.Qe7 Qh5 31.Kg2 Kg7 32.Qxd6 Nf6 33.Re2 Qg4 34.Qxe5 Re8 35.Qc3 Rxe4 36.h3 Qf5 37.g4 Qxd5 38.Rxe4* 1-0 (38) Wojtaszek,R (2694)-Kozul,Z (2619) Berlin GER 2022*)* 9...c5 *(9...Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Qxd6 fxg5 13.Qxc6 Qb6 14.Qxa8 Bb7 15.c5 Nxc5 16.Nd5 Rxa8 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Nxg5 Bf6 19.b4 Na4 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Bxg4 Bxe4 22.Rac1 Bd3 23.Rc7+ Kh6 24.Rfc1 e4 25.g3 Rf8 26.Rd7 Nc3 27.Kg2 Ra8 28.Rd6 Be5 29.Re6 Bd4 30.Rd6 Nb5 31.Rdc6 Rxa2 32.h4 Rxf2+ 33.Kh3 Bf1+ 34.Rxf1 Rxf1 35.Be2 Na7 36.Rd6 Rf2 37.Bc4 b5 38.Bd5 e3 39.Re6 e2 40.Kg4 Bc3* 0-1 (40) Lysyj,I (2589)-Aronian,L (2729) chess.com INT 2024*; 9...Qe7 10.Nd2 h5 11.b4 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.f3 h4 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Qd2 Nh5 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.Bh6 Rd8 19.Rfb1 g5 20.g3 Kh7 21.f4 exf4 22.Bxh5 Kxh6 23.Be2 fxg3 24.Rb3 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 gxh2 26.Rf1 Bh3 27.Rf3 Bg4 28.Rf1 Bxc3 29.Rxc3 Qxe4+ 30.Bf3 Bxf3+ 31.Rcxf3 f5 32.Kxh2 f4 33.Rxf4 gxf4 34.Rxf4 Qe5 35.Kh3 Kg7 36.Qg2+* 1-0 (36) Sasikiran,K (2650)-Demchenko,A (2654) chess.com INT 2022*; 9...Qc7 10.Nd2 a6 11.Rc1 c5 12.g4 Kh8 13.Kh1 Qd8 14.Rg1 Ng8 15.Rg2 Bh6 16.g5 Bg7 17.h4 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Nde4 Nf8 20.h5 gxh5 21.Bxh5 Ne7 22.Rh2 Neg6 23.Bxg6 Nxg6 24.Qh5 Nf8 25.Ng3 Qe7*

26.Nce4 Kg8 27.Rg1 b5 28.Nxf5 Bxf5 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Nxh7 Bxh7 31.g6 bxc4 32.gxh7 Qb7 33.f3 Qxd5 34.Rxg7 1-0 (34) Makarian,R (2557)-Nguyen,N (2645) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

C1a) 10.Ne1 Kh8 *(10...Ne8 11.g4 f6 12.Kh1 Rf7 13.Rg1 Kh8 14.a3 Qe7 15.b4 b6 16.Rb1 Nf8 17.Nf3 Rb8 18.a4 Nd7 19.a5 Qf8 20.axb6 axb6 21.Qd2 Nc7 22.b5 Ra8 23.Ra1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Ng5 f4 27.Qc2 Nf6 28.Bd2 Re7 29.Rg1 f3 30.Bd1 h6 31.Nxf3 Nxg4 32.Nh4 Nxf2+ 33.Kg2 Bh3+ 34.Kg3 Qf7 35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Nxe7+ e4 37.Nxe4 Be5+ 38.Kh4 Bf5 39.Nxf5 Qxf5 40.Nxf2* 1-0 (40) So,W (2770)-Duda,J (2743) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 11.g4 Ng8 12.Qd2 f5 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.exf5 Ndf6 15.Kh1 Bxf5 16.Rg1 Qd7 17.f3 Ne7 18.Nd3 e4 19.Nf4 exf3 20.Bxf3 Ng6 21.Nxg6+ Bxg6 22.Bh6 Rae8 23.Rg3 Bxh6 24.Qxh6 Qg7 25.Qh4 Ng8 26.Rag1 Qh6 27.Qxh6 Nxh6 28.Rh3 Kg7 29.Be4 Rf4 30.Bxg6 hxg6 31.Rhg3 Rf6 32.Nb5 Nf5 33.Rb3 Re7 34.Nxa7 Nd4 35.Rb6 Re2 36.Rxb7+ Kh6 37.Rb8 Nf3 38.Rh8+ Kg7 0-1 (38) So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

C1b) 10.Nd2

C1b1) 10...Kh8 11.g4 *(11.Kh1 Ng8 12.g4 Bh6 13.Bxh6 Nxh6 14.Rg1 f6 15.Nf3 Nf7 16.Qd2 Ng5 17.Rg3 Qe7 18.Rag1 Rf7 19.Ne1 Rg7 20.h4 Nf7 21.Nf3 Nf8 22.g5 fxg5 23.hxg5 h6 24.gxh6 Rh7 25.Kg2 Rxh6 26.Kf1 Kg7 27.Nd1 Bd7 28.Ne3 Nh7 29.Bd3 g5 30.Ke1 Rg8 31.Kd1 b6 32.Kc2 Kf8 33.Qe1 Qf6 34.Nd2 Qh8 35.Rf3 Ke7 36.Ndf1 g4 37.Rfg3 Nf6 38.R3g2 Rh1 39.Ng3 Rxg1 40.Qxg1 Kd8 41.Rh2 Qg7 42.Ngf5 Bxf5 43.Nxf5 Qg5 44.a3 Qf4 45.Qg2 Kd7 46.Kb3 Ng5 47.Ng3 Qf3 48.Kc2 Qxg2 49.Rxg2 Rh8 50.Kd2 Ke7 51.Nf5+ Kd7 52.Ng3 Rh3 53.Ke2 Nf3 54.b4 Nd4+ 55.Kd2 a5 56.bxa5 bxa5* 0-1 (56) Makarian,R (2543)-Maksimovic,B (2512) chess.com INT 2025*)* 11...Ng8 12.Nf3 Nb6 13.h3 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ng5 Bh6 17.Qd2 Qd7 18.Kh1 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 Bxh3 20.Rg1 Rxf2 21.Qe3 Raf8 22.Ne4 Nxc4 23.Bxc4 R2f3 24.Bf6+ R3xf6 25.Nxf6 Rxf6 26.Rg3 Bg4 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 Nf6 29.Kg1 Qf5 30.Qh6 Ne4 31.Rg2 Qf6 32.Qxf6+ Nxf6 33.Rg3 h5 34.Ra3 a6 35.Rb3 b5 36.Ra3 Bc8 37.Bxb5 axb5 38.Ra8 Kg7 39.Rxc8 Kf7 40.Rb8 b4 41.a4 bxa3 42.bxa3 Nxd5 43.a4 Ke7 44.a5 Nb4 45.Rb6 Kd7

46.a6 Nd5 47.Rb8 1-0 (47) So,W (2778)-Tabatabaei,M (2623) Berlin GER 2022;

C1b2) 10...h5 11.a3 Kh7 12.b4 b6 13.Rb1 Ng8 14.Nb5 Ndf6 15.f3 h4 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nc3 Nh5 18.Re1 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Bd3 Bh6 21.Nf1 Rf7 22.Qa4 Ne7 23.Rb2 Rg7 24.Reb1 Nf4 25.Bxf4 Bxf4 26.Rb8 Rxb8 27.Rxb8 Qc7 28.Rb2 a6 29.Qb3 Qa5 30.Ne2 Bh6 31.Qc3 Qa4 32.Qb3 Qe8 33.Qc2 Qg6 34.Nc3 Bf4 35.Rb6 Kh6 36.Qf2 Kh5 37.Rb8 Rg8 38.Ne2 Qg5 39.g3 Ng6 40.Kh1 Bc1 41.Rb6 Qd8 42.Rb8 Qc7 43.Rb1 Bg5 44.f4 exf4 45.gxf4 Bf6 46.Ne3 Ne7 47.Qf3+ Kh6 48.Rg1 Qd8 49.Ng2 Qe8 50.Ne3 Rxg1+ 51.Kxg1 Qg6+ 52.Kf2 Bd7 53.Qh3 Qh5 54.Ng1 Ng6 55.Nxf5+ Bxf5 56.Qxf5 Bd4+ 57.Kg2 Qxf5 58.Bxf5 Nxf4+ 59.Kf3 Kg5 60.Nh3+ Kxf5 61.Nxf4 Be5 62.Ng2 h3 63.Ne3+ Kg5 64.Nf1 Bf4 65.a4 Be5 66.Ng3 Kh4 67.Nf5+ Kh5 68.Ng3+ Kg5 69.Nf1 Bf4 70.Ng3 a5 71.Nf1 Kf5 72.Ng3+ Ke5 73.Nf1 Bh6 74.Kg4 Kd4 75.Kxh3 Kxc4 76.Kg4 Kxd5 77.h4 c4 78.Kf3 c3 79.Ne3+ Kd4 80.Nf5+ Kd3 0-1 (80) Drygalov,S (2560)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025;

C2) 8...Qe7 9.Qc2 *(9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 Nh6 12.Nd2 g5 13.Bg3 f5 14.exf5 Nf6 15.Nde4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxf5 17.Bd3 Nd4 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.c5 g4 20.Re1 h5 21.h4 gxh3 22.Qxh5 Qd7 23.gxh3 Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.Kg2 Rd8 26.cxd6 cxd6 27.Rc3 Bh6 28.Bh4 Rg7+ 29.Bg3 Kh8 30.Nf6 Rf8 31.Bxf5 Nxf5 32.Ne4 Bf4 33.Rd1 Rg6 34.Rdd3 Rf7 35.Kh1 Bh6 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Kh2 Nd4 38.b4 Bf4 39.a4 Bxg3+ 40.fxg3 Nf3+ 41.Kg2 Ne1+ 42.Kg1 Nxd3 43.h4 Rg4 44.Ng5+ Rxg5 45.hxg5 Nxb4 46.Kg2 Nxd5 47.Kh3 Kg6 48.Kh4 Ne3 49.Rg8+ Rg7 50.Rd8 Rh7#* 0-1 (50) Drygalov,S (2560)-Lazavik,D (2580) chess.com INT 2025*; 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.h3 c6 11.Qc2 Nh5 12.Rab1 Nf4 13.b4 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 f5 15.b5 Nc5 16.Nd2 Ne6 17.exf5 gxf5 18.f4 e4 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Nb3 Ba6 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Kh2 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Qb4 24.Rc1 c5 25.Ng3 Bd4 26.Qf2 Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Bxc4 28.Nxc5 Nxc5 29.Qd4 Ne6 30.Rxc4 Qb5 31.Qc3 Nxf4 32.Rc7 Ne6 33.Nh5 Qd3 34.Qe5* 1-0 (34) Niemann,H (2609)-Amin,B (2704) Sharjah UAE 2021 *)*

C2a) 9...exd4 10.Nxd4 c6 11.Rad1 a6 12.Rfe1 Re8 13.f3 *(13.Bc1 Nc5 14.f3 Nh5 15.f4 Nf6 16.Bf3 Bg4 17.e5 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 dxe5 19.fxe5 Nfd7 20.Bf4 a5 21.h3 Ne6 22.Bg3 Ndc5*

23.Bh4 Qc7 24.b3 h6 25.Kh1 g5 26.Bf2 Rad8 27.Qf5 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Rd8 29.Rf1 Nd3 30.Bg3 Ndc5 31.h4 Qe7 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Ne4 Nxe4 34.Qxe4 Qd7 35.Qf5 Qd3 36.Qxd3 Rxd3 37.Kh2 g4 38.Nh4 Rd2 39.Nf5 Rxa2 40.Ne7+ Kf8 41.Nf5 Ng5 42.Nd6 Kg8 43.Rf5 Nf3+ 44.Rxf3 gxf3 45.Bf2 Rxf2 0-1 (45) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Firouzja,A (2728) chess.com INT 2020*)*
13...d5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Bf2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nc5 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Be6 19.Bd4 Rad8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.b4 Qf6 22.Rd3 Rxd3 23.Qxd3 Rd8 24.Qe3 Qe7 25.f4 Bc8 26.Bf3 a5 27.bxa5 Qa3 28.h4 Qxa5 29.h5 Qb5 30.f5 Qe5 31.Qc1 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 Qe5 33.Rf1 Rd6 34.Bg4 Rf6 35.h6+ Kg8 36.Qa3 gxf5 37.Rd1 Rxh6+ 38.Kg1 fxg4 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Qf8+ Kg6 41.Qg8+ Kh5 42.Qxf7+ Kh4 43.Qf2+ g3 44.Qb6 Rf6 45.Rxc8 Qf4 46.Qd4 Qf1# 0-1 (46) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Kosakowski,J (2515) chess.com INT 2025;

C2b) 9...c6

C2b1) 10.Rad1

C2b11) 10...h6

C2b111) 11.h3 exd4 *(11...Nh5 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Rfe1 b6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qd6 Qf6 16.Qxf6 Nhxf6 17.Rd6 Bb7 18.Red1 Nc5 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Nxe5 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxe5 22.Rd7 Bc8 23.Re7 Bxb2 24.Rb1 Bd4 25.Nd6 Be6 26.Bg4 Bf6 27.Rc7 Be5 28.Bxe6 Bxd6 29.Rxc6 Rad8 30.Rb7 Kg7 31.Bd5 Be5 32.Rxc5 Rb8 33.Rcb5 Rxb7 34.Rxb7 Bd4 35.Kf1 Kf6 36.g3 Ke5 37.Rxf7 Rxf7 38.Bxf7 g5 39.Ke2 Bc5 40.Bd5 Bb6 41.Bg8 Bc5 42.Bh7 Bb6 43.f3 Ba5 44.Bd3 Bb6 45.h4 Kd4 46.f4 gxf4 47.gxf4 Bd8 48.h5 Bc7 49.f5 Bd8 50.Kd2 Be7 51.Kc2 Bf6 52.Bf1 Be7 53.Kb3 Bd8 54.Kb4 a6 55.Be2 Ke4 56.Bg4 Kd4 57.Bh3 Be7+ 58.Ka5 Kxc4 59.Kxa6 Kd5 60.Kb5 Ke5 61.a4 Bg5 62.a5 Be3 63.Kc6 Kf6 64.a6 Kg5 65.Bg4 Kxg4 66.f6 Kxh5 67.f7 Kg4 68.f8Q h5 69.Qg8+* 1-0 (69) Bluebaum,M (2658)-Livaic,L (2561) chess.com INT 2024*)*
12.Rxd4 Nc5 13.Rfd1 a5 14.Qb1 Re8 15.Bd3 Nfd7 16.Bc2 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 h5 18.Qc1 Ne5 19.b3 a4 20.f4 axb3 21.axb3 Ned7 22.Bf2 Nf8 23.Re1 Qf6 24.Qd2 Bd7 25.Nf3 Nce6

26.f5 Nc5 27.Bd4 Re5 28.Nxe5 1-0 (28) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Kadric,D (2558) chess.com INT 2024;

C2b112) 11.d5 c5 12.Ne1 h5 13.Qc1 Ng4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.h3 Ngf6 18.Bg5 Qf7 19.f4 a6 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Nf3 Bd7 22.Kh1 Rae8 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxh5 Bh6 26.Bxe8 Bxc1 27.Bxd7 Bxb2 28.Rxf5 Qh4 29.Be6+ Kg7 30.Rxf8 Kxf8 31.Na4 Bd4 32.Rf1+ Kg7 33.d6 e4 34.d7 e3 35.Bg4 b5 36.Nb6 Be5 37.Nd5 Qg3 38.Nf4 Bxf4 39.Rxf4 Qxf4 40.d8Q Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qf2+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qf2+ 45.Kh2 Qf4+ ½-½ (45) Suleymanli,A (2586)-Amin,B (2684) chess.com INT 2023;

C2b12) 10...a6 11.d5 c5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bc1 Re8 14.Rfe1 Nf8 15.g3 b6 16.Nh4 h5 17.f3 N6h7 18.Ng2 Ng5 19.Rf1 Nh3+ 20.Kh1 Nh7 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.a4 a5 23.Rde1 Nf6 24.Nb5 Rf8 25.Nh4 Nh7 26.Qg2 Bf6 27.Bh6 Rfd8 28.b3 Kh8 29.Bc1 Rg8 30.Bc2 Bxh4 31.gxh4 g5 32.hxg5 N7xg5 33.Qe2 Rg6 34.f4 Bg4 35.Qd3 Nxf4 36.Bxf4 exf4 37.Rxf4 Rag8 38.Qc3+ Kh7 39.Ref1 Kh6 40.e5 dxe5 41.Bxg6 exf4 42.Bb1 Bh3 43.Re1 Qd8 44.d6 Qa8+ 45.Be4 Nxe4 46.Qf3 Nf2# 0-1 (46) Lysyj,I (2589)-Santos Latasa,J (2635) chess.com INT 2023;

C2b13) 10...Re8 11.d5 c5 12.Ne1 Kh8 13.g3 *(13.Nd3 Ng8 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5 bxc5 16.Nb5 Rf8 17.Rb1 a6 18.Nc3 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Nxh6 20.Qd2 Kg7 21.f4 exf4 22.Qxf4 f6 23.Na4 Nf7 24.Nb6 Nxb6 25.Rxb6 Re8 26.Bd1 Ra7 27.Rb8 Bd7 28.Rxe8 Bxe8 29.Bg4 Bd7 30.Bxd7 Rxd7 31.Qf2 g5 32.Nc1 Rb7 33.Ne2 Rb2 34.Qe3 Nh6 35.Ng3 Kg6 36.h4 Qe5 37.hxg5 Qxg5 38.Qf3 Rxa2 39.Nh5 Ng4 40.Nf4+ Kf7 41.Qh3 h5 42.Rb1 Kg7 43.Ne6+ Kh6 44.Nxg5* 1-0 (44) Bluebaum,M (2662)-Maksimovic,B (2512) chess.com INT 2025*)* 13...Ng8 14.Ng2 b6 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 Ndf6 17.Bf3 Ng4 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.Rde1 f5 20.Bf2 fxe4 21.Rxe4 Bf5 22.Rxe7 Bxc2 23.Rxe8

Rxe8 24.Nb5 Rd8 25.b3 a6 26.Nc7 b5 27.Ne6 Re8 28.Ne3 Be4 29.Re1 bxc4 30.Nxc4 Bxd5 31.Nxd6 Re7 32.Nxg7 Rxe1+ 33.Bxe1 Kxg7 34.Bf2 c4 35.bxc4 Bc6 36.Bd4+ Kf8 37.Bc5 Nf6 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Bd4 h6 40.h4 g5 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.hxg5 1-0 (42) Bluebaum,M (2662)-Maksimovic,B (2512) chess.com INT 2025;

C2b2) 10.Rfe1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.f3 Nh5 13.Rad1 Be5 14.g3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxg3 16.Bf1 Bxe1 17.Rxe1 Qh4 18.Qf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kxf2 f5 20.b4 Ne6 21.exf5 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Bxf5 23.Ne4 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Rae8 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.a4 a6 27.f4 Kf7 28.Bg2 h5 29.b5 axb5 30.cxb5 Rc8 31.bxc6 bxc6 32.Bb6 Ke7 33.a5 d5 34.Bc5+ Kd8 35.a6 Kc7 36.Kg3 Rb8 37.a7 Rb3+ 38.Kh4 Kb7 39.Bf1 Rc3 40.Ba6+ Ka8 41.Bb6 Rb3 42.Bg1 Rb1 43.Bf2 Rb2 44.Kg3 Rc2 45.Bd4 c5 46.Be5 Rd2 47.Bd6 Kxa7 48.Bb5 Kb6 49.Be8 Re2 50.Bf7 Kc6 51.Be5 g5 52.Kf3 Re1 53.Bxh5 gxf4 54.Bxf4 Rf1+ 55.Ke3 d4+ 56.Ke4 Rxf4+ 57.Kxf4 Kb5 58.Ke4 Kc4 0-1 (58) Petrosyan,M (2628)-Jones,G (2670) Tornelo INT 2020;

C2b3) 10.d5

C2b31) 10...Ng4 11.Bd2 a5 *(11...Ngf6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Nh5 14.Rfe1 Ndf6 15.Rad1 cxd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.Rc1 a6 18.a4 Ng4 19.Bd2 Rfc8 20.h3 Ngf6 21.Ra1 Qe8 22.a5 Nf4 23.Bf1 Bb5 24.Be3 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Rc7 26.Ra4 Nd3 27.Rea1 Nc5 28.Rc4 Rac8 29.Nd2 Qd8 30.Rc1 Ncd7 31.Ncb1 Ne8 32.Na3 h5 33.Qd1 Bf6 34.Nf3 Be7 35.Rxc7 Rxc7 36.Nc4 Nc5 37.b4 Nd7 38.Qb3 Kh7 39.g3 Bf8 40.Ng5+ Kg8 41.Kg2 Qe7 42.Nf3 Kh7 43.Bg5 Ndf6 44.Qe3 Qd8 45.Rc2 Bg7 46.Nfd2 Bf8 47.Rb2 Be7 48.Qf3 Kg7 49.Be3 Qc8 50.Nb6 Qd8 51.b5 axb5 52.Rxb5 Nd7 53.h4 Nef6 54.Nbc4 Qc8 55.Rb4 Ng4 56.Bg5 Qd8 57.Bxe7 Qxe7 58.Qe2 Ndf6 59.Nb1 Ne8 60.Nba3 Qd7 61.Nb6 Qd8 62.Qd2 Ngf6 63.Qd3 Rc5 64.Nbc4 Qa8 65.Rb2 Qc8 66.Rc2 Qa8 67.Rc1 Qa6 68.Qc2 Qa8 69.f3 Nd7 70.Rb1 Rc7 71.Nb5 Rc5 72.Qa4 Qa6 73.Nba3 Rc7 74.Qb3 Kg8 75.Qd3 Rc5 76.Qc2 Kf8 77.Qa4 Rc7 78.Rb4 Kg7 79.Qb3 Kf8 80.Kh2 Kg7 81.Qb2 Kf8 82.Qd2 Rc5 83.Kg2*

Kg7 84.Kh3 Kf8 85.Kh2 Kg7 86.Kg2 Kf8 87.Qc2 Ke7 88.Rb2 f5 89.exf5 gxf5 90.Qb3 Rc7 91.Rb1 Kd8 92.Kh3 Ndf6 93.Qd3 Nd7 94.Rb5 Nef6 95.Qb1 Ke7 96.Kh2 Kd8 97.Kg2 ½-½ (97) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 12.a3 Bh6 13.Bxh6 Nxh6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qd2 Ng4 16.Rfd1 Nc5 17.Qxd6 Qa7 18.Rf1 Be6 19.Nxe5 Rfd8 20.Nxc6 Rxd6 21.Nxa7 Rxa7 22.Nb5 Rdd7 23.Nxa7 Rxa7 24.b4 Nb3 25.Rad1 Ne5 26.Rd8+ Kg7 27.b5 Bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nxc4 29.Rb8 Rd7 30.b6 Rd6 31.a4 Ne5 32.Rb1 Nd2 33.Re1 Nb3 34.Re8 Nd7 35.e5 Rxb6 36.e6 Nf6 37.Re7 Kg8 38.exf7+ Kg7 39.g3 Nc5 40.Re8 Nfd7 41.R1e7 Nf8 42.Rc8 Ncd7 43.Ra8 Rd6 44.Rxa5 Kf6 45.Re1 Kxf7 46.Ra7 Ne6 47.a5 Nec5 48.Rc1 Na6 49.Kg2 Ke6 50.Rc3 h5 51.Ra8 Ke7 52.Rc2 Kf7 53.Ra7 Ke6 54.Rb7 Nab8 55.f4 Rd5 56.Ra2 Rd6 57.Kh3 Kf7 58.Rab2 Ra6 59.R2b5 Kf6 60.Kh4 Ke6 61.Rg5 Kf6 62.f5 gxf5 63.Rb5 Ke7 64.Rgxf5 Ra8 65.Rxh5 Nf8 66.Rbe5+ Kd8 67.Rh6 Nbd7 68.Rg5 Ke8 69.a6 Kf7 70.Rf5+ Ke7 71.Ra5 Ra7 72.Rb5 Ra8 73.Rb7 Kd8 74.Rh8 Ke7 75.Kh3 Rd8 76.a7 Rc8 77.Rg8 Ra8 78.Kg2 Ke6 79.h4 Kd6 80.h5 Kc6 81.Rxd7 Kxd7 82.h6 Ke6 83.h7 Rxa7 84.h8Q Ra2+ 85.Kf1 Nd7 86.Qd4 Ne5 87.Re8+ Kf7 88.Rxe5 1-0 (88) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

C2b32) 10...c5 11.Bg5 *(11.h3 Kh8 12.a3 Ng8 13.b4 Bh6 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Rfd1 Rd8 17.Nb5 f6 18.d6 Qf7 19.Rab1 Bd7 20.Ne1 Bf8 21.Rd5 b6 22.Rbd1 h5 23.R5d2 Bc6 24.Bf3 Rd7 25.Qb3 Rad8 26.Nc2 Bh6 27.Rd3 Qf8 28.Qa4 f5 29.Re1 Nf6 30.Rdd1 fxe4 31.Be2 Bxb5 32.cxb5 Qg7 33.Qb3 Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Rxd6 35.Qg3 Bf4 36.Qc3 Qe7 37.Ne3 Rd4 38.g3 Bxe3 39.Qxe3 Kg7 40.Ra1 Nd5 41.Qb3 Qf6 42.Rd1 Qd6 43.Re1 Nf6 44.Bf1 Rd2 45.a4 Qd4 46.Re3 Nd5 47.Re2 Rxe2 48.Bxe2 e3 49.Bf3 exf2+ 50.Kg2 e4 51.Be2 e3 52.Bf3 Qd2 53.Kh1*

f1Q# 0-1 (53) Donchenko, A (2613)-Lazavik,D (2580) chess.com INT 2025; 11.Nd2 Ne8 12.Rae1 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 e4 15.Kh1 Ndf6 16.h3 Qf7 17.Rg1 h5 18.Nf1 Qg6 19.Bf2 Qh6 20.Qc1 Ng4 21.hxg4 hxg4+ 22.Nh2 Bd4 23.Nd1 Bxf2 24.Nxf2 g3 25.Nh3 gxh2 26.Kxh2 Nf6 27.Rh1 Rf7 28.Qc3 Bd7 29.Kg1 Rh7 30.Kf2 e3+ 31.Qxe3 Re8 32.Qg3+ Rg7 33.Ng5 Qxg5 34.Qxg5 Ne4+ 35.Kf1 Nxg5 36.fxg5 Rxg5 37.Rh6 Re4 38.Rxd6 Rg7 39.Bf3 Rxc4 40.Rf6 Rd4 41.d6 Bb5+ 42.Kg1 Rf7 43.Ree6 Rxf6 44.Rxf6 Bd7 45.Bh5 Rd2 46.b3 b5 47.Kh2 c4 48.bxc4 bxc4 49.Rg6+ Kf7 50.Kg1 c3 51.Rg3+ Ke6 52.Rxc3 Rxa2 53.Rd3 a5 54.Bf3 Rb2 55.Rd1 a4 56.Kf1 a3 57.Ra1 a2 58.Re1+ Kxd6 59.Rd1+ Ke7 60.Re1+ Be6 61.Bd5 Rb1 0-1 (61) Shankland,S (2670)-Movahed,S (2518) chess.com INT 2025; 11.Ne1 Kh8 12.g3 Ng8 13.Ng2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Ngf6 16.Rae1 Ng4 17.Bd2 Qf7 18.Nb5 Qe7 19.Nc7 Rb8 20.Ne6 Rf7 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Bxg4 fxg4 23.Bc3 Kg8 24.Qe2 b5 25.Qxg4+ Rg7 26.Qe6+ Qxe6 27.dxe6 Nb6 28.fxe5 d5 29.cxd5 Nxd5 30.Rf6 b4 31.Bd2 c4 32.Bh6 c3 33.b3 c2 34.Rc1 Bxe6 35.Rxe6 Rc7 36.Rd6 Ne7 37.Ne3 Rbc8 38.Rd2 Ng6 39.Rdxc2 Nxe5 40.Rxc7 1-0 (40) Grischuk,A (2732)-Livaic,L (2557) chess.com INT 2024; 11.Kh1 Kh8 12.g3 Nb6 13.Ng1 Ng4 14.Bd2 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qd1 Nf6 17.g4 Bd7 18.a4 Rae8 19.a5 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Nxg4 21.f3 Nxh2 22.Kxh2 Qh4+ 23.Kg2 Qxc4 24.Ne4 Bb5 25.Nxd6 Qxf1+ 26.Qxf1 Bxf1+ 27.Rxf1 Rd8 28.Nxb7 Rxd5 29.Be3 c4 30.Rf2 Rf7 31.a6 Rf6 32.Rc2 Rxa6 33.Rxc4 h6 34.b4 Ra2+ 35.Kg3 Rd3 36.Bf2 Rdd2 37.Nh3 Bf8 38.Rc8 Kg7 39.Nc5 Bxc5 40.Rxc5 Kf6 41.Rc7 a6 42.Rh7 h5 43.Be3 Rg2+ 44.Kh4 Rac2 45.Ng5 Rh2+ 46.Nh3 Rcg2 47.Ra7 g5+ 48.Bxg5+ Rxg5 49.Rxa6+ Kf5 50.Rh6 Rg6 51.Rxh5+ Ke6 52.Rh7 Kd5 53.Rh5 Kc6 54.Rxe5 Rh6+ 55.Kg4 R2xh3 56.Rc5+ Kd6 57.Rc1 R3h4+ 58.Kg5 R6h5+ 59.Kg6 Rb5

60.Rd1+ Ke5 61.Kg5 Rhxb4 62.Re1+ Kd6+ 63.Kg6 Rf4 64.Rg1 Rxf3 65.Kg7 Rbb3 0-1 (65) Tin,J (2576)-Karthikeyan, M (2627) Sharjah UAE 2023 *)* 11...h6 12.Bd2 Nh5 13.g3 Ndf6 14.Kh1 Ng4 15.Nh4 Nf4 16.Bd1 Nh3 17.Bc1 Bf6 18.Ng2 Bg5 19.f4 exf4 20.gxf4 Bh4 21.Bxg4 Bxg4 22.Nxh4 Qxh4 23.Qg2 Rae8 24.Bd2 f5 25.Rae1 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxf4 27.Bxf4 Rxf4 28.Nf6+ Qxf6 29.Rxe8+ Kf7 30.Ree1 Bf3 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Qe2 h5 33.Qe8+ Kg7 34.Qe7+ Qf7 35.Re6 Rf6 36.Re3 Rf1+ 37.Kg2 Rf2+ 38.Kg1 Rxb2 39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.Re6 Rb6 41.Kg2 Ra6 42.Kg3 g5 43.Kf3 Rxa2 44.Rxd6 Rxh2 45.Ke4 Rf2 46.Ke5 h4 47.Rd7+ Kg6 48.Rxb7 h3 49.d6 h2 50.Rb1 g4 51.d7 Rd2 52.Kf4 Rxd7 53.Kxg4 Rd2 54.Kg3 Kf5 55.Re1 a5 0-1 (55) Navara,D (2681)-Amin,B (2636) chess.com INT 2024;

C3) 8...Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 *(10.Bc1 Nh6 11.b3 Nf7 12.Bb2 Ng5 13.Nxg5 fxg5 14.Nd5 c6 15.Ne3 h5 16.c5 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nxc5 18.f3 Qe7 19.Rc1 g4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qd4+ Kh7 22.Nc4 gxf3 23.Bxf3 Ne6 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Nxd6 Nd4 26.Rcd1 Nxf3+ 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.gxf3 a5 29.h4 a4 30.b4 Be6 31.a3 Rd8 32.Kf2 b6 33.Ke3 Bb3 34.Rd2 c5 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.Nb7 Rxd2 37.Kxd2 g5 38.hxg5 h4 39.Nxc5 h3 40.Nd3 h2 41.Nf2 Kg6 42.f4 Kh5 43.Ke3 Bd1 44.Kd4 Bf3 45.Ke5 Kg6 46.f5+ Kxg5 47.f6 Bh5 48.Ke6 Kf4 49.e5 Kf3 50.Nh1 Kg2 51.Kd6 Kxh1 52.e6 Kg1 53.f7 h1Q 54.f8Q Qh2+ 55.Kd7 Qd2+ 56.Qd6 Qxd6+ 57.Kxd6 Kf2* 0-1 (57) Xiong,J (2646)-Bernadskiy,V (2530) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...Qe7 *(10...c6 11.d5 Qe7 12.b4 Nh6 13.c5 dxc5 14.b5 cxb5 15.Nxb5 Nf7 16.a4 Kh8 17.Bc1 f5 18.Nc7 fxe4 19.Nd2 Rb8 20.Ne6 Nf6 21.Nxf8 Bxf8 22.Bb2 Bg7 23.a5 Nxd5 24.Nxe4 Be6 25.Re1 Nb4 26.Bf1 b6 27.axb6 axb6 28.Qa4 Bd5 29.Bc3 Nd6 30.Nxd6 Qxd6 31.Bb5 e4 32.Qa3 Rf8 33.Re2 Qf4 34.Qb2 Qf7 35.Ra4 Nd3 36.Bxg7+ Qxg7 37.Qxg7+ Kxg7 38.Rd2 Nf4 39.Bc4 Bxc4 40.Rxc4 Ne6 41.Rd7+ Rf7 42.Rxf7+ Kxf7 43.Rxe4 b5 44.Kf1 Ke7 45.f4 Kd6 46.Ke2 Nc7 47.g3 Nd5 48.Kd3 Nb4+ 49.Kd2 Nd5 50.h3 h5 51.Re5 c4 52.Rg5 b4 53.Rxg6+ Kc5 54.Rg8* ½-½ (54) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 11.Qc2 c6 12.h3 Nh6 13.Rad1 Nf7 14.Rfe1 Bh6 15.Bxh6 Nxh6 16.b4 Nf7 17.Na4 c5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.dxe5 Ndxe5 20.Nd2 Nd8 21.Nc3 Qg7 22.Nd5 b6

23.Qc3 Nec6 24.Bg4 Bxg4 25.hxg4 Ne6 26.Qg3 Rad8 27.Nf1 Ned4 28.Nfe3 Kh8 29.f3 Qd7 30.Qh4 Qe6 31.Qh6 Ne5 32.Qh3 Nec6 33.Rf1 Qe5 34.Rde1 Nb4 35.Kh1 Nxd5 36.Nxd5 g5 37.a4 Rf7 38.Rf2 Rdf8 39.Qh5 Kg7 40.Ne3 Rd8 41.Rd1 Rfd7 42.Rfd2 Qf4 43.Nf5+ Kg8 44.Qh3 Rc8 45.Rd3 Rcd8 46.Ne3 Kg7 47.Re1 Qe5 48.Qh5 Rd6 49.Rd2 Qg3 50.Red1 Qf4 51.Nd5 Qe5 52.Qh3 Qe6 53.Qh2 Qe5 54.Qxe5 fxe5 55.Ra2 Nb3 56.Kg1 h6 57.Kf2 Rh8 58.Ke2 Na5 59.Rc2 Nb3 60.Rc3 Na5 61.Rh1 Rhd8 62.Kd3 R8d7 63.Rcc1 Rd8 64.Ke2 Kg6 65.Rh2 Kh7 66.Rc3 Kg7 67.Rh3 R8d7 68.Kd3 Rd8 69.Rc1 R8d7 70.Rd1 Rd8 71.Rh5 Rf8 72.Rhh1 Rfd8 73.Kc3 Nc6 74.Rh3 R8d7 75.Rdh1 Rd8 76.Rh5 R8d7 77.R5h3 Rd8 78.Ra1 R8d7 79.Rf1 Rd8 80.Rb1 R8d7 81.Rhh1 Rd8 82.Rbd1 Na5 83.Rd2 Nc6 84.Rh2 R8d7 85.Kd3 Na5 86.Rh1 Rd8 87.Kc3 Nc6 88.Rb2 R6d7 89.Ra2 Rd6 90.Rf2 R8d7 91.Rh5 Nd4 92.Kd3 Nc6 93.Rb2 Na5 94.Rc2 Nc6 95.Rc3 Nd4 96.Ke3 Rd8 97.Kf2 Nc6 98.Rc1 Na5 99.Rc2 Re6 100.g3 Nc6 101.Rc1 Na5 102.Rhh1 Red6 103.Kg2 Nb3 104.Rc3 Na5 105.Rh5 Re6 106.Kf1 Rd7 107.Rc2 Nc6 108.Rf2 Rg6 109.Rd2 Na5 110.Rc2 Nb3 111.Rc3 Nd4 112.Rh1 Rgd6 113.Kg2 Nc6 114.Rcc1 Rf7 115.Rhd1 Rfd7 116.Re1 Nd4 117.Rcd1 Rf7 118.Rf1 Nb3 119.Kf2 Nd4 120.Rd3 Rd8 121.Kg2 Kg6 122.Rd2 Rdf8 123.Rdf2 Nc6 124.Re1 Nd4 125.Re3 h5 126.gxh5+ Kxh5 127.Rf1 Kg6 128.Rd3 Rd8 129.f4 exf4 130.gxf4 gxf4 131.Nxf4+ Kf6 132.Nd5+ Ke6 133.Rxf7 Kxf7 134.Rh3 Kg7 135.Kf2 Nc6 136.Ke3 Ne5 137.Kf4 ½-½ (137)

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C4) 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 a6 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.Rad1 Ne5 13.b3 Bd7 14.Kh1 Rad8 15.Bg5 Bc6 16.Rde1 Qf8 17.Bd1 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bf2 Bd7 20.Nce2 c5 21.Nc2 Nh5 22.Ne3 Be6 23.Ng3 Nf4 24.Nef5 Ned3 25.Nxg7 Nxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Qxg7 27.Bc2 b5 28.cxb5 axb5 29.Ne2 Ng6 30.f4 gxf4 31.Nxf4 Nxf4 32.Qxf4 Qg5 33.Qf2 Qe5 34.Re3 Kh7 35.h3 Rg8 36.Qf4 Rg5 37.a4 b4 38.Ref3 Qxf4 39.Rxf4 Kg7 40.R4f3 Re5 41.Kh2 Rb8 42.Rd1 Rb6 43.Rfd3 c4 44.bxc4 Bxc4 45.Rxd6 Rxd6 46.Rxd6 b3 47.Bb1 Ra5 48.Bd3 Be6 49.Rb6 Rxa4 50.Be2 Rxe4 51.Bf3 Re3 52.Kg3 Rc3 53.Kf4 Rc2 54.Bg4 Bxg4 55.hxg4 b2 56.Kf3 Kf8 57.g3 Ke7 58.Ke3 f6 59.Kf3 Kd7 60.Ke3 Kc7 61.Rb4 Kd6 62.Rb5 Kc6 63.Rb8 Kd5 64.Kd3 Rg2 65.Ke3 Kc4 66.Kf4 Rf2+

67.Ke3 Rg2 68.Kf4 Kc3 69.Kf5 Rxg3 70.Rc8+ Kb3 71.Rb8+ Kc2 72.Rc8+ Rc3 73.Rd8 b1Q 74.Kg6 Rc4 75.Re8 Rxg4+ 76.Kh7 Kc3+ 77.Kh8 Rc4 78.Re3+ Kd4 79.Re8 Qg6 80.Rd8+ Kc3 81.Ra8 Qe4 82.Rd8 Qe6 83.Ra8 Rc8+ 84.Kh7 Rxa8 85.Kg6 f5+ 86.Kh5 f4 87.Kh4 f3 88.Kg3 f2 89.Kh2 Qe5+ 90.Kh3 f1Q+ 91.Kg4 Qff4+ 92.Kh3 Qg3# 0-1 (92) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Shimanov,A (2582) chess.com INT 2024;

C5) 8...h6 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Bc1 c6 11.h3 Ngf6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Bxd4 Nc5 15.e5 Bf5 16.Qd1 Nfe4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Nd2 Bf5 19.Nf3 Be4 20.Nd2 Bd3 21.Nf3 Bxe2 22.Rxe2 Re6 23.Qc2 b6 24.exd6 Rxd6 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Ne5 Ne6 27.Re3 Rd2 28.Qc3 Qd4 29.Qxd4 Nxd4 30.Rd3 Rxd3 31.Nxd3 Rd8 32.Kf1 Kf6 33.Rd1 a5 34.Nf4 g5 35.Nh5+ Kf5 36.g4+ Ke5 37.Re1+ Kd6 38.Ng3 Kc5 39.Rd1 Kxc4 40.Nf5 c5 41.Nxh6 f6 42.Nf5 Rh8 43.Ne3+ Kb5 44.Kg2 Kc6 45.a4 Ne6 46.Nd5 Rf8 47.Ne7+ Kc7 48.Kg3 Nd4 49.Nd5+ Kc6 50.Ne3 Re8 51.h4 Ne2+ 52.Kf3 Nd4+ 53.Kg3 gxh4+ 54.Kxh4 b5 55.axb5+ Kxb5 56.Kh5 Rg8 57.f4 a4 58.Nd5 f5 59.gxf5 Nxf5 60.Nc3+ Kb4 61.Ra1 Ra8 62.Kg6 Nd6 63.f5 a3 64.Nd5+ Kb3 65.Rxa3+ Rxa3 66.bxa3 Kxa3 67.f6 c4 68.f7 Nxf7 69.Kxf7 c3 70.Nxc3 ½-½ (70) Nakamura,H (2736)-Radjabov,T (2763) chess24.com INT 2021;

C6) 8...Re8

C6a) 9.d5 Nh5 10.Re1 *(10.g3 Bf8 11.Ne1 Ng7 12.Nd3 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.Qd2 Be7 15.b4 fxe4 16.fxe4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.c5 Bh3 19.Rf3 Nh5 20.c6 Nf6 21.Nf2 Bc8 22.a4 bxc6 23.dxc6 Be6 24.Bg5 Rf8 25.Rd1 Kh8 26.Bxf6+ Rxf6 27.Rxf6 Bxf6 28.Nd5 Bg5 29.Qe2 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Qf6 31.Kg2 Rf8 32.h4 Bh6 33.Ng4 Qg7 34.Rd1 Rf7 35.Rf1 Rxf1 36.Qxf1 Bd2 37.b5 h5 38.Nf6 Qf7 39.Nd5 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 Ba5 41.Ne3 Bb6 42.Nc4 Bc5 43.a5 Kg7 44.b6* 1-0 (44) Chigaev,M (2631)-Smirin,I (2599) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10...Bf8 11.b4 Be7 12.Rc1 Ng7 13.c5 a6 14.a4 f5 15.c6 Nf6 16.Bc4 f4 17.Bd2 b6 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.d6+ Be6 20.dxe7 Qxe7 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 ½-½ (23) Lazavik,D (2578)-Shimanov,A (2582) Sochi RUS 2024;

C6b) 9.Qc2 exd4 *(9...h6 10.Rad1 Ng4 11.Bc1 c6 12.d5 c5 13.g3 Nf8 14.Nh4 h5 15.f3 Nh6 16.Be3 Nh7 17.Bd3 Ng5 18.Kh1 Nh3 19.a3 Kh7 20.b4 b6 21.Qd2 Ng8 22.Rb1 Bh6 23.Ne2 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 Nf6 25.Rb2 g5 26.Ng2 Kg7 27.Ng1 Nh7 28.f4 Bg4 29.Nxh3 Bxh3 30.bxc5 bxc5 31.fxg5 Rb8*

32.Rxb8 Qxb8 33.Qf3 1-0 (33) Duda,J (2731)-Carlsen,M (2856) chess24.com INT 2022*; 9...Ng4 10.Bg5 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Ngxf6 12.Rad1 c6 13.b4 Qc7 14.a3 a5 15.Rfe1 axb4 16.axb4 Nh5 17.c5 exd4 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Nxd4 Nf4 20.Qb2 Qf6 21.Bf1 Ne5 22.Qc1 Rd8 23.Qe3 Ng4 24.Qd2 Ra3 25.h3 Ne5 26.Qe3 Nxh3+ 27.gxh3 Rxd4 28.Bg2 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Kg7 30.Qg3 Be6 31.f4 Nf3+ 32.Qxf3 Rxc3 33.e5* 1-0 (33) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Maksimovic,B (2505) chess.com INT 2025*)* 10.Nxd4 c6 11.Rad1 Qe7 *(11...Qc7 12.f3 a6 13.g4 c5 14.Nb3 Ne5 15.g5 Nfd7 16.f4 Nc6 17.Bf2 Qb8 18.h4 b5 19.h5 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Nb6 21.Be2 Be6 22.h6 Nb4 23.Qd2 Nxa2 24.hxg7 Bxb3 25.Nxa2 Bxa2 26.Qc2 d5 27.e5 Nd7 28.Qa4 Bc4 29.Bxc4 Nb6 30.Qc2 Nxc4 31.Rxd5 Na5 32.Qe4 Qb7 33.Bxc5 Qc6 34.Bf8 Rac8 35.Qg2 Nc4 36.Rd3 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Nxb2 38.Ra3 a5 39.Ra2 Nc4 40.Rf3 Rc6 41.Kg3 Rc7 42.Kf2 Rcc8 43.Ra4 Rc6 44.Rb3 Rec8 45.Ra2 Ra6 46.Ra1 Rac6 47.Rd3 Nb2 48.Rd2 Nc4 49.Rd4 Rb6 50.Rc1 Rbc6 51.Ra1 Rb6 52.Ra2 Rb2+ 53.Rxb2 Nxb2 54.Ke2 a4 55.Rd2 Nc4 56.Rc2 Nd6 57.Ra2* ½-½ (59) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 12.f3 Nc5 *(12...a6 13.Bf2 Ne5 14.Rfe1 c5 15.Nb3 Be6 16.Nd2 Nh5 17.Be3 Qh4 18.b3 f5 19.Nf1 f4 20.Bf2 Qe7 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Rd2 g5 23.Red1 g4 24.fxg4 Bxg4 25.Bxg4 Nxg4 26.Rd3 Ne5 27.Rh3 f3 28.Nfe3 fxg2 29.Nf5 Re6 30.Qe2 Nf6 31.Rg3 Ng6 32.Nxf6+ Qxf6 33.Qg4 Rae8 34.Re1 Re5 35.h4 Rxf5 36.Qxf5 Qb2 37.h5 Rf8 38.Qe6+ Kh8 39.Rxg2 Nf4 40.Qg4 Nxg2 41.Qxg2 Be5 42.Kh1 Qxf2 43.Qxf2 Rxf2 44.h6 Rh2+ 45.Kg1 Rxh6 46.Rf1 Rg6+ 47.Kh1 Rf6 48.Rd1 Kg7 49.Rd3 a5 50.a3 Rg6 51.b4 axb4 52.axb4 Rg3 53.Rd5 cxb4 54.Rb5 b3 55.Rxb7+ Kg6 56.c5 dxc5* 0-1 (56) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Firouzja,A (2728) chess.com INT 2020*)* 13.Qc1 a5 *(13...Ne6 14.Nc2 b6 15.Rfe1 Bb7 16.f4 Qc7 17.Bf3 Rad8 18.h3 a6 19.f5 Nc5 20.Bh6 Ncd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ne3 Ne5 23.Be2 b5 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Qd2 Qc5 26.Rf1 b4 27.Na4 Qa7 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Qd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 a5 31.Nd5 Nxe4 32.Bb5 Rf8 33.Nab6 Nc5 34.Nf6 Ne6 35.Rh4 Rh8 36.Rxh8 Rxh8 37.Ne8+ Rxe8 38.Bxe8 f5 39.Bb5 Kf6 40.Nd7+ Nxd7 41.Bxd7 Nc5 42.Bb5 Be4 43.Rd1 Ke5 44.a3 b3 45.Kf2 d5 46.g3 d4 47.h4 Bc2 48.Re1+ Ne4+*

49.Kf3 d3 50.Rg1 d2 51.Be2 Kd4 52.Bd1 Bxd1+ 53.Rxd1 Kd3 54.Rg1 Kc2 55.Ke2 Nxg3+ 56.Kf3 d1Q+ 57.Rxd1 Kxd1 58.h5 Nxh5 59.a4 Kc2 60.Ke3 Kxb2 61.Kd4 Ka3 62.Kc5 Kxa4 63.Kd6 Kb4 64.Ke7 f4 65.Kf8 f3 66.Kf7 f2 67.Kg8 f1Q 68.Kh7 g5 69.Kh6 g4 70.Kh7 g3 71.Kh8 g2 72.Kh7 g1Q 73.Kh8 b2 74.Kh7 a4 75.Kh8 a3 76.Kh7 a2 77.Kh6 a1Q 78.Kxh5 b1Q 79.Kh4 Qad4+ 80.Kh5 Qbf5+ 81.Kh6 Qa6# 0-1 (81) Bluebaum,M (2669)-Bachmann,A (2604) chess.com INT 2023*)* 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qe5 16.Rd2 Ne6 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Qe3 a4 19.f4 Qc5 20.Qxc5 dxc5 21.e5 Nd7 22.Ne4 Kg7 23.Nd6 Reb8 24.g4 b5 25.f5 Nxe5 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.Nxb5 c4 29.Nc7 Ra7 30.Nxe6+ Kg8 31.Rd5 Nd3 32.Bxd3 cxd3 33.Rxd3 Re7 34.Rf6 a3 35.Rxa3 Rbe8 36.Re3 h5 37.g5 h4 38.Rxg6+ Kh8 39.a4 h3 40.Rxh3+ Rh7 41.Rxh7+ Kxh7 42.Rh6+ Kg8 43.Rf6 Re7 44.g6 Re8 45.Rf8+ 1-0 (45) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2025]

8.Be3 Ng4

[8...a6 9.h3 b5 10.Qc2 bxc4 11.Bxc4 d5 12.Bb3 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 a5 15.Qxc6 Rb8 16.Qa4 Bb7 17.Nd2 Ra8 18.Nc4 e6 19.Rfc1 Bd5 20.Rc3 Qe7 21.Rd1 Rfb8 22.Bf4 Rb4 23.Qa3 Bf8 24.Ne3 Bxb3 25.Rxb3 Nb6 26.Rxb4 axb4 27.Qb3 Qa7 28.Ra1 h5 29.d5 Qa4 30.Qxa4 Nxa4 31.Be5 Bg7 32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.Rb1 Nb6 34.dxe6 fxe6 35.Ra1 Na4 36.Rb1 Nb6 37.Nc2 Nd5 38.Ra1 g5 39.Ne1 Nf4 40.Kh2 h4 41.a3 bxa3 42.bxa3 Ra4 43.Nf3 Kf6 44.Nd2 Nd5 45.Nb3 Kf5 46.Nc5 Ra5 47.Nb7 Ra4 48.Nc5 Ra5 49.Nd3 Ke4 50.Nb4 Ra4 51.Re1+ Kf5 52.Nc2 Rc4 53.Ne3+ Nxe3 54.Rxe3 Rc2 55.f3 Ra2 56.Rb3 Kf6 57.Rc3 Ra1 58.Rb3 Ra2 59.Rc3 Ra1 60.Rd3 ½-½ (62) Rofchade (3467)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

9.Bg5

[9.Bd2 e5 10.d5 a5 11.Ne1 Ngf6 12.Nd3 Ne8 13.f3 f5 14.Rc1 *(14.Kh1 Kh8 15.a3 Ndf6 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.Rc1 cxd5 18.exd5 h6 19.Be3 Nc7 20.Bb6 Qb8 21.b3 h5 22.Nb2 Na6 23.Nba4 Rf7 24.Rb1 Qe8 25.Bxa5 Bxa4 26.Nxa4 Nc5 27.Nxc5 Rxa5 28.Ne6 Rxa3 29.Qd2 Re7 30.g4 hxg4 31.fxg4 fxg4 32.Kg1 Rxe6 33.dxe6 Qxe6 34.Qg5 Kh7 35.Qh4+ Kg8 36.Rf2 Ra8 37.Rbf1 g5 38.Qxg5 Ne4 39.Qf5 Qxf5 40.Rxf5 Nd2 41.Rd1 Ra2 42.Bxg4 Bh6 43.c5 Be3+ 44.Kh1 Bxc5 45.b4 Bd4 46.Rxe5 dxe5 47.Be6+ Kg7 48.Bxa2 Ne4 49.Re1 Nf2+ 50.Kg2 Nd3 51.Rb1 Bc3 52.Rb3 Nf4+ 53.Kf3 Bd4 54.Bb1 b6 55.Be4 Nh5 56.Ra3 Nf6 57.Ra7+ Kf8 58.Rb7 Ne8 59.h4 Nd6 60.Rc7 Nf7 61.Bd5 Nd6 62.h5 Nb5 63.Rb7 Nd6 64.Rd7 e4+ 65.Kf4 e3 66.Rxd6 Ke7 67.Re6+ Kd7 68.h6 e2 69.Rxe2 Kd6 70.Kf5 Ba1 71.Be4 Bh8 72.Rd2+ Kc7 73.b5 Ba1*

74.Ke6 Kb8 75.Kd7 Bc3 76.Rc2 Ka7 77.Kc8 Ba1 78.Rc7# 1-0 (78) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Rofchade (3467) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 14...Ndf6 15.Kh1 Bd7 16.a4 Kh8 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe1 Nc7 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Rd1 f4 21.Bb6 Nce8 22.c5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Bf5 25.Nb2 dxc5 26.Nc4 Nd6 27.Bxa5 Nxc4 28.Bxc4 Qd6 29.Qd2 Re8 30.Rde1 h5 31.Bc3 Kh7 32.a5 b6 33.axb6 Qxb6 34.Re2 Qd6 35.Rfe1 Ra7 36.h3 g5 37.Bb5 Ree7 38.b4 c4 39.Bxc4 Rac7 40.Bb5 g4 41.Bc6 gxf3 42.gxf3 Rxc6 43.dxc6 Qxc6 44.Rf2 Bf6 45.Rc1 Rd7 46.Qa2 Bh4 47.b5 Qxb5 48.Rd2 Rc7 49.Rg1 Bg3 50.Qa8 Qc5 51.Bb2 Qe3 52.Rd8 Bc8 53.Qd5 Be6 54.Qd1 Bxh3 55.Rd5 Re7 56.Qc2+ Kg7 57.Rd3 Qb6 58.Ba3 Rc7 59.Rc3 Rxc3 60.Qxc3 Kf6 61.Bb2 Qb5 62.Qd2 Be6 63.Rd1 h4 64.Qd8+ Kg6 65.Qe7 Qc6 66.Rd3 Bd5 67.Rxd5 Qxd5 68.Qe8+ Qf7 69.Qxf7+ Kxf7 70.Bxe5 Ke6 71.Bc7 ½-½ (71) Komododragon (3569)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

9...h6 10.Bc1

[10.Bd2 e5 11.d5 Ngf6 12.Qc2 a5 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Be3 Ng4 15.Bc1 Nc5 16.Ne1 Nf6 17.Be3 h5 18.h3 Qc7 19.f3 Bd7 20.Qd2 cxd5 21.cxd5 h4 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.Bxd3 Nh5 24.Rc1 Qd8 25.a4 Nf4 26.Bb5 Rc8 27.Bxd7 Qxd7 28.Nb5 Bh6 29.Kh2 Qe7 30.Kh1 f5 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Rc1 Rxc1+ 34.Qxc1 Qd7 35.Qd2 Qd8 36.Qc2 Qd7 37.Bd2 Kh7 38.Bxa5 Nxd5 39.Qd3 Qc8 40.Bc3 Nxc3 41.Nxc3 Bf4 42.Qxd6 Qc4 43.Qe7+ Kg6 44.Qe8+ Kf6 ½-½ (44) Caissa (3545)-Ethereal (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

10...e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 f5 13.g3 Ngf6 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Be3 Rf7 16.Rc1 f4 17.gxf4 Ng4 18.Kh1 exf4 19.Bd4 Nde5 20.Rg1 Kh8 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Bb6 f3 23.Bxf3 axb6 24.Bxg4 Rxf2 25.Ne4 Rf4 26.Bxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.Qe2 Qf5 29.Re1 Qd7 30.d6 Qc6 31.Kg1 Qd5 32.b3 b5 33.Qg2 Bf8 34.Qg6 Qd3 35.h3 Rf3 36.Kg2 Rf4 37.b4 Qc2+ 38.Kg1 Qd3 39.Qe8 Qf3 40.Qg6 Qd3 41.Kg2 Qc2+ 42.Kh1 Qd3 43.Kg1 Rf3 44.a3 Rf4 45.Kg2 Qc2+ 46.Kh1 Qd3 47.Kg2 Qc2+ 48.Kg3 Qd3+ 49.Kh2 Rf2+ 50.Kg1 Rf4 51.Qe8 Qf3 52.d7 Rxe4 53.Rxe4 Qg3+ 54.Kf1 Qf3+ 55.Kg1 Qg3+ 56.Kh1 Qf3+ ½-½ (56) Ethereal (3545)-Caissa (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

6...Qe8 7.e5 Nfd7 8.exd6 cxd6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Re1 Qd8 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Bf5 13.Rc1 d5 14.c5 Nc8 15.h3 e6 16.Qd2 h5 17.Bh6 a5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Bb5 N8a7 20.Bxc6 Nxc6 21.Nb5 Rb8 22.Nd6 Qf6 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.Rxe5 h4 25.Qxa5 Qg5 26.Rd1 Rfd8 27.Qd2 Qh5 28.b4 Ra8 29.Rc1 Ra3 30.Re3 Rda8 31.Rxa3 Rxa3 32.Qf4 Qe2 33.b5 Rxa2 34.Qxh4 Qd2 35.Rf1 Bd3 36.Ne8+ Kf8 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Nd6 Bxf1 39.Nc8+ Kd7 40.Nb6+ Ke7 41.Nc8+ Kd7 42.Nb6+ Ke7 43.Nc8+ ½-½ (43) So,W (2757)-Caruana, F (2804) Saint Louis USA 2024

6...Bg4 7.Be3

[7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Na5 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Bd2 c5 12.Rb1 a6 13.a3 Rc8 14.Qc2 e6 15.g3 exd5 16.exd5 Re8 17.Rfe1 h5 18.h4 Ne5

19.b3 b6 20.Kg2 Qd7 21.Bg5 Ng4 22.Ne4 b5 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.Bxf6 bxc4 26.bxc4 Qf5 27.Qxf5 gxf5 28.Rec1 Re4 29.Rb6 Nxc4 30.Rxa6 Rb8 31.Ra7 Kh7 32.h5 Rf8 33.a4 f4 34.gxf4 Rxf4 35.Be7 Re8 36.Bg5 Rd4 37.Rxf7+ Kg8 38.Rf6 Re5 39.Rg6+ Kf7 40.Bf6 Rxh5 41.Bxd4 Kxg6 42.Rxc4 cxd4 43.Rxd4 Kf5 44.a5 Rh8 45.a6 Ra8 46.Ra4 Ke5 47.Ra5 Kf4 48.a7 Ke4 49.Kg3 Kf5 50.Ra6 Ke5 51.Ra5 Kf5 52.Ra4 Ke5 53.Kxg4 Kxd5 54.f4 Kc6 55.f5 Kb5 56.Ra1 d5 57.f6 d4 58.f7 d3 59.Kf3 Kc4 60.Ke3 Kc3 61.f8Q Rxf8 62.a8Q Rxa8 63.Rxa8 d2 64.Rc8+ Kb2 65.Kxd2 Ka1 66.Rc3 Kb2 67.Kd3 Ka1 68.Kc2 Ka2 69.Rb3 Ka1 70.Ra3# 1-0 (70) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2583) chess.com INT 2023]

[7.Ng1 Bd7 8.Nf3 c5 9.d5 b5 10.cxb5 a6 11.bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 Nc7 13.Nd2 Qb8 14.Nc4 Nb5 15.Nxb5 Bxb5 16.Qc2 Nd7 17.Bg5 Re8 18.a4 Ba6 19.Ra3 Qc7 20.Rh3 e6 21.dxe6 Rxe6 22.Bg4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Ne5 24.Qd5 Ree8 25.Bd1 c4 26.Bh6 Bxh6 27.Rxh6 Rab8 28.Qd2 Nd3 29.b3 Rxe4 30.bxc4 Qxc4 31.Bf3 Rb2 32.Qg5 Re5 33.Qf6 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Qc1+ 35.Rf1 Qe3+ 36.Kh1 Nf2+ 0-1 (36) Mikaelyan,A (2495)-Nihal,S (2687) chess.com INT 2025]

7...Nfd7

[7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3

A) 8...e5 9.d5 a5 *(9...Nfd7 10.g4 Qh4 11.Qd2 Qh3 12.Be2 a5 13.0-0-0 Na6 14.Rdg1 Nac5 15.Rg3* 1-0 (15) Chigaev,M (2631)-Kamsky,G (2658) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.h4 Na6 11.h5 Nc5 12.Qe2 c6 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Kb1 a4 15.g4 cxd5 16.g5 Nfxe4 17.Nxd5 Qd7 18.Rdg1 Qf5 19.Ne7+ 1-0 (19) Korobov,A (2664)-Kamsky,G (2665) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Be2 c6 11.f4 *(11.0-0 Rc8 12.Qb3 Qc7 13.h3 Ned7 14.f4 Rfe8 15.Rac1 e6 16.dxe6 Rxe6 17.Bf3 Rce8 18.Rfe1 Bh6 19.Qc2 Nc5 20.e5 Nfd7 21.Bg4 R6e7 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.Red1 Qc7 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.g3 Re3 26.Qg2 Nd3 27.Rc2 Ne1* 0-1 (27) Harsha,B (2582)-Aravindh,C (2625) Delhi IND 2022*)* 11...Ned7 12.h4 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.h5 e6 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.dxe6 Rxe6 17.Qd2 Qe7 18.Bd4 Re8 19.0-0-0 Rxe2 20.Nxe2 Qxe2 21.Qxe2 Rxe2 22.Rd2 Re4 23.g3 Nh5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rxd6 Rxc4+ 26.Kb1 Ndf6 27.Rd3 Ne4 28.Rc1 Rb4 29.a3 Rb5 30.Rc7 Nexg3 31.Rdd7 Rf5 32.Rxb7 a5 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 Nxf4 35.b5 Ne6 36.Rd6 Ne4 37.Rxe6 Nc5 38.Ree7 Nxb7 39.Rxb7 g5 40.Kc2 g4 41.b6 g3 42.Rd7 g2 43.b7 Rc5+ 44.Kb2 Rb5+ 45.Kc3 g1Q 46.Rd2 Qe3+ 47.Kc2 Rb2+ 48.Kc1 Qxd2# 0-1 (48) Bluebaum,M (2658)-Karthikeyan,M (2610) chess.com INT 2024]

8.Qd2

[8.d5 Na6 9.Nd4 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Ndc5 11.Rb1 e5 12.Nc2 f5 13.b4 f4 14.Bd2 Nd7 15.f3 h5 16.h4 Rf7 17.Qf2 c5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.b5 Nac5 20.Nb4 a5 21.bxa6 Qc8 22.0-0 Nxa6 23.Nxa6 Qxa6 24.Rb4 Bf8

25.Ra4 Qc8 26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Rb1 d5 28.Qe2 d4 29.Nd1 Qxa2 30.Rb7 Nc5 31.Rxf7 Kxf7 32.Nf2 Qc2 33.Kf1 Be7 34.Bb4 Qb1+ 35.Qe1 Qc2 36.Bxc5 Qxc4+ 37.Qe2 Qxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Bxc5 39.Nd3 Bd6 40.Nb2 Be7 41.Nc4 Ke6 42.Na5 c5 43.Kd3 Bxh4 44.Kc4 Be7 45.Nb3 g5 46.Nc1 g4 47.Nd3 gxf3 48.gxf3 h4 49.Nf2 Kd6 50.Nh3 Kc6 51.Nf2 Kb6 52.Kd5 Bf6 53.Ng4 h3 0-1 (53) Navara,D (2699)-Anton Guijarro,D (2669) Riga LAT 2021]

[8.h4 e5 *(8...c5 9.d5 Nf6 10.Nh2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 h5 12.g4 b5 13.gxh5 Nxh5 14.Nxb5 Nd7 15.Rc1 Rb8 16.b3 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Rxb5 18.cxb5 Qxb5 19.Qe2 Qb4+ 20.Bd2 Qa3 21.Rc2 Ne5 22.Nf3 c4 23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.Qxc4 Rb8 25.0-0 Nf4 26.Qa4 Qxa4 27.bxa4 Kg7 28.a5 Rh8 29.a6 Rxh4 30.Be3 Rg4+ 31.Kh2* 0-1 (31) Zhou Jianchao (2616)-Cheparinov,I (2677) Riga LAT 2021*)* 9.d5 Nf6 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nh5 12.g3 a6 13.c5 Nd7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.a4 Rc8 16.0-0 Nc5 17.b4 Nb3 18.Nxb3 Rxc3 19.Na5 Qd7 20.Qd2 Qh3 21.Qxc3 Nxg3 22.fxg3 Qxg3+ 23.Kh1 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Qg3+ 25.Kh1 Qh3+ 26.Kg1 Qg3+ ½-½ (26) Bluebaum,M (2661)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2583) chess.com INT 2023]

[8.0-0 Nc6 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na5 11.Be2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 e5 13.dxe6 *(13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Re8 15.Qd4 Qf6 16.Bd3 Ne5 17.Be2 Qe7 18.Rf2 f6 19.Raf1 Rf8 20.h3 Rae8 21.Qxa7 b6 22.Qa6 Ra8 23.Qb5 Nb7 24.Qb1 Nc5 25.Qc2 Rae8 26.Bh6 Rf7 27.Be3 Ned7 28.Bf3 Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Qxe4 30.Qxe4 Rxe4 31.Bd4 f5 32.a4 Ne5 33.a5 bxa5 34.Ra1 Nxc4 35.Ra4 Ne5 36.Rxa5 f4 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.Rb2 Kh6 39.Rf2* 0-1 (39) Lazavik,D (2578)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) Sochi RUS 2024*)* 13...fxe6 14.Bh6 Rf7 15.f4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Rae1 b6 18.Qe3 Nb7 19.Qh3 Nbc5 20.Bd1 Kh8 21.Re3 Rg8 22.Bg5 Qf8 23.Bh6 Qe7 24.Bc2 e5 25.f5 gxf5 26.exf5 Nf6 27.Rg3 Rxg3 28.hxg3 Rg7 29.Bd1 Rg8 30.Qh4 e4 31.Be3 Qg7 32.g4 Nfd7 33.f6 Qf7 34.g5 Ne5 35.Bh5 Ng6 36.Bxc5 bxc5 37.Qxe4 Re8 38.Qd3 Kg8 39.Rb1 Kf8 40.Kh2 Re5 41.Rb8+ Re8 42.Rb1 Re5 43.Qh3 Re8 44.Qg4 Kg8 45.Rb7 a5 46.Ra7 Kf8 47.Rxa5 Ne5 48.Qh3 Ng6 49.Ra4 c6 50.Qg3 Qd7 51.Bxg6 hxg6 52.Qh4 Kg8 53.Qh6 Qf7 54.Ra6 Rc8 55.Rb6 d5 56.cxd5 cxd5 57.Re6 Rc7 58.Re3 Rb7 59.Rh3 Qc7+ 60.g3 Rb2+ 61.Kg1 Rb1+ 62.Kf2 Rb2+ 63.Kf3 1-0 (63) Giri,A (2764)-Anton Guijarro,D (2688) chess.com INT 2020]

[8.Rc1 e5 9.d5 a5 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 f5 12.h4 f4 13.Bd2 h5 14.g4 fxg3 15.fxg3 Na6 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Be3 Kh7 18.0-0 Nac5 19.Qe2 Bg7 20.Rf2 Bh6 21.Rcf1 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Qe7 23.Qg5 Qxg5 24.hxg5 a4 25.Nb5 Rac8 26.Bg2 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Kg7 28.Bh3 Kg8 29.Kg2 Rd8 30.Nxc7 Nxe4 31.Be6+ Kh8 32.Rf7 Ndc5 33.Re7 Nxg5 34.Ne8 e4 35.Kf2 Nd3+ 36.Ke3 Nxb2 37.Kf4 Nxe6+ 38.dxe6 Nd3+ 39.Kg5 Ne5 40.Nf6 Nf3+ 41.Kh6 1-0 (41) Gelfand,B (2676)-Demchenko,A (2641) lichess.org INT 2020]

8...e5 9.d5 a5 10.h4 Na6 11.0-0-0 Qe7

[11...Nf6 12.Kb1 Nh5 13.g3 Qd7 14.a3 b6 15.Rdg1 Nc5 16.Qd1 h6 17.Nd2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 f5 19.Ka2 Nf6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Rh4 Rf7 22.f3 Rb8 23.g4 f4 24.Bxc5 bxc5 25.g5 hxg5 26.Rxg5 Kh7 27.Nb3 Ra8 28.Rf5 a4 29.Nc1 Rg8 30.Qd1 Bh6 31.Rh2 Rg5 32.Rxg5 Bxg5 33.Nxa4 Qc8 34.Nc3 h4 35.Nd3 Nh5 36.a4 Rg7 37.Nb5 Nf6 38.Ka3 Nd7 39.Nf2 Nf8 40.Rg2 Qa6 41.b3 Qa5 42.Kb2 Rg6 43.Nc3 Bd8 44.Rxg6 Nxg6 45.Qh1 Nh8 46.Qh3 Nf7 47.Qd7 Kg7 48.Ng4 Kg6 49.Kc2 Qa8 50.Qc6 Qxc6 51.dxc6 Bf6 52.Nd5 Nd8 53.Ndxf6 Nxc6 54.Ne8 h3 55.Kd1 Kf7 56.Nxc7 Ke7 57.Nd5+ Kd7 58.Nh2 Kc8 59.Kc2 Nd4+ 60.Kc3 Ne2+ 61.Kb2 Kb7 62.b4 cxb4 63.Nxb4 Kc7 64.Nd3 Kc6 65.Kb3 Nd4+ 66.Kc3 Ne2+ 67.Kb4 Nd4 68.c5 Nc2+ 69.Kc3 Nd4 70.cxd6 Ne6 71.Nxe5+ Kxd6 72.Nd3 Kc6 73.Nxf4 Nc7 74.Nxh3 Ne8 75.Nf4 Nd6 76.Ng4 Kb7 77.e5 Nf5 78.Ne3 Ng7 79.e6 Kc7 80.Ned5+ Kd6 81.e7 Ne8 82.Kd4 Ng7 83.Nh5 Nf5+ 84.Kc4 Nxe7 85.Nxe7 1-0 (85) Igel (3502)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

12.h5 Bxh5 13.Nh4 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 f6 15.Rh3 Rf7 16.Kb1

[16.Rdh1 Nf8 17.g4 c6 18.Nf3 Qe8 19.Nd2 *(19.a4 cxd5 20.exd5 e4 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.Kb1 Nc5 23.Ncb5 Nxa4 24.Bf4 Ra6 25.Qxe4 Nc5 26.Qg2 f5 27.gxf5 Rxf5 28.Be3 Rf7 29.Qh2 Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Qg4 31.f3 Qf5+ 32.Qc2 Rb6 33.Be3 Rxb5 34.Qxf5 Rxf5 35.cxb5 Rxd5 36.R3h2 Nce6 37.b6 Kf7 38.Rd2 Rxd2 39.Bxd2 Ke7 40.Rd1 Nd7 41.Bxa5 Nec5 42.f4 Nb3 43.Be1 Nxb6 44.Bf2 Nc5 45.Kc2 Ke6 46.Re1+ Kf7 47.Rh1 h5 48.b4 Ncd7 49.Rd1* ½-½ (49) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 19...a4 20.Ndb1 Rb8 21.Na3 Nc7 22.Nc2 Na6 23.a3 cxd5 24.exd5 Qd7 25.Kb1 b6 26.f3 Nc5 27.Qh2 Bh8 28.Nb4 f5 29.Nc6 Re8 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.gxf5 Qxf5+ 32.Ne4 Rd7 33.Qc2 Ra8 34.Qg2 Bg7 35.Ka2 Qf7 36.Qh2 h5 37.Qg2 Kh8 38.Rg1 Qf5 39.Ng3 Qf6 40.Ka1 Re8 41.Ne4 Qf7 42.Qg5 Ra8 43.Rh4 Re8 44.Rh2 Rc8 45.Rh4 Re8 46.Rh3 Ra8 47.Rgh1 Nh7 48.Qd2 Qf4 49.Qg2 Qf5 50.Rg3 Nf8 51.Qh2 Bh6 52.Qh4 Qf4 53.Qh3 Qf7 54.Rg2 Be3 55.Ka2 Bh6 56.Rd1 Bf4 57.Rdg1 Be3 58.Rb1 Kh7 59.Re1 Bf4 60.Rb1 Be3 61.Re1 Bf4 62.Rh1 Kh8 63.Rd1 Kh7 64.Qh4 Kh6 65.Rh1 Nh7 66.Qh3 Nf8 67.Rhg1 Be3 68.Re1 Bf4 69.Reg1 Be3 70.Re1 Bf4 71.Rg4 Kh7 72.Qh4 Kh8 73.Nf6 Rb7 74.Reg1 Bh6 75.R4g3 Bf4 76.Rg4 Bh6 77.R4g2 Be3 78.Re1 Bh6 79.Rh1 Bg7 80.Ne4 Rd7 81.Rg3 Bh6 82.Nf6 Rb7 83.Ne4 Rd7 84.Qf6+ Qxf6 85.Nxf6 Rf7 86.Ne4 Rd7 87.Rgg1 Bf4 88.Nf6 Rg7 89.Ne4 Rd7 90.Rg2 Be3 91.Nf6 Rg7 92.Ne4 Rd7 93.Nf6 Rg7 94.Kb1 Bf4 95.Ne4 Rd7 96.Nf6 Rg7 97.Ne4 Rd7 98.Kc2 Be3 99.Nf6 Rg7 100.Ne4 Rd7 101.Nf6 Rg7 102.Rhh2 e4 103.Nxe4 Bf4 104.Rh4 Rf7 105.Rgg4 Bh6 106.Rg2 Bf4 107.Rgg4 Bh6 108.Rg3 Bf4 109.Rgg4 ½-½ (109) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-

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16...c6 17.g4 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Qd8 19.Nc3 Nc7 20.f3 a4 21.Ng2 Ne6 22.Rdh1 Ndf8 23.a3 Qd7 24.Ne1 Re8 25.Nd3 f5 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Qg2 f4 28.Bb6 Qc6 29.Nd5 Qxc4 30.N3b4 Nd4 31.Bxd4 Qxd4 32.Qh2 Qa7 33.Rh5 Re6 34.Rxh7 Nxh7 35.Qxh7+ Kf8 36.Qh3 Re8 37.Rc1 b5 38.Qh7 Re6 39.Qh5 Qd7 40.Nb6 Qb7 41.Qh3 Re8 42.N4d5 Rd8 43.Qe6 Bh8 44.Qh6+ Bg7 45.Qh7 Re8 46.Qh3 Rd8 47.Ka2 Rb8 48.Qf1 Kg8 49.Qxb5 Bf6 50.Rg1+ Kf8 51.Rh1 Kg8 52.Qxa4 Be7 53.Qc2 Rh7 54.Qg2+ Kh8 55.Rg1 Bh4 56.Qg6 Qg7 57.Qxd6 Rd8 58.Qc5 Be7 59.Qc1 Qf8 60.Qc3 Rh5 61.b4 Bd6 62.a4 Bb8 63.a5 Qf7 64.Kb3 Rh3 65.Rc1 Qh5 66.Rf1 Qg5 67.Rd1 Qg3 68.Rd3 Qg7 69.Ka4 Qf8 70.Rd1 Rh2 71.Nc4 Qe8+ 72.Kb3 Rh6 73.Rd3 Qh5 74.Ka3 Re6 75.Rd1 Rf8 76.b5 Kh7 77.Ka4 Rg6 78.Ndb6 Re6 79.Nd7 Rg8 80.Qd3 Kh8 81.Nxb8 Rxb8 82.Kb4 Qh4 83.Qd5 Qf6 84.b6 Qf8+ 85.Kb5 Qf6 86.Qd7 Re7 87.Qd6 Qxd6 88.Rxd6 Kh7 89.a6 Rc7 90.Rd8 Rxd8 91.bxc7 Rg8 92.Nd6 Kg6 93.c8Q Rxc8 94.Nxc8 Kg5 95.Nd6 Kh4 96.Nf7 Kg3 97.Nxe5 Kf2 98.a7 Ke2 99.a8Q Kf2 100.Qa2+ Kg3 101.Kc5 Kh3 102.Ng4 Kh4 103.Qh2+ Kg5 104.Qh6# 1-0 (104) Ethereal (3535)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

6...Re8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5
[8.h3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Rxe5 11.Bf4 Re8 12.Bd3 Nh5 13.Bd2 c6 14.Be2 Qh4 15.Bxh5 gxh5 16.Qf3 Be6 17.b3 Be5 18.Qe3 Kh8 19.f4 Bg7 20.Ne2 Rg8 21.Kh2 Rae8 22.Bc3 Bf5 23.Ng3 Bc8 24.Rad1 Bxc3 25.Qxc3+ Rg7 26.Rxd6 Reg8 27.Rf3 Bg4 28.Rfd3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Qxf4 30.Rf6 Qc7 31.e5 h4 32.Rff3 hxg3+ 33.Rxg3 Rxg3 34.Rxg3 Rg6 35.Rxg6 hxg6 36.Kg2 Kg8 37.Qe3 Qa5 38.e6 Qxa2+ 39.Kg3 Kf8 40.exf7 Kxf7 41.Qf4+ Ke6 42.Qe4+ Kd7 43.Qg4+ Kc7 44.Qf4+ Kb6 45.Qd4+ Ka6 46.Qd3 b6 47.h4 c5 48.Kf4 Qg2 49.Qc3 Qg1 50.Ke5 Qh2+ 51.Ke6 Qxh4 52.Qa1+ Kb7 53.Qg7+ Kb8 54.Qf8+ Kc7 55.Qg7+ Kc8 56.Qf8+ Qd8 57.Qf3 Qe8+ 58.Kd6 Qd7+ 59.Ke5 Qe7+ 0-1 (59) Riazantsev,A (2616)-Dubov,D (2710) Moscow RUS 2023]
[8.Be3 e5 9.d5 *(9.dxe5 dxe5 10.h3 Be6 11.a3 Nd7 12.Nd5 a5 13.b3 b6 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.Qd2 Nc5 16.Qe3 Bxd5 17.cxd5 Nd4 18.Bd1 c6 19.Rc1 cxd5 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 dxe4 22.Nd2 h6 23.bxc5 hxg5 24.Nxe4 bxc5 25.Rxc5 Qf5 26.Nd6 Qf4 27.Nxe8 Rxe8 28.Rc7 e4 29.Rd7 Qe5 30.Bb3 Nxb3 31.Qxb3 Qe6 32.Qxe6 Rxe6 33.Rc1 Be5 34.Rc4 Bf4 35.Kf1 e3 36.g3 Be5 37.fxe3 Bxg3 38.Ke2 Kg7 39.Kf3 Bh4 40.Rcc7 Rf6+ 41.Ke2 Rf2+ 42.Kd3 Kg8 43.Rb7 Rf3 44.Ke4 Rf2 45.Kd3 Rf3 46.Ke2 Rf2+ 47.Kd1 Rf3 48.e4 Bg3 49.Ke2 Rf2+ 50.Ke3 Rf1 51.Re7 Bf4+ 52.Ke2 Rh1 53.Rxf7 Rxh3 54.Rfd7 Re3+ 55.Kf2* 1-0 (55) Lenderman,A (2572)-Swiercz,D (2646) chess.com INT 2023*)*
9...Nd4 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qd2 a5 12.Bd1 b6 13.Re1 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 h5 15.b3 Qe7 16.a3 Kh7 17.b4 Qf8 18.c5 axb4 19.axb4 bxc5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Rec1 Bh6 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Nd1 Ra4 24.Bxh6 Qxh6

25.Qxh6+ Kxh6 26.Rxc5 g5 27.Rxc7 g4 28.hxg4 hxg4 29.Be2 Rxe4 30.Ne3 Kg5 31.g3 Rd4 32.d6 Be6 33.Rc5 Nd7 34.Ra5 Rxd6 35.Bc4 f5 36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Ra7 Rd6 38.Ra5 Kf6 39.Kg2 Ke6 40.Nc4 Rc6 41.Ne3 Nf6 42.Ra8 f4 43.gxf4 exf4 44.Nf1 Rc2 45.Ra4 Ke5 46.Ra5+ Ke6 47.Ra4 Kf5 48.Ra5+ Ke6 0-1 (48) Makarian,R (2530)-Dubov,D (2710) Moscow RUS 2023]

8...Nb4

[8...Nb8 9.Bg5 e6 *(9...Bg4 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 c6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Rac1 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 a6 17.Qd2 b6 18.b3 Qb7 19.Rc2 Rab8 20.Be2 Nf6 21.b4 h5 22.Qd3 Qd7 23.Re1 a5 24.b5 Qc8 25.Kh2 Nd7 26.g3 f5 27.Kg2 Kf7 28.Qd1 Nc5 29.Bd3 Rh8 30.Rce2 Bf6 31.h4 Rh7 32.Bb1 Rb7 33.Qd2 Rc7 34.Bf4 Qh8 35.Qc1 Qg7 36.Qe3 Rh8 37.Rd1 Rd7 38.Qc1 Be5 39.Be3 Rc7 40.Bd3 Ke8 41.Rc2 Kd8 42.Bf1 Kc8 43.Re2 Bf6 44.Kh3 Kb7 45.f4 Rg8 46.Rc2 Ne4 47.Bg2 Nc5 48.Bg1 Kc8 49.Bf1 Qf7 50.Re2 Qg7 51.Rc2 Qh8 52.Be3 Rg7 53.Bf2 Rg8 54.Bg1 Qg7 55.Be3 Kd8 56.Re2 Kc8 57.Rg2 Qh8 58.Rgd2 Bc3 59.Rc2 Bf6 60.Qd2 Kd7 61.Bg1 Ke8 62.Qc1 Kf7 63.Re2 Rgc8 64.Rg2 Bc3 65.Rc2 Bf6 66.Qd2 Rg8 67.Qe3 Rcc8 68.Qf3 Kg7 69.Be3 Kh7 70.a3 Rc7 71.Qf2 Qg7 72.Qg2 Rd8 73.Qf3 Bb2 74.Rdd2 Bf6 75.Rd1 Rdc8 76.Bg1 Kh6 77.Re2 Qh8 78.Rc2 Kg7 79.Be3 Kf8 80.Qf2 Ne4 81.Qg1 Nc5 82.Qg2 Qg7 83.Qf2 Ne4 84.Qg1 Nc5 85.Qg2 Rb7 86.Qf2 Rbb8 87.Kh2 Ne4 88.Qg1 Nc5 89.Rb1 Ba1 90.Ra2 Bc3 91.Bf2 Ke8 92.Kh3 Rc7 93.Be3 Kf8 94.Rd1 Bf6 95.a4 Kg8 96.Rc1 Bc3 97.Be2 Rf8 98.Qd1 Bb2 99.Rc2 Bc3 100.Bf1 Kh7 101.Kh2 Bf6 102.Bg1 Re8 103.Ra3 Rg8 104.Kh3 Bb2 105.Ra2 Bf6 106.Be3 Rcc8 107.Be2 Qh8 108.Bg1 Rc7 109.Ra3 Kg7 110.Be3 Kf7 111.Raa2 Rb8 112.Bf1 Ne4 113.Ra3 Bb2 114.Rb3 Bf6 115.Ra3 Kf8 116.Bg2 Nc5 117.Bf1 Bb2 118.Bxc5 Rxc5 119.Re3 Bf6 120.Re6 Kf7 121.Rc1 Bd4 122.Bd3 Rc7 123.Re1 Bc5 124.Rc2 Rg8 125.Re6 Kf8 126.Rc1 Qb2 127.Re2 Qg7 128.Re6 Ke8 129.Be2 Qb2 130.Rb1 Qd4 131.Bd3 Kf7 132.Qe2 Qf2 ½-½ (132) Scorpionn (3514)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)* 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 h6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.f3 Nc6 14.Nc2 Kh7 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Bf2 a6 18.Kh1 Nd7 19.f4 Nc5 20.e5 Nd7 21.g4 dxe5 22.f5 gxf5 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Bd3+ Kh8 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Bxf5 Nd4 28.Be3 Nxf5 29.Rxf5 Qh4 30.Rxf7 Nf6 31.Rg1 Rg8 32.Rg6 Ng4 33.Bg1 Qh5 34.Rfxg7 Rxg7 35.Rxg7 Kxg7 36.Qd7+ Qf7 37.Qxg4+ Kh7 38.Qe4+ Qg6 39.Qxb7 Qf5 40.b4 Rg8 41.Qe4 Kg6 42.Qe2 Kh7 43.b5 axb5 44.cxb5 Rg4 45.Bf2 h5 46.a4 Qf8 47.Nd5 Qf5 48.a5 Ra4 49.a6 e4 50.Nc3 Ra1+ 51.Kg2 Qg6+ 52.Bg3 h4 53.Qb2 Re1 54.Nd5 hxg3 55.Nf6+ Kg7 56.Nd7+ Kg8 57.Qb3+ Qf7 58.Qxg3+ Qg7 59.Nf6+ Kf7 60.Qxg7+ Kxg7 61.Ne8+ Kf7 62.Nxc7 e3 63.Kf3 e2 64.b6 Ra1 65.Kxe2 Ra2+ 66.Kd3 Ra3+ 67.Kc4 Ra4+ 68.Kc5 Ra5+ 69.Kd6 Ra2 70.b7 Rd2+ 71.Nd5

Rb2 72.a7 Rxb7 1-0 (72) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-Scorpionn (3514) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]
9.Nd4 a5 10.Be3 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Qd2 Bd7 13.f3 Na6 14.Rad1 c6 15.Nc2 Re6 16.Nd4 Re8 17.Nc2 Re6 18.Nd4 Re8 ½-½ (18) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Dubov,D (2701) chess.com INT 2024

6...c6 7.0-0 Na6 8.h3 e5 9.d5 Nc5

[9...Nh5 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 c5 12.Qd2 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bg5 Nf6 15.Nh2 Nc7 16.f4 e4 17.Kh1 Kh8 18.Rae1 Qe8 19.g4 Qf7 20.Nd1 b5 21.Ne3 bxc4 22.Bxc4 h6 23.Bh4 fxg4 24.hxg4 Nxg4 25.Nexg4 Bxg4 26.Nxg4 Qh5 27.Qh2 Qxg4 28.Be7 Rf5 29.Bg5 Rf7 30.Rxe4 Re8 31.Rxe8+ ½-½ (31) Lazavik,D (2578)-Kokarev,D (2538) Sochi RUS 2024]
10.Qc2 a5 11.Be3 Nfd7 12.Rfd1 Qe7 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Qd2 Nb7 15.Na4 f5 16.c5 f4 17.cxd6 Qd8 18.Bb6 Nxb6 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.d7 Bxd7 21.Qxd7 Nc5 22.Qd2 Nxe4 23.Bc4+ Kh8 24.Qc2 Nc5 25.Ng5 e4 26.Nf7+ Rxf7 27.Bxf7 Nd3 28.Bc4 Nxb2 29.Rab1 e3 30.Rd7 exf2+ 31.Kh2 Rb8 32.Bf1 f3 33.g3 a4 34.a3 Be5 35.Qe4 Qc5 36.Rc1 Bxg3+ 37.Kxg3 Qg5+ 38.Qg4 1-0 (38) Matlakov,M (2662)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024

6...b6 7.0-0

[7.Qc2 a5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Rd1 Bg4 10.e5 Nb4 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.a3 Nc6 13.h3 Bf5 14.exd6 exd6 15.g4 Be6 16.d5 Nc5 17.Qf4 Ne5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Qg3 Qe7 20.Be3 Rf7 21.Ng5 Rff8 22.Nge4 Nb3 23.Rab1 Nc6 24.Bf1 Rae8 25.Bg2 Ncd4 26.Nd2 Nc5 27.Kh1 Nc2 28.Be4 Be5 29.Qg2 Nxe3 30.fxe3 Qg7 31.Bc6 Re7 32.Nde4 Ref7 33.Rf1 Qh6 34.g5 Qg7 35.Nxc5 bxc5 36.Ne4 Rf5 37.Kg1 Kh8 38.b3 Qf7 39.Nd2 Qe7 40.h4 Bc3 41.Ne4 Be5 42.Ng3 R5f7 43.Rxf7 Rxf7 44.Rf1 Rxf1+ 45.Nxf1 h6 46.gxh6 1-0 (46) Samadov,R (2501)-Liang,A (2687) New York USA 2024]
7...Bb7 8.Qc2 c5 9.d5 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Be3 a6 12.Rad1 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Bxb5 Ba6 15.a4 Nhf6 16.Rfe1 Ng4 17.Bf4 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Qa5 19.b3 Rfc8 20.Na3 Qc3 21.Qxc3 Bxc3 22.Re2 Rcb8 23.Nb5 Bf6 24.Rc1 Kg7 25.h3 Nge5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Bg5 Ra6 28.g3 Kf8 29.Kg2 Bg7 30.Bf4 Rb7 31.Rec2 f5 32.f3 Kf7 33.Re2 fxe4 34.fxe4 Ne5 35.Bxe5 Bxe5 36.Rf2+ Ke8 37.Rf3 Ra8 38.Rc2 h5 39.Rcf2 Kd7 40.Rf8 Rbb8 41.Rxb8 Rxb8 42.Rf3 g5 43.g4 Rh8 44.gxh5 Rxh5 45.a5 g4 46.Rd3 Kc8 47.Na7+ Kb7 48.Nc6 Bf6 49.hxg4 Rh4 50.Rg3 Bg5 51.Rh3 Rxh3 52.Kxh3 e5 53.Kg2 Ka6 54.Kf3 Kb5 55.Ke2 Bf6 56.Kd3 Bh4 57.a6 Kxa6 58.Kc4 Kb6 59.b4 cxb4 60.Nxb4 Bg5 61.Nc2 Bh4 62.Ne3 Bg5 63.Nf5 Kc7 64.Ng7 Kd7 65.Ne6 Bc1 66.g5 Ke7 67.g6 Kf6 68.g7 Kf7 69.Kb5 Ba3 70.Kc6 Bb4 71.Kd7 Ba3 72.Ng5+ Kxg7 73.Ke6 Kg6 74.Nf7 Bb4 75.Nxd6 Kg5 76.Nb7 Kf4 77.d6 1-0 (77) Nakamura,H (2736)-Aronian,L (2782) chess24.com INT 2021

[122] **7.0-0** Nc6

[7...exd4 8.Nxd4

A) 8...Nc6 9.Be3 Re8 10.f3 Nh5 *(10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.Qd2 c6 13.Rad1 a6 14.a3 b5 15.c5 dxc5 16.Bxc5 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Nd7*

18.Bf2 Ne5 19.Rfd1 Bb3 20.Re1 Bc4 21.f4 Bxe2 22.Rexe2 Nc4 23.Rc2 Rad8 24.e5 f6 25.exf6 Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Bxf6 27.g4 Nxb2 28.Ne4 Bg7 29.Nc5 Nd1 30.Ne6 Re8 31.f5 Nxf2 32.Kxf2 gxf5 33.gxf5 Bf8 34.Kf3 Bxa3 35.Rg2+ Kf7 36.Ke4 Kf6 37.Rg3 Bf8 38.Rh3 h6 39.Rg3 a5 40.Rg6+ Kf7 41.Kf4 a4 42.Nxf8 Rxf8 43.Rxc6 Ra8 44.Rc7+ Kg8 45.f6 a3 46.Kf5 a2 47.Rg7+ Kf8 48.Kg6 a1Q 49.Rf7+ Ke8 0-1 (49) Korobov,A (2662)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 11.Qd2 *(11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qd2 a5 13.Rae1 a4 14.Bg5 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 f6 17.Bh6 c5 18.f4 Bb7 19.Bxh5 gxh5 20.Re3 Kh8 21.Qe2 Qd7 22.e5 Rg8 23.e6 Qe8 24.f5 Rxg2 25.Qxg2 Bxg2+ 26.Kxg2 h4 27.Re4 Qh5 28.Bd2 Rg8+ 29.Kh3 a3 30.Bc1 c6 31.Bd2 d5 32.cxd5 cxd5 33.Ref4 Qe2 34.R1f2 Qd3+ 35.Kxh4 Qb1 36.Be3 Qg1 37.Bxc5 Rg2 38.Rxg2 Qxg2 39.e7 Qxh2+ 40.Kg4 Qg2+ 41.Kh4 Qh2+ 42.Kg4 Qg2+* ½-½ (42) Duda,J (2732)-Chigaev,M (2621) Samarkand UZB 2023*; 11.g4 Be5 12.gxh5 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2* ½-½ (13) Radjabov,T (2747)-Mamedov,R (2646) Shusha AZE 2022*; 11.Nc2 f5 12.Qd2 Nf6 13.Bg5 Ne5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Ne3 Be6 16.Ned5 Nf7 17.Bh4 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Qxh4 20.g3 Qh6 21.Qxh6 Nxh6 22.Rac1 Re7 23.b3 Nf5 24.Bd3 Bb2 25.Rb1 Bd4+ 26.Kh1 h6 27.Rfe1 Kg7 28.Nd2 Rae8 29.Rxe7+ Rxe7 30.Be4 a5 31.Nc4 b6 32.Kg2 Ne3+ 33.Nxe3 Bxe3 34.Re1 Bc5 35.f4 Kf6 36.h4 h5 37.Re2 b5 38.Kf3 b4 39.Rg2 Rh7 40.Bd3 Re7 41.Be4 Rh7 42.Bd3 Re7 43.Be4* ½-½ (43) Giri,A (2776)-Naroditsky,D (2623) chess24.com INT 2021 *)*

A1) 11...Nf4 12.Rfd1 *(12.Nxc6 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 bxc6 15.c5 d5 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Qf2 f5 18.Bd4 Ba6 19.Rfe1 fxe4 20.fxe4 dxe4 21.c4 Qf7 22.Qe3 Rad8 23.Ba1 Qxc4 24.h3 Rd5 25.Rc1 Qd3 26.Qh6 Re7 27.Qh4 g5 28.Qh6 Rf7 29.Qe6 Bc4 30.Kh2 Qg3+ 31.Kxg3 Rd3+ 32.Kh2 Bxe6 33.Rxe4 Bd5 34.Re8+ Rf8 35.Re7 Rf2 36.Rg7+ Kf8 37.Rxg5 Rdd2 38.Rg1 Rxa2 39.Bd4 Rfe2 40.h4 h5 41.Rf5+ Ke8 42.Rxh5 Rxg2+* ½-½ (42) Korobov,A (2699)-Lagarde,M (2632) Cattolica ITA 2022*)*
12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Qxd4 Nxe2+ 15.Nxe2 b6 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Rac1 Qg5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Re7 20.Rc2 f5 21.Rdc1 fxe4 22.fxe4 Rc8 23.Rc6 Qf4 24.Re1 Rce8 25.Qe3 Qh4 26.Qf2 Rxe4 27.Qxh4 Rxe1+ 28.Kf2 R8e2+ 29.Kf3 Re3+ 30.Kf2 R3e2+ 31.Kf3 Re3+ 32.Kf2 R3e2+ ½-½ (32) Radjabov,T (2763)-Carlsen,M (2855) chess24.com INT 2021;

A2) 11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nf4 13.Rf2 *(13.g3 Bxd4+ 14.Qxd4 Nxe2+ 15.Nxe2 b6 16.Nf4 Bb7 17.Nd5 Re6 18.Rae1 c5 19.Qc3 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Re8 21.f4 b5 22.Qf3 Qd7 23.Re3*

Rad8 24.Rd1 f6 25.h4 Re7 26.Kg2 Rde8 27.Qe2 h5 28.b3 a6 29.Qc2 f5 30.e5 dxe5 31.d6 Re6 32.Qxc5 exf4 33.Rxe6 Qxe6 34.Qd5 Kf7 35.gxf4 Qxd5+ 36.Rxd5 Rd8 37.d7 Ke6 38.Rd1 Rxd7 39.Rxd7 Kxd7 40.Kf3 Kd6 41.Ke3 Kc5 42.a3 a5 43.Kd3 a4 44.bxa4 bxa4 45.Kc3 Kd5 46.Kd3 Kc5 47.Kc3 Kd5 48.Kd3 ½-½ (48) Yuffa,D (2606)-Pavlidis,A (2566) Hamburg GER 2024 *)* 13...Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qg5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.Rd1 f5 18.f4 Qh4 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Re7 22.f5 Rf8 23.Rdf1 Ref7 24.g3 Qf6 25.fxg6 Qxg6 26.Rxf7 Rxf7 27.Qxg6+ hxg6 28.Rc1 c5 29.dxc6 Rc7 30.Kf2 Rxc6 31.Rxc6 bxc6 32.Ke3 Kf7 33.b4 Ke6 34.h4 Kf5 35.Kf3 a6 36.g4+ Ke5 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.Ke4 Ke6 39.Kd4 Kf6 40.Ke4 Ke6 ½-½ (40) Vitiugov,N (2711)-Sindarov,J (2658) Douglas IOM 2023;

B) 8...Re8 9.f3

B1) 9...Nc6 10.Nc2 Nh5 11.g4 *(11.Kh1 Qh4 12.Qe1 Qxe1 13.Rxe1 Bxc3 14.bxc3 b6 15.Nb4 Bd7 16.Nd5 Rec8 17.g4* 1-0 (17) Navara,D (2679)-Gokerkan,C (2523) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11...Be5 12.gxh5 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Qg3+ 15.Kh1 Qh3+ 16.Kg1 Qg3+ 17.Kh1 Qh3+ 18.Kg1 Qg3+ 19.Kh1 ½-½ (19) Muradli,M (2589)-Abbasov,N (2621) Ankara TUR 2024;

B2) 9...c6

B2a) 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Kh1 Na6 *(11...Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qxd4 13.Nxd6 Re6 14.Nxc8 h6 15.Qxd4 Bxd4 16.Rad1 c5 17.Bxh6 Rxe2 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bxb2 20.Nd6 Nc6 21.Nxb7 Bc3 22.Rc1 Bd4 23.Nd6 Nb4 24.Nb5 Nxa2 25.Re1 Bf6 26.Be3 Re8 27.Nc7 Re5 28.Nd5 Bg7 29.Rf1 Nb4 30.Bxc5 Nxd5 31.cxd5 Rxd5 32.Bxa7 Ra5 33.Be3 Ra1 34.Kg1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 f5 36.Ke2 Kf7 37.Kd3 Be5 38.h3 Ke6 39.g4 fxg4 40.hxg4 Kf7 41.Ke4 Bb2 42.Bd4 Bc1 43.Ke5 Bd2 44.f4 Bc1 45.f5 gxf5 46.Kxf5 Bd2 47.Be5 Bc1 48.g5 Bxg5* ½-½ (48) Gelfand,B (2658)-Amin,B (2636) chess.com INT 2024*; 11...Nbd7 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Qd2 a5 14.Na4 Ne5 15.Rac1 Be6 16.Rfd1 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Rxc4 b5 19.Rcc1 bxa4 20.Nd4 d5 21.Rxc6 Qe5 22.f4 Qe7 23.e5 Ne4 24.Bxe7 Nxd2 25.Rxd2 Rxe7 26.g3 Rb7 27.Rc5 Bf8 28.Rxd5 Rab8 29.Nc6 Rc8 30.Nxa5 Rbb8 31.a3 h5 32.R5d4 h4 33.Kg2 Bc5 34.Rxa4 Bb6 35.Nc4 Bc5 36.Nd6 Rc7 37.gxh4 Be3 38.Re2 Bc1 39.Rc4 Rxc4 40.Nxc4 Bxf4 41.b4 Kg7 42.Kf3 Bc1 43.Rc2 Bxa3 44.Nxa3 Rxb4 45.Nc4 Rb3+ 46.Kg4 Rd3 47.Rf2 Rd5 48.Nd6 Rxe5 49.Rxf7+ Kh6 50.Ra7 Rd5 51.Nf7+ Kg7 52.Ng5+ Kf6 53.Rf7+ Ke5 54.h5 Rd4+ 55.Kg3*

1-0 (55) Gelfand,B (2660)-Mamedov,R (2651) Baku AZE 2023) 12.Nb3 Be6 13.Qxd6 h6 14.Na4 Qd8 15.Qxd8 Rexd8 16.Be3 Nb4 17.Rfc1 b6 18.Nd4 Ng4 19.Nxe6 Nxe3 20.Nxd8 Rxd8 21.a3 Nbc2 22.Rab1 Rd2 23.Bf1 g5 24.b4 Bd4 25.Rb3 Nxf1 26.Rxf1 Ne3 27.Rfb1 Nxg2 28.Nb2 Nh4 29.Rd3 Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Bxb2 31.a4 c5 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Rd7 a5 34.Rc7 Ba3 35.Rc6 Kg7 36.f4 gxf4 37.Kg1 Nf3+ 38.Kf2 Ne5 0-1 (38) Lazavik,D (2572)-Carlsen,M (2833) chess.com INT 2025;

B2b) 10.Nc2 Na6 11.Kh1

B2b1) 11...Be6 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Rb1 Rad8 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Bd4 b6 16.Ne3 Qe7 17.f4 Bc8 18.Bf3 Nc5 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Qa4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 f5 22.Ng5 Qxe3 23.Qxc6 h6 24.Bd5+ Rxd5 25.Qxd5+ Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kh7 27.Ne5 Be6 28.Qc6 Re7 29.Rbe1 Qd4 30.b3 Qd8 31.Nxg6 Bd7 32.Qd6 1-0 (32) Carlsen,M (2832)-Bernadskiy,V (2530) chess.com INT 2024;

B2b2) 11...Nc7 12.Bg5 h6 *(12...d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nb4 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nbxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Qb6 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Bc4 Rac8 20.Bb3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Rxc3 22.Ba4 Qd6 23.Rxb7 Bxa4 24.Qxa4 Rec8 25.Qxa7 Ra3 26.Qf2 Qxd5 27.Rb2 Rca8 28.Ra1 h5 29.h3 Kh7 30.Rd2 Qc4 31.Rc2 Qd5 32.Qe2 R3a6 33.Rd1 Qe6 34.Qxe6 Rxe6 35.Rd4 Kg7 36.Kh2 Rea6 37.Rdd2 h4 38.Kg1 Kh6 39.Kf2 Kg5 40.Ke1 f5 41.Kf2 R8a7 42.g3 hxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Ra4 44.Rc5 R7a6* ½-½ (44) Vitiugov,N (2721)-Amin,B (2690) Chartres FRA 2023) 13.Bh4

B2b21) 13...d5 14.cxd5 *(14.f4 dxe4 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Nxe4 Re8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxf6 Rxe2 19.Nd4 Re4 20.Rae1 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Ne6 22.f5 gxf5 23.Nxf5 Kh7 24.Nd6 Bd7 25.Nxb7 Rb8 26.Nd6 Kg6 27.Rf1 Ng5 28.Be5 f5 29.h4 Nh7 30.Nxf5 Re8 31.h5+ Kg5 32.Nd6 Re7 33.Bd4 Be6 34.Re1 Nf8 35.Re5+ Kf4 36.g3+ Kxg3 37.Nf5+ Bxf5 38.Rxe7 Ne6 39.Bxa7 Ng5 40.Bb8+ Kf3 41.a4 Bd3 42.b3 Ne4 43.a5 Kf2 44.Kh2 Ng5 45.Ba7+ Kf3 46.Re3+ Kg4 47.Rxd3 Nf3+ 48.Rxf3* 1-0 (48) Navara,D (2697)-Jones,G (2670) Tornelo INT 2020) 14...cxd5 15.Qe1 dxe4 *(15...g5 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.Rd1 Nxg3+ 18.Qxg3 d4 19.Bc4 Be6 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Nb4 Qd6 22.Ncd5 Qxg3 23.hxg3 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Rd8 25.g4 Be5 26.Kg1 Kg7*

27.Kf2 Rc8 28.Rd2 Kf8 29.Rfd1 Rd8 30.Rc2 Rc6 31.Rxc6 bxc6 32.Nb4 c5 33.Nd3 Bf4 34.Nxc5 Rc8 35.b4 a5 36.a3 axb4 37.axb4 Ra8 38.Rxd4 Ra2+ 39.Kf1 Bg3 40.Nd3 Ra1+ 41.Ke2 Ra2+ 42.Kd1 Rxg2 43.b5 Rg1+ 44.Kc2 Bc7 45.Rd7 Ba5 46.Ne5 Ke8 47.Rxf7 Rg2+ 48.Kb3 Rg1 49.Ra7 Bb6 50.Rb7 Bd8 51.Kc4 Rd1 52.Nc6 Bf6 53.e5 1-0 (53) Yilmaz,M (2633)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha AZE 2022*)*
16.Rd1 Qe7 17.fxe4 g5 18.Bg3 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.Bh5 Qxe1 21.Nxe1 Re7 *(21...Be6 22.Bxc7 Rac8 23.Bg3 Bxb2 24.Rb1 Bc3 25.Rxb7 Bc4 26.Bxf7+ Bxf7 27.Rfxf7 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Nf3 g4 30.Ng1 Rf1 31.Re7 Ra1 32.Re2 a5 33.Rc2 Bf6 34.Bf2 a4 35.Bc5 Bg5 36.g3 a3 37.Kg2 Bc1 38.Ne2 Bb2 39.Nd4* 1-0 (39) Vidit,S (2716)-Galperin,P (2564) Germany GER 2023*)*
22.Rd8+ Kh7 23.Bd6 Re8 24.Bxc7 Rxd8 25.Bxd8 Be6 26.Bf6 Bxa2 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Nf3 Rc8 29.Nd4 Rc7 30.h3 a6 31.b3 Rd7 32.Rd1 Kf6 33.Kg1 b5 34.Kf2 Bb1 35.Rxb1 Rxd4 36.Ke3 Ke5 37.Bxf7 g4 38.hxg4 Rxg4 39.Rb2 a5 40.Rf2 Rg3+ 41.Kd2 a4 42.bxa4 bxa4 43.Kc2 a3 44.Kb1 Kd4 45.Bh5 Ke3 46.Re2+ Kf4 47.Ka2 Kg5 48.Bf3 Kf4 49.Re4+ Kg5 50.Kxa3 h5 51.Re5+ Kg6 52.Re6+ Kg5 53.Re8 h4 54.Rg8+ Kf4 55.Rf8+ Ke3 56.Kb4 h3 57.Bd5 hxg2 58.Bxg2 Rxg2 59.Re8+ Kf2 60.Rd8 Rg4+ 61.Kc5 Kf3 62.Rd5 Rf4 63.Rd4 Rxd4 64.Kxd4 ½-½ (64) Vidit,S (2723)-Mamedov,R (2633) chess.com INT 2023;

B2b22) 13...a6 14.Bg3 *(14.a4 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qe1 Bd7 17.Rd1 g5 18.Bg3 Nh5 19.f4 Nxf4 20.Bxf4 gxf4 21.Rxf4 Ne6 22.Rf1 d4 23.Nd5 Bxa4 24.Bd3 Nc5 25.Qf2 Nxd3 26.Rxd3 Bxc2 27.Qxc2 Rxe4 28.Qb3 b5 29.Rg3 Ra7 30.h3 Kh8 31.Nb4 Qe8 32.Qd5 Re1 33.Rgf3 Rd7 34.Qc6 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Qe6 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Nxa6 Qe2 38.Rb1 d3 39.Nc5 d2 40.Nxd7 d1Q+ 41.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 42.Kh2 Qxd7 43.Qe4+ f5* 0-1 (43) Yilmaz,M (2633)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha AZE 2022*)*

14...d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.e5 Nh5 17.f4 Nxg3+ 18.hxg3 f6 19.Bd3 d4 20.Ne2 fxe5 21.Bxg6 Bg4 22.Qd3 e4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Qxe4 d3 25.Ng1 dxc2 26.Qxc2 Qd5 27.Nf3 Nb5 28.Ne5 Nd4 29.Qd2 Bxe5 30.fxe5 Qxe5 31.Qxh6 Nf5 32.Qg5+ Kh7 33.Kg1 Rg8 34.Qf4 Qxf4 35.Rxf4 Kh6 36.Re1 Nxg3 37.Kf2 Nh5 38.Rf7 b5 39.Re4 Rg6 40.Ra7 Bf5 41.Rd4 Rf6 42.Ke3 Re6+ 43.Kf3 Nf6 44.g4 Bxg4+ 45.Rxg4 Nxg4 46.Kxg4 Re4+ 47.Kf5 Ra4 48.a3 b4 49.Ke4 ½-½ (49) Cheparinov,I (2632)-Chigaev,M (2605) Petrovac MNE 2024;

B2b3) 11...Nc5 12.Bf4 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxd7 Qxd7 16.exd5 Rad8 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 b6 19.Nb4 g5 20.Bf2 Qf5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Nc6 Rd7 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Kh7 25.Ne7 Qc2 26.Rd1 Qxb2 27.Nf5 Qc2 28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Qe5 Kg6 30.h3 Nh5 31.Qe4+ Qxe4 32.Nxe4 Nf6 33.Nxc5 Rxd5 34.Rc1 Rd2 35.a4 Ra2 36.Rc4 Nd5 37.Re4 Nf4 38.g3 Nxh3 39.Re7 a5 40.Ra7 h5 41.Rxa5 h4 42.gxh4 gxh4 43.Ne4 f5 44.Ra6+ Kh5 45.Ra5 Kg6 46.Ra6+ Kg7 47.Nd6 Kf6 48.Ra8 Ke5 49.Nc4+ Kf4 50.Rh8 Kg3 51.Rg8+ Kxf3 52.Ne5+ Ke4 53.Ng6 Nf2+ 54.Kg2 Ng4+ 55.Kf1 0-1 (55) Samadov,R (2501)-Donchenko,A (2618) New York USA 2024;

B2b4) 11...h6 12.Bf4 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bd7 16.Qd2 Qf6 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Ne3 Rac8 19.d6 Qb5 20.a4 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Be5 23.Bxe5 Rxe5 24.Rxb7 Rxe3 25.Rxd7 Rd3 26.h3 Rc6 27.Rxa7 Rcxd6 28.Ra1 Rd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kh2 Ra1 31.h4 h5 32.Kg3 Ra2 33.a5 Kg7 34.Ra6 Ra4 35.Ra8 Kf6 36.a6 Ra2 37.Ra7 Ra4 38.f4 Ra3+ 39.Kf2 Ke6 40.Ke2 f6 41.Kf2 Kf5 42.g3 Kg4 43.Rg7 Ra2+ 44.Ke3 Ra3+ 45.Kf2 Ra2+ 46.Ke3 ½-½ (46) Navara,D (2695)-Rapport,R (2748) Budva MNE 2023;

B2c) 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Be3 f5 *(11...Na6 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Rfe1 a5 15.Bf1 Be5 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Nde2 a4 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Be6 21.Nd4 Nfd7 22.Nxe6 Rxe6 23.Red1 Rxd6 24.Rxd6 Kf8 25.Kf2 Ke7 26.Rd2 g5 27.Ke3 h6 28.g3 Nb6 29.Be2 Rg8 30.Rd1 Kf6 31.Kd4 Ne6+ 32.Ke3 Ke7 33.Nb1 Ra8 34.Na3 Ra5 35.Nc2 Ra8 36.Nd4 Nxd4*

37.Rxd4 a3 38.b3 Nd7 39.f4 Nc5 40.Rd1 gxf4+ 41.gxf4 Rg8 42.e5 Rg2 43.b4 Na6 44.b5 Nb4 45.bxc6 bxc6 46.Rd6 Nxa2 47.Rxc6 Nb4 48.Rc7+ Ke6 49.Ra7 a2 50.h3 a1Q 51.Rxa1 Rg3+ 52.Kf2 Rxh3 53.Rb1 Nc2 54.Rb6+ Kf5 55.Rf6+ Ke4 56.Rxf7 Rh2+ 57.Kg3 Rxe2 58.e6 Nd4 59.e7 Kd3 60.Kg4 Kxc4 61.f5 Kd5 62.f6 Kd6 63.Rf8 Rxe7 64.fxe7 Kxe7 65.Rf4 Ne6 66.Re4 Kd6 67.Re1 Nc5 68.Rd1+ Ke7 69.Kf5 Nd7 70.Re1+ Kd6 71.Rh1 Kc7 72.Kg4 Nb6 73.Kh5 Nc4 74.Kxh6 Nd6 75.Kg5 Kc6 76.Rc1+ Nc4 77.Rd1 Kb5 78.Kf4 Kb4 79.Ke4 Kc3 80.Rc1+ Kb3 81.Re1 Nb2 82.Rg1 Kc2 83.Rg2+ Kb3 84.Rg3+ Kb4 85.Rh3 Nc4 86.Rh2 Nd2+ 87.Kf4 Kb3 88.Kf5 Kb4 89.Rh3 Nc4 90.Rh4 Kc3 91.Rh5 Ne3+ 92.Kf6 Nd5+ 93.Kf7 1-0 (93) Svane,R (2615)-Robson,R (2673) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 12.Qd2 f4 13.Bf2 Be5 14.Rfd1 Qf6 15.Rac1 *(15.Nb3 Nd7 16.c5 Nxc5 17.Nxc5 dxc5 18.Bc4+ Be6 19.Bxe6+ Qxe6 20.Bxc5 b6 21.Bd4 Rad8 22.Qf2 Qf6 23.Bxe5 Qxe5 24.Rd2 Ng7 25.Rad1 Ne6 26.Rd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Rd8 28.Rxa7 Qb8 29.Re7 Qd6 30.Qh4 Qd4+ 31.Kf1 Qd3+ 32.Ne2 Nd4 33.Qxh7+* 1-0 (33) Muradli,M (2550)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2023*)* 15...a5 16.Na4 Nd7 17.c5 dxc5 18.Nxc5 Nf8 19.Qc3 Rd8 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.Ndb3 Be6 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Nc5 Nxc5 24.Qxc5 Ng7 25.Bc4 Bxb2 26.Rb1 b5 27.Bf1 a4 28.a3 h5 29.h4 Kh7 30.Qb6 Bxa3 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Bxb5 Rd2 33.Bxa4 Bb2 34.Qxc6 Qe5 35.Rf1 Bd4 36.Bxd4 Rxd4 37.Bb3 Rd6 38.Qc4 Qe7 39.Qg8+ 1-0 (39) Eljanov,P (2694)-Mamedov,R (2636) chess.com INT 2023;

B2d) 10.Kh1

B2d1) 10...d5

B2d11) 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Bb5 Re6 16.Bc4 Bb7 17.Bb3 Qa5 *(17...Re5 18.Bf4 Rf5 19.Be3 Rh5 20.Ne2 Ba6 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Bxa7 Qc7 23.Bg1 Qb8 24.Rc1 Rd8 25.Nd4 Bb7 26.Qd2 Bh6 27.Qb4 Bf4 28.h3 Bxc1 29.Rxc1 Qf4 30.Rc2 Bc8 31.Qd2 Qh4 32.Qf2 Qxf2 33.Bxf2 Bd7 34.Bg3 Rc8 35.Rxc8+ Bxc8 36.a4 Ba6 37.Bc2 Ne8 38.b4 Rg5 39.Bf4* 1-0 (39) Duda,J (2760)-Chigaev,M (2632) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 18.Qd2 Rae8 19.Nxd5 Qxd2 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxd2 Re2 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.bxc3 a5 24.Kg1 Bc8 25.Rf2 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27.Rf1 Re2 28.Rc1 Be6 29.c4

Rb2 30.Rc3 Kf8 31.a3 Ke7 32.Ba4 Kd6 33.c5+ Kc7 34.h3 h5 35.Kh2 h4 36.Re3 Ra2 37.Bb5 Rc2 38.Re5 Rc3 39.a4 Rb3 40.Kg1 Rc3 41.Kh2 Rb3 42.Be8 Kd8 43.Bc6 Rb4 44.Bb5 Rd4 45.Kg1 Kc7 46.Kf2 Rb4 47.Re2 Rb3 48.Rc2 Ra3 49.Re2 Rc3 50.Re4 Rxc5 51.Rxh4 Rc2+ 52.Kg3 Kd6 53.Rh8 Kc5 54.Rb8 Rb2 55.h4 Bd5 56.Rf8 Rb4 57.Rc8+ Kb6 58.Rd8 Kc5 59.Rd7 Rxb5 60.axb5 Bc4 61.Kf4 a4 62.g4 Bxb5 63.Rxf7 a3 64.Re7 Bd3 65.Ra7 Kb4 66.h5 gxh5 67.gxh5 1-0 (67) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Giri,A (2761) Stavanger NOR 2022;

B2d12) 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 *(12.Bb5 Bd7 13.exd5 Bxb5 14.Ndxb5 a6 15.Na3 b5 16.Nc2 Qd6 17.Bg5 Nbd7 18.a3 Nb6 19.Qd3 Nfxd5 20.Rad1 Qc7 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxc2 23.Rd2 Qc4 24.Qxc4 bxc4 25.Rc2 Rab8 26.Bc1 Rec8 27.Rd1 h5 28.Kg1 c3 29.bxc3 Bxc3 30.Kf1 a5 31.Bf4 Bb2 32.Re2 Rb5 33.Rb1 Rf5 34.Rbxb2 Rxf4 35.Re3 Rh4 36.h3 Rhc4 37.Kf2 h4 38.Rbe2 Kg7 39.Re4 f5 40.Re6 Rc2 41.R6e5 R8c5 42.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 43.Kf1 a4 44.Ra5 Rc4 45.Ke2 Rc2+ 46.Kf1 Rc4 47.Ke2 Rc2+ 48.Kf1* ½-½ (48) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Guseinov,G (2661) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 12...Nc6 13.Bb5 *(13.exd5 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxe2 17.Rae1 Rxe1* ½-½ (17) Nesterov,A (2590)-Esipenko,A (2704) Sharjah UAE 2024 *)*

B2d121) 13...h6

B2d1211) 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxc6 hxg5 16.Bxa8 d4 17.Ne2 Bd7 *(17...Qb6 18.Rc1 Bd7 19.Bd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Qxb2 21.Ng3 Qxa2 22.d6 Qd5 23.Ne4 Rxe4 24.fxe4 Qxd6 25.Qc2 Be5 26.Qc5 Bxh2 27.Qxd6 Bxd6 28.Rfd1 Be5 29.Rc5 Bf4 30.Rd5 Be6 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.R1xd4 Kf6 33.Ra4 Be3 34.Kh2 Bb6 35.Ra8 Ke5 36.Kg3 Bd7 37.Rc4 Bb5 38.Rb4 Bc6 39.Rf8 Bc5 40.Rc4 Bxf8 41.Rxc6 a5 42.Kf3 a4 43.Ke3 a3 44.Ra6 f5 45.Rxg6 Bc5+ 46.Kd3 a2 47.Ra6 fxe4+ 48.Ke2 Kf4 49.Rxa2 Bd4 50.Ra4 Bg1 51.Ra8*

Kg3 52.Kf1 Bf2 53.Re8 e3 54.Re4 g4 55.Re8 Kf4 56.Re6 Kf5 57.Rc6 Kf4 58.Rc8 g3 59.Ke2 Ke4 60.Rc4+ Kf5 61.Kf3 Ke5 62.Re4+ Kf5 63.Re8 Kf6 64.Kf4 Kf7 65.Re5 Kf6 66.Re4 Kg6 67.Ke5 Kf7 68.Kf5 Bg1 69.Re5 Bf2 70.Re6 Bg1 71.Rf6+ Ke7 72.Re6+ Kf7 73.Re5 Bf2 74.Re4 Bg1 75.Kg5 Bf2 76.Re5 Bg1 77.Kg4 Bf2 78.Kf3 Kf6 79.Rxe3 Bxe3 80.Kxe3 Kg7 81.Kf4 Kg6 82.Kg4 Kf6 83.Kxg3 Kg5 84.Kf3 Kf5 85.g4+ Kg5 86.Kg3 Kg6 87.Kf4 Kf6 88.g5+ Kg6 89.Kg4 Kg7 90.Kf5 Kf7 91.g6+ Kg7 92.Kg5 Kg8 93.Kf6 Kf8 94.g7+ Kg8 95.Kg6 ½-½ (95) Dragun,K (2553)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 18.Bd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bb5 20.Re1 Qxd5 21.Ng3 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 d3 23.Qd2 g4 24.fxg4 Bc6 25.g5 Bxb2 26.Rg1 Be5 27.a3 a6 28.Nf1 Qe4 29.Ng3 Qd5 30.Nf1 Qd4 31.Qe3 Qc3 32.Qb6 Bd4 33.Qb4 Qxb4 34.axb4 Kf8 35.Nd2 Bxg1 36.Kxg1 Ke7 37.Kf2 Kd6 38.g4 Ke5 39.Ke3 Bb5 40.h4 Bd7 41.Nf3+ Kd6 42.h5 Ke7 43.h6 Kf8 44.Ne5 Be6 45.Kxd3 Kg8 46.Kd4 Bb3 47.Kc5 Bd1 48.Kb6 Be2 49.Kc7 Bd1 50.Kd6 Kf8 51.Nd7+ Kg8 52.Ke7 Bb3 53.Ne5 Bd1 54.Kf6 1-0 (54) So,W (2766)-Mamedov,R (2646) chess.com INT 2023;

B2d1212) 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.exd5 a6 *(15...Qxd4 16.Qxd4 Bxd4 17.dxc6 Re5 18.Ba4 bxc6 19.Bxc6 Rb8 20.Rfd1 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Be6 22.Bd7 Bc4 23.Ba4 Re3 24.Bb3 Rxc3 25.h3 a5 26.Rd7 Rc8 27.Ra7 Rc5 28.Kh2 h5 29.h4 Kg7 30.Kg3 g5 31.hxg5 Rxg5+ 32.Kh3 Kg6 33.Ra8 Rc5 34.Ra7 Kf6 35.Ra8 Kg7 36.Ra7 Rg5 37.Ra8 Bd3 38.Ra7 Bf5+ 39.Kh2 Bg6 40.Re1*

Rd3 41.Re2 Rd4 42.Kg1 h4 43.Kh2 Rd8 44.Rf2 Rc5 45.f4 Rd4 46.f5 Rxf5 47.Rxf5 Bxf5 48.Rxf7+ Kg6 49.Ra7 Rd2 50.Ra6+ Kg5 51.Rxa5 Kf6 52.Ra6+ Kg5 53.Ra5 Kf6 54.Rd5 Rb2 55.Rd6+ Kg5 56.Rd5 Kf6 57.Kg1 Be4 58.Rd6+ Kg5 59.Bd5 Rxg2+ 60.Kf1 Rd2 61.Bxe4 Rxd6 62.a4 Kf4 63.Bb7 Rb6 64.Bd5 Kg3 65.Ke2 h3 66.Ke3 h2 67.Kd4 0 - 1 (6 7) Pultinevicius,P (2561)-Guseinov,G (2661) Braila ROU 2022 *)* 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nxc6 Bd7 18.Rc1 Bxc6 19.Ne4 Qxb2 20.dxc6 Red8 21.Qa4 Rd4 22.Qa5 Qb5 23.Qxb5 axb5 24.Nc3 b4 25.Nb5 Rdd8 26.c7 Rf8 27.Nd6 Bc3 28.Rc2 Kg7 29.Rb1 h5 30.g3 h4 31.gxh4 Rh8 32.c8Q Raxc8 33.Nxc8 Rxc8 34.Rxb4 1-0 (34) Chigaev,M (2617)-Mamedov,R (2646) Bucharest ROU 2023; **B2d1213)** 14.Bh4 g5 *(14...Qb6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bxe8 Bb7 19.Qa4 dxe4 20.Qd7 exf3 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.gxf3 Bg7 23.Qxg6 Qxb2 24.Bc6 Qb6 25.Rac1 Rg8 26.Qe4 Bc8 27.Rg1 Qf2 28.Bd5 Rf8 29.Rxg7* 1-0 (29) So, W (2772)-Van Foreest,J (2688) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 15.Bf2 Bd7 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxb5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qd4+ f6 21.Rfd1 Bc6 22.Ne3 Qxd4 23.Nf5+ Kg6 24.Nxd4 Rad8 25.Kg1 Rd6 26.Rd2 Red8 27.Rad1 Ba4 28.b3 Bb5 29.Kf2 h5 30.g3 a5 31.a3 Be8 32.f4 Bf7 33.h4 g4 34.b4 axb4 35.axb4 Rd5 36.Nb3 Rxd2+ 37.Rxd2 Rc8 38.Nc5 b6 39.Nd7 Rc3 40.Rd6 Rf3+ 41.Kg2 Kg7 42.Nxf6 Rb3

43.Rxb6 Bg6 44.f5 Bf7 45.Rd6 Rxb4 46.Nd7 Rb2+ 47.Kg1 Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Rb5 49.f6+ Kg6 50.Ke3 Kf5 51.Rd4 Ke6 52.Re4+ Kxd7 53.Re7+ Kd6 54.Rxf7 Ke6 55.Rf8 Rf5 56.Ke4 Rf3 57.f7 Rxg3 58.Kf4 Rf3+ 59.Kg5 Rxf7 60.Re8+ Re7 61.Rf8 g3 62.Rf1 g2 63.Rg1 Rg7+ 64.Kf4 Rg4+ 65.Kf3 Kf5 66.Rxg2 Rxg2 67.Kxg2 Kg4 68.Kh2 Kxh4 69.Kg2 Kg4 70.Kh2 h4 71.Kg2 h3+ 72.Kh2 Kh4 73.Kh1 Kg3 74.Kg1 h2+ 75.Kh1 Kh3 ½-½ (75) So,W (2766)-Mamedov,R (2646) chess.com INT 2023;

B2d122) 13...Qb6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.exd5 Bxd4 16.dxc6 Rd8 17.cxb7 Bxb7 18.Qb3 Rac8 19.Bc4 Qc7 20.Nb5 Qxc4 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Qc6 Rxb2 24.a4 h5 25.h3 Qd2 26.f4 Rd5 27.Rf2 Qxf2 28.Qxd5 Qxf4 29.Qa8+ Qb8 30.Qxb8+ Rxb8 31.h4 Rb4 32.g3 a5 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.Ra3 Kf5 36.Ra2 Rb3+ 37.Kf2 Kg4 38.Rc2 Rf3+ 39.Ke2 Kxg3 40.Rc5 Rf5 41.Rc7 Kxh4 42.Ke3 Kg3 43.Ke4 h4 44.Rc3+ Kg4 0-1 (44) Ragger,M (2580)-Duda,J (2740) chess.com INT 2025;

B2d2) 10...Nbd7

B2d21) 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Qh4 13.Qe1 Qxe1 14.Rfxe1 a6 15.Rad1 Ne5 16.g4 Nf6 17.h3 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.a3 Bb7 20.Kg2 Nfd7 21.Nc2 Bf8 22.b3 f6 23.f4 Nf7 24.Bf3 g5 25.a4 gxf4 26.Bxf4 bxa4 27.Nxa4 Nde5 28.Ne3 Reb8 29.Nf5 Bc8 30.Re3 Be6 31.Nd4 Bxb3 32.Rxb3 Rxb3 33.Nxb3 Rxa4 34.Be2 Rxe4 35.Kg3 Rxe2 36.Nd4 Ra2 37.Nf5 Ra3+ 38.Kg2 Ng5 39.h4 Ne6 40.Bg3 Nxg4 41.Bxd6 Bxd6 42.Rxd6 Nf4+ 43.Kf1 Ra1+ 0-1 (43) Theodorou,N (2611)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2025;

B2d22) 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 a6 *(12...Ne5 13.Qc2 g5 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.Rad1 Qf6 16.g3 Bh3 17.Rfe1 Ng4 18.Bg1 Ne5 19.Nf5 Bf8 20.f4 Ng4 21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Qe6 23.b3 a6*

24.Qg2 b5 25.Nd4 Qg6 26.Nxc6 gxf4 27.gxf4 bxc4 28.b4 Rac8 29.Nd4 Ngf6 30.Qf3 Qg4 31.Qxg4+ Nxg4 32.Nf5 Re6 33.Bd4 Kh7 34.a4 Ngf6 35.e5 Ng4 36.exd6 Bxd6 37.Rg1 Rg8 38.h3 Nxf4 39.Rxg4 Rxg4 40.hxg4 Bxb4 41.Rf1 Bxc3 42.Bxc3 Nd5 43.Rf3 Re4 44.Nd6 Rxg4 45.Rxf7+ Kg6 46.Rf3 h5 47.a5 Nxc3 48.Rxc3 Rg5 49.Nxc4 Rc5 50.Kg2 Kf6 51.Kf3 Ke6 52.Re3+ Kd5 53.Nb6+ Kd4 54.Re4+ Kd3 55.Ra4 Rf5+ 56.Kg3 Kc3 57.Nd7 Kb3 58.Ra1 Kb2 59.Ra4 Kb3 60.Nb6 Kc3 61.Kg2 Kb3 62.Ra1 Kb4 63.Ra4+ Kb3 64.Kg3 Kc3 ½-½ (64) Ivic,V (2585)-Adhiban,B (2610) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023 *)* 13.Qd2 g5 14.Bf2 Ne5 15.Rad1 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.a3 Nh5 18.Rfe1 Nf4 19.Bf1 Qf6 20.Rc1 h5 21.Red1 h4 22.Be3 Bd7 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 d5 25.Qc2 h3 26.g3 Nxf3 27.Qf2 Ne5 28.Bd4 Ng4 29.Qg1 Qxf5 30.gxf4 Qxf4 31.Be2 Rxe2 32.Nxe2 Qe4+ 0-1 (32) Tin,J (2570)-Chigaev,M (2617) Singapore SGP 2023;

B2d23) 11.Be3 a6 12.Nc2 Ne5 13.f4 Neg4 14.Bg1 h5 15.Bf3 Be6 16.Qd3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rfd1 d5 19.e5 Nd7 20.Nd4 Ndxe5 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.a3 h4 24.h3 c5 25.Bxd5 cxd4 26.Bxd4 Rb8 27.Ne4 Bg4 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.hxg4 Qe7 30.Bc5 Qc7 31.Qb3+ Nc4 32.Nd6+ Kg8 33.Nxe8 Rxe8 34.Qxb5 Re4 35.Bd4 Ne3 36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Rd3 Rg3 38.Rd7 Qf4 39.Qb7 Qf6 40.Re1 1-0 (40) Giri,A (2728)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2741) Prague CZE 2025]

[7...h6

A) 8.Re1

A1) 8...a5 9.h3 *(9.Rb1 Nc6 10.d5 Ne7 11.a3 a4 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Nf1 Nh7 14.Ng3 b6 15.Bd2 h5 16.Nf1 h4 17.h3 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nh2 e4 20.Bh5 Nf6 21.Bg5 Nxh5 22.Qxh5 Qe8 23.Qxe8 Raxe8 24.Bxh4 Ng6 25.Bg5 Ne5 26.Nb5 Nxc4 27.Nxc7 Rc8 28.Ne6 Bxe6 29.dxe6 Bxb2 30.Nf1 Bxa3 31.Ne3 Rfe8 32.Nxc4 Rxc4 33.Rxb6 Rxe6 34.Ra6 Bb2 35.Re3 Kf7 36.Ra7+ Ke8 37.Rg3 Rg6 38.h4 Be5 39.f4 Bd4+ 40.Kh2 Bxa7 41.h5 Rg7 42.h6 Rh7 43.Ra3 Bc5 44.Ra1 d5 45.g4 Bf8 46.Kg3 Bxh6 47.gxf5 Bxg5 48.fxg5 e3 49.g6 Rh5 50.Rf1 e2 51.Re1 Rxf5 52.Rxe2+ Re4 53.Rb2 Rg5+ 54.Kf3 Rxg6 55.Rb8+ Kf7*

56.Rb7+ Kf6 57.Rb5 Ke5 58.Ra5 Rf6+ 59.Kg3 Ref4 60.Kg2 Rf2+ 61.Kg3 R6f3+ 62.Kg4 Rf4+ 63.Kg3 R2f3+ 64.Kg2 Rb3 65.Ra8 Rc4 66.Re8+ Kd4 67.Re2 a3 68.Rd2+ Kc5 69.Kh1 Rc1+ 70.Kg2 Rb2 71.Rf2 Rcc2 72.Rxc2+ Rxc2+ 0-1 (72) Drygalov,S (2547)-Duda,J (2731) chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...Nbd7 10.Be3 Re8 11.Qc2 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Bf3 Nh7 14.Nb3 Ng5 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 16.Nd5 Ne6 17.a4 Be5 18.g3 c6 19.h4 Qd8 20.Ne3 Nd4 21.Nxd4 Bxd4 22.Bg2 Qf6 23.Re2 h5 24.Rd1 Bg4 25.Nxg4 hxg4 26.b3 Bc5 27.Rd3 Kg7 28.Kf1 Re5 29.Qd2 Rh8 30.Qd1 g5 31.h5 Rxh5 32.Rc2 Qe6 33.Rcd2 Rxe4 34.Re2 Rxe2 35.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Rh2 37.Kf1 f5 38.Rd2 Kf6 39.Re2 f4 40.gxf4 gxf4 41.f3 g3 42.Re8 Rh7 43.Ke2 d5 44.cxd5 cxd5 45.Kd3 Rh2 46.Re2 Bf2 47.Bf1 g2 48.Bxg2 Rxg2 49.Rc2 Rh2 50.Rc7 b6 51.Rc6+ Ke5 52.Rg6 Be3 53.Rg5+ Kd6 54.Rg6+ Kc5 0-1 (54) Vidit,S (2727)-Jones,G (2639) London ENG 2024;

A2) 8...Qe7 9.dxe5 *(9.Bf1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.f3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Nd7 13.Qf2 Ne5 14.Be3 Be6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.b3 g5 17.Rad1 c6 18.Nb4 Qa5 19.Nc2 Rad8 20.Nd4 Bc8 21.Rd2 Rfe8 22.Red1 Ng6 23.Ne2 Be5 24.g3 Bg7 25.Bxa7 c5 26.Bb8 Ne5 27.Bxd6 Bf8 28.Bxe5 Rxd2 29.Bc3 Qxc3 30.Nxc3 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Bg7 32.Nb5 Be6 33.Be2 Kf8 34.Nc7 Rb8 35.Nxe6+ fxe6 36.Rd7 e5 37.Bf1 Bf6 38.Ke2 b6 39.Rc7 Be7 40.Rc6 Kg7 41.Bh3 Rb7 42.Bc8 Rb8 43.Ke3 b5 44.cxb5 Rxb5 45.Ba6 Rb8 46.Bc4 Bd8 47.Re6 Bf6 48.a4 Ra8 49.Bd5 Ra7 50.Kd3 h5 51.Kc4 h4 52.Kxc5 Rc7+ 53.Rc6* 1-0 (53) Gukesh,D (2637)-Adhiban,B (2633) Ciutadella de Menorca ESP 2022*)* 9...dxe5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.Bc4 Rd8 13.Qe2 cxd5 14.exd5 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Na6 17.Be3 Qd6 18.Rac1 f5 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.Red1 Rd7 21.d6 Rad8 22.Qd5+ Kh7 23.Bc5 e4 24.Ba3 Qb6 25.Qe6 h5 26.Rc2 Qa5 27.Rcd2 Qe5 28.Qb3 Bh6 29.Rd5 Qe6 30.Re1 h4 31.Kf1 Bf4 32.Red1 b6 33.Kg1 e3 34.fxe3 Bxe3+ 35.Kh1 Bf2 36.Bb4 a5 37.Qf3 Bg3 38.Ba3 Re8 39.Kg1 Kg8 40.Rb5 Qxa2 41.Rxb6 Qe6 42.Bc5 Qc4 43.Bf2 ½-½ (43) Wojtaszek,R (2668)-Fedoseev,V (2675) Budva MNE 2023;

A3) 8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne7 10.b4 a5 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.a4 b6 13.Ba3 Ne8 14.Bb4 Ra8 15.Nb5 f5 16.Nd2 Rf7 17.Qb3 Nf6 18.a5 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Rb8 20.Ra7 fxe4 21.Rxc7 Nf5 22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23.Qa3 Bf8 24.Bf1 e3 25.fxe3 Bd7 26.Nxd6+ Nxd6 27.Bxd6 Ra8 28.Qb4 Ra4 29.Qc5 Ra5 30.Qc7 Qxc7 31.Bxc7 Ra7

32.Bxe5 Bb4 33.Re2 Bf5 34.Bd4 Ra2 35.Nf3 Ra3 36.Rb2 Ra4 37.Ne5+ Kg7 38.Nc6 Be1 39.Rb7+ Kg8 40.Ne7+ Kf8 41.Nxf5 Ne4 42.Rb8+ Kf7 43.Nxh6+ Ke7 44.Rb1 Bf2+ 45.Kh1 Nd2 46.Rd1 Ra2 47.Bd3 Bh4 48.Ra1 Rxa1+ 49.Bxa1 Nb3 50.Bd4 Bf2 51.Bxg6 Nxd4 52.exd4 Bxd4 53.Nf5+ 1-0 (53) Vidit,S (2714)-Hakobyan, A (2612) chess.com INT 2022;

A4) 8...Nbd7

A4a) 9.Rb1

A4a1) 9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.Bf1 c6 *(11...Nc5 12.f3 a5 13.Be3 c6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rbd1 Nfd7 16.Nb3 Qh4 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Bf2 Qh5 19.g4 Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Rxd6 Nd7 22.Na4 Ne5 23.Kg2 Bf8 24.Rd4 Be6 25.b3 Rab8 26.c5 Be7 27.Bg3 f6 28.Red1 Kg7 29.Bc4 Bxc4 30.bxc4 Red8 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Rxd8 Bxd8 33.Bxe5 fxe5 34.Nb2 Kf6 35.Kf1 Ke6 36.Ke2 Kd7 37.Kd2 Kc7 38.Nd3 Bf6 39.Kc3 Kb8 40.Kb3 Ka7 41.Ka3 Bg7 42.Ka4 Ka6 43.Nc1 Bf6 44.Kb3 Ka7 45.Ne2 Be7 46.f4 exf4 47.Nd4 Bxc5 48.Nf3 Be7 49.c5 Bxc5 50.Nxg5 Be7 51.Nf3 g5 52.e5 Kb6 53.h4 gxh4 54.g5 Kc5 55.g6 Bf8 56.Nxh4 Kd5 57.Nf3 b5 58.a4 b4 59.Nd2 Bh6 60.Nf3* 0-1 (60) Navara,D (2697)-Caruana,F (2792) Baku AZE 2021 *)* 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.h3 Nh5 14.Be3 Qf6 15.g3 Be6 16.Nxe6 Nf3+ 17.Kh1 Rxe6 18.Re2 a6 19.a4 Rae8 20.Bg2 Ne5 21.Qb3 R6e7 22.c5 dxc5 23.Bxc5 Rd7 24.Rd1 Red8 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Qc2 Nf3 27.Qc1 Nd4 28.Bxd4 Qxd4 29.Kh2 Qc5 30.e5 Bxe5 31.Qxh6 Nf6 32.Ne4 Nxe4 33.Rxe4 Re7 34.Qe3 Qd6 35.f4 Bf6 36.Rxe7 Bxe7 37.h4 Bf6 38.b3 Kg7 39.Bf3 Qd7 40.h5 gxh5 41.Bxh5 Qf5 42.Be2 Qc2 43.Qd3 Qc5 44.Qf3 Qc2 45.Qg4+ Qg6 46.Kg2 Qxg4 47.Bxg4 a5 48.Bc8 b5 49.Bd7 bxa4 50.bxa4 c5 51.Bb5 Kf8 52.Kf3 Kg7 53.g4 Bc3 54.g5 f6 55.gxf6+ Kxf6 56.Ke4 Bd2 57.Kd5 Bxf4 58.Kxc5 Ke5 59.Kb6 Kd6 60.Kxa5 ½-½ (60) Wojtaszek,R (2670)-Shevchenko,K (2684) Warsaw POL 2023;

A4a2) 9...Nh7 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.f4 Bg7 13.Bf3 Re8 14.Be3 Be6 15.Qd3 c6 16.f5 Bc8 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.Bf4 Be6 19.Bxd6 Ng5 20.c5 Nf7 21.Rbd1 Nxd6 22.cxd6 Be5 23.Qe3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.h3 Rad8 26.Bg4 b5 27.a3 a5 28.d7 Re7 29.Bxe6+ Rxe6 30.Rd3 Kf7 31.Red1 Ke7 32.Kf2 Rd6 33.Rxd6 Bxd6 34.Kf3 Rxd7 35.Kg4 Be5

36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Nd1 Bf6 38.e5 Be7 39.Kf3 a4 40.Ke4 Bc5 41.Nc3 Ke6 42.Ne2 Bf2 43.g3 Bb6 44.h4 gxh4 45.Nf4+ Kf7 46.gxh4 Bf2 47.h5 gxh5 48.Nxh5 Ke7 49.Nf4 Bb6 50.Ng6+ Ke6 51.Nf4+ Ke7 52.Nd3 Kd7 53.Nf4 Ke7 ½-½ (53) Drygalov,S (2547)-Theodorou,N (2622) chess.com INT 2024;

A4a3) 9...Re8 10.d5 a5 11.b3 Nc5 12.Nd2 h5 13.a3 Bh6 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Na4 17.Nxa4 Bxa4 18.Qd3 Bd7 19.Nf3 Bxc1 20.Rbxc1 Ra2 21.h3 Qa8 22.Qe3 Qa3 23.Qxa3 Rxa3 24.Bf1 Bxh3 25.c5 Bg4 26.Nd2 Rd8 27.b5 Ra2 28.Nc4 dxc5 29.b6 cxb6 30.Nxb6 Rb2 31.Nc4 Rb4 32.f3 Bd7 33.Nxe5 b6 34.Rb1 Rxb1 35.Rxb1 Rb8 36.Nxd7 Nxd7 37.Bb5 Nf6 38.Rd1 Rd8 39.d6 Nd7 40.f4 Kf8 41.Kf2 Nf6 42.Kf3 Ng4 43.e5 Ra8 44.Bc6 Rb8 45.Bb5 Ra8 46.Bc6 Rb8 47.Ra1 b5 48.Bxb5 Rxb5 49.Ra8+ Kg7 50.d7 Rb3+ 51.Ke2 Rb2+ 52.Ke1 Rb1+ 53.Kd2 Nf2 54.Rg8+ Kxg8 55.d8Q+ Kg7 56.Qf6+ Kg8 57.Qd8+ Kg7 58.Qf6+ Kg8 59.Kc2 Re1 60.Qd8+ Kg7 61.Qd2 Rf1 62.e6 fxe6 63.Qd7+ Kf6 64.Qd8+ Kf7 65.Qd7+ Kf6 66.Qe8 Kf5 67.Qf7+ Kg4 68.Qxg6+ Kxf4 69.Qxh5 Ng4 70.Qh3 Rf2+ 71.Kc3 Kg5 72.g3 Rf3+ 73.Kc4 Ne5+ 74.Kxc5 Ng6 75.Qg2 Rd3 76.Qe4 Rd5+ 77.Kc4 Kf6 78.Kc3 Rc5+ 79.Kd2 Rd5+ 80.Kc2 ½-½ (80) Sargissian,G (2646)-Daneshvar,B (2598) chess.com INT 2024;

A4b) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 c6 11.h3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Nh7 13.a3 Nc5 14.Rad1 Ne6 15.c5 Nhg5 16.b4 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Ne2 Rd8 20.Rd2 Be5 21.Red1 Qg5 22.Nxd4 Bxh3 23.Kf1 Bd7 24.Nb3 Be6 25.Na5 Rxd2 26.Qxd2 Qh4 27.g3 Qh2 28.Qe3 h5 29.Ke2 Bg4 30.Bxg4 hxg4 31.Nxb7 Kg7 32.Rd8 Rxd8 33.Nxd8 Qh1 34.Nxc6 Bb2 35.Na5 Qa1 36.Qb3 Bc3 37.c6 Qe1+ 38.Kd3 Be5 39.Qc2 Qf1+ 40.Qe2 Qc1 41.Qd2 Qxa3+ 42.Kc4 Qf3 43.Qc2 a6 44.Kc5 Bc7 45.Nc4 Kg8 46.b5 axb5 47.Kxb5 Qf6 48.Qd2 Qa1 49.Qd7 Qb1+ 50.Kc5 Qb8 51.Qxg4 Qa7+ 52.Kd5 Kg7 53.Qd7 Qb8 54.e5 Qb5+ 55.Kd4 Bb6+ 56.Nxb6 Qxb6+ 57.Kc4 Qxf2 58.e6 Qc2+ 59.Kb5 Qb3+ 60.Ka6 Qa4+ 61.Kb7 Qb4+ 62.Kc8 Qf8+ 63.Kc7 1-0 (63) Tin,J (2562)-Niemann,H (2698) Almaty KAZ 2022;

A4c) 9.Bf1

A4c1) 9...b6 10.d5 a5

A4c11) 11.g3 Nc5

12.Bg2 *(12.b3 Nh7 13.Rb1 f5 14.Nh4 Qf6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.a3 a4 17.b4 Nb3 18.Bb2 Ng5 19.f4 exf4 20.Ne2 Qf7 21.Nxf4 Ne4 22.Be2 Nbd2 23.Bh5 Qd7 24.Bxg7 Qxg7 25.Rc1 Qd4+ 26.Kg2 Qf2+ 27.Kh1 Qd4 28.Qe2 Bd7 29.Ne6 Rf6 30.Nxd4* 1-0 (30) Gukesh, D (2736)-Sadhwani,R (2603) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 12...Nh7 13.Be3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nh4 Qf6 16.Kh1 e4 17.Nb5 Nd3 18.Rf1 Qxb2 19.Qh5 *(19.Rb1 Qxa2 20.Nxc7 Ra7 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Qxc4 23.e7 Rxe7 24.Ng6 Ref7 25.Nxf8 Nxf8 26.Rxb6 a4 27.Rxd6 a3 28.Bxh6 Be5 29.Rd8 a2 30.Qh5 Nxf2+ 31.Kg1 Qc5 32.h4 Ng4+ 33.Kh1 Nxh6 34.Qxh6 a1Q 35.Qg5+ Rg7 36.Qxf5 Qaa3 37.Qe6+ Kh8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Bh3 Qxg3 40.Be6+ Rf7 41.Bxf7#* 1-0 (41) Gukesh,D (2736)-Sadhwani,R (2603) chess.com INT 2023*)* 19...Rf7 20.Bh3 Ng5 21.Bg2 Qc2 22.Rab1 Qxc4 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Qxg5 Bd7 25.a4 Re8 26.Bh3 Re5 27.Ng6 Re8 28.Nh4 e3 29.fxe3 Qe4+ 30.Kg1 Qxe3+ 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Bxf5 Bxb5 33.Rxb5 Nc5 34.Rf4 Be5 35.Rg4+ Rg7 36.Ng6 Bf6 37.Rb1 Nxa4 38.Rxa4 1-0 (38) Gukesh, D (2736)-Sadhwani,R (2603) chess.com INT 2023;

A4c12) 11.b3 Nc5 12.Rb1 Nh7 13.a3 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rb2 e4 16.Nd4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 Bxd4 18.Nxe4 Bxb2 19.Bxb2 Qh4 20.Ng3 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.Nxf5 Qh5 24.g4 Qg5 25.h4 Qf4 26.Bc1 Qe4 27.Nxh6+ Kg7 28.Nf5+ Kf7 29.Ne3 Nf6 30.g5 Rg8 31.Kf1 Rh8 32.gxf6 Rxh4 33.Ke2 Kxf6 34.Bb2+ Kf7 35.Qg1 a4 36.Qg7+ Ke8 37.Bf6 Qh7 38.Qxh7 Rxh7 39.bxa4 Kf7 40.Bc3 Rh8 41.a5 bxa5 42.Bxh8 1-0 (42) Gukesh,D (2736)-Sadhwani,R (2603) chess.com INT 2023;

A4c2) 9...Re8 10.Rb1 *(10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qc2 c6 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h3 Nh5 14.Rad1 Nf4 15.a3 Qf6 16.g3 Ne6 17.Bg2 Ndf8 18.Qc1 g5 19.b4 Ng6 20.b5 Bf8 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Qc2 Rd8 23.Qa4 Bd7 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Qxc6 Qd8 26.Nd5 Kg7 27.Qa4 Bc5 28.Nh2 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Rb8 30.Ng4 Rdb7 31.Rf1 Rb1 32.Qxa7 R8b7*

33.Qa6 Rxf1+ 34.Bxf1 Rb1 35.Ngf6 Qb8 36.Nh5+ Kf8 37.Nhf6 Kg7 38.Nh5+ Kf8 39.Nhf6 Kg7 40.Nh5+ ½-½ (40) Gukesh,D (2758)-Theodorou,N (2619) Douglas IOM 2023 *)*

A4c21) 10...c6 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 a6 13.a4 Nh5 14.b4 Ndf6 15.a5 Bd7 16.Na4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Qc8 18.b5 axb5 19.Qxb5 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Qc3 23.Qxb7 Kh7 24.a6 Rab8 25.Qc6 Qd4 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Qc4 Qd2 28.Nf3 Qa5 29.d6 g5 30.h3 Rd8 1-0 (30) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024;

A4c22) 10...b6 11.d5 a5 12.a3 Rf8 *(12...a4 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Nxa4 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 f5 16.Nc3 f4 17.Re1 g5 18.h3 Nf6 19.Nh2 Rf8 20.Be2 Qe8 21.Ng4 Nh7 22.Nh2 Nf6 23.Ng4 Nh7 24.Nh2 Nf6* ½-½ (24) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024*)* 13.b4 Nh7 14.g3 Ba6 15.Qc2 f5 16.Nh4 Qf6 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bh3 e4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Bxd7 Bc8 21.Bxc8 Raxc8 22.Rxe4 Ng5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Re6 1-0 (24) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024;

A4c23) 10...a5 11.dxe5 *(11.b3 b6 12.d5 Nh7 13.g3 Nc5 14.a3 a4 15.b4 Nb3 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Nd2 f5 18.Nxb3 axb3 19.Rxb3 f4 20.gxf4 Qh4 21.Qf3 exf4 22.Qxf4 Qe7 23.Qg3 g5 24.c5 Rf8 25.c6 Be8 26.f4 gxf4 27.Bxf4 Qf6 28.Ne2 Bh5 29.Bc1 Ng5 30.Nf4 Qf7 31.h4 Nf3+ 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.Bh3 Rae8 34.Be6 Rxe6 35.dxe6 Qf6 36.Qxf3 Qxh4 37.Re2 Kh7 38.Be3 Be5 39.Rh2 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Rg8+ 41.Kh3 Qc3 42.Rg2 Rf8 43.Qg3 Kh8 44.Ng6+* 1-0 (44) Navara,D (2697)-Caruana,F (2792) Baku AZE 2021*; 11.d5 Nh7 12.g3 Nc5 13.Bg2 Ng5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.b3 g4 16.a3 a4 17.b4 Nb3 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Ne2 f5 20.Qd3 b6 21.f4 gxf3 22.Bxf3 g5 23.Kh1 f4 24.gxf4 exf4 25.Bf2 g4 26.Rg1 gxf3 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rg1+ Kh6 29.Qxf3 Qe7 30.Qxf4+ Kh7 31.e5 Rf8 32.Qe4+ Bf5 33.Qf3 Kh8 34.Nf4 Qh7 35.Re1 Nd2 36.Qe3 Be4+ 37.Ng2 Nf3* 0-1 (37) Gukesh,D (2640)-Yakubboev,N (2621) Riga LAT 2021*)* 11...dxe5 12.a3 *(12.Qc2 c6 13.Na4 Nh5 14.Be3 Nf4 15.Rbd1 Qe7 16.c5*

Nf8 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Nxc8 Rbxc8 19.Rd6 b6 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.e5 bxc5 22.Bc4 Red8 23.Qd2 g5 24.h3 Ng6 25.Rd1 Rxd6 26.exd6 Qa7 27.Qd3 Nf8 28.Re1 Rd8 29.Re7 Rd7 30.Bxf7+ Kh8 31.Rxd7 Qxd7 32.Bb3 Nh7 33.Qc4 Qd8 34.Qe6 Bxb2 35.d7 Nf6 36.Ne5 Bxe5 37.Qxe5 Kg7 38.Be6 c4 39.Qd4 Kf8 40.Qc5+ Kg7 41.Qxc6 g4 42.hxg4 Kf8 43.Qc5+ Kg7 44.Qc8 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024 *)* 12...Nc5 13.Qc2 Bg4 14.Be3 b6 15.Rbd1 Qc8 16.Be2 a4 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.h3 Bd7 19.Nd5 Nh7 20.Nh2 h5 21.Qd2 Nf8 22.g4 h4 23.Qg5 Ne6 24.Qxh4 Qd8 25.Qxd8 Rexd8 26.h4 Rab8 27.Rd2 f6 28.Red1 Nd4 29.g5 fxg5 30.hxg5 Be6 31.Kg2 c6 32.Nc3 Ra8 33.Ng4 Kf7 34.Ne3 Bf8 35.Ng4 Bd6 36.Rh1 Kg7 37.Nf6 Rh8 38.Rxh8 Kxh8 39.Bg4 Bxc4 40.Rd1 Kg7 41.Rh1 Bg8 42.Nxa4 Be7 43.Nb6 Rb8 44.Nfd7 Rb7 45.a4 Bxg5 46.a5 Ra7 47.Ra1 Nb3 48.Ra3 Rxa5 49.Rxa5 Nxa5 50.Nxc5 Nc4 51.Nxc4 Bxc4 52.Be6 Be7 53.Bxc4 Bxc5 54.f3 Bd4 55.b3 c5 56.Kg3 Kf6 57.Kg4 Bc3 58.Bd5 Bd4 59.Bc4 Bc3 60.Bd5 Bd4 61.Bc4 ½-½ (61) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024;

B) 8.dxe5 dxe5

B1) 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.h3 c6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Rad1 Re8 13.a3 Nf8 *(13...Nh5 14.g3 Nf8 15.Kh2 Nf6 16.Rfe1 N6h7 17.c5 Ne6 18.Qc1 Nhg5 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Rd6 Bf6 21.Bg4 Nd4 22.Qd1 Bxg4 23.Qxg4 Rad8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.b4 a5 26.Na4 axb4 27.axb4 Nc2 28.Rd1 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Qe6 31.Qc2 g4 32.h4 Bg7 33.Nb6 Bh6 34.Nc4 Bf8 35.Kg2 Be7 36.Qc3 Qf6 37.Nd2 Bf8 38.Qd3 Qe6 39.Nc4 Be7 40.Qe2 Bf6 41.Nd6 b5 42.Qc2 Be7 43.Nb7 Qd7 44.Na5 Bd8 45.Nb3 Qe6 46.Qd3 Be7 47.Qc2 Bf8 48.Nd2 Bh6 49.Kf2 Qd7 50.Ke2 Qa7 51.Qc3 Bg7 52.Qb2 Qa4 53.Nb1 Bf6 54.Nc3 Qa7 55.Qa2 Qd7 56.Qa8+ Kg7 57.Qb8 Qe6 58.Kd2 Qb3 59.Qd6 Qb2+ 60.Kd3 Qxb4 61.Qxc6 Qc4+ 62.Kd2 b4 63.Nd5 Bd8 64.Qa8 b3 65.Qxd8 Qc2+ 66.Ke1 Qb1+ 67.Kd2 Qb2+ 68.Ke1 Qa1+ 69.Kd2 Qb2+ 70.Ke1 Qc1+ 71.Ke2 Qc4+ 72.Kd2 Qc2+ 73.Ke1 Qb1+ 74.Kd2 Qb2+ 75.Ke1* ½-½ (75) Lysyj,I (2589)-Salem,A (2639) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 14.Rfe1 Nh5 15.Bf1 Nf4 16.c5 N8e6

17.b4 Qf6 18.Nh2 Nd4 19.Qb2 h5 20.Kh1 Be6 21.Ne2 Ndxe2 22.Bxe2 Rad8 23.Bf1 g5 24.Kg1 Qg6 25.Qc2 g4 26.hxg4 hxg4 27.g3 Nh3+ 28.Kg2 f5 29.Bc4 f4 30.Bc1 Kh7 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Bxe6 Qxe6 33.Rh1 Kg8 34.Nxg4 f3+ 35.Kxf3 Rf8+ 36.Kg2 Qxg4 37.Rxh3 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Rd8 39.Bd2 Qe2 40.Qb3+ Kf8 41.g4 Rxd2 42.Rf3+ Ke7 43.Qf7+ Kd8 44.Qg8+ Kc7 45.Rf7+ Rd7 46.Rxd7+ Kxd7 47.Qxg7+ Ke6 48.Qg6+ Ke7 49.Qh7+ Ke8 50.Qf5 Qe1+ 51.Kg2 Qc3 52.g5 1-0 (52) Makarian,R (2547)-Niemann,H (2734) chess.com INT 2025;

B2) 9.Be3 Nc6 *(9...Ng4 10.Bc5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 Re8 12.h3 Na6 13.Ba3 Nf6 14.c5 Bf8 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bd7 18.Nd2 c6 19.d6 f6 20.Rac1 Be6 21.b3 Kf7 22.Re1 Rab8 23.Re4 Bc8 24.Ra4 Re6 25.Nc4 Ke8 26.Ne3 Kd7 27.Nc2 Rb5 28.Nb4 a5 29.Nd3 h5 30.Nb2 Bh6 31.Rc2 e4 32.Nc4 h4 33.Nxa5 f5 34.Nc4 Rb7 35.Bb2 Bf4 36.Bd4 g5 37.Rc3 Rg6 38.Kf1 g4 39.Be5 Bh6 40.Bd4 Rg8 41.hxg4 fxg4 42.Bf6 h3 43.gxh3 Ke6 44.Be7 Kd5 45.h4 g3 46.fxg3 Kd4 47.Bf6+ Kd5 48.Ke1 Rf7 49.Bg5 Bxg5 50.hxg5 Kd4 51.Rc2 Rh8 52.Rd2+ Kc3 53.Ne5 Ba6 54.Rxa6* 1-0 (54) Muradli,M (2589)-Karthik,V (2581) Ankara TUR 2024 *)* 10.Qc1 *(10.h3 Be6 11.Qc1 Nd4 12.Rd1 c5 13.Bxh6 Nxe4 14.Nxd4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Qb2 Qb6 19.Qxd4+ Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rac8 21.Rad1 b6 22.f4 Rc5 23.g4 Rfc8 24.Kg2 Bxc4 25.Bxc4 Rxc4 26.Kg3 Rc3+ 27.R1d3 b5 28.g5 b4 29.Kg4 a5 30.h4 Rxd3 31.Rxd3 Rc2 32.a3 Rc3 33.Rd7 Rxa3 34.h5 gxh5+ 35.Kf5 Rc3 36.g6 Rc5+* 0-1 (36) Dragun,K (2553)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024*)* 10...Nd4 11.Bxh6 Nxe4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Re1 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Qf6 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Qg3 c6 17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Re5 Qf6 20.Rae1 Rad8 21.Qd3 b6 22.g3 c5 23.f4 Qc6 24.h4 Rfe8 25.h5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Re8 27.Qe2 Rh8 28.Rg5 Qd6 29.hxg6 fxg6 30.Rd5 Qc7 31.Qe6 Rd8 32.Rg5 Qf7 33.Qe5+ Kh6 34.Rg4 1-0 (34) Dragun,K (2553)-Duda,J (2732) chess.com INT 2024;

B3) 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Be3 *(10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe5 12.Bxh6 Bxb2 13.Rab1 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Bf3 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Re8 17.Nc3 c6 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.Nd6 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Re7 21.c5 Be6 22.a4 Bd5 23.a5 Bxf3 24.Re1 Rd7 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Nxb7 a6 27.Kf1 Rh8 28.Re3 Bd5 29.h3 Rb8 30.Re7 Kf6 31.Rc7 Ke5 32.Ke2 Kd4 33.Re7 Rh8 34.Re3 Be6 35.Rd3+ Kc4 36.Rf3 f5 37.Kd2 Rb8 38.Rc3+ Kb4 39.Nd6 Kxa5 40.Rg3 Rb2+ 41.Ke1 Kb4 42.Rxg6 Bb3 43.Nxf5 Kxc5*

44.Ne7 Ba4 45.h4 Bb5 46.Kd1 a5 47.Kc1 Rxf2 48.h5 a4 49.h6 a3 50.h7 Rh2 51.Rg5+ Kb4 52.Rg4+ Kc3 53.Kb1 Bd3+ 54.Ka1 Kb3 0-1 (54) Thybo,J (2555)-Daneshvar,B (2598) Budapest HUN 2024*; 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5 gxh5 23.Rxf4 Ne2+ 24.Rxe2 Rxe2 25.Rxf5+ Ke6 26.Rxh5 Rg8 27.a3 Rg4 28.c5 Ra2 29.h3 Rc4 30.Rh6+ Kd5 31.Rh5+ Ke6 32.Rh6+ Kf7 33.Nf3 Rcc2 34.Ne5+ Ke7 35.Rg6 Rxa3 36.h4 a5 37.bxa5 Rxc5 38.Nf3 Raxa5 39.Kf2 b5 40.g4 Ra2+ 41.Kg3 Ra3 42.g5 Rf5 43.Rg7+ Kf8 44.Rxc7 Raxf3+ 45.Kg4 R5f4+ 46.Kh5 Rh3 47.Kg6 Rfxh4 48.Rf7+ Ke8* 0-1 (48) Lagarde,M (2631)-Mamedov,R (2654) Reykjavik ISL 2021 *)* 10...Bg4 11.Rfd1 Nc6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Nd5 c6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Be2 g5 18.Bd3 Be5 19.g3 Kf8 20.Rf1 Ke7 21.f4 gxf4 22.gxf4 Rg8+ 23.Kh2 Bc7 24.Rf3 Rg7 25.Rg1 Rag8 26.Rxg7 Rxg7 27.c5 f6 28.b4 b6 29.Bc2 bxc5 30.bxc5 h5 31.Ba4 Kd7 32.Kh1 h4 33.Bd1 Ba5 34.Ra3 Bc7 35.Bg4+ Ke8 36.Rxa7 d3 37.Ra8+ Ke7 38.Ra7 Rxg4 39.Rxc7+ Kd8 40.Rxc6 Rg7 41.Rb6 Kc7 42.Rb1 Kc6 43.Rd1 Rg3 44.a4 Kxc5 45.a5 Kd4 46.a6 Kxe4 47.a7 Rg8 48.Re1+ Kxf4 49.Re7 d2 50.Rd7 Ke3 51.Re7+ Kf2 52.Rd7 Ke2 53.Re7+ Kd1 54.Rd7 Rc8 55.Rc7 Re8 56.Re7 Ra8 57.Kg2 Kc2 58.Rc7+ Kd3 59.Rd7+ Ke3 60.Re7+ Kf4 61.Rd7 Rxa7 62.Rxd2 Ra3 63.Rd4+ Kg5 64.Rg4+ Kh5 65.Rf4 Rg3+ 66.Kh2 Kg5 67.Ra4 f5 68.Ra8 Rb3 69.Ra4 Re3 70.Rb4 Re4 71.Rb2 Kf4 72.Kg2 Rd4 73.Ra2 Ke5 74.Ra5+ Ke4 75.Ra2 Rd3 76.Rb2 Ke3 0-1 (76) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024;

C) 8.d5 a5 9.Ne1 Na6 10.Be3 *(10.Nd3 b6 11.Be3 Nc5 12.Nxc5 bxc5 13.b3 Kh7 14.Rb1 h5 15.Qc1 Ng4 16.Bd2 f5 17.f3 Nf6 18.Bg5 f4 19.g3 Qd7 20.gxf4 exf4 21.Bxf4 Qh3 22.Rf2 Ng4 23.fxg4 Bd4 24.Nd1 Bxg4 25.Bf1 Qf3 26.Be3 Qxd1 27.Qxd1 Bxe3 28.Qd3 Bxf2+ 29.Kh1 Rf3 30.Qd1 Raf8 31.Be2 Bd4 32.Rc1 h4 33.Rc2 h3 34.Qe1 Rf2 35.Bd3 Bf3+* 0-1 (35) Drygalov,S (2542)-Theodorou,N (2619) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Bd1 b6 14.Bc2 Ng8 15.Nd3 h5 16.Rae1 Nxd3 17.Bxd3 Bh6 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Qe7 20.Ne2 Rae8 21.Nd4 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Nh6 23.h3 f6 24.Qg3 Qg7 25.Qh4 Kg8 26.Qf2 Nf7 27.Qxf6 Qxf6 28.Rxf6 Ne5 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Re3 h4 31.Be2 Kg7 32.b3 Rf4 33.a3 Rf8 34.Bf3 g5 35.Rc3 Ra8 36.Kf2 Kf6 37.Ke3 Ke7 38.Be2 Rg8 39.Rc2 g4 40.hxg4 Nxg4+ 41.Bxg4 Rxg4

42.Nf3 Be8 43.Re2 Bh5 44.Kf2 Kf6 45.Re1 Rf4 46.Ke3 Rg4 47.Rf1 Ke7 48.Rh1 Bg6 49.Rxh4 Rxg2 50.a4 Kf6 51.Rf4+ Ke7 52.Nd4 Rg3+ 53.Kd2 Rg2+ 54.Ke3 Be8 55.Nf5+ Kd8 56.Rh4 Rg8 57.Kf4 Bd7 58.Rh7 Rf8 59.Kg5 Re8 60.Rh4 Rg8+ 61.Kf6 Be8 62.Nd4 Rf8+ 63.Kg7 Rf7+ 64.Kg8 Rf6 65.Ne6+ Ke7 66.Nxc7 Bf7+ 67.Kg7 Rg6+ 68.Kh7 Rg3 69.Rh6 Bg8+ 70.Kh8 Kf8 71.Rf6+ Bf7 72.Ne6+ Ke7 73.Rh6 Bxe6 74.Rxe6+ Kd7 75.e5 dxe5 76.Rxb6 Kc7 77.c5 Rc3 78.d6+ Kd7 79.Rb5 e4 80.Rxa5 Ke6 81.b4 Rh3+ 82.Kg7 Rg3+ 83.Kh7 Rh3+ 84.Kg6 Rg3+ 85.Kh5 e3 86.Ra7 e2 87.Re7+ Kf5 88.Kh4 Rg4+ 89.Kh3 Re4 90.Rxe4 Kxe4 91.d7 e1Q 92.d8Q Qc3+ 93.Kg4 Qxb4 94.Qd6 Ke3+ 95.Kg5 Qa5 96.Kf5 Qxa4 97.Qg3+ 1-0 (97) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Aryan,C (2607) Sant Ferran de ses Roques ESP 2023;

D) 8.h3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.Be3 c6 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfe1 Nh7 14.Rad1 Ng5 15.Bg4 Nc5 16.Bxc8 Raxc8 17.f3 a5 18.Qf2 Nge6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Qd2 Rcd8 21.Bxh6 Bxh6 22.Qxh6 Qxc4 23.h4 Re5 24.Qe3 Qe6 25.b3 Re8 26.Qd4 Qf6 27.Qxd6 Qxh4 28.Ne2 Rg5 29.Qf4 Qh6 30.Kf2 Ne6 31.Qd6 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 Qh3 33.Qh2 Qxf3 34.Nd4 Nxd4 35.Rxd4 Qc3 36.Rdd1 Qc5+ 37.Kf1 Rh5 38.Qf4 Rh1+ 39.Ke2 Qc2+ 40.Kf3 Qxd1+ 41.Rxd1 Rxd1 42.Qc7 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Rd4 44.Qxb7 Rdxe4+ 45.Kf3 Re3+ 46.Kf2 Rc3 47.Qa6 Rc2+ 48.Kf3 Rxa2 49.Qxc6 Rae2 50.Qb5 R2e5 51.Qb7 R8e6 52.Qb8+ Kg7 53.g3 Re3+ 54.Kf2 R3e5 55.Kf3 Rf5+ 56.Kg2 Re2+ 57.Kh3 Rh5+ 58.Kg4 Rf2 59.Qc7 Rff5 60.Qc3+ Kh7 61.Qc7 Rhg5+ 62.Kh3 Rf3 63.b4 axb4 64.Kh4 Rgxg3 65.Qe7 Rh3+ 66.Kg4 Rhg3+ 67.Kh4 Rg1 68.Qf8 Rh1+ 69.Kg4 Rf5 70.Qxb4 Rg1+ 0-1 (72) Bluebaum,M (2647)-Shevchenko,K (2647) Riga LAT 2021;

E) 8.a3 a5 *(8...Nh5 9.Re1 Nf4 10.Bf1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne6 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Rc1 a6 15.b4 Re8 16.Nd5 Rc8 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.f4 Qd7 19.Bf2 f5 20.Bd3 Nd4 21.Rcd1 Bxd5 22.cxd5 c5 23.dxc6 Rxc6 24.exf5 Nxf5 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 26.Bb1 Qe6 27.h3 h5 28.Re1 Bc3 29.Qxc3* 1-0 (29) Mendonca,L (2622)-Zelbel,P (2490) Hamburg GER 2025*)* 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Re1 Bg4 12.Rc1 Re8 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Qc2 Rad8 15.Rcd1 Nh7 16.Rd5 Bxf3 17.Bc5 Qh4 18.Bxf3 b6 19.Be3 Qe7 20.Red1 Ng5 21.Qc1 Nd4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Rxd5 24.cxd5 Nxe4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Re1 f5 27.Bxe4 fxe4 28.Qc3+ Qe5 29.Rc1 Qxc3 30.Rxc3 Re7 31.Rc6 Rd7 32.Kf1 h5 33.Ke2 Rxd5 34.Rxc7+ Kh6 35.Rc4 Rd3 36.Rc3 Rd6 37.Ke3 Rd1 38.h4 Rd6 39.b3 Rd1 40.Kxe4 b5 41.Ke5 Ra1 42.Kf6 Ra2 43.f4 Rxg2 44.Rc8 Kh7 45.Rc7+ Kh6 46.Rc8 ½-½ (46) Daneshvar,B (2617)-Abdisalimov,A (2526) Ankara TUR 2024;

F) 8.Qc2

F1) 8...Nbd7 9.Re1 Re8 *(9...c6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.b3 Re8 12.Ba3 Bf8 13.Bb2 Nh5 14.g3 Ndf6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.a3 Bg4 17.b4 b6 18.Nh4 Ng7 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Nf3 Ne6 22.b5 Nd7 23.bxc6 Qxc6 24.Nd5 Bg7 25.Qd2 Nec5 26.h4 h5 27.Qe3 Rac8 28.Ba1 f6 29.Nb4 Qe6 30.Nd5 Kh7 31.Qe2 Bh6 32.Bb2 Rc6 33.Bc1 Bxc1 34.Rxc1 Rec8 35.Rcd1 Na4 36.Nd2 Nb2 37.Rc1 b5 38.Nb4 R6c7 39.Nd5 Rc6 40.Nb4 R6c7 41.Nd5 Rc6* ½-½ (41) Drygalov,S (2541)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024 *)*

F1a) 10.d5 a5 11.Be3 Ng4 *(11...Nc5 12.g3 Bd7 13.Nh4 Ng4 14.Bd2 c6 15.f3 Nf6 16.Be3 cxd5 17.cxd5 Rc8 18.Qd2 Nh5 19.Ng2 Kh7 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Re7 22.Rac1 Rec7 23.Rc4 a4 24.Rec1 a3 25.b4 Na6 26.R1c3 Nf6 27.Bxa6 bxa6 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Bb6 Rxc3 30.Bxd8 Rxf3 31.Bxf6 Bxf6 32.Ne1* 1-0 (32) Cheparinov,I (2688)-Yoo,C (2575) Almaty KAZ 2022 *)* 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.h3 *(13.g3 Rf8 14.Nh4 Nf6 15.Be3 b6 16.b3 Nh7 17.Rad1 Ng5 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.a3 a4 20.b4 Nb3 21.Nb5 Rb8 22.f3 h5 23.Bf1 Bf6 24.Rd3 Nh3* ½-½ (24) Ivanchuk,V (2664)-Asadli,V (2586) Vrnjacka Banja SRB 2023 *)* 13...Nf6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.a3 a4 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Nh2 Red8 19.Ng4 Ne8 20.Ne3 h5 21.Nb5 Ra6 22.Rd3 Bh6 23.d6 cxd6 24.Nd5 Qf8 25.Red1 f5 26.Bf3 Bg5 27.Ndc3 Bc6 28.exf5 gxf5 29.Bxh5 Ng7 30.Qe2 Be7 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Ne6 33.g3 Qf6 34.Bf3 Kg7 35.Qe3 Ng5 36.Bg2 Nf7 37.f4 Rg8 38.fxe5 dxe5 39.Rd7 e4 40.Nc7 Rd6 41.R1xd6 Bxd6 42.Nd5 Qd4 43.Kf1 Qxc4+ 44.Kf2 Qxd5 45.Qg5+ Kf8 46.Rd8+ Nxd8 0-1 (46) Nguyen,T (2656)-Niemann,H (2698) Almaty KAZ 2022;

F1b) 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Be3

F1b1) 11...c6 12.Na4

F1b11) 12...Qc7 13.c5 *(13.Rad1 b6 14.b4 Bf8 15.c5 b5 16.Nc3 a5 17.a3 Nb8 18.h3 Kh7 19.g4 Be6 20.Qb2 Nbd7 21.Nd2 Be7 22.Kh1 Nf8 23.Rg1 g5 24.h4 Ng6 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Kg7 27.Rg2 Rh8+ 28.Kg1 Nh7 29.Be3 axb4 30.axb4 Ng5 31.Bxg5 Bxg5 32.Nf3 Bf4 33.Nd5 cxd5 34.exd5 Bc8 35.Bxb5 Rb8 36.Qe2 Qb7 37.Bd3 Qxb4 38.Qc2 Rh3 39.Bxg6 fxg6 40.Nd4 Rc3 41.Qe2 Qc4 42.Qe1 Rd3 43.Nc6 Rxd1 44.Qxd1 Qxd5* 0-1 (44) Sadhwani,R (2628)-Kadric,D (2582) Saint Louis USA 2022*)* 13...b5 14.cxb6 axb6

15.h3 Qb8 16.Red1 b5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Be6 19.Bd6 Qb6 20.Bxe5 Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Bxa2 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.b3 Qa5 24.Qxc6 Re6 25.Qc8+ Kg7 26.Qc2 Qa3 27.e5 Bxe5 28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.Qc3 Qc5 30.Qb2 Bxb3 31.Re1 Be6 32.Bg4 Kf6 33.Kh2 g5 34.g3 Bxg4 35.f4 Bf5 36.Rxe5 Qc2+ 37.Qxc2 Bxc2 38.Rxb5 Kg6 39.Rb4 f6 40.Kg2 Bd3 41.Kf2 Ba6 42.g4 gxf4 43.Rxf4 h5 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rxf6 Bd3 46.Kg3 Bg6 47.Ra6 Bd3 48.Ra5+ Kh6 49.Kh4 Kg6 50.Rg5+ Kh6 51.Rd5 Bc2 52.Rd6+ Kg7 53.Kg5 Bb1 54.Rd7+ Kg8 55.Rc7 Bd3 56.Kh6 Bf5 57.Rg7+ Kf8 58.Rg3 Bc2 59.Rg2 Be4 60.Rg1 Kf7 61.Rg4 Bd3 62.Rg3 Bc2 63.Rg2 Bd3 64.Rg7+ Kf8 65.Rg3 Bc2 66.h4 Kf7 67.Rc3 Bb1 68.Rf3+ Kg8 69.Rg3+ Kf7 70.Rg7+ Kf8 71.Rg5 Kf7 72.Kh5 Kf6 73.Kg4 Bc2 74.h5 Bd1+ 75.Kf4 Bc2 76.h6 Bg6 77.Rg1 1-0 (77) Praggnanandhaa,R (2648)-Sindarov,J (2629) Chennai IND 2022;

F1b12) 12...Qe7 13.c5 Nf8 14.Rad1 Bg4 15.b4 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne6 17.Nb2 h5 18.Nc4 Ng4 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.Nd6 Rf8 21.Qe2 f5 22.Bc1 a5 23.b5 Kh7 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Bb2 f4 26.Qxg4 Rab8 27.Nc4 Rxb2 28.Nxb2 Nd4 29.Nd3 f3 30.Kh1 fxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Qe6 32.Re3 Qxa2 33.Rh3+ Kg8 34.Qxg6 1-0 (34) Yilmaz,M (2650)-Kadric,D (2584) Budva MNE 2023;

F1b2) 11...Ng4 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Nf6 15.Be3 Na6 16.c5 Qc8 17.a3 Nb8 18.b4 Kh7 19.Bc4 Re7 20.Qb3 Qe8 21.b5 c6 22.a4 Be6 23.Nxe5 Nbd7 24.Nxd7 Nxd7 25.Nd5 cxd5 26.exd5 Bf5 27.d6 Nxc5 28.Qb4 Re5 29.Bxc5 Qd7 30.Rxe5 Bxe5 31.Re1 Re8 32.Qd2 Bf4 33.Rxe8 Bxd2 34.Re7 b6 35.Bd4 Bb4 36.Rxd7 Bxd7 37.Bxf7 Bxd6 38.g4 h5 39.f3 hxg4 40.hxg4 Bc8 41.Bd5 Bd7 42.Kf2 Kh6 43.Ke3 Kg5 44.Ke4 Kh4 45.Bf6+ Kh3 46.Be5 Be7 47.Bb8 Bc5 48.Bxa7 1-0 (48) Yilmaz,M (2617)-Fedoseev,V (2688) chess.com INT 2022;

F1c) 10.Bf1 exd4 11.Nxd4 a6 12.f3 Ne5 13.Be3 c5 14.Nb3 Be6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Nd2 g5 17.b3 Rad8 18.Be2 Qa5 19.Nf1 Nc6 20.Bd2 Nd4 21.Qb1 Qc7 22.Ne3 Qb8 23.a4 Qc7 24.Nc2 Qb6 25.Bf1 Nh5

26.Nxd4 cxd4 27.Na2 Nf4 28.Nc1 d3+ 29.Kh1 Bxc4 30.Be3 Qb4 31.Bxd3 Nxd3 32.Nxd3 Qxb3 33.Nf2 Qxb1 34.Rxb1 d5 35.Rxb7 dxe4 36.fxe4 f5 37.exf5 Bc3 38.Ng4 h5 39.Nh6+ Kh8 40.Rc1 Rxe3 41.h4 gxh4 42.f6 Bxf6 43.Rxc4 Rd1+ 44.Kh2 Be5+ 45.g3 Bxg3+ 46.Kg2 Rd2+ 0-1 (46) Nepomniachtchi,I (2771)-Chigaev,M (2615) chess.com INT 2023;

F2) 8...Nc6

F2a) 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Re8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bd3 Be6 *(14...c5 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.b3 a5 17.a4 h5 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.g3 Qd6 20.f4 h4 21.e5 Qe7 22.Be4 Bh3 23.Rf2 Rad8 24.Qd3 Kh8 25.Nf3 hxg3 26.hxg3 Kg8 27.Rh2 Bg4 28.Kf2 Qd7 29.Reh1 Kf8 30.Rh7 Bf5 31.Ng5 Kg8 32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Rxf7 Bxe4 35.Qxe4 Qc6 36.Qd3 Rf8 37.Re7 Rde8 38.Ne6 Rf5 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rxg6 Rxe6 41.Qxf5 Rxg6 42.Qh5+ Kg7 43.f5 Rh6 44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Qe7+ Kh8 46.Qf8+ Kh7 47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kh7 49.Qe7+ ½-½ (49) Makarian,R (2552)-Donchenko,A (2664) chess.com INT 2023)* 15.Rae1 Rad8 16.Nd2 g5 17.e5 Qe7 18.Qd1 Qb4 19.f4 gxf4 20.Rxf4 Kf8 21.b3 Ke7 22.Nf3 Kd7 23.Bf5 Kc8 24.Bxe6+ fxe6 25.Qd3 Bf8 26.h4 Be7 27.Kh2 Qc3 28.Rd1 Qxd3 29.Rxd3 c5 30.g3 Kd7 31.g4 Rg8 32.Kg3 Rg7 33.Nd2 Kc6 34.Ne4 b5 35.cxb5+ Kxb5 36.Nd2 Kc6 37.Rdf3 Kd5 38.Nc4 Rdg8 39.Kh3 Bd8 40.Rf1 Bc7 41.Re1 a5 42.a4 Rb8 43.Rf3 Rxb3 44.Rxb3 Kxc4 45.Rb5 d3 46.Rc1+ Kd4 47.Rbxc5 d2 48.Rxc7 dxc1Q 49.Rxc1 Kxe5 50.Rc5+ Kf4 51.Rc6 Rd7 52.Rc4+ Kf3 53.g5 hxg5 54.hxg5 e5 55.Rc6 Kf4 56.g6 Kf5 57.Kg3 Rg7 58.Kf3 Rxg6 59.Rc5 Rb6 60.Rxa5 Rb3+ 61.Ke2 Kf4 62.Rb5 Ra3 63.Rb4+ e4 64.Rb2 Rxa4 65.Rb3 Ra2+ 66.Ke1 Rh2 67.Ra3 Rg2 68.Rb3 Rc2 69.Ra3 Rc8 70.Rb3 Rd8 71.Ke2 Rh8 72.Ra3 Rb8 73.Rc3 Rb2+ 74.Ke1 e3 75.Rc8 Rb1+ 76.Ke2 Rb2+ 77.Ke1 Rb1+ 78.Ke2 Rb2+ 79.Ke1 ½-½ (79) Makarian,R (2525)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024;

F2b) 9.d5 Nd4 *(9...Nb4 10.Qd1 a5 11.a3 Na6 12.b4 Bg4 13.Rb1 Nd7 14.Ne1 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 f5 16.Nd3 f4 17.f3 g5 18.Bd2 h5 19.Nf2 Rf7 20.Rfc1 Bf8 21.Na4 Rg7 22.h3 axb4 23.axb4 c5 24.bxc5 Naxc5 25.Nxc5 Nxc5 26.Bb4 Qc8 27.Ra1 Ra6 28.Ra2 Nb3 29.Rc3 Nd4 30.Qb2 Qa8 31.Rca3 Qa7 32.Bc3 Rxa3 33.Rxa3 Qc5 34.Ra4 b5 35.Bxd4 exd4*

36.Qxb5 Qc8 37.Rb4 d3 38.Qb8 Qc5 39.Qb6 Qc8 40.Qb8 Qa6 41.Qb5 Qa1+ 42.Rb1 Qd4 43.Rd1 d2 44.Qb4 g4 45.hxg4 hxg4 46.fxg4 Rxg4 47.Qxd2 Qxd2 48.Rxd2 Rg3 49.Nd3 Bg7 50.Ne1 Be5 51.Nf3 Bf6 52.Kf2 Rg7 53.Rc2 Rc7 54.Ke2 Kf7 55.Kd3 Rc5 56.Nd4 Be5 57.Nb3 Rc8 58.c5 Rb8 59.Kc4 Ke7 60.c6 Ra8 61.Rf2 Kd8 62.Rf1 Kc7 63.Rf2 Kb6 64.Rc2 Ra4+ 65.Kd3 Ra3 66.Kc4 Ra4+ 67.Kd3 Ra3 68.Kc4 Ra4+ ½-½ (68) Reshetnikov,A (2492)-Demchenko,A (2619) chess.com INT 2025*)* 10.Qd1 Re8 11.Be3 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Nh5 13.Ne1 Nf4 14.Qd2 f5 15.f3 g5 16.c5 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Rc1 fxe4 19.fxe4 Ba6 20.Rf2 Rc8 21.b4 Qd7 22.a4 Bc4 23.b5 Rc7 24.Nd1 Rec8 25.Nb2 Qg4 26.Kh1 Nh5 27.a5 Bxb5 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.axb6 axb6 30.Qb4 Qd7 31.Bxb6 Rc1 32.Be3 Rb1 33.Rc2 Nf6 34.Rc1 Rxc1 35.Bxc1 Be2 36.Be3 Qg4 37.Qxd6 Qxe4 38.Bg1 Nxd5 39.Qc6 Kh7 40.Qc2 Qxc2 41.Nxc2 Kg6 42.Ne3 Nf4 43.Na4 e4 44.Nc5 Bd3 45.g3 Ne2 46.Nxd3 exd3 47.Nd1 Nc3 48.Nb2 d2 49.g4 d1Q 50.Nxd1 Nxd1 51.Kg2 Nc3 52.Kf3 Nd5 53.Bf2 Bf6 54.Bg3 Ne7 55.Bf2 h5 56.gxh5+ Kxh5 57.h3 Ng6 58.Be3 Kh4 59.Ke4 Ne7 0-1 (59) Carlsen, M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024]

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A) 8.Re1 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Bf1 *(10.f3 Ne8 11.Be3 c5 12.Nc2 Be5 13.Bf1 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bh6 Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Qh4+ 17.Kg1 Qxh6 18.Re7 Bc6 19.b4 Qg5 20.Qe2 Ng7 21.Nd5 Nd7 22.f4 Qh6 23.Nce3 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Rae8 25.Re1 Nf6 26.Qf3 cxb4 27.Rxe8 Nfxe8 28.Re7 a5 29.Nxb6 Nf6 30.Nd5 Kh8 31.Nxf6 Qxf6 32.Ra7 d5 33.cxd5 Qd4+ 34.Qf2 Qxd5 35.Qb6 Ra8 36.Bc4 Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qh5+ 38.Kg1 Rxa7 39.Qxa7 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Qd8 41.g3 h5 42.Qa6* 1-0 (42) Vitiugov,N (2727)-Fedoseev,V (2704) Ufa RUS 2021*; 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Re8 13.Bc2 Ne5 14.b3 Qd7 15.Rc1 a6 16.Bb1 c5 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Ng4 19.Rcd1 Ne5 20.Qe3 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.h3 f5 23.f4 Nf7 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 g5 26.Bf2 Bd4 27.Qd2 Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2 fxe4 29.Bxe4 Re7 30.fxg5 Nxg5 31.Rxg5+ hxg5 32.Bxa8 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1* 1-0 (33) Tomashevsky,E (2694)-Kobo,O (2551) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10...Re8 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 a6 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rad1 Ne5 16.b3 Nfd7 17.h3 a5 18.Ndb5 Nc5 19.Bd4 Ne6 20.Be3 Nc5 21.Qf2 Ned7 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Ne6 24.Rd2 Qg5 25.g3 Qc5 26.f4 Bc6 27.Bg2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Bxb5 29.Nxb5 Rac8 30.e5 Nec5 31.exd6 Rxe1 32.Kxe1 Re8+ 33.Kf2 cxd6 34.Rxd6 Kg7 35.Nc7 Rb8 36.Bc6 Nf6 37.Kf3 Rc8

38.Nb5 Ne6 39.Bd5 Nc5 40.Rxb6 Re8 41.Rc6 Nd3 42.Rc7 Ne1+ 43.Kf2 Nd3+ 44.Kg2 Ne1+ 45.Kf1 Nxd5 46.cxd5 Nd3 47.d6 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Rd1 49.d7 Rd2+ 50.Kf3 Nb4 51.a3 Na6 52.Rc6 Nb8 53.Rd6 Rxd6 54.Nxd6 Nxd7 55.Nc4 1-0 (55) Vidit,S (2730)-Chigaev,M (2632) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B) 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.h3 Bb7 12.Rc1 Re8 13.c5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bxd4 Nxe4 16.Bxg7 ½-½ (16) Kozak,A (2587)-Boyer,M (2523) Chotowa POL 2025;

C) 8.Be3 Bb7 *(8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nd2 a5 11.a3 Nd7 12.b4 f5 13.f3 Kh8 14.Nb3 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 c5 17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.Qa7 Ng8 20.Nb5 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Nxh6 22.Qb8 Nf7 23.Qc7 Bd7 24.Qxd8 Rxd8 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Ra1 Kg7 27.Kf2 Kf6 28.Ra6 Ke7 29.Ra7 Kf6 30.g3 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Rb8 32.Ke3 h6 33.Bd3 e4 34.fxe4 Ne5 35.exf5 c4 36.Be4 Rxb5 37.Ra6 Ke7 38.f6+ Kxf6 39.Rxd6+ Kg7 40.Kd4 Nf7 41.Rg6+ Kf8 42.Ra6 Rb2 43.h4 Rd2+ 44.Kxc4 Ne5+ 45.Kc3 Rd1 46.Rxh6 Rg1 47.Kd4 Ng4 48.Rg6* 1-0 (48) Lazavik,D (2578)-Demchenko,A (2619) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 9.d5 a5 10.Nd2 Na6 11.a3 Nd7 12.Rb1 f5 13.f3 f4 14.Bf2 g5 15.g4 h5 16.h3 Rf6 17.Kg2 Rh6 18.b4 Bc8 19.Na4 Bf8 20.Qc2 Nf6 21.bxa5 Nc5 22.axb6 cxb6 23.Nxb6 Rxa3 24.Nxc8 Qxc8 25.Ra1 hxg4 26.hxg4 Re3 27.Bxe3 fxe3 28.Nb3 Rh4 29.Rh1 Be7 30.Qc3 Nfxe4 31.Qxe3 Nxb3 32.Qxb3 Nc5 33.Qc2 e4 34.Ra7 Qf8 35.Qd2 Qf6 36.Qe3 Qe5 37.Rxh4 gxh4 38.f4 Qg7 39.Kh3 Kf8 40.g5 Qb2 41.Ra8+ Kg7 42.Ra7 Kf8 43.Kxh4 Qb1 44.Kg4 Qh1 45.Kf5 Qh7+ 46.Kg4 Qh1 47.Qh3 Qg1+ 48.Qg3 Qd4 49.Qh3 Qb2 50.Qh6+ Ke8 51.Rxe7+ Kxe7 52.Qh7+ Kd8 53.Qg8+ Kc7 54.Qf7+ Kb6 55.Bf1 Qf2 56.Bh3 Qf3+ 57.Kh4 e3 58.Bg4 Qh1+ 59.Kg3 Ne4# 0-1 (59) Yilmaz,M (2586)-Firouzja,A (2757) chess.com INT 2025]

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A) 8.d5

A1) 8...b6 9.Ne1 Bd7 10.Be3 a5 11.b3 Na6 12.Nd3 Kh8 *(12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 f5 14.f3 fxe4 15.fxe4 Qh4 16.Bf3 Bh6 17.Qe1 Qxe1 18.Raxe1 Kg7 19.a3 Nc5 20.Nc1 Bxe3+ 21.Rxe3 b5 22.cxb5 Bxb5 23.Rf2 Rab8 24.Rc2 Ba6 25.Rec3 Rb6 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.Rxc5 c6 28.dxc6 Rc8 29.c7 Rb7 30.Rxa5 Rcxc7 31.Na2 Rxb3 32.Nb4 Rb2 33.h3 Be2 34.Bxe2 Rxe2 35.Rxe5 Rc3 36.Rg5 Rxa3 37.Rg4 h5 38.Rf4 Rb3 39.Nd5 Rbb2 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Rb1+ 42.Rf1 Rxf1+ 43.Kxf1 Rxe4* 0-1 (43) Nogerbek,K (2527)-Shankland,S (2672) New York USA 2024*)* 13.Qd2 Ng4 14.Bxg4 Bxg4 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 g5 18.h3 Bd7 19.Rae1 Rg8 20.Qh5 g4 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.Qh2 Bf3 23.g3 Rg5 24.Re3 Rh5 25.Rxf3 Rxh2 26.Kxh2 Nb4 27.Nxb4

axb4 28.Nd1 Rxa2 29.Ne3 Rb2 30.Ng4 Kg7 31.Kg2 h5 32.Ne3 Kg6 33.Rh1 Rxb3 34.g4 Rc3 35.gxh5+ Kh7 36.Rg3 b3 37.h6 b2 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rb1 Qe8 40.Rxb2 Qh5 41.Ra2 Qxh6 42.Rg3 f5 43.exf5 Qf4 44.Ra8+ Kh7 45.Re8 Qe4+ 46.Kh2 Rc1 47.Re7+ Kh8 48.Re8+ Kh7 49.Re7+ Kh8 50.Re8+ Kh7 ½-½ (50) Kozak,A (2607)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 8...Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Kh8 11.Bg5 Qb8 12.Qd2 Ng8 13.Be2 a6 14.Rae1 f6 15.Be3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 Ne7 18.Bd3 e4 19.Be2 Rg8 20.g4 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Bxb5 Nb6 23.a4 fxg4 24.hxg4 Qc8 25.g5 Nbxd5 26.Nxe4 c6 27.Nxd6 Qe6 28.Bc5 Qg4+ 29.Qg2 Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Rgf8 31.Bc4 Bxb2 32.Re4 Nf5 33.Nxf5 Rxf5 34.Bxd5 cxd5 35.Rb4 Ba3 36.Bd4+ Kg8 37.Rb7 Rxa4 38.Be5 Bf8 39.Kg3 Rf7 40.Rb8 Rd7 41.Rc1 Rc4 42.Ra1 Rb4 43.Rc8 Rc4 44.Rb8 Rb4 45.Re8 Kf7 46.Raa8 Bg7 47.Bxg7 Kxg7 48.Rg8+ Kf7 49.Raf8+ Ke7 50.Rg7+ Kxf8 51.Rxd7 Kg8 52.Rxd5 Rb1 53.Rd6 Rf1 54.Kg4 Kg7 55.Kf5 Rf2 56.Rd7+ Kg8 57.Ke5 Ra2 58.f5 Ra6 59.Rd8+ Kf7 60.Rd7+ Kg8 61.f6 Ra1 62.Rg7+ Kh8 63.Kf5 Ra5+ 64.Kg4 Ra4+ 65.Kh5 Ra1 66.Re7 Kg8 67.Kg4 Rf1 68.Rd7 Rf2 69.Rc7 Rf1 70.Rg7+ Kh8 71.Rb7 Kg8 72.Rb8+ Kf7 73.Rb7+ Kg8 74.Rb8+ Kf7 75.Rh8 Rg1+ 76.Kf5 Rf1+ 77.Ke5 Re1+ 78.Kf4 Rf1+ 79.Ke3 Rh1 80.Rb8 Rf1 81.Rb7+ Kg8 82.Rg7+ Kh8 83.Ke4 Ra1 84.Rc7 Kg8 85.Ke5 Re1+ 86.Kd6 Rd1+ 87.Ke7 Re1+ 88.Kd8 Ra1 89.Ke8 Ra8+ 90.Ke7 Rb8 91.Ra7 Rc8 92.Rd7 Ra8 93.Ke6 Ra6+ 94.Rd6 Ra8 95.Rd5 Ra6+ 96.Kf5 Ra1 97.Rd8+ Kf7 98.Rd7+ Kg8 99.Rg7+ Kh8 100.g6 Ra5+ 101.Kg4 hxg6 102.Rxg6 Kh7 103.Rg7+ Kh8 104.Rg5 Ra7 105.Kf5 Kh7 106.Kg4 Ra4+ 107.Kh5 Rf4 108.Rg7+ Kh8 109.Rg6 Rf1 110.Kg5 Rg1+ 111.Kf5 Rxg6 112.Kxg6 Kg8 113.f7+ Kf8 114.Kf6 ½-½ (114) Kozak,A (2598)-Kozul,Z (2507) Austria AUT 2025;

A3) 8...a5

A3a) 9.Be3 Na6 10.Ne1 *(10.a3 Nh5 11.h3 Bd7 12.Re1 Qe8 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.b4 Nf4 15.Bf1 h6 16.c5 Qe8 17.a4 Qe7 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.bxa5 Nc5 20.Rc1 Rxa5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.d6 Qd8 23.Rxc5 Ne6 24.Rxe5 Qb6 25.Rd5 Rfa8 26.Nc7 Nxc7 27.dxc7 Rxd5 28.exd5 Qxc7 29.d6 Qc5 30.Re4 Bc6 31.Rc4 Qa3 32.Rf4 Rd8 33.Bc4 Rxd6 34.Bxf7+ Kh7 35.Qe1 Bxa4 36.Kh2 Rf6 37.Rxf6 Bxf6 38.Qe4 Kh8 39.Qxg6 Bg7 40.Bd5 Qe7 41.Qb6 Bc6 42.Bxc6 Qd6+ 43.g3 bxc6 44.Qa5 c5 45.Qa8+ Kh7 46.Qe4+ Qg6 47.Qc4 Qf6 48.Qc2+ Kg8*

49.Nh4 Bf8 50.Nf5 h5 51.h4 Qf7 52.Kg1 Qh7 53.Qe4 Qf7 54.Ne3 Bg7 55.Nd5 Kh8 56.Kg2 Kg8 57.Ne7+ Kh8 58.Ng6+ Kg8 59.Ne7+ Kh8 60.Nf5 Bf8 61.Qe5+ Kg8 62.Ne3 Kh7 63.Nd5 Bg7 64.Qd6 Bd4 65.Nf4 Qb7+ 66.f3 Qf7 67.Ne6 Qb7 68.Qf8 Be3 69.Qf5+ Kh6 70.Qe5 Bd4 71.Qg5+ Kh7 72.Qxh5+ Kg8 73.Qg6+ Kh8 74.Ng5 1-0 (74) Yakubboev,N (2621)-Mamedov,R (2673) Riga LAT 2021*; 10.Nd2 h5 11.f3 Bd7 12.a3 h4 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Na4 16.Nxa4 Bxa4 17.Qc1 Nh5 18.b5 Nf4 19.Rf2 h3 20.g3 Ng2 21.Nf1 f5 22.Bg5 Qd7 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 f4 26.Bd2 fxg3 27.hxg3 Qf5 28.g4 Qg6 29.b6 c5 30.dxc6 Bxc6 31.Be3 Ra2 32.Qd1 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Bxf3 34.Rbb2 Qxg4+ 35.Kh2 e4 36.Bd4 Bxe2 37.Rxe2 Bxd4 38.Qe1 Be5+ 39.Kh1 Qf3+ 40.Kg1 h2+ 41.Rxh2 Bd4+* 0-1 (41) Drygalov,S (2551)-Ehlvest,J (2531) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 10...Bd7 *(10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Nd3 Qe7 14.Rad1 Ne8 15.b3 b6 16.a4 Nd6 17.Nb5 Rae8 18.Rde1 Qd7 19.f3 f5 20.Kh1 f4 21.Rg1 Nf7 22.g3 fxg3 23.Rxg3 Kh8 24.Qg2 Nd6 25.Na7 Bf6 26.Nc6 Nf7 27.Rg1 Nd8 28.Nxd8 Qxd8 29.Qh3 Bh4 30.Rg4 g5 31.f4 exf4 32.e5 f3 33.e6 Qf6 34.Re4 f2 35.Rf1 Qg6 36.Qe3 Rf5 37.Ne5 Qg7 38.Qe2 Re7 39.Nc6 Re8 40.Ne5 Re7 41.Nc6 Re8 42.e7 Rf7 43.Re6 g4 44.Kg2 g3 45.h3 Bxe7 46.Qe4 Kg8 47.Qe3 Kf8 48.Ne5 Rf5 49.Qe4 Qg5 50.Nc6 Qf4 51.Qxf4 Rxf4 52.Kxg3 Rf7 53.Kg2 Bh4 54.Ne5 Rxe6 55.dxe6 Rg7+ 56.Kf3 Ke7 57.Ng4 Kxe6 58.Ke2 h5 59.Ne3 Ke5 60.Rd1 Rg1 61.Nf1 Ke6 62.Rd5 Rg5 63.Rd3 Rf5 64.Rd2 Re5+ 65.Kf3 Re1 66.Kg2 Rb1 67.Rd3 c6 68.Rf3 Ke5 69.Re3+ Kd6 70.Rd3+ Kc7 71.Rf3 b5 72.cxb5 cxb5 73.Rf5 bxa4 74.bxa4 Kc6 75.Rxh5 Rb4 76.Rh6+ Kd7 77.Rh5 Rxa4 78.Rxc5 Bf6 79.Rf5 Bd4 80.Ng3 Ke6 81.Rf4 Rb4 82.Ne2 Bc5 83.Rf3 Rb1 84.Nf4+ Kd6* 0-1 (84) Sadhwani,R (2616)-Yakubboev,N (2630) Vladivostok RUS 2022*)* 11.Nd3 h5 *(11...b6 12.g4 Nc5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Kh1 Ne8 15.Rg1 a4 16.g5 Nd6 17.Qd3 f5 18.gxf6 Qxf6 19.Rg3 Qe7 20.Rag1 Rf4 21.Bg4 Raf8 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Rg4 Qe8 25.f3 a3 26.b3 Qe5 27.Ne2 Qb2 28.R4g2 Qe5 29.Rg5 Qb2 30.R5g2 Qe5 31.h4 Bh6 32.h5 g5 33.Qc3 Qxc3 34.Nxc3 Nf7 35.e5 Kh8 36.e6 Ne5 37.Rf1 g4 38.fxg4 f3 39.Rg3 Bg5 40.Ne4 Bh4*

41.Rh3 Be7 42.g5 Rf4 43.Nd2 f2 44.Kg2 Bxg5 45.Rxf2 Rg4+ 46.Rg3 Rxg3+ 47.Kxg3 Kg8 48.Ne4 Be7 49.Nf6+ Kg7 50.Ng4 Nd3 51.Rf7+ 1-0 (51) So,W (2752)-Pranav,A (2520) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 12.h3 b6 13.Qd2 Nh7 14.Rae1 Nb4 15.a3 Nxd3 16.Bxd3 a4 17.Bc2 Bf6 18.Qd1 Qe8 19.Qd2 Qe7 20.Qd1 Qe8 21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Qd1 Qe8 ½-½ (22) Giri,A (2773)-Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo NOR 2022;

A3b) 9.Ne1

A3b1) 9...Bd7 10.Nd3 Na6 11.a3 a4 12.f3 Qe8 13.Be3 Nh5 *(13...b6 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.cxb5 Nc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.d6 Qe6 18.dxc7 Ne8 19.c8Q Qxc8 20.Bc4 Kh8 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bh4 Bh6 23.Qd3 Ra7 24.Rad1 Kg7 25.Qc3 Re7 26.Rd5 Nc7 27.Rd6 Ne6 28.Rxb6 Nd4 29.Ra6 Rd7 30.Kh1 Qb7 31.b6 Ra8 32.Qa5 Rxa6 33.Bxa6 Qa8 34.Be1 Nc6 35.Qxa4 Nb8 36.Bb5 Qxa4 37.Bxa4 Rd4 38.Bb5 c4 39.a4 Rd6 40.a5 Bd2 41.Bxc4* 1-0 (41) Malek,J (2504)-Chigaev,M (2629) Eforie Nord ROU 2025*)* 14.c5 Nf4 15.cxd6 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 cxd6 17.b3 axb3 18.Rfb1 Nc7 19.Rxb3 Nb5 20.Qb2 Nd4 21.Rxb7 Qc8 22.Rc1 Rb8 23.Rxb8 Qxb8 24.Qxb8 Rxb8 25.Nb4 Rc8 26.Kf2 f5 27.Nb1 Ra8 28.Rc7 Be8 29.Rb7 Rc8 30.Rb6 f4 31.Bd2 Bf8 32.Nc3 Be7 33.a4 Bd8 34.Ra6 Rb8 35.Nd3 Nb3 36.Ke2 Bb6 37.Nb5 Bxb5 38.axb5 Nd4+ 39.Kf1 Nxb5 40.Ra1 Bd4 41.Rb1 Kf7 42.Nc1 Ba7 43.Nd3 Bd4 44.Be1 Ba7 45.Bf2 Na3 46.Rxb8 Bxb8 47.Nb4 Bc7 48.Ke2 Ke8 49.Kd3 Kd7 50.Nc6 Bd8 51.Be1 Bb6 52.Bh4 Nb5 53.Bf6 Na7 54.Nxe5+ dxe5 55.Bxe5 Bc7 56.Bf6 Nb5 57.e5 Bb6 58.e6+ Kd6 59.Ke4 Ba5 60.Be5+ Ke7 61.Kxf4 Bd2+ 62.Ke4 Nd6+ 63.Kd3 Bc1 64.g4 Ba3 65.h3 Bc1 66.Bg3 Bg5 67.Kd4 Nb7 68.Kc4 Nd8 69.f4 Bf6 70.f5 gxf5 71.gxf5 Nb7 72.Kd3 ½-½ (72) Theodorou,N (2619)-Petkov,M (2540) Mamaia ROU 2024;

A3b2) 9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Na6 11.Nd3 b6 *(11...Nd7 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Nac5 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Rad1 Rf7 17.Rd3 f4 18.g3 Bf8 19.Qg2 Bd6 20.Nd1 Qd7 21.Nf2 b5 22.Qh3 fxg3 23.hxg3 Qxh3 24.Nxh3 bxc4 25.Rc3 Rb8 26.Rf2 Rb4 27.Rfc2 Rf8 28.Nf2 h5 29.Kg2 Rfb8 30.Nd1 Kf7 31.Rxc4 Ke7 32.b3 a4 33.bxa4 Rxc4 34.Rxc4 Rb1 35.Nc3 Rb2+ 36.Kf1 Kd7 37.a5 Kc8 38.Ra4 g5 39.a6 Kb8 40.a7+ Ka8 41.Ne2 Rc2*

42.Ng1 c4 43.Nh3 Rh2 44.Ng1 Rc2 45.Nh3 h4 46.Nxg5 hxg3 47.Ne6 Rf2+ 48.Kg1 c3 49.Rc4 c2 50.Nxc7+ Bxc7 51.Rxc7 Rd2 52.d6 Rd1+ 53.Kg2 c1Q 54.Rxc1 Rxc1 55.Kxg3 Rg1+ 56.Kf2 Rd1 57.f4 Rxd6 58.fxe5 Ra6 59.Ke3 Kb7 0-1 (59) Donchenko,A (2648)-Lagarde,M (2640) Legnica POL 2021 *)* 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rab1 Ndc5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.Be3 f5 17.Rfd1 f4 18.Bxc5 f3 19.gxf3 bxc5 20.Kh1 Kh7 21.Rg1 h5 22.Rbd1 Bh6 23.Rd3 Qd7 24.Qf1 Rf6 25.Qg2 Raf8 26.Nb5 g5 27.Ra3 R8f7 28.Rxa5 Rxf3 29.Ra7 Rxf2 30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Nxc7 g4 33.Rg2 Rf7 34.Ne6 Be3 35.h3 gxh3 36.Rg3 Rf1+ 37.Kh2 Bf4 38.Nxf4 exf4 39.Rg5 Re1 40.Kxh3 Rxe4 41.Rxh5+ Kg6 42.Kg4 Rxc4 43.Rg5+ Kf6 44.Rf5+ Ke7 45.Rxf4 Rc2 46.b4 Rxa2 47.bxc5 dxc5 48.Kf3 Rd2 49.Ke4 Rd4+ 50.Ke5 Rxf4 51.Kxf4 Kd6 52.Ke4 c4 53.Kd4 c3 54.Kxc3 Kxd5 ½-½ (54) Giri,A (2773)-Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo NOR 2022;

A3c) 9.h3 Bxf3 *(9...Bd7 10.c5 dxc5 11.Nxe5 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh6 Rf7 15.Nxc5 Qe7 16.Rc1 Bxb2 17.Rc2 Ba3 18.Nxb7 Ba4 19.d6 Bxd6 20.Nxd6 Bxc2 21.Qxc2 Qxd6 22.Rd1 Qe7 23.Qe4* 1-0 (23) Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Amin,B (2684) chess.com INT 2023*)* 10.Bxf3 Nbd7 *(10...Kh8 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Nbd7 13.a3 Nh7 14.Qd2 f5 15.Bxh6 Qh4 16.Bxg7+ Kxg7 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bd1 f4 19.Bg4 Ndf6 20.f3 Ng5 21.Qf2 Qh7 22.Be6 Rae8 23.c5 Kh8 24.Bg4 Nxg4 25.fxg4 Rf6 26.cxd6 cxd6 27.h4 Rh6 28.h5 Qd7 29.Qh4 Rg8 30.Rac1 b5 31.Nd1 Ne4 32.Nf2 Nxf2 33.Rxf2 Rxg4 34.Rc7 Qf5 35.Qe7 Rg8 36.Qf7 Rf6 37.Qe7 f3 38.Rc3 e4 39.Re3 Rxg2+ 40.Kf1 Qg5 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.h6+ Kxh6 43.Qh8+ Kg6 44.Qg8+ Kh5 45.Qxg5+ Rxg5 46.Rh2+ Kg4 47.Rxe4+ Rf4 48.Re6 Rxd5 49.Rg6+ Kf5 50.Rh5+ Ke4 51.Rhh6 Rd1+ 52.Kf2 Rd2+ 53.Kf1 Rxb2 54.Rxd6 Ke3 55.Rhe6+ Re4 56.Rxe4+ Kxe4 57.Re6+ Kd3* 0-1 (57) Praggnanandhaa,R (2624)-Giri,A (2773) Oslo NOR 2022*; 10...Na6 11.Be3 Kh8 12.Qc2 Ng8 13.a3 Bh6 14.Bxh6 Nxh6 15.Rab1 f5 16.b4 Nf7 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Be2 Qf6 19.f4 e4 20.Qd2 axb4 21.axb4 Rg8 22.Kh2 Rg7 23.g3 Rag8 24.Rg1 Re8 25.Qe3 Nh6 26.Nb5 Nf7 27.Nd4 Nd8 28.Rb3 h6 29.Rg2 Kh7 30.Kg1 Reg8 31.g4 fxg4 32.hxg4 Nf7 33.Ne6 Rg6 34.Qxe4 Kh8 35.Qd4 Qxd4+ 36.Nxd4 Rf6*

37.Ne6 Nd8 38.f5 Nf7 39.c5 Ne5 40.Bxa6 bxa6 41.Nxc7 Nxg4 42.Ne6 Rxf5 43.Rd3 Re5 44.Rgg3 h5 45.cxd6 h4 46.Rxg4 Rxg4+ 47.Kh2 Rxb4 48.d7 Rb8 49.d8Q+ Rxd8 50.Nxd8 Kg7 51.Nc6 Re2+ 52.Kh3 Kf6 53.d6 1-0 (53) Cheparinov,I (2688)-Maze,S (2538) Almaty KAZ 2022*)* 11.Qc2 h5 *(11...Kh8 12.Rb1 Ng8 13.a3 Bh6 14.b4 Bxc1 15.Rfxc1 b6 16.Bg4 Ngf6 17.Bd1 Ng8 18.Bg4 Ngf6 19.Bd1 Ng8 20.Bg4* ½-½ (20) Moranda,W (2589)-Gumularz,S (2591) Bydgoszcz POL 2023 *)* 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.a3 Nh7 14.Bd2 Bf6 15.b4 Bg5 16.Nb5 Qd8 17.Bc3 Bh6 18.c5 Ng5 19.Be2 Nf6 20.Bd3 Qd7 21.f4 Nxh3+ 22.gxh3 Qxh3 23.Rad1 Ng4 24.Qg2 Qe3+ 25.Kh1 axb4 26.axb4 exf4 27.Rf3 Ra2 28.Bd2 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Qe1+ 30.Bf1 Ra8 31.Re2 Qc1 32.Nxc7 Ra1 33.cxd6 Bf8 34.e5 Rb1 35.Ne8 Ne3 36.Rexe3 fxe3 37.e6 Rb2 38.Rxf7 Bg7 39.Rxg7+ Kf8 40.Rg8+ 1-0 (40) Lazavik,D (2572)-Shankland,S (2670) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.exf6 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Qxf6 *(10...Bxf6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.Rad1 Nc6 13.Nd5 Bh8 14.b3 Ne7 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.f4 Re8 19.e5 dxe5 20.f5 e4 21.Kh1 Be5 22.Qxe4 Qg5 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Rd7 Qh5 25.g3 Re6 26.Rdxf7 Bxg3 27.Rf8+ Kh7 28.R1f7+ Kh6 29.Rh8+ Kg5 30.Rxh5+* 1-0 (30) Firouzja,A (2728)-Paravyan,D (2653) lichess.org INT 2020 *)* 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.Be3 c6 13.Nc3 Qe7 14.Rad1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd7 16.Bf4 Rfe8 17.f3 Ne5 18.Rd4 Rad8 19.Rfd1 b6 20.a4 f6 21.Qd2 Qf7 22.Qe2 Qe6 23.a5 bxa5 24.Qa2 Rd7 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.R4d3 Rb8 27.Qa4 c5 28.Rd5 Rb6 29.Qxa5 Rdb7 30.Qa4 Kf7 31.R5d2 Ke7 32.Ra2 Qf7 33.Re2 Qe8 34.Qa1 Qf7 35.Ra2 Qxc4 36.Rxa7 Qe2 37.Rxb7+ Rxb7 38.Re1 Qd2 39.Rd1 Qc2 40.Kh1 Kd7 41.h3 Rb2 42.Qa7+ Ke6 43.Rg1 Rb1 44.Qxh7 Rxg1+ ½-½ (44) Sargissian,G (2698)-Amin,B (2680) Chennai IND 2022;

C) 8.Be3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Re8 14.Rfe1 Qf6 15.Bd2 Qxc3 16.Bxc3 Nc5 17.b4 Na4 18.Bd2 Nb2 19.Rec1 Nd3 20.Rc3 Ndxb4 21.Rb3 a5 22.a3 Nd4 23.Rb2 Nbc2 24.Raa2 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Nd4 26.Rxb7 Nxf3+ 27.Kg2 Nh4+ 28.Kh3 Rxe4 29.Rxc7 Nf5 30.Rb2 Re2 31.Bc3 Rxb2 32.Bxb2 h5 33.a4 g5 34.f3 Rb8 35.Bc3 Nh4 36.c5 dxc5 37.Kg3 Nf5+ 38.Kf2 Nd4 39.Rxc5 Ne6 40.Rxa5 Rb3 41.Bd2 Rb2 42.Ke1 Rb1+ 43.Kf2 Rb2 44.Ke1 Ra2 45.Bxg5 Nd4 46.h4 Nxf3+ 47.Kf1 Kg7 48.Ra6 Nh2+ 49.Kg1 Ng4 50.a5 f6 51.Bf4 Kg6 52.Ra8 Kf5 53.Bc7 Ke4 54.Rb8 Ra4 55.Rb3 f5 0-1 (55) So,W (2757)-Carlsen,M (2830) chess.com INT 2024]

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A) 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 *(9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe5 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Rad1 Bf5 14.Bf3 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxb2 16.Bf3 Be5 17.Rb1 f6 18.Be3 Re7 19.Rb3 Rc7 20.Rfb1 b6 21.c5 Nd7 22.cxb6 axb6 23.Bxb6 Nxb6 24.Rxb6 Rxa2 25.Rxc6 Rxc6 26.Bd5+ Kf8 27.Bxa2 Rc2 28.Bb3 Rd2 29.Rd1 Rb2 30.Bc4 Bc7 31.Kf1 Bb6 32.Be2 Ke7 33.h4 f5 34.g3 f4 35.gxf4 Rb4 36.Kg2 Rxf4 37.Bf3 Rxh4 38.Rh1 Rxh1 39.Kxh1 Bxf2 40.Kg2 Bb6 41.Be4 Kf6 42.Kh3 Kg7 43.Bd3 Bd8 44.Bc2 Kh6 45.Kg4 Bf6 46.Bd3 Be7 47.Bc2 Kg7 48.Kh3 Kf6 49.Bb1 Ke5 50.Kg2 Kf4 51.Bc2 Kg4 52.Bb1 Kh4 53.Bc2 Kg5 54.Bb1 Bd6 55.Kh3 Kh6 56.Kg4 Kg7 57.Kh3 Kf6 58.Bc2 Ke5 59.Bb1 Kd4 60.Kg2 Ke3 61.Bc2 Be5 62.Bb1 Kd2 63.Be4 Bc7 64.Bb1 Ke2 65.Be4 Ke3 66.Bb1 Kf4 67.Bc2 Kg4 68.Bb1 Kh4 69.Bc2 Be5 70.Bb1 Bb8 71.Bc2 Kh5 72.Kh3 Kg5 73.Bb1 Kf4 74.Kg2 Bc7 75.Bc2 Kg5 76.Kh3 Kf6 77.Bb1 Kg7 78.Bc2 Bd6 79.Bb1 h5 80.Bxg6 Kxg6 81.Kg2 Kg5 82.Kh1 h4 83.Kg2 Kg4 84.Kh1 h3 85.Kg1 Kg3 86.Kh1 Bc5 ½-½ (86) Yilmaz,M (2640)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2023)* 9...Qe7 10.Bf4 Na6 11.Bf3 Nc5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd6 Qb7 14.Bxc5 Re8 15.Qb3 Nd7 16.Qxb7 Bxb7 17.Na4 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bc8 19.Rab1 a5 20.b3 Bd4 21.Na4 Be6 22.c5 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Red8 24.h3 h5 25.Rd2 Be5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rd1 Rb8 28.h4 Kg7 29.g3 Kf6 30.Be2 Rb4 31.f4 Bb8 32.Bf3 Ke7 33.e5 Bd7 34.Nb6 Be8 35.Nc8+ Ke6 36.Rd8 Bd7 37.Nb6 Bc7 38.Rxd7 Bxb6 39.Rd6+ 1-0 (39) Navara,D (2685)-Carlsen,M (2852) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8.Re1 Qc7 9.h3 Nbd7 *(9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Qc2 a6 13.Rad1 Ne5 14.Qd2 b5 15.Nc2 Be6 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Nfd7 19.a3 Rec8 20.Be3 Bf8 21.Rd2 Nc5 22.f4 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Bxc4 24.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 25.Kh2 Bb3 26.e5 Rd8 27.Red1 Be7 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Rc1 Bb6 30.Ne4 Kf8 31.Nb4 Bc4 32.Rd1 c5 33.Nd5 Rd8 34.Ne3 Rxd1 35.Nxd1 b4 36.Ne3 Be6 37.Nd2 Bc7 38.axb4 cxb4 39.Kg3 f6 40.Nf3 Bb6 41.Nc2 fxe5 42.Nxb4 exf4+ 43.Kxf4 Bc4 44.Nd2 Bg8 45.Nd3 Bd5 46.Ne4 Bd4 47.g3 Ke7 48.Nef2 Bb7 49.Ng4 Kd6 50.Kg5 Be4 51.Ngf2 Be3+ 52.Kf6 ½-½ (52) Komododragon2747 (3582)-Igel3 (3512) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 10.Be3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.f3 a5 13.Qd2 a4 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.Bf1 Nfd7 16.a3 Re8 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qb6 19.Qd2 Nf6 20.Qf2 Bd7 21.Re3 Rad8 22.Nc2 Be6 23.Nb4 Kg7 24.Ree1 Qa5 25.Kh1 Nb3 26.Nc2 Nc5 27.Ne3 h6 28.Kg1 Nh5 29.g3 Qc7 30.f4 Nf6 31.Nc2 Qe7 32.Nd4 Qc7 33.g4 Bc8 34.Bg2 Kg8 35.Nc2 Qe7 36.Rd4 Kg7 37.Rd2 Be6 38.Qe2 Qf8 39.Qf1 Kg8 40.Rd4 Qe7 41.Rdd1 h5 42.g5 Nh7 43.f5 Bc8 44.h4 Qe5 45.Nd4 Qg3 46.Qf2 Qxf2+ 47.Kxf2 Nf8 48.Kg3 Nfd7 49.Bf1

Ne5 50.Be2 Kf8 51.Rf1 Ke7 52.Nc2 ½-½ (52) Igel3 (3512)-Komododragon2747 (3582) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

C) 8.Qc2 Qe7 9.d5 Na6 10.a3 Nh5 11.b4 Nf4 12.Be3 c5 13.Rab1 b6 14.Rfe1 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 f5 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Rb3 Bg4 20.Ne4 Rf4 21.b5 Nc7 22.h3 Bd7 23.Nfd2 Raf8 24.Rf3 Rxf3 25.Nxf3 Ne8 26.Qe3 Nf6 27.Qg5 Bf5 28.Nxf6+ Qxf6 29.Qxf6 Rxf6 30.Nd2 g5 31.a4 Bc2 32.Rc1 Bg6 33.g3 h5 34.Re1 Kf7 35.f3 h4 36.g4 Rf4 37.Ne4 Bxe4 38.fxe4 Ke7 39.Kg2 Kd7 40.Re2 Kc7 ½-½ (40) Paravyan,D (2586)-Kokarev,D (2588) Chelyabinsk RUS 2023;

D) 8.Be3

D1) 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Rfe1 Qe7 12.f3 d5 13.cxd5 Nb4 14.Qb3 Nbxd5 15.Bf2 Nxc3 *(15...Nf4 16.Bf1 Nd7 17.Nce2 Nxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Nc5 19.Qc2 Ne6 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Rad1 a5 22.b3 Qb4 23.Bc4 Bxc4 24.bxc4 Rad8 25.c5 Bd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Rb1 Rd2 28.Rxb4 Rxc2 29.Rxb7 Rd8 30.Kh1 Rdd2 31.Rg1 Rxc5 32.a4 Ra2 33.h3 Rcc2 34.h4 Kg7 35.Ra7 h5 36.e5 Re2 37.Rxa5 Ra3 38.Rc5 Rxa4 39.Kh2 Rxh4+ 40.Kg3 Ra4 41.Rxc6 Rxe5 42.Rc2 Rg5+ 43.Kf2 Ra3 44.Re1 Rf5 45.Re7 h4 46.Re3 Ra4 47.Rce2 Raf4 48.Re4 g5 49.Rxf4 Rxf4 50.Rb2 Ra4 51.Rb6 f6 52.Rb8 Kg6 53.Rb5 Rd4 54.Ra5 Rd2+ 55.Kg1 Rc2 56.Rb5 Re2 57.Ra5 Re5 58.Ra4 Kf5 59.Kh2 Rd5 60.Rb4 Ke5 61.Re4+ Kf5 62.Ra4 Rd2 63.Rb4 Re2 64.Ra4 Re6 65.Rb4 Kg6 66.Rb5 f5 67.Ra5 g4 68.fxg4 fxg4 69.Ra4 Kf5 70.Ra5+ Kf4 71.Ra4+ Re4 72.Ra1 Rd4 73.Rb1 Ra4 74.Rc1 Re4 75.Ra1 Ke3 76.Ra3+ Kf2 77.Ra2+ Re2 78.Ra4 h3 79.Rxg4 hxg2 80.Rxg2+ Kf1 81.Rxe2 Kxe2* ½-½ (81) Tin,J (2570)-Chigaev,M (2617) Singapore SGP 2023*)* 16.bxc3 Nd7 17.a4 Nc5 18.Qa3 Bf8 19.a5 Qf6 20.Qb2 h5 21.Rad1 h4 22.Qc1 Kh7 23.Bc4 b5 24.axb6 axb6 25.e5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Nxc6 Qf6 28.Nd4 h3 29.Bd5 Ra7 30.g3 Rd7 31.c4 Re7 32.Qf4 Qxf4 33.gxf4 Bh6 34.Bg3 Bg7 35.Kf2 Ra7 36.Rd2 Ra3 37.Nb5 Rb3 38.Nd6 Bf5 39.Nxf5 gxf5 40.Bxf7 Nd3+ 41.Ke2 Nc1+ 42.Kd1 Nd3 43.Ke2 Nc5 44.Bf2 Bc3 45.Ra2 Kg7 46.Bd5 Kg6 47.Be3 Bf6 48.Bc6 Nd3 49.Be8+ Kh6 50.Bd7 Kg6 51.Be8+ Kh6 52.Ba4 Rc3 53.Rc2 Nc5 54.Rxc3 Bxc3 55.Bc2 Kg6 56.Bd3 Kf6 57.Bc2 Kg6 58.Bf2 Bb2 59.Kd2 Ba3 60.Bd3 Ne6 61.Bxb6 Nxf4 62.Bf1 Kf6 63.c5 Ne6 64.c6 Bd6 65.Bxh3 Bxh2 66.Bf1 Bd6 67.Bc4 Nc7 68.Bd4+ Kg5 69.Ke2 Kf4 70.Be3+ Ke5 71.Kd3 Kf6 72.Bf2 Kg5 73.Be3+ Kf6 74.Bd2 Ke5 75.f4+ Kf6 76.Bc3+ Ke7 77.Ke3 Ne6 78.Be5 Bc5+ 79.Kd3 Bb6

80.Bxe6 Kxe6 81.Kc4 Ke7 82.Kb5 Be3 83.Ka6 1-0 (83) Aronian,L (2765)-Rapport,R (2776) Warsaw POL 2022;

D2) 8...Qe7 9.d5 Na6 *(9...a5 10.Nd2 Na6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Kh1 Bd7 13.a4 b6 14.Rg1 Nc5 15.Nd2 Kh8 16.g4 Qd8 17.Rg2 Ng8 18.Qg1 Rb8 19.b3 Rb7 20.Rd1 Be8 21.Rg3 f6 22.Rh3 Ne7 23.f4 exf4 24.Bxf4 g5 25.Be3 Ng6 26.Rf1 Re7 27.Bd1 Bd7 28.Rg3 Kg8 29.Bc2 h6 30.dxc6 Bxc6 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.cxd5 Rc7 33.Rc1 Ne5 34.Nb1 Ng6 35.Bd2 Qe7 36.Nc3 f5 37.gxf5 Nxe4 38.Nxe4 Rxc2 39.Re1 Rxf5 40.Nxg5 Re5 41.Ne6 Rxd2 42.Rxe5 Bxe5 43.Rxg6+ Kh7 44.Qb1 Rd1+ 45.Qxd1 Kxg6 46.Qd3+ Kf6 47.Qf3+ Kg6 48.Qe4+ Kf7 49.Qh7+* ½-½ (49) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 10.h3 Ne8 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Qa4 c5 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.a3 Nac7 15.Qa5 Bb7 16.Rab1 Ne6 17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.b4 Nf6 19.bxc5 Ba8 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.cxd6 Rxd6 22.Rb4 Rdd8 23.c5 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Bd2 Bxe4 26.Rc1 Bc6 27.Kf1 Rfe8 28.Bf3 Rc8 29.Bxc6 Rxc6 30.Rb7 Re7 31.Rxe7 Bxe7 32.Bb4 d3 33.Rc4 Kf8 34.Ke1 Ke8 35.Kd2 a5 36.Bxa5 Rxc5 37.Rxc5 Bxc5 38.Bb4 Bxf2 39.Kxd3 Kd7 40.Ke4 Kc6 41.Kf4 Bd4 42.Kg5 Bg7 43.Kh4 Bh6 44.Kg3 Kb5 45.Be7 f5 ½-½ (45) Rubichess (3508)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

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A) 8.d5 Na6 9.Bg5 h6 *(9...Nc5 10.Nd2 a5 11.b3 h6 12.Be3 Nh7 13.a3 f5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Na6 17.b5 Nc5 18.Qa7 Qe7 19.b6 cxb6 20.Qxb6 Nd7 21.Qc7 Qd8 22.Qxd6 Rf6 23.Qb4 Bf8 24.d6 f4 25.Ba7 Rxd6 26.Nb5 Ra6 27.c5 Nhf6 28.Nc4 Kh7 29.Ncd6 b6 30.c6 Nc5 31.c7 Qd7 32.Nxc8 Qxc8 33.Qc4 Ra4 34.Qf7+ Bg7 35.Nd6* 1-0 (35) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Salem,A (2690) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Nh4 Nf6 14.f4 e4 15.Be3 Kh7 16.Kh1 Rg8 17.Qd2 h5 18.h3 Bd7 19.Bd4 Bh8 20.Nd1 Qf7 21.Ne3 Ne8 22.g4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Qg7 25.Nhxf5 Qxd4 26.Nxd4 Nc5 27.Kg2 Kg6 28.Rh1 c6 29.g5 Kf7 30.Rh7+ Rg7 31.Rah1 Nd3 32.Kg3 cxd5 33.cxd5 Rc8 34.f5 Kf8 35.Rh8+ Ke7 36.R1h7 Rxh7 37.Rxh7+ Kf8 38.Rxd7 Ne5 39.Rxb7 Rc1 40.f6 Rg1+ 41.Ng2 Nf7 42.Ne6+ Kg8 43.Bh5 Nxg5 44.Bxe8 e3 45.Nxg5 e2 46.Re7 Kf8 47.Nh7+ Kg8 48.f7+ 1-0 (48) Makarian,R (2543)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025;

B) 8.Re1 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxe4 10.Bf3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qd8 12.Rb1 c6 13.Bf4 Na6 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Nb3 Na4 16.Rbc1 Be5 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxd2 19.Nxd2 Rd8 20.Nb3 Nb2 21.c5 Be6 22.Be2 Re8 23.Kf1 Na4 24.c4 Rad8 25.f4 f6 26.Re3 Kf7

27.Kf2 h5 28.g3 Re7 29.Re1 Rdd7 30.Rc1 Bg4 31.Rxe7+ Rxe7 32.Bd3 Nb2 33.Bf1 Nd1+ 34.Kg1 Re1 35.Nd2 Bh3 36.Rb1 Ke6 37.Rc1 h4 38.Rb1 Kf5 39.gxh4 Kxf4 40.a3 f5 41.a4 a5 42.Ra1 Ke3 43.Ra3+ Kxd2 44.Rd3+ Kc2 45.Rxh3 f4 46.Rf3 Ne3 47.Rxf4 Rxf1+ 48.Rxf1 Nxf1 49.Kxf1 Kb3 50.Kf2 Kxa4 51.Kg3 Kb3 52.Kg4 a4 53.Kg5 a3 54.Kxg6 a2 55.h5 a1Q 56.h6 Qh8 0-1 (56) Drygalov,S (2547)-Carlsen,M (2859) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 8.dxe5 dxe5

C1) 9.b4 Bg4 10.b5 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qc8 *(11...Qe6 12.Nd5 Rc8 13.Ba3 Bf8 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Qd2 Kg7 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.Rfd1 h5 18.Rac1 c6 19.a4 Qe7 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 cxb5 22.axb5 a6 23.Ra1 Kf8 24.Be2 Ke7 25.Rad1 axb5 26.cxb5 Ra1 27.Rxa1 Kxd6 28.g4 hxg4 29.Bxg4 Rc4 30.Ra8 Nd7 31.Bxd7 Kxd7 32.Rb8 Rxe4 33.Rxb7+ Ke6 34.b6 Rb4 35.Kg2 g5 36.h3 Rb3 37.Rb8 Kf5 38.Rb7 f6 39.Rb8 Kf4 40.b7 f5 41.h4 gxh4 42.Rh8 Rxb7 43.Rxh4+ Kg5 44.Ra4 e4 45.Ra3 Rb2 46.Rg3+ Kf6 47.Ra3 f4 48.Kg1 Kf5 49.Ra4 Rb1+ 50.Kg2 f3+ 51.Kh2 Rf1 52.Ra2 Kf4 53.Rb2 Ke5 54.Ra2 Re1 55.Ra5+ Kf4 56.Ra8 Rf1 57.Ra2 Kg4 58.Rb2 Kf5 59.Rb5+ Kf4 60.Rb2 Re1 61.Rb8 Ke5 62.Re8+ Kd4 63.Kg3 Kd3 64.Kf4 Rh1 65.Ra8 Rh2 66.Ra2 Rg2 67.Rb2 Rg8 68.Rb3+ Ke2 69.Rb2+ Kf1 70.Kxe4 Kg2 71.Ra2 Re8+ 72.Kd3 Kf1 73.Rb2 Re2 74.Rb8 Kxf2 75.Rh8 Re3+ 76.Kd2 Re7 77.Kd3 Rd7+ 78.Kc2 Ke2 79.Re8+ Kf1 80.Rf8 f2 81.Kc3 Rg7 82.Kd2 Kg2* 0-1 (82) Suleymenov,A (2500)-Hakobyan,A (2625) New York USA 2024*)* 12.Be3 c6 13.Qb3 Nbd7 14.Rfd1 Re8 15.Rd2 Nf8 16.c5 Ne6 17.Rad1 h5 18.h3 Nh7 19.Be2 Nd4 20.Qb1 Nf8 21.Bc4 Nfe6 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Ne2 cxb5 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Bxd4 Qxe4 26.Bxg7 Qxb1 27.Rxb1 Kxg7 28.Rxb5 Re7 29.Rdb2 Rb8 30.c6 b6 31.Rd5 Rc7 32.Rc2 Rbc8 33.Rd6 b5 34.Rc5 a6 35.f4 Kf8 36.f5 Ke7 37.Rcd5 Rxc6 38.f6+ Ke8 39.Re5+ Kf8 40.Red5 Kg8 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Rxd6 43.Rxd6 Rc4 44.g5 Rg4+ 45.Kf2 Rxg5 46.Rxa6 Re5 47.Kf3 Re6 48.Ra8+ Kh7 49.Rb8 Rxf6+ 50.Kg4 Rf5 51.Rb7 Kg7 52.a3 Rc5 53.Rb6 Rc4+ 54.Kg5 Ra4 55.Rxg6+ Kf8 56.Rb6 Rxa3 57.Rxb5 Kg7 58.Kf5 Ra4 59.Kg5 Ra1 60.Rb6 Rg1+ 61.Kf5 Rg6 62.Rxg6+ fxg6+ 63.Kg5 Kf7 64.Kg4 Kf6 65.Kf4 g5+ 66.Kg4 Kg6 67.Kg3 Kf5 68.Kf3 g4+ 69.Kg3 Kg5 70.Kg2 Kf4 71.Kf2 g3+ 72.Kg2 Kg4 73.Kg1 Kf3 74.Kf1 g2+ 75.Kg1 Kg3 ½-½ (75) Wagner,D (2617)-Sychev,K (2532) chess.com INT 2024;

C2) 9.Be3 Na6 10.h3 *(10.Rb1 c6 11.b4 Qe7 12.c5 Rd8 13.Qa4 Nc7 14.h3 a6 15.Rfd1*

Bd7 16.Qc2 Nb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Nd2 Nh5 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nxa4 Be6 21.Nf3 Nf4 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Rd1 Qe7 25.Nb6 Ra3 26.Qd2 Bc3 27.Qxf4 Bxb4 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Rd8 Rxf3 30.Rh8 Qxc5 31.gxf3 Qg5+ 32.Kh2 Qh5 33.Rg8+ Kh6 34.Qf4+ Qg5 35.Qxg5+ Kxg5 36.Kg2 Kh4 37.Rb8 Bxh3+ 38.Kg1 Be6 39.Rxb7 Bc5 40.Nd7 Bd4 41.Nf8 Ba2 42.Nxh7 c5 43.Kg2 g5 44.Nf8 g4 45.Nd7 Bc4 46.Rc7 Be2 47.fxg4 c4 48.f3 c3 49.Nc5 Bd1 50.Nd3 Bb3 51.Nc1 Be6 52.Ne2 Be5 53.Rc5 f6 54.Nxc3 Kg5 55.Ne2 Kg6 56.f4 Bd6 57.Rc6 Bxg4 58.Rxd6 1-0 (58) Wojtaszek,R (2717)-Mamedov,R (2654) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 10...c6 11.a3 Nh5 *(11...Qe7 12.b4 Rd8 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Bxa7 Ra8 17.Be3 Nxb4 18.Qb2 Na6 19.Rb1 Bc8 20.Na4 Nf4 21.Bf1 Ne6 22.Nb6 Rb8 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxb7 Qxb7 25.Rxb7 Nac5 26.Rb6 Na4 27.Ra6 Nac5 28.Ra5 Nb3 29.Ra7 Ned4 30.Ng5 f6 31.Nf7 Bf8 32.Nh6+ Kh8 33.Nf7+ Kg8 34.Nh6+ Kh8 35.Rf7 Nc5 36.Rxf6 Nxe4 37.Rf7 Bxa3 38.Rd7 Nf5 39.Nf7+ Kg8 40.Nh6+ Nxh6 41.Bxh6 Bf8 42.Be3 Bc5 43.Bd3 Nf6 44.Rb7 Bxe3 45.fxe3 Rd8 46.Be2 Rd2 47.Kf1 Rc2 48.Bd3 Rc3 49.Be2 Ne4 50.Bf3 Rxc4 51.Re7 Nd2+ 52.Ke2 Nxf3 53.gxf3 e4 54.fxe4 Rc2+ 55.Kf3 c5 56.e5 Rc4 57.e6 h5 58.e4 g5 59.Rc7 Rc3+ 60.Kg2 Kf8 61.Rh7 h4 62.Rf7+ Ke8 63.Rc7 c4 64.Kh2 Kd8 65.Rd7+ Ke8 66.Rc7 Kf8 67.Rf7+ Kg8 68.Rc7 Rc2+ 69.Kg1 Kf8 70.Rf7+ Ke8 71.Rc7 c3 72.e5 Rc1+ 73.Kg2 Rc2+ 74.Kg1 g4 75.hxg4 h3 76.Kh1 Kf8 77.g5 Rg2 78.Rxc3 Rxg5 79.Rxh3 Rxe5 80.Rf3+ Ke7 81.Kg2 Kxe6 82.Kf2 Rf5 83.Rxf5 Kxf5 ½-½* (83) Yilmaz,M (2630)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2784) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.b4 Nf4 13.b5 Nc7 14.Bc5 Nce6 15.Bxf8 Bxf8 16.h4 Bc5 17.g3 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Nd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Rac1 h5 21.Kg2 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Qxa3 23.Qd2 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.Ne2 Be3 26.Rc3 Bxd2 27.Rxa3 Bb4 28.Ra4 c5 29.Rc1 a5 30.bxa6 bxa6 31.Nc3 Bxc4 32.Nd5 Bxd5 33.exd5 a5 34.Kf2 Rd8 35.Rd1 f5 36.Ke2 Kf7 37.Ra2 Ke7 38.Raa1 c4 39.Rac1 c3 40.Rc2 Kd6 41.g4 Rc8 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Rg1 Rc4 44.Rg5 Rxh4 45.Rxf5 Kxd5 46.Kd3 Rd4+ 47.Ke2 h4 48.Rh5 a4 49.Rh8 a3 50.Rc8 h3 51.Ke3 Rd2 52.Rd8+ Ke6 53.Rcxd2 cxd2 54.Ke2 h2 0-1 (54) Lazavik,D (2572)-Sargsyan,S (2666) chess.com INT 2025]

[7...Re8

A) 8.d5

A1) 8...a5

A1a) 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.Nd2 *(10.Ne1 Nc5 11.f3 Nh5 12.g3 b6 13.Nd3 f5 14.Bxc5 bxc5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.g4 Bxd3 17.Bxd3 Nf4 18.Be4*

Rf8 19.Ne2 Nh3+ 20.Kg2 Ng5 21.Qd3 Rb8 22.b3 a4 23.Ng3 Rf4 24.h3 Ra8 25.Ne2 Rf8 26.Ng3 Qe7 27.Rab1 axb3 28.axb3 Ra2+ 29.Ne2 Nf7 30.Ra1 Rfa8 31.Rxa2 Rxa2 32.Rf2 Qh4 33.Qb1 Rd2 34.Qe1 Bh6 35.Ng1 Bf4 36.Kf1 Rxf2+ 37.Qxf2 Qd8 38.Qa2 Ng5 39.Kg2 Kg7 40.Qa5 Be3 41.Ne2 Qe7 42.Qc3 Bd4 43.Qd2 Qf6 44.Qd3 Nf7 45.Qd2 Qh4 46.Nxd4 exd4 47.f4 g5 48.f5 h5 49.Bf3 hxg4 50.hxg4 Ne5 51.Qf2 Qxf2+ 52.Kxf2 Kf6 53.Be2 Nd7 54.Kf3 Ke5 55.Bd3 Nf6 56.Bc2 Nd7 57.Bd3 Nb8 58.Bc2 Na6 59.Bd3 Nb4 60.Bb1 c6 61.dxc6 Nxc6 62.Be4 Na5 63.Bc2 Nc6 64.Be4 Ne7 65.Bb1 Ng8 66.Bc2 Nf6 67.Bd3 d5 68.cxd5 Kxd5 69.Bc4+ Kc6 70.Be2 Kb6 71.Bc4 Ka5 72.Ke2 Kb4 73.Kd3 Nxg4 74.Ke4 Nf6+ 75.Ke5 g4 76.Bf1 g3 77.Kf4 Kxb3 78.Kxg3 c4 79.Kf4 c3 80.Bd3 c2 81.Bxc2+ Kxc2 82.Ke5 d3 83.Kxf6 d2 84.Kg7 d1Q 85.f6 Qd4 0-1 (85) Sarana,A (2685)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2617) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 10...Kh8 11.a3 Ng8 12.b4 f5 13.f3 Bh6 14.Bxh6 Nxh6 15.Nb3 a4 16.Nc1 Nf6 17.c5 f4 18.Nd3 g5 19.g4 Nf7 20.Kf2 h5 21.h3 Kg7 22.Ke1 Rh8 23.Kd2 Bd7 24.Kc1 hxg4 25.hxg4 Rh2 26.Ra2 Qh8 27.Rc2 Qh3 28.Kb2 Nh8 29.Rf2 Rh1 30.Rf1 Rh2 31.Nf2 Qg3 32.Bb5 Be8 33.Rg1 Qh4 34.Nd3 Ng6 35.Bxe8 Nxe8 36.Nb5 Rd8 37.cxd6 cxd6 38.Kb1 Rxc2 39.Qxc2 Kf7 40.Qd1 Nf6 41.Nb2 Ke7 42.Nc4 Qf2 43.Rf1 Qg2 44.Rg1 Qf2 45.Qf1 Qxf1+ 46.Rxf1 Nh4 47.Kc2 Ng6 48.Kd3 Ne8 49.Nb6 Nf8 50.Rc1 Rb8 51.Rc2 Ng6 52.Rc8 Rxc8 53.Nxc8+ Kd7 54.Nb6+ Kd8 55.Nxa4 Nh4 56.Ke2 Ng2 57.Nb6 Ne3 58.Kd3 Ng2 59.Kd2 Ne3 60.Kd3 Ng2 61.Nc4 Kd7 62.Ke2 Nh4 63.a4 Ng6 64.a5 Ne7 65.Nc3 Nc7 66.b5 Ng6 67.b6 Ne8 68.Nb5 Nh4 69.a6 bxa6 70.Nc7 1-0 (70) Gukesh,D (2758)-Jumabayev,R (2585) Hangzhou CHN 2023;

A1b) 9.Bg5 Na6 10.Nd2 Bd7 11.a3 Qe7 12.Rb1 Reb8 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 c5 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qc2 Qd8 17.Nb3 b6 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Ra1 h6 21.Bd2 Ra8 22.Qb1 Rxa1 23.Qxa1 Qb8 24.Bd3 Ne8 25.Nb5 Bf8 26.Qa7 ½-½ (26) Yilmaz,M (2568)-Saric,I (2668) Petrovac MNE 2024;

A2) 8...Nbd7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.b4 a5 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qa7 Re7 18.Qa8 Qc7 19.Ra1 Nb6 20.Qa5 Be6 21.c5

dxc5 22.Qxc5 Re8 23.Ra6 Nfd7 24.Qa5 Rc8 25.Be3 Nc4 26.Bxc4 Bxc4 27.Ra8 Kh7 28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.Nd2 Be6 30.Na4 Qb8 31.h3 Qb5 32.Qxb5 cxb5 33.Nc3 Bf8 34.Nxb5 Bxb4 35.Nc7 Ba2 36.Nd5 Ba5 37.Ne7 Kg7 38.Kf1 Bb4 39.Nc6 Bf8 40.Ke2 f5 41.f3 Kf6 ½-½ (41) Gelfand,B (2660)-Van Foreest,J (2679) Baku AZE 2023;

B) 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Ne8 11.Bg5 f6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Rfd1 Kf7 14.Nd2 Bf8 15.Nb3 c6 16.Nc3 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 b6 18.g3 Nd7 19.f4 Bb4 20.Kg2 Ke7 21.Rc1 Nd6 22.Nd2 h6 23.a3 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Kf3 a5 26.Ke3 g5 27.f5 Bf7 28.b4 axb4 29.axb4 Nd7 30.Kd3 Nb8 31.Kc2 Na6 32.Rb1 c5 33.b5 Nb4+ 34.Kb2 h5 35.Rh1 Kd7 36.h4 g4 37.Rf1 Kc7 38.Re1 Rd8 39.Rd1 Bg8 40.Kc1 Nb7 41.Nb3 Nd6 42.Nd2 Nb7 ½-½ (42) Vitiugov,N (2719)-Van Foreest,J (2699) Linares ESP 2023]

[7...Nh5 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 Nf4 10.h3 Nc6 11.dxe5 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 dxe5 13.b4 Qe8 14.Rfd1 Rf7 15.b5 Nd8 16.Rd3 Ne6 17.Rad1 c5 18.Nd5 b6 19.a4 h6 20.Ra3 f5 21.a5 bxa5 22.Rxa5 Bb7 23.Re1 Qd8 24.Bd2 fxe4 25.Qxe4 Nf4 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Qxe5 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Nd3 29.Qe4 Nxe1 30.Qxg6+ Rg7 31.Qe6+ Rf7 32.Qg6+ Rg7 33.Qe6+ Rf7 1-0 (33) Yilmaz,M (2588)-Galperin,P (2554) Ankara TUR 2024]

8.d5

[8.dxe5 dxe5 *(8...Nxe5 9.Re1 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Nd7 11.Be2 Re8 12.Bf1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.Qd5 Ba6 15.Bg5 Qc8 16.Qd4 Qb7 17.Bh6 f6 18.f4 Qc6 19.Re3 Re7 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.h4 Bb7 22.Bd3 Qc5 23.g4 Qa5 24.Bb1 Rf7 25.Kh2 Qa4 26.Kg3 Ba6 27.c5 Nxc5 28.Qxa4 Nxa4 29.e5 Rfe7 30.Be4 dxe5 31.Bc6 Nc5 32.fxe5 f5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Bxe8 Rxe8 35.e6 Bc4 36.e7 Kf7 37.Re5 Ne4+ 38.Kf4 Nd6 39.Rg1 Bxa2 40.Rg7+ Kf6 41.Rxh7 Kg6 42.Rg7+ Kxh6 43.Rg2 Bf7 44.Rg1 a5 45.c4 Bxc4 46.Re3 a4 47.Reg3 Bf7 48.Rg7 Rxe7 49.h5 Re4+ 50.Kf3 Bxh5+ 51.Kf2 Re2+ 52.Kf1 Rc2 53.R1g3 Rc1+ 54.Kg2 Rc2+ 55.Kg1 Bg4 56.Rxc7 Rxc7* 0-1 (56) Oparin,G (2676)-Sevian,S (2699) chess.com INT 2024 *)*

A) 9.Bg5 h6 *(9...Qxd1 10.Raxd1 Ne8 11.c5 Be6 12.Bb5 f6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Rf7 15.b3 Bf8 16.Ne1 g5 17.Nc2 a5 18.f3 Ng7 19.Rd2 Bc8 20.Rfd1 Ne6 21.Na4 Ba6 22.Rd7 Bb5 23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Nc3 Ba6 25.Na4 Ke8 26.Kf2 Bb5 27.Nc3 Nxc5 28.Nxb5 cxb5 29.Rd5 Rd8 30.Na3 c6 31.Rxd8+ Kxd8 32.Nc2 a4 33.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 34.Ke2 axb3 35.axb3 h5 36.h3 h4 37.Kd3 Kc7 38.Kc3 Kb6 39.Kd3 Bf2 40.Ke2 Bd4 41.Kd3 c5 42.Na3 Ka6 43.Nc2 Ka5 44.Kd2 c4 45.bxc4 bxc4 46.Ne1 Kb4 47.Nc2+ Kb3 48.Kd1 Kc3 49.Kc1 Kd3 50.Kd1 Bc3 51.Na3 Bb4 52.Nb5 c3* 0-1 (52) Kunin,V (2522)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2022*; 9...Bg4 10.Qxd8 Nxd8 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 Kg7 13.Nxc7 Rc8 14.Nd5 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Rxc4 16.Rac1 Rxc1*

17.Rxc1 Nc6 18.Bd1 Rc8 19.g3 Ne7 20.Rxc8 Nxc8 21.Kf1 Nd6 22.Bc2 Bg5 23.f4 Bf6 24.b4 g5 25.Nxf6 Kxf6 26.fxg5+ Kxg5 27.h4+ Kf6 28.Bd3 h6 29.Ke2 Kg6 30.Kf3 Kf6 31.Ke3 ½-½ (31) Li,C (2691)-Rapport,R (2735) China CHN 2019*)* 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 Kg7 13.Nxc7 Rb8 14.Rfd1 Bg4 15.Kf1 Rbc8 16.Rxd8 Bxd8 17.Ne8+ Kf8 18.Nd6 Rb8 19.c5 Be7 20.Rd1 Be6 21.a3 b6 22.cxb6 Rxb6 23.b4 Rb8 24.Nc4 f6 25.Ne3 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Bc4 Bd7 28.Ke2 a5 29.b5 Na7 30.a4 Nc8 31.Nd5 Nb6 32.Nxb6 Bxb6 33.Nd2 Ke7 34.f3 f5 35.Kd3 Bc5 36.Bd5 Bb4 37.Nc4 Kf6 38.b6 Bc5 39.b7 Ba7 40.Nxa5 Bxa4 41.Bc6 Bd1 42.Bb5 fxe4+ 43.fxe4 Bb8 44.Nc6 Bc7 45.b8Q Bxb8 46.Nxb8 Kg5 47.Be8 Bb3 48.Nd7 Kf4 49.Bxg6 Ba4 50.Bf5 Bb5+ 51.Kd2 h5 52.g3+ Kf3 53.Nxe5+ Kg2 54.h3 Kxg3 55.Nd3 h4 56.e5 Bc6 57.e6 Bb5 58.Ke3 Be8 59.e7 Bf7 60.Nf4 Be8 61.Nd5 Kg2 62.Nf6 Bf7 63.Kf4 Kh2 64.Kg4 Kg2 65.Kxh4 Kf3 66.Kg5 Ke3 67.Bg6 Bc4 68.e8Q+ 1-0 (68) Ragger,M (2603)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 *(9...Nxd8 10.Be3 Ne6 11.h3 c6 12.Nxe5 Nxe4 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nxe4 Bxb2 15.Rad1 Ba6 16.Rd7 f5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Rf7 19.Rfd1 Rxd7 20.Rxd7 Re8 21.Kf1 Re5 22.Rxa7 Rxc5 23.Rxa6 Bc3 24.g3 Ra5 25.Rxc6 Rxa2 26.c5 Rc2 27.Bd3 Rc1+ 28.Kg2 Bd4 29.Rc8+ Kg7 30.c6 Bb6 31.h4 Rc3 32.Bb5 Rc2 33.Rb8 Bxf2 34.Rb7+ Kf6 35.Ba4 Ra2 36.Bb3 Rb2 37.Kf3 Bd4 38.g4 Rf2+ 39.Kg3 f4+ 40.Kh3 Rf3+ 41.Kg2 Rf2+ 42.Kh3 Rf3+ 43.Kg2 Rf2+* ½-½ (43) Carlsen,M (2872)-Grischuk,A (2777) Moscow RUS 2019 *)* 10.Bg5 Rf8 11.Rfd1 Bg4 *(11...Be6 12.Nd5 Nxe4 13.Nxc7 Rac8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Be3 Rfd8 16.Bd3 Nd6 17.Ng5 e4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rc7 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Bc5 Bf6 24.Kf1 Kf7 25.Rb1 Be7 26.Be3 e5 27.Ke2 e4 28.Rb8 c5 29.Bf4 Rd7 30.Be3 Ke6 31.Rb5 Rd3 32.Ra5 Rc3 33.Ra4 Rc2+ 34.Kd1 Rb2 35.Rxa7 Bd6 36.a3 Ra2 37.h3 h5 38.a4 Ra3 39.Kc2 Be5 40.Bxc5 Rc3+ 41.Kd2 Rxc4 42.Bb6 Kf5 43.a5 Ra4 44.Kc2 Ra2+ 45.Kb3 Rb2+ 46.Kc4 Rc2+ 47.Kb5 Rb2+ 48.Kc6 Rc2+ 49.Kd7 Rb2 50.Be3 Bf4 51.Bc5 Rc2 52.Bb6 Rb2 53.Ra8 Be5 54.Rf8+ Kg5 55.Be3+ Kh4 56.a6 Ra2 57.a7 g5 58.a8Q* 1-0 (57) Van Foreest,J (2702)-Le,Q (2709) chess.com INT 2022*; 11...h6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Nd5 Rfc8 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxh6 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bd3 c5 18.Bd2 b5 19.Rac1 a5 20.f4 a4 21.f5 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Rxc4 Rab8 24.Bf4 Rxb2 25.e5 Bg7 26.f6 Bf8 27.Rdxd4 Rcb8 28.Rd1 R8b4 29.Rxb4 cxb4 30.Rd8 b3 31.axb3 a3 32.Bh6 a2 33.Rxf8+ Kh7 34.Rxf7+ Kxh6 35.Ra7 Rb1+ 36.Kf2 a1Q 37.Rxa1 Rxa1 38.Ke3 g5 39.Kd4 Kg6 40.Kd5*

Kf7 41.b4 Rd1+ 42.Kc6 Ke6 43.b5 Rc1+ 44.Kb7 Rc2 45.f7 Kxf7 46.b6 Ke6 47.g3 g4 48.Ka7 Ra2+ 49.Kb8 Rxh2 50.b7 Kxe5 51.Kc7 Rc2+ 52.Kd7 Rb2 53.Kc7 Ke4 54.b8Q Rxb8 55.Kxb8 Kf3 0-1 (54) Ragger,M (2603)-Iniyan,P (2533) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Rac1 Rfe8 18.Be3 Rab8 19.b3 Rb6 20.Kf1 Rd8 21.Be2 Bf8 22.f4 f6 23.Bc4+ Kg7 24.fxe5 fxe5 25.Kg1 Ba3 26.Rb1 Rbb8 27.Kh1 a5 28.Bf2 h5 29.Bh4 Rf8 30.Bg3 Rbe8 31.Rf1 Bd6 32.Rbd1 Bb8 33.Rxf8 Rxf8 34.Rf1 Bd6 35.Rxf8 Kxf8 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Kf1 Kf6 38.Bh4+ g5 39.Bf2 Bb4 40.Be3 h4 41.Bc1 Nc2 42.Ke2 Nd4+ 43.Kd3 Bc5 44.Ba6 Bb4 45.Bb7 c5 46.Be3 Ne6 47.Ke2 Nf4+ 48.Kf3 Nd3 49.Kg4 Nf4 50.Kf3 Nd3 51.Bd5 Nf4 52.Bf2 Nd3 53.Be3 Nf4 54.Bc1 Nd3 55.Be3 ½-½ (55) Deac,B (2680)-Sjugirov,S (2644) chess.com INT 2024]

[8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 g5 *(10...h5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.h3 Nh6 13.Qb3 Qe8 14.Nd5 Rf7 15.Rfd1 Rb8 16.c5 Be6 17.Qa3 Kh8 18.Bc4 g5 19.Bxg5 fxg5 20.Nxg5 Nd4 21.Nxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rac1 Rf8 23.Rd2 Ng8 24.Ne3 Bh6 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.c6 bxc6 27.Rc5 Nf6 28.Nc4 Bxd2 29.Rxe5 Qf7 30.Nxd2 Nd7 31.Rxh5+ Qxh5 32.Qe7 Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Qxd2 34.Qh4+ Kg7 35.Qg4+ Kf6 36.f4 Ke7* 0-1 (36) Pultinevicius, P (2561)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 11.Bg3 Nh6 *(11...h5 12.h4 f5 13.exf5 Nxd4 14.Nxg5 Bxf5 15.Bd3 c6 16.Qd2 Qb6 17.Nce4 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Nc3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 e4 21.Qd2 Rad8 22.Rad1 Kh8 23.Bf4 Qf6 24.Be3 Qd6 25.g3 Nf3+ 26.Nxf3 Rxf3 27.Bf4 Qc5 28.Nxe4 Qb6 29.Ng5 Rxf2 30.Rxf2 Re8 31.Nh3 Re4 32.Qxd5 Re2 33.Qd8+* 1-0 (33) Sarana,A (2679)-Iniyan,P (2513) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.dxe5 fxe5 13.Nd5 g4 14.Bh4 Qd7 15.Ne1 Nd4 16.Nc2 Kh8 17.Qd2 Rf7 18.Rae1 Qe8 19.Bg5 Ng8 20.Bd1 Be6 21.b3 Qd7 22.Be3 c5 23.Bg5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Bf6 25.Nxd4 cxd4 26.Bc2 Raf8 27.Bxf6+ Nxf6 28.c5 Nxd5 29.cxd6 Qxd6 30.Qg5 Re7 31.Qxg4 Nc3 32.Bd3 Nxa2 33.f4 exf4 34.Qh4 Rg7 35.Re4 Nb4 36.Bc4 b5 0-1 (36) Petrosyan,M (2637)-Grischuk, A (2764) chess.com INT 2022]

8...Ne7 9.Ne1

[9.Nd2 Nd7 10.b4 f5 *(10...a5 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Nb3 Ra8 13.a4 b6 14.Be3 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.a5 bxa5 18.c5 Nf6 19.Nxa5 Ng6 20.Nc6 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qd7 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Qa7 g4 24.Qxd7 Bxd7 25.Nb5 Ra8 26.Nxd6 Bf8 27.Nc4 Ra2 28.Bd3 g3 29.hxg3 fxg3 30.Bxg3 Nh5 31.Bf2 Ngf4 32.N4xe5 Bh3 33.Bc4 Rc2 34.d6+ Kg7 35.d7 Bxd7 36.Nd4 Rc3 37.Nxd7 Rxc4 38.Nf5+ Kf7 39.Ne5+* 1-0 (39) Postny, E (2570)-Predke,A (2652) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.f3 f4 12.c5 *(12.a4 c5 13.bxc5 Nxc5 14.Nb3 Bd7 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Bb2 h5 18.a5 Nc8 19.Nd1 Nd6 20.Nf2 b5 21.axb6 axb6 22.Bc3 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Rb8 24.Ra6 Bc8 25.Ra2 g5 26.h3 Nf7 27.Qd1 Bf8 28.Qa1 Bd6 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Ke1 Rb7 31.Nd3 Rb8 32.Kd2 Rb7 33.Bd1 Rb8 34.Kc1 Rb7*

35.Bc2 Rb8 36.Bb3 Rb7 37.Bd1 Rb8 38.Kb1 Rb7 39.Bb3 Rb8 40.Kb2 Rb7 41.Kc1 Rb8 42.Kc2 Rb7 43.Bb2 Rb8 44.Kd1 Rb7 45.Kc1 Rb8 46.Bc2 Rb7 47.Ra8 Rb8 48.Ra3 Rb7 49.Bb3 Rb8 50.Bc3 Qe7 51.Kb1 Rb7 52.Bd1 Rb8 53.Nf2 Qd8 54.Ra2 Qc7 55.Kb2 Qd8 56.Bb3 Rb7 57.Kc2 Rb8 58.Ra7 Rb7 59.Rxb7 Bxb7 60.Ba4 Bc8 61.Nd3 Qc7 62.Bb5 g4 63.hxg4 hxg4 64.Qa8 Qb7 65.Qa4 Qe7 66.Qa8 Qb7 67.Qa1 Qc7 68.Qa4 Ke7 69.Be1 g3 70.Bc3 Bd7 71.Kb3 Bxb5 72.cxb5 Ng5 73.Kc4 Nf7 74.Qa8 Qb8 75.Qa6 Kf8 76.Nb2 Kg7 77.Kd3 Qh8 78.Qa1 Qe8 79.Nc4 Qxb5 80.Qb2 Qa4 81.Nxd6 Qd1+ 82.Qd2 Qf1+ 83.Kc2 Nxd6 84.Bxe5+ Kg6 85.Bxd6 Qc4+ 86.Kb2 Qb5+ 87.Kc1 Qc4+ 88.Qc2 Qf1+ 89.Kb2 Qb5+ 90.Qb3 Qe2+ 91.Ka1 Qe1+ 92.Ka2 Qe2+ 93.Ka3 Qa6+ 94.Qa4 Qd3+ 95.Kb2 Qe2+ 96.Qc2 Qb5+ 97.Qb3 Qe2+ 98.Ka1 ½-½ (98) LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025*)* 12...g5 13.a4 Nf6 14.a5 h5 15.a6 b6 16.Nc4 Rf7 17.Nb5 Ne8 18.c6 Nf6 19.Kf2 g4 20.Ke1 h4 21.Ra2 g3 22.Qd2 Ng6 23.hxg3 hxg3 24.Rh1 Ne8 25.Kd1 Bf8 26.Qe1 Rh7 27.Rxh7 Kxh7 28.Qh1+ Qh4 29.Qe1 Qh2 30.Bf1 Bh3 31.Qe2 Bc8 32.Kc2 Kg8 33.Bb2 Be7 34.Bc3 Bf8 35.Kb3 Qh1 36.Ra1 Qh2 37.Qb2 Qh7 38.Bd3 Qh6 39.Nba3 Qh2 40.Ra2 Qg1 41.Qa1 Qh2 42.Rd2 Bg7 43.Qf1 Nh4 44.Nc2 Bf6 45.Ne1 Ng6 46.Na3 Kg7 47.Ka2 Bg5 48.Bc4 Kh7 49.Bb2 Qh6 50.Nd3 Qh5 51.Rd1 Bf6 52.Nb1 Kg8 53.Qh1 Qg5 54.Nc3 Rb8 55.Nb5 Ra8 56.Na3 Kf8 57.Kb3 Kf7 58.Qh7+ Bg7 59.Qh1 Kg8 60.Nb5 Kf7 61.Nc3 Kg8 62.Qe1 Qh4 63.Qh1 Qg5 64.Bc1 Nf6 65.Ka2 Kf7 66.Qe1 Qh5 67.Bb2 Kg8 68.Qh1 Qg5 69.Rd2 Ne8 70.Qc1 Nh4 71.Qc2 Bf6 72.Rd1 Ng7 73.Nb5 Ne8 74.Rh1 Ng6 75.Na3 Kg7 76.b5 Be7 77.Ne1 Nf6 78.Nb1 Nh4 79.Nd3 Ng8 80.Ba3 Bf6 81.Bb4 Nh6 82.Na3 Nf7 83.Ne1 Kf8 84.Qe2 Nh8 85.Bb3 Kg7 86.Nc4 Nf7 87.Nd3 Kf8 88.Nc1 Be7 89.Qf1 Nh8 90.Ne2 Nf7 91.Qg1 Bf6 92.Nd2 Qg6 93.Bc4 Qg5 94.Nf1 Qg6 95.Bd3 Bg5 96.Be1 Qg7 97.Kb3 Ng6 98.Bc3 Qf6 99.Kc2 Bh4 100.Bb4 Bg5 101.Rh5 Kg8 102.Qh1 Nf8 103.Qg1 Ng6 104.Bd2 Nf8 105.Bc1 Qg6 106.Rh1 Nh7 107.Nd2 Nf6 108.Nc4 Nh5 109.Bb2 Be7 110.Kb1 Qg5 111.Bc2 Bf6 112.Ka2 Kg7 113.Qd1 Kf8 114.Bc3 Kg7 115.Qa1 Kg8 116.Bd3 Bg7 117.Bc2 Nf6 118.Nc1 Nh7 119.Bd2 Nf8 120.Ne2 Ng6 121.Qe1 Kf8 122.Kb3 Bf6 123.Qc1 Bg7 124.Bd3 Kg8 125.Be1 Qf6 126.Nxg3 fxg3 127.Bxg3 Nf4 128.Bf1 Nh5 129.Bf2 Qg6 130.Qe1 Bh6 131.Be2 Nf4 132.Ne3 Kg7 133.Ka3 Bg5 134.Kb3 Kf8 135.Kc2 Bh6 136.Bf1 Rb8 137.Rg1 Nh5 138.Nd1 Ra8 139.Nc3 Nf4 140.Qd1 Kg7 141.Rh1 Nh5 142.Qe1 Rb8 143.Kb3 Ra8 144.Kb2 Bf4 145.Ne2 Bh6 146.Ng3 Nxg3 147.Bxg3 Bd2 148.Bxe5+ Nxe5 149.Qxd2 Bg4 150.fxg4 Rh8 151.Rxh8 Kxh8 152.Qf4 Qxg4 153.Qxg4 Nxg4 154.Kc3 Kg7 155.g3 Ne5 156.Kd2 Kh6 157.Bh3 Kg5 ½-½ (157)

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[9.b4
A) 9...a5
A1) 10.Ba3 b6 *(10...axb4 11.Bxb4 Re8 12.c5 dxc5 13.Bxc5 c6 14.d6 Qa5 15.Qb3 Qxc5 16.Ng5 Ned5 17.exd5 Ra3 18.Nce4 Qa5 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.d7 Bxd7 21.Qxb7 Bxg5 22.Qxd7 Rd8 23.Qg4 h6 24.dxc6 Rc3 25.h4 Rd4 26.Qc8+ Rd8 27.Qb7 Bxh4 28.Rad1 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Qc5 30.Rf1 Qxc6 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qxe5+ Bf6 33.Qf4 Rc2 34.Bf3 Qb6 35.Bd5 Qd4 36.Qxd4 Bxd4 37.Bb3 Rb2 38.g4 Kf6 39.Kg2 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.Kg3 Kg5 42.f4+ Kf5 43.Bxf7 h4+ 44.Kxh4 Rf2 45.Rd1 Rxf4+ 46.Kg3 Be5 47.Kg2 Rg4+ 48.Kf1 Rf4+ 49.Ke2 Re4+ 50.Kf3 Rf4+ 51.Kg2 Rg4+ 52.Kh3 Rg3+ 53.Kh4 Rf3 54.Be6+ Kxe6 55.Rg1 Kf5 56.Rg5+ Kf6 57.Rg2 Kf5 58.Rg5+ Kf4 59.Rg4+ Ke3 60.Kg5 Rf2 61.Kg6 Rxa2 62.Kf5 Bd4 63.Rg3+ Kf2 64.Rh3 Kg2 65.Rd3 Bf2 66.Ke4 Ra4+ 67.Kf5 Bg3 68.Re3 Kh3 69.Re4 Ra5+ 70.Kg6 Kg2 71.Rc4 Kf3 72.Rd4 Bf4 73.Rc4 Kg4 74.Rc6 Rg5+ 75.Kf7 Kf5 76.Rf6+ Ke5 77.Re6+ Kd5 78.Rg6 Rh5 79.Rf6 Be5 80.Kg6 Rh1 81.Rf2 Ke6 82.Rg2 Rh3 83.Rg4 Rf3 84.Rg5 Rf8 85.Rg4 Rg8+ 86.Kh5 Bg7 87.Kg6 Bf6+ 88.Kh5 Rh8+ 89.Kg6 Be5 90.Rg5 Rg8+ 91.Kh5 Rf8 92.Kg6 Rf6+ 93.Kh5 Kf7 94.Rxe5 Kg7 95.Rg5+ Kf7 96.Rb5 Re6 97.Kg5 Ke7 98.Kf5 Rf6+ 99.Ke4 Re6+ 100.Re5 Rxe5+ 101.Kxe5* ½-½ (101) Firouzja,A (2785)-Kosakowski,J (2479) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.bxa5 Ne8 12.Nb5 Rxa5 13.Bb4 Ra8 14.a4 f5 *(14...h6 15.Qb3 Rb8 16.a5 bxa5 17.Bxa5 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Ba6 19.Bb4 Bxb5 20.cxb5 f5 21.Nd2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Nf5 23.Bc3 Qe7 24.Nc5 Qh4 25.Nd7 Nf6 26.Nxb8 Ne4 27.Be1 Rxb8 28.Qc4 Nd4 29.f3 Qf4 30.fxe4 Qe3+ 31.Bf2 Nxe2+ 32.Kf1 Qf4 33.Qxe2 Qxh2 34.Rd3 g5 35.Rh3 Qf4 36.Rf3 Qh2 37.Bg1 Qh5 38.Rf5 Qxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Rxb5 40.g4 Rb4 41.Kf3 Rb8 42.Be3 Bf8 43.Rc1 Rb7 44.Ke2 Be7 45.Rff1* 1-0 (45) Duda,J (2729)-Jones,G (2670) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 15.Nd2 Bd7 16.a5 bxa5 17.Bxa5 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxa5 19.Rxa5 c6 20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.Ra4 Bxe4 22.c5 Bc6 23.Nxd6 Nxd6 24.cxd6 Nf5 25.Bb5 Bxb5 26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.Qxb5 Qxd6 28.Qb7 Qd8 29.Qe4 h5 30.Rfa1 Kh7 31.Ra8 Qd4 32.Qxd4 exd4 33.Rxf8 Bxf8 34.Kf1 Kh6 35.Ke2 Kg5 36.Kd3 Kf4 37.h3 h4 38.Re1 Bd6 39.g3+ Kf3 40.Re6 hxg3 41.fxg3 Bxg3 42.Rxg6 Bf2 43.Rg4 Be3 44.Re4 Kg3 45.h4 Nxh4 46.Rxe3+ dxe3 47.Kxe3

½-½ (47) Navara,D (2667)-Rapport,R (2717) Prague CZE 2024;

A2) 10.b5 b6 11.a4 Kh8 12.Ra3 Nd7 13.Re1 Ng8 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Bb2 Bg7 16.Bc2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Ne2 f4 19.g3 fxg3 20.hxg3 Nc5 21.Kg2 Nh6 22.Rh1 Bf5 23.Nh4 Be4+ 24.f3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2 Kg8 26.Bc1 Qf6 27.Bxh6 Bxh6 28.g4 e4 29.Nf5 Bg7 30.Neg3 Rae8 31.Nxe4 Nxe4 32.fxe4 Rxe4 33.Qxe4 Qb2+ 34.Kf3 Qxa3+ 35.Qe3 Qxa4 36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Qe7 Qb3+ 38.Kg2 Qc2+ 39.Kf3 Qd3+ 40.Kg2 Qc2+ 41.Kf3 Qc3+ 42.Kg2 Qe5 43.Re1 Qc3 44.Re3 Qb2+ 45.Re2 Qc3 46.Re3 Qb2+ 47.Re2 Qc3 48.Re3 ½-½ (48) Carlsen,M (2847)-Adhiban,B (2660) chess24.com INT 2021;

A3) 10.bxa5

A3a) 10...c5 11.a4 *(11.Bd2 Rxa5 12.a4 Kh8 13.Ra3 Nfg8 14.Qb1 Bh6 15.Nb5 Bxd2 16.Nxd2 g5 17.Qb2 Ng6 18.g3 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nf6 22.Nc3 Rf7 23.Rb1 Ra6 24.Nde4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxa4 26.Qc1 g4 27.Rdb3 Qf8 28.Rxb7 Rxb7 29.Rxb7 Ra2 30.Qb1 Re2 31.Rb8 Re1+ 32.Qxe1 Qxb8 33.Qd1 h5 34.h3 Kg7 35.hxg4 h4 36.Qf3 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 hxg3 38.Qf6+ Kh7 39.Qf7+ Kh8 40.Qf6+ Kh7 41.Ng5+ Kh6 42.Ne6* 1-0 (42) Navara,D (2675)-Piorun,K (2608) Polanica Zdroj POL 2021*)* 11...Rxa5 12.Ra3 Ra6 *(12...Ne8 13.Kh1 h6 14.Bd2 Ra6 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.Bd3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nh4 Nf6 19.f3 Nfg8 20.g3 Bf6 21.Ng2 Ng6 22.Nb5 Bg7 23.Qb1 h5 24.h3 Bh6 25.Be1 Kg7 26.f4 e4 27.Be2 Nf6 28.Bc3 Kh7 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Bxh5 Rg8 31.g4 Bg7 32.g5 Qb2 33.Qd1 Bd4 34.Rg3 Bd7 35.Bxg6+ Kxg6 36.Nh4+ Kf7 37.Qh5+ Ke7 38.g6 Rxa4 39.Nxf5+ Kd8 40.Qh7 Re8 41.Rg2 Qb3 42.Nbxd6 Rh8 43.Nf7+ Kc8 44.Nxh8 Bxf5 45.Nf7 Bxh3 46.Qg8+* 1-0 (46) Wojtaszek,R (2719)-Amin,B (2686) ICC INT 2020 *)*

A3a1) 13.Bd2 Kh8 14.Qc1 *(14.Bd3 Nfg8 15.Bc2 Bh6 16.Nb5 f5 17.Bc3 Bg7 18.exf5 Nxf5 19.Bd2 Bh6 20.Re1 Bd7 21.h3 Nh4 22.Bxh6 Nxh6 23.Nxh4 Qxh4 24.Rf3 Rxf3 25.Qxf3 Kg8 26.Qb3 Qd8 27.Qe3 Qh4 28.f4 exf4 29.Qe7 Qxe7 30.Rxe7 Bf5 31.Bb3 Nf7 32.Rxb7 Ne5 33.Nc7 Ra5 34.Ne8 Nf7 35.Rb8 h5 36.Nxd6+ Kg7 37.Rb7 Kf6 38.Nxf7 g5 39.Nd6 Bd3 40.Rb6 Ke5 41.Nb7 Ra7 42.d6 Bf5 43.Nxc5 g4 44.hxg4 hxg4 45.Rb7 Ra8 46.d7 Kd6 47.Ra7* 1-0 (47) Matlakov,M (2670)-Suleymanli,A (2609) Samarkand UZB 2023*)* 14...Nfg8 15.Nb5 *(15.Kh1 h6 16.Ne1 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5*

18.Nf3 g5 19.Ne4 g4 20.Ng1 Nd4 21.Bd1 Qe8 22.Rg3 Qg6 23.f3 h5 24.Re1 Nf5 25.fxg4 Nxg3+ 26.Nxg3 hxg4 27.Bc2 Qe8 28.N1e2 Rxa4 29.Bxa4 Qxa4 30.Bg5 b5 31.cxb5 Qxb5 32.Nc3 Qd7 33.Nge4 Ba6 34.Qd1 Nh6 35.Ng3 Nf7 36.Nce4 Nh6 37.Qd2 Nf5 38.Ra1 Bb5 39.Rb1 Bc4 40.Nh5 Rf7 41.Nxg7 Kxg7 42.Rd1 Kg6 43.Bh4 Nxh4 44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Qxh4+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kf8 47.Nf6 Qa4 48.Re1 Qb4 49.Qh4 Qd2 50.Rg1 Qf4 51.Qh8+ Ke7 52.Ng8+ Kd7 53.Nh6 Re7 54.Ng8 Rf7 55.Nh6 Re7 56.Ng8 Rf7 ½-½ (56) Giri,A (2764)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020) 15...f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Ng5 Ng6 18.Nxh7 f4 19.Nxf8 Bxf8 20.Nc3 Bf5 21.g4 Qg5 22.Kh1 Nh4 23.f3 Nf6 24.Be1 Bg6 25.Qd1 Rb6 26.Bd3 Rb2 27.Bxg6 Nxg6 28.Ra2 Rxa2 29.Nxa2 e4 30.fxe4 Nxg4 31.Qf3 N4e5 32.Qh3+ Kg8 33.Rg1 Qf6 34.Bh4 Qf7 35.Nc3 Bg7 36.Nd1 Nxc4 37.Be1 Nce5 38.Nf2 f3 39.Bd2 Nf4 40.Bxf4 Qxf4 41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Qxb7 Qf6 43.a5 c4 44.a6 Nd3 45.Nxd3 cxd3 46.Qd7 f2 47.Qh3+ Kg8 48.Rf1 Qd4 49.Qf3 d2 50.Kg2 Be5 51.h4 Kg7 52.h5 Kh6 53.Qg4 Kh7 54.Qg6+ Kh8 55.Qe8+ Kh7 56.Qg6+ Kh8 57.Qg4 Qd3 58.h6 Kh7 59.a7 d1Q 60.Rxd1 Qa3 61.Rf1 Qxa7 62.Rxf2 Kxh6 63.Rf3 Qa2+ 64.Rf2 Qa7 65.Qh3+ Kg7 66.Qf3 Qe7 67.Kh3 Kh8 68.Qh5+ Kg8 69.Rg2+ Bg7 70.Qg4 Kf8 71.Qf5+ Ke8 72.Rg6 Kd8 73.Qg5 1-0 (73) Giri,A (2768)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

A3a2) 13.Kh1 Kh8 14.Bd2 h6 15.Nh4 Nh7 16.g3 Bh3 17.Rg1 Bd7 18.Nb5 g5 19.Ng2 f5 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.Bg4 Nf5 24.Rh3 Nh6 25.Ne3 Nxg4 26.Nxg4 Qe7 27.a5 Raa8 28.Qe2 Rae8 29.Rhg3 Rf4 30.Ne3 Ref8 31.Be1 Rf3 32.Nc7 Be5 0-1 (32) Makarian,R (2547)-Duda,J (2739) chess.com INT 2025;

A3b) 10...Ne8 11.a4 f5 12.Ng5 c5 13.Rb1 Rxa5 14.Qb3 Nc7 15.Rd1 h6 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.dxe6 Nxe6 18.Qxb7 Nd4 19.Bf1 Nec6 20.Be3 Ra7 21.Qb6 Qd7 22.Qb2 f4 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Nd5 f3 25.g3 Ne5 26.Qb5 Nc6 27.a5 Rb8 28.Qa4 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Nxa5 30.Qd1 Qf7 31.Rb6 Be5 32.Qa4 Kg7 33.Rb8 Qd7 34.Qd1 Qf7 35.Qa4 h5 36.Rb6 h4 37.Qd1 hxg3 38.hxg3 g5 39.Qc1 Qh5 40.Rb8 Nc6 41.Rc8 Ne7 42.Rc7 Rxc7 43.Nxc7 Kf7 44.Qd1 Qg4 45.Bg2 Qxe4 46.Bxf3 Qf5

47.Bg4 Qe4 48.Bf3 Qh7 49.Bg4 d3 50.Qf3+ Kg8 51.Be6+ Kg7 52.Ne8+ Kh6 53.Qh1+ Kg6 54.Qe4+ Kh6 55.Qh1+ Kg6 56.Qe4+ Kh6 57.Qh1+ ½-½ (57) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Muradli,M (2555) chess.com INT 2022;

A3c) 10...Nh5 11.Nd2 Rxa5 12.Nb3 Ra8 13.Bxh5 gxh5 14.Qxh5 b6 15.a4 Ng6 16.a5 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Qf3 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Rxa5 20.Nxa5 Qg5 21.Ne2 Be5 22.h3 Bd7 23.Nb3 Ra8 24.Nbd4 Kh8 25.Rb1 h6 26.Kh1 Kh7 27.Nc6 Bxc6 28.dxc6 Ra2 29.g3 fxg3 30.Qxf7+ Qg7 31.Qf5+ Qg6 32.Nxg3 Qxf5 33.Nxf5 Ra6 34.Ne7 Kg7 35.Rb7 Kf7 36.Rxc7 d5 37.Rd7 1-0 (37) Anand,V (2753)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess.com INT 2020;

A3d) 10...Rxa5 11.a4

A3d1) 11...Nh5 12.Re1 f5 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.Bd3 h6 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Nh4 f4 17.Nb5 Ra6 18.c5 g5 19.Nf5 Nxf5 20.exf5 e4 21.cxd6 exd3 22.Nxc7 Rxd6 23.Ne6 Bxe6 24.dxe6 Nd5 25.Rab1 Rxf5 26.Qxb7 Qe8 27.a5 Rxe6 28.a6 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Qf7 30.Qb8+ Kh7 31.a7 Nc7 32.Rc1 Qa2 33.Qxc7 Rf8 34.Bc3 Rg8 35.Qd7 Kg6 36.Qxd3+ 1-0 (36) Nepomniachtchi,I (2793)-Grischuk,A (2745) Almaty KAZ 2022;

A3d2) 11...Ra6 12.c5 Ra5 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.Ba3 Ne8 15.Nd2 f5 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Rb1 Nf6 19.Qb3 Rc8 20.Nc4 Ra6 21.Nxe5 Qe8 22.Qxb7 Rxc3 23.Qxa6 Rxa3 24.Nc6 Nd7 25.Rb7 Nc8 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.Qxc8+ Qxc8 28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Nxc8 Be5 30.exf5 gxf5 31.Nb6 Ke7 32.Nc4 Rxa4 33.Nxe5 dxe5 34.Rb1 Kd6 35.g3 Kxd5 36.Kg2 h5 37.h4 Ra2 38.Rb4 e4 39.Kg1 Ra5 40.Kg2 Ke5 41.Rb8 Kd4 42.Rd8+ Kc3 43.Rh8 Ra2 44.Kf1 Ra1+ 45.Ke2 Ra2+ 46.Ke3 Ra5 47.Ke2 Ra2+ 48.Ke3 Ra5 49.Ke2 Ra2+ ½-½ (49) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2776) chess.com INT 2022;

A3d3) 11...b6 12.Nd2 Ra8 13.Nb3 Kh8 14.Be3 Nfg8 15.a5 bxa5 16.c5 f5 17.f3 f4 18.Bf2 g5 19.Nxa5 Nf6 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nc6 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qe8 23.Qa8 g4 24.Rb1 g3 25.hxg3 fxg3 26.Bxg3 Qg6 27.Bh4 Bh3 28.Qxf8+ Bxf8 29.Bxf6+ Qxf6 30.gxh3 Ng6 31.Rb8 Qh4 32.Kf1 Kg7 33.Ba6 Qxh3+ 34.Ke2 Nf4+ 35.Kd2 Qxf3 36.Nd8 Qf2+ 37.Kc1 Be7 38.Rb7 Kf6 39.Nc6 Bf8 40.Rb8 Bh6 41.Kb1 Qe1+ 42.Kc2 Ng2 43.Kb3 Bd2 44.Rd8 Qe3 45.Rxd6+ Kg5 46.Rf6 Qxc3+ 0-1 (46) Drygalov,S

(2547)-Firouzja,A (2759) chess.com INT 2024;
A3d4) 11...Ne8 12.Be3 *(12.Ra3 c5 13.Bd2 Ra8 14.Qc1 Nc7 15.Re1 f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Ne4 h6 18.Bd3 g5 19.Ng3 Qe8 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Qb1 Rf7 23.a5 b5 24.cxb5 Nxb5 25.Rb3 Nc7 26.Qe4 Qd7 27.Reb1 Qf5 28.Rb8+ Rxb8 29.Rxb8+ Bf8 30.Qxf5 Rxf5 31.Be3 e4 32.Nd2 Rxd5 33.Kf1 Rd3 34.Rb7 Nd5 35.Nxe4 Ra3 36.Bd2 c4 37.Bb4 Ra1+ 38.Ke2 Ra2+ 39.Kd1 Bg7 40.Bd2 c3 41.Rxg7+ Kxg7 42.Nxc3 Rxa5 43.Ne4 Ra6 44.Ke2 Kf7 45.h4 gxh4 46.Bxh6 Kg6 47.Bd2 Kf5 48.f3 Nf4+ 49.Kf2 d5 50.Nc3 d4 51.Nb5 Ne6 52.Bb4 Ra2+ 53.Kf1 Rb2 54.Nd6+ Kf4 55.Be1 d3 56.Nc4 Rc2 57.Bd2+ Kg3 58.Be1+ Kh2 59.Nd2 Nf4 60.Ne4 Nxg2 61.Bd2 Ra2 62.Kf2 h3 63.Kf1 Ra1+ 64.Kf2 Ra2 65.Kf1 Rb2 66.Bg5 Re2 67.Nf2 Kg3 68.Nxd3 Re8 69.Bf6 h2* 0-1 (69) Sargissian,G (2681)-Amin,B (2680) Dubai UAE 2021; *12.Ba3 c5 13.Bc1 h6 14.Bd2 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Ne4 Ra6 17.Bd3 Nf6 18.Ra3 g5 19.h3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.f4 g4 23.hxg4 Qh4 24.Be2 d3 25.Rxd3 Bd4+ 26.Be3 Bg7 27.Bf2 Qe7 28.g3 Bd7 29.Ra3 Rfa8 30.Re1 Rxa4 31.Rxa4 Rxa4 32.Bd3 Qf7 33.Qc2 Rb4 34.Bg6 Qf6 35.Bf5 Bxf5 36.gxf5 b5 37.cxb5 Rxb5 38.Qe4 Rb2 39.g4 Qf7 40.Qe6 Bf6 41.Qxd6 Qg7 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Kf1 Qxg4 44.Qf7+ Bg7 45.Qg6+ Qxg6 46.fxg6+ Kxg6 47.Bxc5 Rd2 48.d6 Kf5 49.Re7 Bf6 50.Rf7 Ke6 51.Rh7 Rd5 52.Ba3 Rd3 53.Bc5 Rd5 54.Be3 Rxd6 55.Rxh6 Kf5 56.Ke2 Be7 57.Rh5+ Kg6 58.Rb5 Bf6 59.Kf3 Rd7 60.Rb1 Rc7 61.Rb6 Kf5 62.Rb5+ Kg6 63.Kg4 Rc4 64.Rb6 Ra4 65.Bc5 Kf7 66.Kf5 Bd8 67.Rb7+ Ke8 68.Rh7 Rc4 69.Bd6 Ra4 70.Ke6 Re4+ 71.Be5* 1-0 (71) Giri,A (2764)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020) 12...f5 *(12...h6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.c5 f5 15.Nb5 Ra8 16.cxd6 Nxd6 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.a5 fxe4 19.Bb6 Qe8 20.Ne1 Qf7 21.Bc4 Bd7 22.Nc2 Rac8 23.Bb3 Nf5 24.Qb4 Qf6 25.Qxe4 Bb5 26.Rfd1 Nd4 27.Nxd4 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 exd4 29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Qxd4 Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc3 32.Rb4 Ba6 33.h3 Re3 34.Ba4 Re5 35.Rb6 Rxd5 36.Bc6 bxc6 37.Rxa6 h5 38.Rxc6 Rf7 39.a6 Ra7 40.Rb1 Kg7 41.Rbb6 Rd7 42.Rc8 Ra5 43.Rb7 Rf7 44.Ra8*

Kf6 45.h4 Ke6 46.Re8+ Kf6 47.Rb6 Rd7 48.Kg1 Ra2 49.Kf1 Kf7 50.Rh8 Kg7 51.Rhb8 Kf6 52.Re8 Kf7 53.Rh8 Kg7 54.Rc8 Rf7+ 55.Kg1 Rd7 56.Rcc6 Rd2 57.Kh2 Kf7 58.Rc8 Ra2 59.Rb7 Re7 60.Rh8 Kf6 61.Rxe7 Kxe7 62.a7 1-0 (62) Navara,D (2676)-Mihok,O (2545) Slovakia SVK 2023 *)* 13.c5 dxc5 14.Nd2 b6 15.Nc4 Ra8 16.a5 f4 17.Bd2 Nd6 18.axb6 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 cxb6 20.Rb1 f3 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxf3 Rxf3 23.gxf3 Qf6 24.Qa2 Kh8 25.Qc4 Qxf3 26.Qe2 Qh3 27.f3 Bh6 28.Bxh6 Qxh6 29.Rxb6 Qg5+ 30.Kh1 Bh3 31.Rb1 Nc8 32.Qf2 1-0 (32) Vidit,S (2710)-Karthikeyan,M (2623) chess24.com INT 2022;

A3d5) 11...Ra8

A3d51) 12.Nd2 Ne8 13.Nb3 *(13.Ba3 b6 14.Nb3 f5 15.a5 bxa5 16.c5 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf5 18.Bb2 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Rxa5 Bd7 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Nd2 Qh4 24.Qb3 Nd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Qb7 Qa7 27.Qxa7 Rxa7 28.Ne4 Bf8 29.g4 Be7 30.Rb1 Ra4 31.Nc3 Ra3 32.Ne4 Ra4 33.Nc3 Ra3* ½-½ (33) Wojtaszek,R (2728)-Amin,B (2685) Berlin GER 2021*; 13.a5 c5 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Nb3 Nxa5 16.Be3 Be6 17.Nd5 Nc6 18.Bb6 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Qh4 20.Bf3 f5 21.g3 Qh6 22.Qa8 Bxd5 23.exd5 e4 24.Be3 g5 25.dxc6 exf3 26.h4 Nc7 27.Qxf8+ Kxf8 28.cxb7 Na6 29.c5 Qe6 30.c6 Qxb3 31.Rc1 Bc3 32.Bd2 Qb2 33.b8Q+ Qxb8 34.Bxc3 gxh4* 0-1 (34) Lagarde,M (2638)-Jones,G (2665) London ENG 2021*)* 13...f5 14.c5 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Ng5 *(16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Bb2 Nf6 19.Ra3 Kh8 20.a5 Ne4 21.Nb5 Bd7 22.Qd3 Nc5 23.Qd1 Nf5 24.Nd2 Ra8 25.Bc3 Nd4 26.Nxd4 exd4 27.Bb4 d3 28.Bxd3 Nxd3 29.Rxd3 Bb5 30.Ne4 Be5 31.g3 b6 32.axb6 Bxd3 33.Qxd3 Qxb6 34.Bc3 Rae8 35.Ng5 Kg8 36.Bd2 Rb8 37.Ne6 Rfc8 38.Qf3 Qb3 39.Be3 Qd3 40.Rd1 Rb1 41.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 42.Kg2 Qf5 43.Qxf5 gxf5 44.Kf3 Ra8 45.h3 Ra5 46.Nc7 Kf7 47.g4 Kg6 48.Ne6 Rxd5 49.Nf8+ Kg7 50.Ne6+ Kf6 51.Nf8 Kg7 52.Ne6+ Kf7 53.gxf5 Bf6 54.Ke4 Re5+ 55.Kf4 Ra5 56.Ke4 d5+ 57.Kd3*

Ra3+ 58.Ke2 Be5 59.Ng5+ Kf6 60.Nxh7+ Kxf5 61.Ng5 Rxe3+ 62.Kxe3 d4+ 0-1 (62) Sychev,K (2552)-Murzin,V (2633) St Petersburg RUS 2023 *)* 16...dxc5 17.Nxc5 Qxd5 18.Be3 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Nd6 20.g4 Bc2 21.Rd2 e4 22.Rc1 Bd3 23.Nxd3 exd3 24.Rxd3 Nc6 25.Bd1 Bh6 26.Bb3+ Kh8 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Bd4+ Bg7 29.Rh3 h5 30.Bxg7+ Kxg7 31.Ne6+ Kh6 32.g5+ Kh7 33.Nxf8+ Rxf8 34.Re3 Nf5 35.Rd3 Nd6 36.Rc3 Rf5 37.h4 c5 38.Bc2 Rd5 39.Re3 Nf5 40.Bxf5 gxf5 41.a5 c4 42.a6 Ra5 43.Re7+ Kg8 44.Rxc7 Rxa6 45.Kg2 Ra4 46.Kg3 c3 47.Rxc3 Rg4+ 48.Kh3 f4 49.Rc4 Kg7 50.Ra4 Kg6 51.Ra6+ Kf5 52.Ra5+ Ke4 53.Ra3 Kf5 54.Ra1 Ke4 55.Ra3 Kf5 56.Rb3 Ke5 57.Rc3 Kf5 58.Rc8 Ke4 59.Rc3 Kf5 60.f3 Rg3+ 61.Kh2 Ke5 62.Rd3 Ke6 63.Ra3 Ke5 64.Rd3 Ke6 65.Rb3 Ke5 66.Ra3 Ke6 67.Ra6+ Ke5 68.Rh6 Kd4 69.Rxh5 Ke3 70.Rh6 Kf2 71.Rf6 Rg2+ 72.Kh3 ½-½ (72) Najer,E (2648)-Murzin,V (2633) St Petersburg RUS 2023;

A3d52) 12.c5 dxc5 13.Be3 b6 14.a5 Bg4 15.Nd2 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nc8 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 cxb6 19.Nc4 Ne8 20.Ra8 Qd7 21.f3 Ned6 22.Nxd6 Nxd6 23.Qa6 f5 24.Rxf8+ Bxf8 25.Qxb6 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.fxe4 Qg4 28.h3 Qxe4 29.Qe6+ Kg7 30.Qd7+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kg7 32.Qd7+ Kg8 33.Qe6+ ½-½ (33) Vidit,S (2723)-Jones,G (2669) chess24.com INT 2022;

A3d53) 12.Ra3 Kh8 13.Re1 Nd7 14.h3 Ng8 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Be3 Bg7 17.Qc1 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Nb5 Nc5 21.Be3 Na6 22.Nh2 Ne7 23.f4 Ng6 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Bh6 Rg8 26.Kh1 Nc5 27.g4 Ne4 28.Rf1 Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Ng3+ 30.Kg2 Nxe2 31.Qe3 Nef4+ 32.Kh1 c6 33.dxc6 bxc6 34.Nc3 Bg5 35.Bxg5 Qxg5 36.Ra7 Qh6 37.Ne2 fxg4 38.Nxf4 exf4 39.Qd4+ Rg7 40.Qd8+ Rg8 41.Qf6+ Rg7 42.Re1 1-0 (42) Vidit,S (2726)-Adhiban,B (2660) chess24.com INT 2021;

A3d54) 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bd2 b6 *(13...Nf6 14.Qb1 Nd7 15.a5 h6 16.Nb5 f5 17.Bb4 fxe4 18.Nd2 e3 19.fxe3 Rxf1+ 20.Nxf1 Nc5*

21.Nc3 e4 22.Ra3 Na6 23.Nxe4 Nxb4 24.Qxb4 c5 25.Qe1 b6 26.a6 Rxa6 27.Rxa6 Bxa6 28.g4 b5 29.cxb5 Bb7 30.Qh4 Kf7 31.Bc4 Ke8 32.g5 Nf5 33.Qg4 h5 34.Qf3 Kd7 35.h4 Be5 36.Kf2 Ke8 37.Nfg3 Bc8 38.Nxf5 Bxf5 39.Nd2 Qa5 40.Qe2 Bg4 41.Nf3 Qa1 42.b6 Bxf3 43.Bb5+ Ke7 44.Qxf3 Qb2+ 45.Qe2 Qb4 46.b7 Qxh4+ 47.Kg1 Qxg5+ ½-½ (47) LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631)-Stockfish Dev F7 (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 14.Re1 Nf6 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Be2 Nd7 17.Be3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 h5 19.h3 Kh7 20.g4 hxg4 21.hxg4 g5 22.Kg2 Bf6 23.Rh1+ Kg7 24.Ne2 Ng6 25.Ng3 Nh4+ 26.Kf1 Rh8 27.Ra3 Nf8 28.Be2 Nfg6 29.Nh5+ Kg8 30.Ke1 Nf4 31.Kd2 Be7 32.Bf1 Nhg6 33.Ng3 Rh4 34.Kc1 Qd7 35.Ra2 Bf8 36.f3 c5 37.Kb1 Be7 38.Bd2 Kf8 39.Bc3 Bd8 40.Kb2 Rxh1 41.Nxh1 Nh4 42.Ng3 Bc7 43.Bd2 Kg7 44.Qb3 Rh8 45.Bc1 Ra8 46.Be2 Rh8 47.Ka3 Kf8 48.Bf1 f6 49.Bd2 Qd8 50.Be1 Kf7 51.Rf2 Nfg6 52.Qb5 Ne7 53.Bd3 Qe8 54.Qb1 Qc8 55.Qb5 Qe8 56.Qb3 Nhg6 57.Rb2 Qd7 58.Be2 Rh2 59.a5 bxa5 60.Qb7 Rh8 61.Bxa5 Rc8 62.Rb5 Qd8 63.Bxc7 Rxc7 64.Qb6 Nc8 65.Qb8 Ra7+ 66.Kb3 Nge7 67.Kc3 Ra5 68.Kd2 Rxb5 69.Qxb5 Nb6 70.Bd1 Qb8 71.Ke2 Qa7 72.Bb3 Kf8 73.Kd2 Kf7 74.Ke2 Kf8 75.Kd3 Kf7 76.Kd2 Kf8 77.Kc2 Kf7 78.Kd3 Kf8 79.Kc2 Kf7 80.Kd2 Kf8 81.Kd3 Kf7 82.Kc2 Kf8 83.Kd2 Kf7 84.Kd3 Kf8 85.Ke2 Kf7 86.Kf2 Kf8 87.Ke3 Kf7 88.Kf2 Kf8 89.Bd1 Qa2+ 90.Be2 Qa7 91.Bd1 Qa2+ 92.Be2 Qa7 93.Bd3 Nbc8 94.Nh5 Kf7 95.Ng3 Ng6 96.Nf5 Nge7 97.Ng3 Ng6 98.Nf5 Nge7 99.Ne3 Ng6 100.Bc2 Qa2 101.Qd7+ Nce7 102.Qxd6 Qa5 103.Qe6+ Kg7 104.Bd3 Qd2+ 105.Be2 Nf4 106.Qxe7+ Kg8 107.Qe8+ Kh7 108.Qf7+ Kh8 109.Qe8+ Kh7 110.Qf7+ Kh8 111.Qxf6+ Kh7 112.Qf7+ Kh8 113.Qe8+ Kh7 114.Qf7+ Kh8 115.Qf6+ Kh7 116.Qf5+ Kh6 117.Qf8+ Kh7 118.Qe7+ Kg6 119.Qe8+ Kh7 120.Qe7+ Kg6 121.Qd6+ Kh7 122.Qc7+ Kg8 123.Qb8+ Kf7 124.Qb7+ Kg6

125.Qb6+ Kh7 126.Qb7+ Kh8 127.Qb8+ Kh7 128.Qc7+ Kg6 129.Qc6+ Kh7 130.Qd7+ Kg6 131.Qc6+ Kh7 132.Qb7+ Kg8 133.Qc8+ Kh7 134.Qd7+ Kg6 135.Qd6+ Kf7 136.Qc7+ Kg8 137.Qc8+ Kh7 138.Qf5+ Kh6 139.Qf8+ Kh7 140.Qf7+ ½-½ (140) Stockfish Dev F7 (3662)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9...Ne8 10.c5 *(10.a4 f5 11.a5 h6 12.Ra3 g5 13.Nd2 f4 14.c5 Nf6 15.h3 Ng6 16.c6 bxc6 17.dxc6 Nh4 18.Nf3 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 a6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Bd2 Qe8 23.b5 axb5 24.Bg4 Ba6 25.Bb4 Qg6 26.Re1 Rad8 27.Be2 Rb8 28.Bg4 Rf6 29.Qd1 Bf8 30.Bh5 Qg8 31.Rc3 Be7 32.Bg4 Kg7 33.Qc2 Qf7 34.Qe2 Rh8 35.Bh5 Qf8 36.Rd1 Qa8 37.Rd5 Bc8 38.Bg4 Ba6 39.Bh5 Bf8 40.Qd2 Rh7 41.Qd1 Kg8 42.Be2 Qb8 43.Qf1 h5 44.Bxb5 Bc8 45.Qc4 Kh8 46.a6 g4 47.Ra3 Qa7 48.Bc5 dxc5 49.Rd8 Be6 50.Qc3 Rhf7 51.Qxe5 Kg7 52.Qxh5 c4 53.e5 Rg6 54.Re8 g3 55.Rf3 Qd4 56.Rxe6 Qd1# 0-1 (56) Ponkratov, P (2631)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com INT 2020)* 10...f5 11.Nd2 Nf6

B1) 12.f3 g5 *(12...Kh8 13.a4 dxc5 14.bxc5 Nc6 15.dxc6 Qd4+ 16.Rf2 Qxc3 17.Nb3 Be6 18.cxb7 Rad8 19.Bd2 Qxb3 20.Qxb3 Bxb3 21.Ba5 Rb8 22.c6 Ne8 23.Ra3 Bg8 24.Bb5 fxe4 25.fxe4 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Bf8 27.Rd3 Be6 28.Bc3 Bd6 29.a5 Kg8 30.Ke2 Kf7 31.a6 h6 32.h3 g5 33.Be1 Bc5 34.Bg3 Kf6 35.Rf3+ Ke7 36.Bxe5 Nd6 37.Bf6+ Ke8 38.Bd3 g4 39.Rf4 gxh3 40.gxh3 Nf7 41.Rh4 Kf8 42.Rh5 Bg1 43.Kd2 Bb3 44.Rf5 Be6 45.Rf3 Bb6 46.Kc3 Ba5+ 47.Kb2 Bb6 48.Ka3 Bc5+ 49.Ka4 Kg8 50.Bc3 Nd8 51.Kb5 Bb6 52.Rf6 Kh7 53.e5+ Kg7 54.Bc4 Bxc4+ 55.Kxc4 Kg8 56.Kd5 Nf7 57.e6 Rd8+ 58.Ke4 Nd6+ 59.Kf4 Rb8 60.e7 Kh7 61.Rf8 Be3+ 62.Kxe3 Ne8 63.Bd4 Kg6 64.Bxa7 Nf6 65.Bxb8 Nd5+ 66.Ke4 Nxe7 67.Bxc7 Nxc6 68.b8Q Nxb8 69.Bxb8 Kg7 70.a7 Kxf8* 1-0 (70) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Berserk (3476) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 13.Nc4 f4

B1a) 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.a4 *(15.Bd2 a6 16.Nc3 h5 17.Rb1 Ng6 18.a4 b6 19.Be1 Rb8 20.cxb6 cxb6 21.Bf2 Kh7 22.b5 a5 23.Rb3 Bh6 24.Nb1 Nf6 25.h3 Rg8 26.Kh2 g4 27.fxg4 hxg4 28.hxg4 Nf8 29.Rh1 Nxg4+ 30.Kg1 Nxf2 31.Kxf2 Rg6 32.Bh5 Rf6 33.Rc3 Nd7 34.Bf3 Rg6 35.Nb2 Nf6 36.Ke1 Ng4 37.Qe2 Bd7 38.Nd1 Kg8 39.Kd2 Nf6 40.Rc6 Be8 41.Kc2 Bf8 42.Nd2 Nd7 43.Bg4 Nc5 44.Bf5 Rg3 45.Nf1 Rg5 46.g4 Bg6 47.Nd2 Qf6 48.Nc3 Rb7 49.Nf3 Bxf5*

50.Nxg5 Bg6 51.Nf3 Qd8
52.Nxe5 Be8 53.Qh2 Qf6
54.Nd3 Nxd3 55.Kxd3 Bg6
56.Qf2 Bg7 57.Rc8+ Kf7
58.Rf1 Ke7 59.Qxf4 Qd4+
60.Ke2 Qe5 61.Qxe5+ Bxe5
62.Kd3 Rd7 63.Ne2 Rd8
64.Rc7+ Rd7 65.Rc6 Be8
66.Nd4 Kd8 67.Ne6+ Ke7
68.Rc8 Bg6 69.Nd4 Bxd4
70.Kxd4 Be8 71.g5 Bg6
72.Rf6 Bh5 73.e5 Rd8
74.Rxd8 Kxd8 75.exd6 Bd1
76.g6 Bc2 77.Ke5 Bd3
78.Ke6 Kc8 79.d7+ Kc7
80.Ke7 Kb7 81.d8Q Bxb5
82.Rxb6+ Ka7 83.Qb8#
1-0 (83) Komododragon (3568)-Rofchade (3486) tcec-chess.com INT 2022) 15...Rf6
16.Bd2 Rg6 17.Kh1 a6
18.Nc3 Bd7 19.Na5 Qc8
20.Nc4 Qd8 21.Rb1 Rh6
22.Be1 Kh8 23.Bf2 Ng8
24.b5 dxc5 25.bxa6 bxa6
26.Bxc5 Qf6 27.a5 Qg6
28.Rb7 Bc8 29.Qb1 Qh5
30.Bg1 Bxb7 31.Qxb7 Rd8
32.Rb1 Qg6 33.Qa7 Ne7
34.Rb8 Rxb8 35.Qxb8 Ng8
36.h3 Qf7 37.Bf2 Qd7
38.Nb2 Bf8 39.Nd3 Bd6
40.Qa8 Nef6 41.Kg1 Rg6
42.Qxa6 h5 43.Qb5 Ne7
44.a6 Nc8 45.a7 Nxa7
46.Bxa7 Kh7 47.Qc6 Qe7
48.Nf2 Ng8 49.Nb5 Nh6
50.Bb8 Nf7 51.Bxc7 Bb4
52.Qc4 Qc5 53.Qxc5 Bxc5
54.Kf1 Ra6 55.d6 Ra1+
56.Nd1 Kg7 57.d7 Be7
58.Nd6 Bxd6 59.Bxd6 Kf6
60.Bc7 Ke7 61.d8Q+ Nxd8
62.Bxe5 Ra8 63.h4 Nf7
64.Bb2 gxh4 65.Nc3 Ng5
66.Nd5+ Kf7 67.Nxf4 Rb8
68.Bd4 Ra8 69.Bc4+ Ke7
70.Bd5 Ra4 71.Bb2 Kd7
72.Kg1 Ra6 73.Kh2 Kd6
74.Bf6 Nh7 75.e5+ Kc5
76.Bxh4 Rb6 77.Bf2+ Kb4
78.Bxb6 h4 79.Bd8 h3
80.Kxh3 Kc5 81.e6 Kd6
82.Be4 Nf8 83.e7 Ne6
84.Nxe6 Kxe6 85.e8Q+ Kd6
86.Qe7# 1-0 (86) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;
B1b) 14.a4 Ng6 *(14...Rf7*
15.Nb5 Ne8 16.Bd2 Ng6
17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Kh1 Bf8
19.Be1 Bd7 20.Bf2 Bxb5
21.axb5 b6 22.Ra6 Nc7
23.Ra3 Nxb5 24.Nxb6 Nxa3
25.Nxa8 g4 26.Qa4 g3
27.Bg1 gxh2 28.Bxh2 Qxa8
29.Rc1 Nb1 30.Ba6 Qd8
31.Bc8 Kg7 32.Be6 Rb7
33.Rxb1 Qb8 34.Bg1 Be7
35.b5 Bh4 36.Qc4 Kh6
37.Qd3 Bg3 38.Qe2 Kg5
39.Bh3 Kh6 40.Qc4 Rc7
41.Qb3 Rb7 42.Bg4 Kg5
43.Qa4 Bh4 44.Qc4 Bg3
45.Bf5 Ne7 46.Be6 Ng6
47.Qc6 Ne7 48.Qc2 Ng6
49.Qb3 Kh6 50.Bf5 Kg5
51.Qa3 Kh6 52.Qa6 Ne7
53.Bh3 Kg5 54.Bg4 Ng6
55.Be6 Ne7 56.Qa3 Ng6
57.Qb2 Kh6 58.Bf5 Kh5
59.Bh3 Kg5 60.Qa3 Kh5
61.Bg4+ Kg5 62.Bf5 Kh6
63.Qa4 Qc7 64.Qa2 Qb8
65.Qc4 Kg5 66.Bh3 Rc7

67.Qa2 Rb7 68.Qa5 Kh6
69.Rb3 Kg5 70.Qa6 Kh6
71.Rb1 Bh4 72.Qc6 Ne7
73.Qc4 Bg3 74.Rb2 Bh4
75.Qf1 Ng6 76.Qb1 Bd8
77.Qc1 Bh4 78.Qc6 Ne7
79.Qa6 Ng6 80.Rb1 Kg5
81.b6 axb6 82.Rxb6 Ra7
83.Qb5 Qc7 84.Rc6 Qa5
85.Qb1 Qa1 86.Rc1 Qxb1
87.Rxb1 Ra8 88.Bf5 h5
89.Bh3 Kf6 90.Bb6 Rb8
91.Kg1 Kf7 92.Rb2 Bd8
93.Bd4 Rxb2 94.Bxb2 Bb6+
95.Kh2 Bd4 96.Ba3 Bc5
97.Bxc5 dxc5 ½-½ (97)

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15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Nb5 Ne8 17.Bd2 Bd7 18.Be1 *(18.Kh1 Bxb5 19.axb5 b6 20.Ra3 Nc7 21.Qa4 Rb8 22.Rc1 Rb7 23.Be1 Bf6 24.Nd2 h5 25.Rc6 Ne8 26.Bf2 Kh8 27.Qa6 Qb8 28.Kg1 Ne7 29.Rcc3 Rg8 30.h3 Rg7 31.Ra2 Nc8 32.Ra1 Bd8 33.Kf1 Ne7 34.Qa3 Kg8 35.Ke1 h4 36.Kf1 Bc7 37.Rc6 Kh8 38.Kg1 Qd8 39.Rcc1 Bb8 40.Kh2 Rc7 41.Rc6 Nxc6 42.bxc6 Rcf7 43.Rb1 Rg8 44.Kg1 Kg7 45.Qa6 Nc7 46.Qa4 Ne8 47.Qa6 Nc7 48.Qa4 Ne8 49.Kf1 Rgf8 50.Qa3 Kg8 51.Ke1 Kg7 52.Kd1 Nf6 53.Qa6 Rh8 54.Ra1 Kh7 55.Bd3 Ne8 56.Kc2 Nc7 57.Qa4 Qf6 58.Nb1 Kg6 59.Nd2 Rd8 60.Qa3 Rh8 61.Kd1 Rd8 62.Bf1 Rh8 63.Nc4 Rg8 64.Nd2 Rh8 65.Kc2 Na8 66.Qc3 Nc7 67.Qa3 Na8 68.Qb3 Kh6 69.Nb1 Kg6 70.Qa3 Nc7 71.Nc3 Qd8 72.Qb3 Ne8 73.Be2 Nf6 74.Ra6 Ne8 75.Nb1 Nc7 76.Ra1 Ne8 77.Nd2 Nf6 78.Qa2 Rhf8 79.Qa6 Rc7 80.Kd1 Rc8 81.Qa2 Rf7 82.Nc4 Ne8 83.b5 Kh7 84.Qa3 Kg8 85.Nb2 Kh7 86.Qb4 Kg6 87.Nc4 Kh7 88.Qa3 Kg6 89.Qa4 Kg7 90.Qb4 Kg6 91.Nb2 Kg7 92.Kc2 Kh7 93.Ra4 Kg6 94.Qb3 Kh7 95.Kd1 Kg7 96.Kc1 Kg6 97.Kd1 Kg7 98.Nc4 Kh7 99.Ra1 Kg6 100.Ra2 Kg7 101.Ra4 Kg6 102.Na3 Kg7 103.Qd3 Kg6 104.Kc1 Kg7 105.Nc2 Kg8 106.Kd1 Kg7 107.Na3 Kg6 108.Kc1 Kh7 109.Nc2 Kg8 110.Kb2 Kg7 111.Qb3 Kg6 112.Qa3 Re7 113.Rb4 Kh5 114.Rc4 Kg6 115.Ra4 Kg7 116.Kb1 Kg6 117.Bf1 Kh6 118.Qb3 Rf7 119.Kc1 Kg6 120.Kd1 Kg7 121.Na3 Kg6 122.Nc4 Kh6 123.Be2 Kg6 124.Kc1 Kg7 125.Na3 Kg6 126.Kb1 Kh6 127.Kc1 Kg6 128.Nc2 Kh5 129.Kb2 Kg6 130.Nb4 Qf6 131.Qc2 Qd8 132.Na6 Bc7 133.Nxc7 Qxc7 134.Ra1 Qb8 135.Qa4 Qc7 136.Qb3 Kh7 137.Be1 Qb8 138.Bf2 Qc7 139.Qa3 Kg6 140.Rg1 Kg7 141.Rc1 Qe7 142.Ra1 Qf6 143.Qc3 Kh7 144.Qb3 Rfc7 145.Rh1 Rf7 146.Ra1 Rfc7 147.Rg1 Re7 148.Rc1 Rg7*

149.Be1 Rb8 150.Ra1 Rc8 151.Bf1 Rf7 152.Bd3 Rcc7 153.Qa3 Qh6 154.Rc1 Kg8 155.Bd2 Qh7 156.Rf1 Rf6 157.Rh1 Rcf7 158.Bb4 Rc7 159.Be1 Qe7 160.Be2 Qd8 161.Bf2 Rh6 162.Rc1 Kg7 163.Kc2 Rf7 164.Rh1 Re7 165.Ra1 Rf6 166.Rg1 Rh6 167.Rb1 Nf6 168.Rh1 Ne8 169.Kb3 Rh8 170.Ra1 Nf6 171.Rh1 Ne8 172.Ra1 Nf6 173.Bc4 Rf7 174.Be1 g4 175.Bf2 gxh3 176.gxh3 Rh6 177.Rg1+ Kf8 178.Be2 Qe7 179.Qc1 Ne8 180.Rg4 Rg7 181.Qe1 Rg8 182.Rxg8+ Kxg8 183.Bxb6 axb6 184.Qg1+ Qg7 185.Qxb6 Kf8 186.Qf2 Qc7 187.b6 Qb8 188.b7 Rg6 189.Kb4 Rg3 190.Bf1 Nc7 191.Ka5 Kg7 192.Kb6 Kh6 193.Qa2 Qd8 194.Ka7 Rg8 195.Bc4 Kh5 196.Qa5 Kh6 197.Bd3 Qb8+ 198.Kb6 Rg2 199.Qa1 Kg6 200.Qa3 Kg7 201.Bc4 Rc2 202.Bd3 Rd2 203.Bc4 Rc2 204.Bd3 Rg2 205.Bf1 Rd2 206.Qa1 Kf6 207.Qa3 Ke7 208.Bc4 Rc2 209.Bf1 Kf7 210.Bd3 Rg2 211.Qa1 Ke7 212.Qa3 Qd8 213.Ka7 Rg8 214.Qb4 Qb8+ 215.Kb6 Na8+ 216.Kb5 Rg2 217.Qa3 Nc7+ 218.Kb6 Kf7 219.Qa1 Kg7 220.Bc4 Rc2 221.Bd3 Rd2 222.Bc4 Kg6 223.Qa3 Kg5 224.Qa1 Rc2 225.Bd3 Rd2 226.Bc4 Kf6 227.Qa3 Ke7 228.Bd3 Rg2 229.Qa1 Rd2 230.Bc4 Rc2 231.Bd3 Rg2 232.Bf1 Rf2 233.Bc4 Rc2 234.Ba6 Na8+ 235.Kb5 Qa7 236.bxa8N Qxa8 237.Qg1 Rb2+ 238.Ka5 Ra2+ 239.Kb4 Kf6 240.Qg4 ½-½ (240) Berserk (3476)-LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 18...Rf7 19.Bf2 Bxb5 20.axb5 b6 21.Ra3 Rb8 22.Qa1 Rbb7 23.Rc1 Rfc7 24.g4 *(24.Rac3 Bf6 25.Nd2 Rxc3 26.Rxc3 Ne7 27.h3 h5 28.Kf1 Rc7 29.Rc6 Nxc6 30.bxc6 Qc8 31.b5 Rg7 32.Nc4 Bd8 33.Qa2 Qb8 34.Be1 Kf8 35.Bb4 Re7 36.Bd1 Kg7 37.Qa3 Bc7 38.Be2 Rf7 39.Ke1 Kh7 40.Kd1 Rg7 41.Qa2 Kg8 42.Kc1 Kh7 43.Qb1 Bd8 44.Qa1 Bc7 45.Kb2 Kg6 46.Qc1 Qd8 47.Qa1 Qb8 48.Qa2 Kh7 49.Qa3 Kg6 50.Qa2 Kh7 51.Kc2 Bd8 52.Be1 Bc7 53.Qb3 Kg6 54.Kb2 Kh7 55.Qd3 Kg8 56.Qa3 Kh7 57.Bd2 Kg8 58.Bb4 Kh7 59.Qb3 Bd8 60.Qd1 Kg8 61.Qd3 Kh7 62.Qa3 Bc7 63.Nd2 Rg8 64.Qb3 Rg6 65.Qa3 Rg8 66.Qa2 Nf6 67.Nc4 Ne8 68.Nd2 Rg7 69.Nb1 Kg8 70.Nd2 Bd8 71.Qa1 Kh7 72.Nb1 Bc7 73.Nd2 Kh8 74.Nc4 Kh7 75.Qg1 Qd8 76.g3 Kg8 77.Bd1 Kh8 78.Bc2 Kg8 79.Bd1 Kh8 80.Be2 Qf6 81.g4 Qh6 82.Nd2 Rh7 83.Bf1 Nf6 84.gxh5 Qxh5 85.Qg2 Kg8 86.Nc4 Ne8 87.Be1 Bd8 88.Qe2 Rh6 89.Qd3 Qf7*

90.Qc2 Kf8 91.Bb4 Kg8
92.Kb3 Qh5 93.Qd1 Rg6
94.Qd3 Rh6 95.Kc2 Qf7
96.Qa3 Qc7 97.Qa2 Qf7
98.Kb3 Qh5 99.Bg2 Qf7
100.Bf1 Qh5 101.Bg2 Qf7
102.Qa6 Qc7 103.Bf1 Rf6
104.Qa2 Qh7 105.Qa3 Qc7
106.Qb2 Qf7 107.Qa3 Qc7
108.Qa2 Qh7 109.Qa6 Qc7
110.Qa3 Rh6 111.Bc3 Qg7
112.Qb2 Qf7 113.Qa2 Kf8
114.Qa3 Qe7 115.Qa6 Qc7
116.Qa2 Qf7 117.Bb4 Kg8
118.Qa6 Qc7 119.Nb2 Kf8
120.Nd3 Kg8 121.Qa2 Qf7
122.Qa3 Qh5 123.Bg2 Qf7
124.Qa6 Qc7 125.Nf2 Rh4
126.Nd3 Rh8 127.Nb2 Rh4
128.Nd1 Rh7 129.Nc3 g4
130.hxg4 Rh2 131.Bf1 Qb8
132.Nb1 Bc7 133.Nd2 Nf6
134.Qa3 Nh7 135.Nc4 Rh6
136.Bg2 Ng5 137.Qa2 Rh2
138.Qf2 Kf7 139.Qg1 Rh6
140.Qf1 Rh2 141.Qf2 Kg7
142.Qg1 Rh6 143.Qf1 Rh2
144.Qg1 Rh6 145.Qd1 Rh2
146.Qe2 Kf7 147.Qf2 Kg7
148.Nd2 Qh8 149.Nf1 Rh6
150.Qa2 Qb8 151.Be1 Kg6
152.Bb4 Nf7 153.Bc3 Nh8
154.Kc2 Kg5 155.Qa1 Rh7
156.Bd2 Ng6 157.Bb4 Nh4
158.Bh1 Rh8 159.Bd2 Ng6
160.Ng3 Rh7 161.Nh5 a6
162.Qxa6 Bd8 163.Qa2 Kh6
164.Kb1 Ra7 165.Qb2 Bg5
166.Bg2 Nh4 167.Bc3 Ra8
168.Bh1 Kh7 169.Qb3 Qa7
170.Bb2 Qe7 171.Kc2 Qa7
172.Qb4 Qc7 173.Kd3 Kh6
174.Kc2 Qb8 175.Kb3 Kh7
176.Kc2 Qa7 177.Qc4 Kh6
178.Kb1 Bd8 179.Qb3 Be7
180.Bc3 Bg5 181.Kc2 Kh7
182.Kd3 Be7 183.Kc2 Kh6
184.Kd1 Bg5 185.Kd2 Bd8
186.Kd3 Qc7 187.Qb4 Bg5
188.Qb3 Qe7 189.Kd2 Qa7
190.Kd1 Qc7 191.Kc1 Be7
192.Bb2 Qa7 193.Bc3 Bd8
194.Kc2 Ng6 195.Bg2 Bh4
196.Bf1 Bf2 197.Be2 Bd4
198.Bxd4 exd4 199.Qb2 Qa4+ 200.Kd2 Ne5 201.Ke1 d3 202.Bd1 Qc4 203.c7 Qc5 204.Kf1 Qxc7 205.Nxf4 Kh7 206.Ne6 Qe7 207.Qc3 Kg8 208.Kg2 Qh4 209.Bb3 Kh8 210.Qc7 ½-½ (210) Rofchade (3486)-Komododragon (3568) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)
24...Qc8 25.Rac3 Bf6 26.Bd3 Bd8 27.Kf1 h5 28.h3 hxg4 29.hxg4 Nh8 30.Ke1 Qb8 31.Kd2 Nf7 32.Kc2 Nh8 33.Kb3 Nf7 34.R1c2 Kf8 35.Ra2 Nh6 36.Ra3 Ng8 37.Rc2 Rh7 38.Qe1 Ne7 39.Qf1 Nc8 40.Raa2 Rbc7 41.Ra1 Kg8 42.Rca2 Bf6 43.Be2 Kf8 44.Qg2 Kg8 45.Rc1 Kh8 46.Bd1 Kg8 47.Rac2 Kh8 48.Be2 Bd8 49.Qf1 Kg8 50.Qg1 Ne7 51.Ra2 Nc8 52.Qf1 Kf8 53.Rca1 Bf6 54.Qc1 Kg8 55.Rc2 Bd8 56.Qb2 Bf6 57.Qa2 Kf8 58.Bg1 Rhe7 59.Bd3 Kg8 60.Rh2 Rh7 61.Rf2 Rhg7 62.Rc2 Rh7 63.Rf2 Rhg7 64.Qe2 Qb7 65.Qf1 Rh7 66.Raa2 Rh8 67.Rfc2 Rhh7 68.Qd1 Qb8 69.Bf2 Rhg7 70.Qf1 Qb7

71.Rd2 Rce7 72.Na3 Rc7 73.Bg1 Qb8 74.Rac2 Rxc2 75.Rxc2 Rc7 76.Nc4 Qb7 77.Qc1 Qb8 78.Qf1 Qb7 79.Be2 Qb8 80.Qh3 Rh7 81.Qg2 Bd8 82.Qf1 Rc7 83.Bf2 Bf6 84.Bd3 Kh8 85.Qc1 Kg8 86.Qg1 Rh7 87.Qa1 Rc7 88.Bg1 Kh8 89.Be2 Kg8 90.Rc1 Bh8 91.Qa3 Kf8 92.Ka2 Kf7 93.Bf2 Kf8 94.Qd3 Kg8 95.Kb1 Bf6 96.Bf1 Bh8 97.Kc2 Qa8 98.Kb3 Qb8 99.Kb2 Bg7 100.Qd2 Bh8 101.Bd3 Bf6 102.Be2 Bh8 103.Ka2 Qb7 104.Bd1 Qb8 105.Ba4 Bf6 106.Bb3 Rh7 107.Qe2 Rg7 108.Bc2 Qa8 109.Bd3 Rc7 110.Kb3 Qb8 111.Bg1 Bh8 112.Qh2 Rh7 113.Qf2 Rc7 114.Qh2 Rh7 115.Qg2 Rc7 116.Bh2 Bf6 117.Qf1 Rh7 118.Bg1 Rg7 119.Rc2 Rc7 120.Na3 Rxc2 121.Bxc2 Qc7 122.Bd3 Kf8 123.Bf2 Ke7 124.Qh1 Kd8 125.Nc4 Bg7 126.Nb2 Bf6 127.Na4 Qb8 128.Qc1 Ke7 129.Qc2 Kd8 130.Qd1 Ke7 131.Nc3 Bg7 132.Na2 Bf6 133.Qc2 Kd8 134.Be2 Qc7 135.Qd1 Qh7 136.Qg1 Kc7 137.Qg2 Bh8 138.Be1 Kb8 139.Bf1 Bf6 140.Bf2 Nc7 141.Nc3 Ne7 142.Bc4 Na8 143.Nb1 Bh8 144.Na3 Qg7 145.Qh2 Qf6 146.Be1 Bg7 147.Qg1 Kb7 148.Bf2 Bh8 149.Be2 Nc8 150.Qc1 Kb8 151.Kc2 Ne7 152.Kd2 1-0 (152) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B2) 12.a4 f4 13.Nf3 h6 14.a5 g5 15.a6 b6 16.h3 Rf7 17.Nh2 Kh8 18.c6 Bf8 19.g4 Ng6 20.f3 Kg8 21.Kf2 Rh7 22.Rg1 h5 23.Nf1 hxg4 24.hxg4 Rh3 25.Ra3 Be7 26.Ke1 Qf8 27.Nb5 Bd8 28.Kd2 Qh6 29.Bb2 Qh4 30.Kc1 Qf2 31.Nd2 Rh2 32.Bc4 Kg7 33.Bc3 Nh4 34.Ra2 Rh3 35.Rf1 Qg3 36.Rh1 Nxg4 37.fxg4 Bxg4 38.Qf1 Qe3 39.Kc2 Rxh1 40.Qxh1 Qg3 41.Ra1 Bh3 42.Bf1 Bg4 43.Bd3 Bh3 44.Nc4 g4 45.Be1 Qg2+ 46.Qxg2 Nxg2 47.Bf2 g3 48.Rh1 Bc8 49.Rg1 Bh3 50.Bxg3 fxg3 51.Kb3 Nf4 52.Rxg3+ Kf6 53.Rg8 Kf7 54.Rh8 Kg7 55.Nxc7 Rc8 56.Rxh3 Bxc7 57.Rg3+ Kf6 58.Na3 Bb8 59.Nb5 Nh5 60.Rg1 Nf4 61.Bf1 Nh5 62.Bh3 Rf8 63.Rc1 Nf4 64.c7 Bxc7 65.Rxc7 Rh8 66.Bf5 Rh1 67.Rxa7 Rb1+ 68.Kc2 Ra1 69.Nxd6 Ne2 70.Nb5 Ra2+ 71.Kd1 Ng3 72.d6 Ra1+ 73.Kc2 Ra2+ 74.Kb3 Rd2 75.Rh7 Nxf5 76.a7 Rd3+ 77.Nc3 Nd4+ 78.Kc4 Rxc3+ 79.Kxc3 Nb5+ 80.Kc4 Nxa7 81.Rxa7 Ke6 82.Rf7 Kxf7 83.Kd5 Ke8 84.Kxe5 1-0 (84) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

C) 9...Nh5 10.Re1 *(10.c5 Nf4 11.a4 c6 12.dxc6 dxc5 13.cxb7 Bxb7 14.b5 a6 15.Be3 Qa5*

16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Qc2 Nxe2+ 18.Nxe2 axb5 19.axb5 Nc8 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Be3 Nd6 22.Qxc5 Qb8 23.b6 Rc8 24.Qb4 Bxe4 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Nxc1 Bc6 27.Nb3 Nb7 28.Qe7 Bf8 29.Qxe5 Qd8 30.Qd4 Qe8 31.h3 Qe6 32.Nfd2 Bd5 33.Qd3 Bb4 34.Bd4 Nd6 35.Qe3 Qf5 36.Qe5 Qxe5 37.Bxe5 Nc8 38.Bd4 Kf8 39.Kf1 Ke8 40.g4 Kd7 41.Ke2 Kc6 42.Nc1 Nxb6 43.Nd3 Bd6 44.Ne5+ Kc7 45.Ke3 Nc8 46.Ne4 Be7 47.Nd3 Ba2 48.Be5+ Kd8 49.Nf6 Bxf6 50.Bxf6+ ½-½ (50) Gelfand,B (2674)-Shevchenko,K (2647) Riga LAT 2021 *)*

C1) 10...Nf4 11.Bf1 a5 12.bxa5 Rxa5 13.a4 c5 *(13...Nh5 14.Nd2 b6 15.Nb3 Ra8 16.a5 Bd7 17.Ra3 bxa5 18.Nxa5 c5 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Bg5 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nxc6 Nxc6 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.Qxd6 Ne8 25.Qc5 Qa5 26.Qxa5 Nxa5 27.Ra1 Nb3 28.Ra3 Nd4 29.f3 Nf6 30.Ra5 Nd7 31.Rd5 Nb6 32.Rxe5 Rc8 33.c5 f6 34.Re7 Rxc5 35.Nd1 Nc8 36.Rb7 Nc6 37.Ne3 N6e7 38.Kf2 Kf8 39.Bd3 Nd6 40.Rd7 Nf7 41.f4 Rc6 42.Ra7 Rb6 43.Ra2 Rd6 44.Ke2 g5 45.g3 gxf4 46.gxf4 Ng6 47.Ng2 Ne7 48.Ra8+ Rd8 49.Ra4 Nc6 50.Ke3 Rc8 51.Ne1 Rc7 52.Nc2 Nd6 53.h4 Nb7 54.Ra8+ Kf7 55.Na3 Nd6 56.Ra6 Ke7 57.Nc4 Nc8 58.Ra8 Nd8 59.Kf3 Rc5 60.h5 Nc6 61.h6 Nb4 62.Bf1 Nc6 63.Kf2 Nb4 64.Kg3 f5 65.Rb8 Na6 66.Rb7+ Nc7 67.exf5 Kd8 68.Bd3 Rc6 69.Ne5 Rf6 70.Ng4 Rd6 71.Bc4 Nb6 72.Rb8+ Kd7 73.Ne5+ Ke7 74.Rb7 Nba8 75.Ng4 Kd7 76.f6 Kc8 77.f7 Kxb7 78.f8Q Rd1 79.Be2 Rg1+ 80.Kf2 Rb1 81.Bf3+ Ka6 82.Qxa8+ Nxa8 83.Bxa8 Rb2+ 84.Kf3 Rb3+ 85.Ne3 Rb6 86.Be4 Rxh6 87.f5 Rd6 88.Nd5 h5 89.f6 Rd7 90.Nf4 Rf7 91.Nxh5* 1-0 (91) Seer2 (3499)-Komododragon3 (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 14.Ra3 Nh5 15.Bd2 Ra8 16.Nb5 Nf6 17.Bd3 Ne8 18.Bc2 Kh8 19.h3 Ng8 20.Qc1 Bd7 21.g4 h6 22.Kh2 Kh7 23.Rh1 Ngf6 24.Ne1 Rh8 25.f3 Bc8 26.h4 h5 27.g5 Nd7 28.Nd3 Rf8 29.Bd1 f6 30.Rg1 Rf7 31.Ra2 Nb6 32.Rg2 Nd7 33.Kh1 Nf8 34.Be3 b6 35.Qb1 Qd7 36.Raf2 Qd8 37.Bd2 f5 38.Be1 Kg8 39.Nc3 Raa7 40.Ra2 Ba6 41.Nb5 Ra8 42.Nf2 Bc8 43.Kh2 Rb7 44.Ra3 Nc7 45.Be2 Nxb5 46.cxb5 Rf7 47.Qc2 Nd7 48.Nd3 c4 49.Qxc4 Kh7 50.Qc6 Nb8 51.Qc3 Rc7 52.Qb4 Rca7 53.Ra2 Qf8 54.Nb2 fxe4 55.fxe4 Bg4 56.Bxg4 hxg4 57.Nd3 Nd7 58.Rgf2 Qe7 59.Qb3 Rf8 60.Kg2 Nc5 61.Nxc5 dxc5 62.Rxf8 Qxf8 63.Rf2 Qc8 64.Qd1 c4 65.Bc3 g3 66.Rf1 Qe8 67.Kxg3 Kg8 68.Qg4 Bf8 69.Qe6+ Qxe6 70.dxe6 Rxa4 71.Kg4 Ra7 72.Bxe5 Bb4 73.Rd1 Ra8 74.h5 gxh5+ 75.Kxh5 c3 76.Rh1 Ra7 77.Kg6 Kf8 78.Bf6 Rg7+ 79.Bxg7+ Ke7 80.Kf5 Kd8

81.Rh8+ Kc7 82.Be5+ Kb7 83.g6 c2 84.Rh7+ Kc8 85.g7 Be7 86.g8Q+ Bd8 87.Rc7+ Kb8 88.Qxd8# 1-0 (88) Komododragon3 (3592)-Seer2 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

C2) 10...f5 11.a4 *(11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bf3 c6 13.b5 h6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Ba3 dxe4 20.Qxd8 Rfxd8 21.Bxe7 Re8 22.Bb4 Rxe6 23.Rxe4 a6 24.bxa6 Rexa6 25.a3 Bf8 26.Rae1 Bxb4 27.axb4 Ra1 28.Rxe5 R8a4 29.Re8+ Kf7 30.R8e7+ Kf6 31.R7e6+ Kf7 32.Re7+ Kf6 33.R7e6+ Kf7 34.Re7+* ½-½ (34) Chigaev,M (2631)-Amonatov,F (2622) Vladivostok RUS 2022 *)* 11...Nf6 12.a5 *(12.Bd3 h6 13.a5 a6 14.Ba3 Kh8 15.Nd2 Rb8 16.c5 fxe4 17.Ndxe4 Nf5 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.b5 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 axb5 21.Bxb5 Ra8 22.Bb4 Rf7 23.Bd3 Bf8 24.Ng3 Bg7 25.Rc1 Bd7 26.Nxf5 gxf5 27.Bxd6 e4 28.Bc7 Qg5 29.Bf1 Re8 30.f4 exf3 31.Qxf3 Bd4+ 32.Kh1 Be3 33.Rc3 Bd4 34.Rxe8+ Bxe8 35.Rc4 Bg7 36.Bf4 Qd8 37.d6 Bc6 38.Qh5 Bd5 39.Rc5 Be6 40.Bxh6 Kg8 41.Bf4 Bf6 42.Rc7 Rg7 43.Qe2 Bd5 44.Qb5 Be4 45.Qc4+ Kh7 46.Rxg7+ Bxg7 47.Qc7 Qh4 48.d7 Bxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Qg4+ 50.Kf2 Bd4+ 51.Ke1 Qh4+ 52.Kd1 Qg4+ 53.Kc2* 1-0 (53) Narayanan,S (2677)-Salem,A (2639) Samarkand UZB 2023 *)* 12...h6 13.Nd2 Kh7 *(13...f4 14.c5 g5 15.a6 bxa6 16.Bxa6 Ng6 17.Bxc8 Qxc8 18.b5 Rf7 19.Ra6 Bf8 20.Ba3 Nh4 21.Nf3 Qg4 22.Nxh4 Qxh4 23.Qf3 g4 24.Qd3 dxc5 25.Na4 c4 26.Qc3 g3 27.fxg3 fxg3 28.hxg3 Qh5 29.Rxf6 Rxf6 30.Bxf8 Raxf8 31.Nc5 Kh7 32.Nd7 Qg5 33.Ra1 R8f7 34.Nxf6+ Qxf6 35.Kh2 h5 36.Rxa7 h4 37.gxh4 Qf2 38.Ra6 Rf4 39.Qh3 Rxh4 40.Ra3 Qf4+* 0-1 (40) Navara,D (2675)-Shevchenko,K (2619) Polanica Zdroj POL 2021 *)*

C2a) 14.Ba3 a6 15.h3 c6 16.Rc1 fxe4 17.Ndxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 cxd5 19.cxd5 Bf5 20.Bf3 Ng8 21.b5 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 axb5 23.Bb4 Nf6 24.Bb1 Re8 25.Qd3 e4 26.Qxb5 Rc8 27.Rcd1 Re5 28.Qa4 *(28.Bd2 Re7 29.Qb3 Qd7 30.Bc3 h5 31.Bxf6 Bxf6 32.Bxe4 Rce8 33.Qb4 Kg7 34.Rb1 h4 35.Rb3 Qc7 36.g4 Rf8 37.Rf3 Ref7 38.Ree3 Be5 39.Kg2 Rxf3 40.Bxf3 Rf7 41.Be4 Kh6 42.Bb1 Qd8 43.Re4 Qg5 44.Qe1 Rf4 45.Qe3 Rxe4 46.Qxe4 Qf6 47.Kf1 Kg7 48.Qe3 Qf4 49.Qd3 Qf6 50.Qe3 Bf4 51.Qb3 Kh6 52.Qd3 Kg5 53.Ke2 Be5 54.Qe4 Bh2 55.Kf1 Be5 56.Qe3+ Bf4 57.Qd3 Be5 58.Qe4 Bd4 59.Qe2 Be5 60.Be4 Qf4 61.Qc2 Qf6 62.Ke2 Bf4 63.Qb1 Qf7 64.Qb4 Be5 65.Bc2 Qg7 66.Ba4 Qf6 67.Qd2+ Bf4*

68.Qd3 Qe5+ 69.Kf3 Qf6 70.Kg2 Qe7 71.Bc6 Qe1 72.Ba4 Qe5 73.Bd7 Qe1 74.Ba4 Qe5 75.Bd1 Qg7 76.Qe4 Qf7 77.Ba4 Qf8 78.Be8 Qf6 79.Bc6 Qf7 80.Qe6 Qg7 81.Qe4 Qf7 82.Kf1 Qg7 83.Qb4 bxc6 84.dxc6 Qa1+ 85.Kg2 Qe5 86.Kf3 d5 87.a6 d4 88.Qc4 Be3 ½-½ (90) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)*
28...Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Nxd5 30.Bd2 Nf6 31.Bxe4 d5 32.Bd3 Ne4 33.Bb4 Qf6 34.Bxe4 dxe4 35.Rxe4 Rc1+ 36.Re1 Qa1 37.Qe8 Rxe1+ 38.Bxe1 Qe5 39.Qxe5 Bxe5 40.Kf1 h5 41.Bb4 Kg7 42.Bc5 Kf7 43.Bb6 Ke6 44.Ke2 ½-½ (44) Ethereal (3545)-LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

C2b) 14.Bb2 f4 *(14...Rb8 15.Bf1 b6 16.a6 Bd7 17.Rb1 h5 18.c5 Bh6 19.Bd3 Bf4 20.Qc2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 f4 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.b5 Ng4 24.Ba3 Rf6 25.Be2 g5 26.Rec1 Ng6 27.Nd1 Nh6 28.Bxh5 g4 29.Qc3 Rc8 30.Qe1 Ra8 31.Rb3 Kg7 32.f3 gxf3 33.Bxf3 Rf7 34.Nb2 Kg8 35.Nc4 Rg7 36.Nxd6 Nh4 37.Qf1 Qf6 38.Rc7 Kh8 39.Rb2 Qg5 40.Nc4 Bh3 41.Rxg7 Kxg7 42.Rf2 Nf7 43.Be2 Rh8 44.Bb2 Ng6 45.Nd2 Bd7 46.Nf3 Qe7 47.Qc1 Rc8 48.Qd2 Kg8 49.d6 Qf6 50.h3 Be6 51.d7 Rd8 52.Qc3 Rxd7 53.h4 Rd8 54.h5 Rc8 55.hxg6 Rxc3 56.gxf7+ Qxf7 57.Bxc3 Qc7 58.Bxe5 Qc1+ 59.Bf1 Bd7 60.Kh2 Bg4 61.Bd4 Qc7 62.Kg1 Qd6 63.Be5 Qe6 64.Bxf4 Qxe4 65.Ne5 Be6 66.Nc6 Bc4 67.Bxc4+ Qxc4 68.Be3 Qe4 69.Bd4 Qb1+ 70.Rf1 Qd3 71.Ne7+ Kh7 72.Rf7+ Kh6 73.Kh2 Kh5 74.Rg7 Qd2 75.Nc6 Qf4+ 76.Rg3 Qd6 77.Be3 Kh4 78.Bg5+ Kh5 79.Nxa7 Qb8 80.Nc6 Qd6 81.a7 Qxc6 82.bxc6 Kg6 83.c7 b5 84.c8Q b4 85.Qe6+ Kg7 86.Bf6+ Kh7 87.Qh3#* 1-0 (87) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 15.c5 g5 16.a6 b6 17.Nb5 Ng6 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.h3 Qe7 20.Ra3 Bd7 21.Nf3 Rfc8 22.Qb1 Ne8 23.Rc1 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 h5 25.Nh2 Nf6 26.f3 Ne8 27.Bd2 Bf6 28.Rc3 Qf7 29.Nf1 Bd8 30.Qc2 Ne7 31.Be1 Ng8 32.Na3 Rb8 33.Bb5 Bxb5 34.Nxb5 Qd7 35.Qe2 Ne7 36.Nd2 Kg7 37.h4 g4 38.fxg4 hxg4 39.g3 f3 40.Qd3 Rc8 41.Nf1 Rb8 42.Bd2 Ra8 43.Na3 Nf6 44.b5 Ne8 45.Qe3 Ng8 46.Rc6 Rc8 47.Bb4 Rxc6 48.bxc6 Qc8 49.Nb5 Qxa6 50.Nxd6 Nxd6 51.Bxd6 Qe2 52.Qxe2 fxe2 53.Kf2 exf1R+ 54.Kxf1 Kf6 55.c7 Bxc7

56.Bxc7 a5 57.Ke2 a4 58.Kd3 Nh6 59.Bd8+ Kf7 60.Bg5 Ng8 61.Kc4 a3 62.Kb3 a2 63.Kxa2 Kg6 64.d6 Nf6 65.Bxf6 Kxf6 66.Ka3 Ke6 67.Kb4 Kxd6 68.Kb5 Ke6 69.Kxb6 Kd6 70.Kb5 Kd7 71.Kc5 Ke6 72.Kc6 Ke7 73.Kd5 Kd7 74.h5 Ke7 75.Kxe5 1-0 (75) LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648)-Ethereal (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[9.Bd2 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4 11.Bf1 a5 12.Nb5 *(12.a4 b6 13.Ra3 Kh8 14.h3 Bd7 15.Nb5 Ng8 16.Qc1 Bh6 17.Kh2 Bg7 18.g3 Nh5 19.Bg2 Nhf6 20.Re2 Ne8 21.Ne1 f5 22.f4 Ngf6 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Qd1 Rb8 25.Nd3 Bxb5 26.axb5 Nd7 27.b4 e4 28.Ne1 axb4 29.Bxb4 Ra8 30.Rea2 Rxa3 31.Rxa3 Kg8 32.Ra2 Bf6 33.Bf1 Ng7 34.Ng2 h5 35.Be2 Qe8 36.Ra7 Qb8 37.Ra3 Qe8 38.Be1 Kh7 39.Bf2 Kg6 40.Ra7 Qd8 41.Ne3 Bc3 42.Nc2 Nc5 43.Be3 Rg8 44.Ra3 Bb2 45.Ra2 Bc3 46.Ra7 Qb8 47.Ra3 Bb2 48.Ra2 Bf6 49.Nd4 Bxd4 50.Bxd4 Qf8 51.Ra7 Qe7 52.Ra3 Qf7 53.Qf1 Qf8 54.Kg1 Ne8 55.g4 hxg4 56.hxg4 fxg4 57.Bxg4 Nf6 58.Rg3 Kf7 59.Qh3 Ke7 60.Bc8 Rxg3+ 61.Qxg3 Qf7 62.Qg5 Nb3 63.Bc3 e3 64.Bf5 Nd2 65.Kg2 Nxc4 66.Kf1 Nd2+ 67.Ke2 Nb3 68.Kxe3 Nc5 69.Kf2 Qf8 70.Qh4 Qf7 71.Bb2 Qg7 72.Kf3 Qf8 73.Qg5 Qh8 74.Kg2 Qf8 75.Kf2 Qh8 76.Kg1 Qf8 77.Qh4 Qg7+ 78.Kh2 Kf7 79.Kh3 Ke7 80.Qg5 Qf8 81.Kg3 Qf7 82.Bc3 Qf8 83.Bd4 Qh8 84.Ba1 Qf8 85.Qh4 Qg7+ 86.Qg5 Qf7 87.Bd4 Qf8 88.Qh4 Qf7 89.Bb2 Qg8+ 90.Qg5 Qxg5+ 91.fxg5 Nxd5 92.g6 Kf8 93.Bb1 Ne7 94.Bf6 Ng8 95.Ba1 Ne7 96.Bf6 Ne6 97.Kg4 d5 98.Bc2 ½-½ (98) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2-(3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 12...b6 13.h3 Bd7 14.a4 h6 15.Ra2 Kh7 16.Ra3 Ng8 17.Qc1 Nh5 18.Qd1 Nf4 19.Ra1 Nf6 20.b4 axb4 21.Bxb4 Qc8 22.Bd2 g5 23.a5 bxa5 24.Bxf4 gxf4 25.c5 Bxb5 26.Bxb5 Rg8 27.Kh2 Bf8 28.c6 Be7 29.Ra4 Kh8 30.Qd2 Nh7 31.Bd3 Ng5 32.Qe2 Nxf3+ 33.Qxf3 Kh7 34.Rf1 Rg6 35.Ra2 Bh4 36.Qh5 Qg8 37.Rg1 Bf6 38.Qf3 Rb8 39.Rxa5 Rb3 40.Ra2 Qb8 41.Qd1 Qb4 42.Bc2 Rc3 43.Qb1 Qc5 44.Bd1 Bh4 45.Qb8 Ra3 46.Rxa3 Qxa3 47.Qxc7 Bxf2 48.Qxf7+ Rg7 49.Qf5+ Kg8 50.Qe6+ Kh7 51.Qf5+ Kg8 52.Qc8+ Kh7 53.Kh1 Bxg1 54.Qf5+ Kg8 55.Qe6+ Kh7 56.Qf5+ Kg8 57.Bg4 Bf2 58.Qc8+ Kh7 59.Bf5+ Rg6 60.Qd7+ Kh8 61.Qd8+ Kg7 62.Qd7+ Kf8 63.Qc8+ Kg7 64.Qd7+ Kf8 65.Qd8+ Kf7 66.Bxg6+ Kxg6 67.Qg8+ Kf6 68.Qf8+ Kg6 69.Qg8+ Kf6 ½-½ (69) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.b4 Bg7 12.Nd2 f5 13.c5 Kh8 14.a4 Ng8 15.Nc4 Nf6 16.Bd3 Rf7 17.a5 Bf8 18.b5 fxe4 19.Bxe4 Bf5 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.b6 dxc5 22.Nxe5 Rg7 23.Qf3 Qc8 24.bxc7 Bd6 25.Nc4 Qxc7 26.g3 Qd7 27.Rae1 Rf8 28.Re6 Bb8 29.Rfe1 Nh7 30.d6 Qf7 31.Nd5 Ng5 32.Rxh6+ Rh7 33.Qc3+

Qg7 34.Rxh7+ Nxh7 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.Re7+ Kg6 37.Rxb7 Rd8 38.Ne7+ 1-0 (38) Indjic,A (2623)-Firouzja,A (2804) Warsaw POL 2021]

[9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 f5 11.a4 Nf6 *(11...a5 12.c5 dxc5 13.Bc4 Kh8 14.Re1 f4 15.Nb5 c6 16.d6 cxb5 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.axb5 b6 19.Bc3 Bb7 20.b3 Rad8 21.Qc2 Rd4 22.h3 Nf6 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.e5 Nd5 25.h4 Nb4 26.Qe2 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Qxh4 28.e6 d3 29.Qe4 Bxa1 30.Rxa1 Rf5 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Qb7+ Kh6* 0-1 (32) Cruz,C (2568)-Kamsky,G (2666) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12.Re1 h6 13.exf5 gxf5 14.c5 Ng6 15.Bc4 Kh7 16.Qc2 e4 17.Nd4 Ng4 18.Be3 f4 19.Qxe4 fxe3 20.fxe3 Qh4 21.h3 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Qxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Nf2+ 24.Kg1 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Bxd4 26.exd4 Bf5 27.cxd6 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 cxd6 29.Bd3 Rf6 30.Re7+ Kh8 31.Rxb7 Nf4 32.Bb5 Rg8 0-1 (32) Cruz,C (2568)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess.com INT 2022]

[9.a4 a5 10.Ne1 Nd7 11.Nd3 f5 12.f3 f4 13.b3 g5 14.Ba3 b6 15.Nb5 Nf6 16.b4 axb4 17.Bxb4 g4 18.a5 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Bd7 20.Qa1 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rxa5 22.Bxa5 gxf3 23.gxf3 Kh8 24.Kh1 Nh5 25.Qc3 Nxd5 26.exd5 e4 27.Qxc7 Qh4 28.fxe4 Ng3+ 29.Kg2 Nxe2 30.Qxd6 f3+ 31.Kh1 Qh3 32.Rf2 Qg4 0-1 (32) Edouard,R (2649)-Firouzja,A (2728) Europe-Echecs INT 2020]

9...Nd7

[9...Ne8 10.Be3 *(10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 f4 12.b4 g5 13.c5 Ng6 14.Rc1 Nf6 15.f3 Rf7 16.Kh1 h5 17.g3 Kh7 18.Nf2 Bf8 19.c6 b6 20.Rg1 Bh6 21.a4 fxg3 22.hxg3 g4 23.fxg4 Bxd2 24.Qxd2 h4 25.g5 Ne8 26.Rcf1 hxg3 27.Rxg3 Rf4 28.Nd3 Rh4+ 29.Kg1 Ng7 30.Rf7 Qh8 31.Rxc7 Kg8 32.Nf2 Nf4 33.Nb5 Rh2 34.Qe3 Qh4 35.Bd1 Ngh5 36.Rxc8+ Rxc8 37.Rg4 Rxf2 38.Rxh4 Rg2+ 39.Kf1 Ng3+ 40.Ke1 Rf8 41.Nxd6 Ng6 42.Nf5 Nxh4 43.Qxg3 Rxg3 44.Nxg3 Kf7 45.Bg4 Ke7 46.c7* 1-0 (46) Duda,J (2750)-Rapport,R (2776) Warsaw POL 2022*)*

10...f5 11.f3

A) 11...Nf6 12.a4 f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.c5 Kh8 *(14...a6 15.a5 Kh8 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Ra3 Rf7 18.Na4 g4 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nc4 Ng6 21.Bb6 Qf8 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.fxg4 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Nxg4 25.Qe2 Nf6 26.Nf3 h6 27.Kf2 Qe7 28.Ke1 Qd7 29.Kd1 Rc8 30.Kc1 Qb5 31.Rc3 Ne7 32.Rc2 Nfxd5 33.exd5 Nxd5 34.Kb1 Rc6 35.Rd1 Rf6 36.Ne1 Kg8 37.Qe4 Nb4 38.Na3 Qa4 39.Rdd2 Qb3 40.Rxc6 Nxc6 41.Kc1 Kh8 42.Qc4 Qxc4+ 43.Nxc4 Bf8 44.Kd1 e4 45.Ke2 Kg8 46.Bc7 Re6 47.Nxd6 Nxa5 48.Rd4 f3+ 49.gxf3 exf3+ 50.Kxf3 Nc6 51.Rg4+ Kh7 52.Ne4 Bg7 53.Nd3 Re8 54.Rf4 Nd4+ 55.Kf2 Kg6 56.Rg4+ Kf5 57.Rxg7 Kxe4 58.Rg3 Rf8+ 59.Nf4 Kf5 60.Re3 Nc6 61.Nd3 Rc8 62.Bb6 h5 63.Rh3 Rh8 64.Rf3+ Ke4 65.Nc5+ Ke5 66.Nxb7 Nb4 67.Bc7+ Ke6 68.Nc5+ Ke7 69.Re3+ Kf7 70.Ba5 Nc6 71.Bc3 Rd8 72.Rf3+ Ke8 73.Nxa6 Rd7 74.Rf5 Rh7 75.Nc5 h4 76.Ne4 Kd7 77.Nf6+ Ke6 78.Rc5 Rc7 79.Kf3 Rc8 80.Kg4 Kd6 81.Rc4 Ke6 82.Kxh4 Rh8+ 83.Kg5 Nd8 84.Re4+ Kf7 85.Ne8 Rg8+ 86.Kf5*

Nb7 87.Bf6 Rxe8 88.Rxe8 Nd6+ 89.Ke5 Nc4+ 90.Kf5 Nd6+ 91.Kg4 Kxe8 1-0 (91) Ethereal Nnue (3515)-Rofchade (3486) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*; 14...Ng6 15.a5 h5 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nb5 g4 18.Bxa7 g3 19.Bb6 Qe7 20.Kh1 Ne8 21.b4 Qh4 22.Bg1 Bf6 23.Qc2 Bd8 24.Ra3 Bd7 25.Rc3 b6 26.a6 Rxa6 27.Nxd6 Ra7 28.Nxe8 Rxe8 29.Bd3 Qe7 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Qe2 Qxb4 32.Rb3 Qd6 33.Bb5 Bxb5 34.Qxb5 Ree7 35.Nd3 h4 36.h3 Ra5 37.Qc6 Qxc6 38.dxc6 Rea7 39.Nb4 Nf8 40.Nd5 Ne6 41.Rbb1 Nd4 42.Bxd4 exd4 43.Nxf4 Rc5 44.Ne6 Rxc6 45.Nxd4 Rc4 46.Nf5 Rc2 47.Rfd1 Bg5 48.Rxb6 Rc1 49.Rxc1* ½-½ (49) Rofchade (3486)-Ethereal Nnue (3515) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 15.a5 Ng6 16.b4 Rg8 17.Kh1 *(17.c6 bxc6 18.dxc6 a6 19.Nc2 Bf8 20.Kh1 Rg7 21.b5 axb5 22.Nb4 h5 23.Nbd5 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Ne7 25.Bxb5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Qf6 27.a6 g4 28.a7 g3 29.Rfb1 Qh4 30.Bg1 gxh2 31.Bxh2 Rxg2 32.Kxg2 Bh3+ 33.Kg1 Qg5+ 34.Kf2 Qg2+ 35.Ke1 Qxh2 36.Bf1 Qg1 37.Kd2 Qe3+ 38.Kc2 Bxf1 39.Rb8 Qf2+ 40.Kc3 Qxf3+ 41.Kb4 Qf2 42.Ra2 Qe1+ 43.Kb3 Qe3+ 44.Kb2 Qe2+ 45.Kc1 Qe1+* ½-½ (45) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)*

A1) 17...a6 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.b5 axb5 20.Nxb5 Qe7 21.Qc1 *(21.Qb1 g4 22.fxg4 Bxg4 23.Nf3 Ne8 24.Qe1 Bf6 25.Na3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Bh4 27.Nc4 Bxf2 28.Qxf2 Nh4 29.Rg1 Rc8 30.Rxg8+ Kxg8 31.Qg1+ Ng6 32.Qg4 Rc7 33.Qh3 Qd8 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Rc1 Re7 36.Qg4 Rc7 37.Rg1 Kf8 38.Qf5+ Rf7 39.Qh3 Kg7 40.Bd3 Rc7 41.Bf1 Kf8 42.Be2 Qh4 43.Kg2 Rg7 44.Qxh4 Nxh4+ 45.Kf1 Rxg1+ 46.Kxg1 Ke7 47.Kf2 Nf6 48.Bf1 Nd7 49.Bh3 h5 50.Ke2 Ng6 51.Be6 Nh4 52.Bxd7 Kxd7 53.Kf2 Kc7 54.Ke2 Kd7 55.Nb6+ Kd8 56.Nc4 Kd7* ½-½ (56) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 21...Bd7 22.Qa3 g4 23.Qxd6 Bxb5 24.Qxe7 Bxe2 25.Qxb7 Bxf1 26.Qb2 Nf8 27.Qd2 Bh6 28.Bh4 Bg5 29.Bxg5 Rxg5 30.Kg1 Ba6 31.Rc1 N8d7 32.Rc6 Rgg8 33.Kf2 Bb5 34.Qb4 Rgb8 35.Rd6 h5 36.Qa3 Ba6 37.Qc3 h4 38.Rxf6 Nxf6 39.Qxe5 Kg7 40.g3 fxg3+ 41.hxg3 h3 42.Qe7+ Kg6 43.e5 Rb2+ 44.Kg1 Nh7 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Qxg4+ Kh8 47.d6 Re2 48.Qb4 Ng5 49.Qh4+ Nh7 50.Qb4 Ng5 51.Qh4+ Nh7 52.Qb4 ½-½ (52) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2) 17...Bh6 18.c6 bxc6 19.dxc6 a6 20.b5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Be6 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qe8 24.a6 Ne7 25.Ra5 Nf5 26.Qc2 e4 27.Ra4 Qh5 28.Be2 Ng3+ 29.Bxg3 fxg3 30.h3 e3 31.Qc4 Rge8 32.a7 Qf7 33.Ra5 Qg7 34.Qb4 Qe7 35.Kg1 Bg7 36.Nd3 Ng8

37.Rb1 Qf6 38.Ra4 Ne7 39.Qa5 Qc3 40.Qxc3 Bxc3 41.Rb5 Rf8 42.Kf1 Nc8 43.Rb7 Nb6 44.Ra3 Nxd5 45.Rb5 Nf6 46.Rxc3 Rxa7 47.Ne1 h6 48.Rxe3 Raa8 49.Re7 Rfe8 50.Rxe8+ Rxe8 51.Bc4 Re3 52.Rb3 Re7 53.Nc2 d5 54.Rb8+ Kg7 55.Bb3 Kg6 56.Nd4 h5 57.Bc2+ Kf7 58.Rc8 Ne8 59.Nf5 Re5 60.Nxg3 Re3 61.Ne2 Kf6 62.Kf2 Re7 63.Rd8 Nd6 64.Rg8 Nc4 65.Rg6+ Ke5 66.h4 Na5 67.hxg5 d4 68.Rf6 Nc4 69.Rf5+ Kd6 70.Nxd4 Nd2 71.g6 Rg7 72.Rxh5 Rg8 73.Ke3 Nc4+ 74.Kf4 Nd2 75.Nf5+ Ke6 76.g7 Rxg7 77.Nxg7+ Kd6 78.Ba4 Nc4 79.Ne8+ Ke7 80.Rh7+ Kxe8 81.Kf5 Ne3+ 82.Kg5 Nd5 83.Bb3 Ne7 84.Kf6 Nxc6 85.Be6 Ne7 86.Rh8+ Ng8+ 87.Rxg8# 1-0 (87) Ethereal (3535)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3418) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 11...f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.c5 Rf6 14.Nd3 *(14.Rc1 dxc5 15.Bxc5 Ng6 16.Nd3 h5 17.a4 Rf7 18.Nf2 Nd6 19.Qb3 a6 20.Nb1 Bd7 21.Nd2 Bf8 22.h3 b5 23.axb5 Nxb5 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.Bxf8 Bxf1 26.Rc6 Nxf8 27.Kxf1 Rf6 28.Rc2 a5 29.Qc4 Rf7 30.Nd3 Qe8 31.Qc6 Re7 32.Qxe8 Raxe8 33.Rc6 g4 34.hxg4 hxg4 35.fxg4 Rg7 36.Nf3 Rxg4 37.Rxc7 Rg7 38.Rc5 Nd7 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Nfxe5 Nxe5 41.Nxe5* ½-½ (41) Berserk Dev10 (3509)-Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)*

B1) 14...Rg6

B1a) 15.Rc1 h5 16.Kh1 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.g3 fxg3 19.hxg3 Nf6 *(19...Qd7 20.Kg1 Bh6 21.Rc2 Kh7 22.Nb4 Qh3 23.Re1 Rf6 24.Nb5 Qd7 25.Nc6 a6 26.Nbd4 exd4 27.Bxd4 Nxc6 28.dxc6 Qh3 29.Bd3 Rf7 30.Bf2 Bf8 31.e5+ Kh6 32.exd6 Nxd6 33.Re5 Bf5 34.c7 Bxd3 35.Qxd3 Rc8 36.g4 Rf6 37.Rxg5 Kxg5 38.Be3+ Kh4 39.Rh2 Rxf3 40.Bf2+ Kxg4 41.Qg6+ Kf4 42.Rxh3 Rxh3 43.Kg2 Rf3 44.Bh4 Rxc7 45.Bg5+ Ke5 46.Kxf3 Rf7+ 47.Ke2 Be7 48.Bd2 h4 49.Bc3+ Kd5 50.Qd3+ Kc6 51.Be5 b5 52.a4 Rf8 53.a5 Rd8 54.Bh2 Re8 55.Kd1 Rd8 56.Kc2 Rc8 57.Kb1 Rc7 58.Qh3 Ne8 59.Qe6+ Nd6 60.Bf4 h3 61.Qxh3 Ne8 62.Qe6+ Nd6 63.Ka2 b4 64.Qe2 Ra7 65.Be3 Rc7 66.Qxa6+ Kd7 67.Qd3 Kc6 68.Kb3 Nc8 69.Ka4 Nd6 70.a6 Rc8 71.a7 Ra8 72.Bf2 Rf8 73.Bg3 Rd8 74.Bxd6 Bxd6 75.Qb5+ Kc7 76.Qa5+ Kd7 77.Qxd8+ Kxd8* 1-0 (77) Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589)-Berserk Dev10 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 20.Be3 Bd7 21.Kg2 Bh6 22.Qd2 Rg7 23.Rh1 Ng6 24.Kf1 h4 25.g4 b5 26.Kg2 a5 27.Rhg1 b4 28.Nd1 Qf8 29.N1f2 Nf4+ 30.Kh2 Nh7 31.a3 bxa3 32.bxa3 Nxe2 33.Qxe2 Bb5 34.Rc2 Rb7 35.Rb2 a4

36.Rgb1 Rab8 37.Qd1 Bg7 38.Kg2 Bf6 39.Ba7 Rxa7 40.Rxb5 Rxb5 41.Rxb5 Qc8 42.Rb6 Qc7 43.Rc6 Qb8 44.Qc1 Nf8 45.Nh3 Qb5 46.Qd2 Be7 47.Nxg5 Bxg5 48.Qxg5+ Rg7 49.Qe3 Ng6 50.Kh2 Qb8 51.Rb6 Qa7 52.Qg1 Qf7 53.Qf2 Qf8 54.Qe3 Kh7 55.Nf2 Nf4 56.Nh3 Nxh3 57.Kxh3 Rf7 58.Kxh4 Rxf3 59.Rb7+ Rf7 60.Rxf7+ Qxf7 ½-½ (60) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B1b) 15.g4 h5 16.h3 Rh6 17.Kg2 *(17.b4 Bf8 18.Kg2 Ng6 19.c6 bxc6 20.dxc6 a6 21.a4 Nf6 22.b5 d5 23.b6 cxb6 24.exd5 Bd6 25.a5 b5 26.Rh1 b4 27.Ne4 Nxd5 28.gxh5 Nge7 29.Rc1 Nf5 30.Qb3 Be6 31.Qb2 Nfe3+ 32.Bxe3 fxe3 33.h4 Bf5 34.Qb3 Be6 35.Qb2 Bf5 36.Qb3 Be6 37.Qa4 gxh4 38.Rhg1 Kh8 39.Qa1 Qf8 40.Nxd6 Qxd6 41.Nxe5 Nc3 42.Rxc3 Rg8+ 43.Kh1 Rxg1+ 44.Qxg1 bxc3 45.Qg5 Rh7 46.Qf6+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qg6+ Kh8 50.Bd3 Rg7 51.Qh6+ Kg8 52.Qxe3 Qa3 53.Ng4 Qa1+ 54.Kg2 Qa2+ 55.Kh3 Qd5 56.Kxh4 Qd8+ 57.Kg3 Bxg4 58.fxg4 Qc7+ 59.Kh3 Qxc6 60.h6 Rf7 61.Qg5+ Kf8* ½-½ (61) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 17...Ng6 18.c6 bxc6 19.dxc6 Nf6 20.Qa4 Be6 21.Qa5 d5 22.Nc5 Bf7 23.exd5 hxg4 24.hxg4 Nxg4 25.fxg4 Bxd5+ 26.Bf3 Bxf3+ 27.Kxf3 Qd2 28.Rad1 Rh3+ 29.Ke4 Qc2+ 30.Nd3 Ne7 31.Qxc7 Nd5 32.Kxd5 Rxd3+ 33.Kc4 Rxc3+ 34.bxc3 Qxa2+ 35.Kd3 e4+ 36.Kxe4 Re8+ 37.Kf3 Qe2+ 38.Kg2 Qxg4+ 39.Kh1 Qh3+ 40.Kg1 Qg4+ 41.Kh1 Qh5+ 42.Kg1 Qg4+ 43.Kh1 ½-½ (43) Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B2) 14...h5 15.Kh1 Rf7 16.a4 Nf6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Nb5 Ng6 19.a5 g4 20.Bxa7 g3 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Qe1 Bh6 23.Qb4 Bf8 24.Rfc1 Ng4 25.h3 Ne3 26.Bxe3 fxe3 27.Nc7 Bd7 28.Qb3 Re8 29.Rc2 Qh4 30.Ne6 Bg7 31.Bf1 Nf8 32.Nxg7 Rxg7 33.Qb6 e2 34.Rxe2 Nh7 35.Qxd6 Ng5 36.Qh6 Rh7 37.Qb6 Rf7 38.a6 bxa6 39.Rxa6 Rg7 40.Ra7 Kh7 41.Qf6 Ree7 42.Rxd7 Rxd7 43.Nxe5 Rc7 44.Re1 Rcf7 45.Nxf7 Rxf7 46.Qc3 Rxf3 47.gxf3 Nxh3 48.Qc7+ Kh6 49.Qd6+ Kg7 50.Qd7+ Kh6 51.Qe6+ Kh7 52.Bxh3 g2+ 53.Kxg2 Qxe1 54.Bf5+ Kg7 55.Qe7+ Kg8 56.Be6+ Kh8 57.Qf8+ Kh7 58.Bf5# 1-0 (58) Rubichess (3508)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

C) 11...Kh8 12.a4 Ng8 13.a5 Bh6

14.Bf2 Ngf6 15.b4 Qe7 16.Nd3 Nh5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.g3 Bg7 19.Ra3 Qg5 *(19...a6 20.Kh1 Bd7 21.Re1 Nhf6 22.b5 Qf7 23.Rf1 Rg8 24.bxa6 Rxa6 25.c5 Ra8 26.Qb3 Bc8 27.Qa2 Bd7 28.Re1 Bh6 29.Qb2 f4 30.g4 Bc8 31.Bd1 Qg6 32.Nb5 e4 33.Rxe4 Bxg4 34.Nxf4 Bxf4 35.Rxf4 Bd7 36.Bg3 Bxb5 37.Qxb5 Qh5 38.Rh4 Qxd5 39.Be2 Rg7 40.Qc4 Qxc4 41.Bxc4 Rg5 42.Ra1 Rxc5 43.a6 bxa6 44.Bf2 Rf5 45.Bd4 c5 46.Bd3 Rg5 47.Bc3 Kg8 48.Rf4 Kf7 49.Rd1 Rd8 50.Rb1 Rh5 51.Bf5 Rxf5 52.Rxf5 Ke6 53.Rf4 Nd5 54.Re1+ Kd7 55.Rf7+ Kc6 56.Ba1 Rd7 57.Rxd7 Kxd7 58.Re4 Ne7 59.Rh4 d5 60.Bb2 d4 61.Ba3 Nf6 62.Bxc5* ½-½ (62) LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 20.Kh1 Nef6 21.Rg1 a6 22.Nb2 Qh6 23.Be1 Nd7 24.Rg2 Re8 25.Ra2 Qg6 26.c5 dxc5 27.bxc5 Nhf6 28.Nc4 Nxc5 29.Bf2 Ncd7 30.Na4 Qf7 31.Rd2 Qf8 32.d6 b5 33.axb6 cxb6 34.Naxb6 Rb8 35.Nxc8 Rexc8 36.Ba7 Rb5 37.Bg1 Rcb8 38.Qa4 Nc5 39.Qa2 Nfd7 40.Rd1 Qf7 41.Bf1 Rb4 42.Rgd2 R4b7 43.Rc2 f4 44.Nd2 Qxa2 45.Rxa2 Bf8 46.gxf4 exf4 47.Bd4+ Bg7 48.Bxc5 Nxc5 49.Rc2 Nd7 50.Ne4 Bf6 51.Nxf6 Nxf6 52.Bh3 Rb1 53.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 54.Kg2 Rd1 55.Rc8+ Kg7 56.d7 Nxd7 57.Rc7 Rd2+ 58.Kf1 Rxh2 59.Bxd7 Kg6 60.Rc6+ Kg5 61.Rxa6 Rb2 62.Bc6 Rb1+ 63.Kg2 Rc1 64.Be4 Rc4 65.Bxh7 Rc5 66.Be4 Re5 67.Kh3 Kh5 68.Rf6 Kg5 69.Rc6 Kh5 70.Rd6 Ra5 71.Rd5+ Rxd5 1-0 (71) Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

10.Be3

[10.Nd3 f5 *(10...a5 11.f3 b6 12.a3 f5 13.Be3 Ba6 14.Nf2 f4 15.Bd2 c5 16.b4 g5 17.bxa5 bxa5 18.Rb1 h5 19.Kh1 Rf7 20.Rg1 Bf6 21.Bf1 Ng6 22.g3 Ndf8 23.Nb5 fxg3 24.hxg3 Bc8 25.Bh3 Bxh3 26.Nxh3 Qd7 27.Kg2 Nh7 28.Rh1 Raf8 29.Nf2 h4 30.g4 h3+ 31.Rxh3 Nh4+ 32.Kf1 a4 33.Qxa4 Bg7 34.f4 Nf6 35.Nc3 exf4 36.Qxd7 Nxd7 37.Nb5 Ne5 38.Nxd6 Rd7 39.Nf5 Nxc4 40.Bc1 Bd4 41.Rbb3 Re8 42.Nxd4 cxd4 43.Ke2 Rxd5 44.Bxf4 gxf4 45.Rxh4 d3+ 46.Rxd3 Rb5 47.Rh5 Rb2+ 48.Ke1 Ne3 49.Rd2 Rxd2 50.Kxd2 Ra8 51.Nd3 Ra4 52.e5 Rxa3 53.Nxf4 Nc4+ 54.Kc1 Re3 55.e6 Re4 56.Rg5+ Kh7 57.Rf5 Ne3 58.Rf7+ Kh6 59.e7 Kg5 60.Kd2 Nxg4 61.Nd5 Ne3 62.Kd3 Re6 63.Nf4 Re5 64.Nh3+ Kg6 65.Rf2 Nd1* ½-½ (65) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)*

A) 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.Be1 g5 14.a4 *(14.c5 Ng6 15.a4 h5 16.a5 Rf7 17.a6 bxa6 18.Nb4 g4 19.Bxa6 dxc5 20.Nc6 Qe8 21.Bxc8 Qxc8 22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Nxa7 Qd8 24.Qe2 Bf8 25.Nb1 Bd6 26.Kh1 Qd7 27.Nc6 Nh7 28.Bc3 Ng5 29.Nd2 Rf8 30.Rc1 Re8 31.Re1 Kg7 32.Rb1 Nh4 33.Rf1 Kh7 34.Qf2 Ng6 35.Qe2 Nh4* ½-½ (35) Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586)-Stockfish (3601) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 14...h5 15.c5

(15.a5 a6 16.c5 Ng6 17.Bf2 g4 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Na4 g3 20.hxg3 fxg3 21.Bxg3 h4 22.Bh2 Bh6 23.f4 Nxe4 24.Nb6 Rb8 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Bg4 Rc4 27.Be6+ Kg7 28.Qe2 Ng3 29.Bxg3 hxg3 30.fxe5 Qh4 31.Bh3 Re4 32.Qc2 Rc4 33.Qb3 Nf4 34.Nxf4 Rcxf4 35.Qxb7+ R8f7 36.Qxa6 dxe5 37.Qe2 Qe7 38.Rxf4 Rxf4 39.a6 Qa7+ 40.Kh1 e4 41.d6 Bg5 42.d7 Rh4 43.Qf1 Qf2 44.Qxf2 gxf2 45.a7 e3 46.d8Q Bxd8 47.a8Q Bg5 1-0 (47) Karjakin,S (2750)-Inarkiev,E (2682) Nazran RUS 2019 *)* 15...Rf7 16.a5 Bf8 17.Kh1 Rg7 18.Rg1 Ng6 19.c6 bxc6 20.dxc6 Kh8 21.b4 g4 22.b5 Be6 23.Ra4 Be7 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Qb3 Ne3 27.g3 fxg3 28.Bxg3 Bg5 29.fxg4 h4 30.Bf2 Qg8 31.Rb1 Qd5+ 32.Qxd5 Nxd5 33.Rb3 Rf7 34.Bg1 Rff8 35.Ra2 Kg7 36.Ne1 Ndf4 37.Nf3 Kh6 ½-½ (37) Stockfish (3601)-Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B) 11.f3

B1) 11...Nf6 12.b4 *(12.c5 c6 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Be3 fxe4 15.fxe4 cxd5 16.cxd6 Nc6 17.exd5 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Nb5 Bg4 20.Bxg4 Nxg4 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Qb4 Qh4 23.h3 Ne3 24.Qe1 Qe4 25.Qe2 Rd8 26.Re1 Bxd6 27.Nxd4 Qxd4 28.Qxe3 Qxd5 29.Kh1 Rf8 30.a3 a6 31.Nf2 Bc5 32.Qh6 Qf5 33.Ng4 Bd6 34.Qc1 h5 35.Nh2 Bxh2 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.Re7 Qf1+ 38.Kxh2 Qf4+ 39.Qxf4 Rxf4 40.Rxb7 a5 41.Kg3 Rd4 42.Ra7 Rd2 43.Rxa5 Rxb2 44.Ra7 Ra2 45.h4 Rc2 46.a4 Rc4 47.a5 Rg4+ 48.Kh3 g5 49.hxg5 Rxg5 50.a6 Ra5 51.Kg3 Ra4 52.Kf3 Kf8 53.Ke3 Ke8 54.g3 Kd8 55.Ra8+ Kc7 56.a7 Ra3+ 57.Kf4 Ra4+ 58.Kg5 Ra5+ 59.Kh4 Kb6 60.Rh8 Rxa7 61.Rxh5 Kc6 62.g4 Kd6 63.Rf5 Ke6 64.Kh5 Ra8 65.Rf1 Rh8+ 66.Kg5 Rg8+ 67.Kh4 Rh8+ 68.Kg3 Rg8 69.Rf5 Ra8 70.Kf4 Rb8 71.Kg3 Ra8 72.Rf4 Rg8 73.Kh4 Rh8+ 74.Kg5 Rg8+ 75.Kh5 Ke5 76.Rf5+ Ke6 77.Kh4 Rh8+ 78.Kg3 Ra8 79.Rf4 Rg8 80.Kh4 Rh8+ 81.Kg5 Rg8+ 82.Kh6 Ke5 83.Ra4 Rh8+ 84.Kg7 Rh4 85.Ra5+ Ke6 86.g5 Rg4 87.g6 Rg2 88.Ra6+ Ke7 89.Kg8 Rh2 90.g7 Rh4 91.Ra1 Rg4 92.Re1+ Kd6 93.Rh1* 1-0 (93) Firouzja,A (2804)-Shevchenko,K (2655) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 12...f4 13.c5 g5 14.a4 h5 *(14...Kh8 15.a5 Rf7 16.Nf2 h5 17.Kh1 Bf8 18.g3 Ng6 19.c6 bxc6 20.dxc6 a6 21.Rg1 Rg7 22.gxf4 gxf4 23.b5 axb5 24.Bxb5 Nh7 25.Bd2 Ng5 26.Nd5 Nh4 27.Be2 Bh3 28.Bc3 Bg2+ 29.Rxg2 Nxg2 30.Qd3 Ne6 31.Bf1 Qh4 32.Qe2 Ne3 33.Bh3 Ng5 34.Bd7 Nxe4 35.Nxe4 Nxd5 36.Be1 Qd8 37.Bf2 Be7 38.Be6 Nf6 39.a6 Qe8 40.a7 Qxc6 41.Rb1 Nd7 42.Qd3 Qa4 43.Qd5 Rxa7 44.Bxa7 Qxa7 45.Bxd7 Bf8 46.Qe6 Rxd7 47.Qxd7 Qa2*

48.Rg1 Qe2 1-0 (48) Firouzja,A (2759)-Jones,G (2670) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 15.a5

B1a) 15...g4 16.fxg4 hxg4 17.Nf2 Qe8 *(17...Qd7 18.a6 bxa6 19.c6 Qe8 20.Nxg4 Qg6 21.Nf2 Rb8 22.Bxa6 f3 23.Qxf3 Bxa6 24.Rxa6 Rxb4 25.Qg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rc4 27.Bd2 Nc8 28.g4 Rd4 29.Rd1 Rc4 30.Rb1 Rd4 31.Be3 Rc4 32.Rb3 Kh7 33.Ra4 Rxa4 34.Nxa4 Nb6 35.Nc3 Nc4 36.Bxa7 Bh6 37.Nb5 Ra8 38.Rb4 Na3 39.Nxa3 Rxa7 40.Rb3 Kg6 41.Nb5 Ra1+ 42.Kh2 Ra2 43.Kg3 Bd2 44.Kf3 Nh7 45.Nh3 Ba5 46.Ra3 Rxa3+ 47.Nxa3 Bb6 48.Nc4 Bc5 49.Nd2 Bb6 50.Nf1 Bc5 51.Ng3 Kf6 52.Nf5 Bb6 53.Kg3 Kg6 54.g5 Nxg5 55.Nxg5 Kxg5 56.Ng7 Kg6 57.Ne6 Kh5 58.Kh3 Ba5 59.g4+ Kg6 60.Kg2 Bb6 61.Kf3 Ba5 62.Ke2 Bb6 63.Kd3* 1-0 (63) Praggnanandhaa,R (2676)-Saric,I (2668) chess24.com INT 2022 *)* 18.Nxg4 Qg6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bf3 Bd7 21.a6 b6 22.c6 Be8 23.Nb5 Kg7 24.Nxc7 Rh8 25.Nxa8 Bh4 26.Nc7 Bg3 27.Nxe8+ Kf7 28.Nxd6+ Kf6 29.h3 Bh2+ 30.Kxh2 Rxh3+ 31.gxh3 1-0 (31) Sadhwani,R (2624)-Shevchenko,K (2675) chess.com INT 2023;

B1b) 15...Ng6 16.Nf2 *(16.b5 g4 17.fxg4 hxg4 18.c6 a6 19.Nf2 axb5 20.Nxg4 b4 21.Nxf6+ Rxf6 22.cxb7 Bxb7 23.Qb3 Bc8 24.Qxb4 Nh4 25.Rf2 Nxg2 26.Kxg2 Rg6+ 27.Kh1 Qh4 28.Nd1 Bf6 29.a6 Kh8 30.Qe1 Qh7 31.a7 Bh4 32.Bd2 Bd7 33.Bf3 c5 34.dxc6 Bxc6 35.Qe2 Bxf2 36.Nxf2 Rxa7 37.Rxa7 Qxa7 38.Ng4 Qa2 39.h3 Qc2 40.Kh2 Kg7 41.Qg2 Kf7 42.Bb4 Qxg2+ 43.Kxg2 Ke6 44.Be1 Rg8 45.Bh4 Rg6 46.Kf2 Bb7 47.Nh2 d5 48.exd5+ Bxd5 49.Bg4+ Kd6 50.Nf3 Be6 51.Bd8 Bxg4 52.Bc7+ Kxc7 53.Nxe5 Bh5 54.Nxg6* ½-½ (54) Stockfish (3601)-Lczero D Tilps Dje Magi (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 16...Kh8 17.Kh1 *(17.a6 bxa6 18.c6 Rb8 19.Bxa6 g4 20.Bxc8 Qxc8 21.b5 Bh6 22.Rxa7 Nh4 23.fxg4 Rg8 24.Kh1 hxg4 25.g3 Nf3 26.Nxg4 Nxh2 27.Nxh2 Qh3 28.Rf3 fxg3 29.Ra2 Ng4 30.Bxh6 Qh4 31.Bf4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Rbf8 33.Qd4+ Kh7 34.e5 gxh2 35.Qd3+ Kh8 36.Rxf8 Rxf8 37.Qd1 Qh3* 0-1 (37) Thybo,J (2604)-Jones,G (2654) Terme Catez SLO 2021*)* 17...Rf7 18.c6 bxc6 19.dxc6 a6 20.Rg1 Qf8 21.Bc4 Re7 22.g3 g4 23.Be2 fxg3 24.hxg3 Bh6 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Bxh6 Qxh6+ 27.Kg2 Qg5 28.Rh1+ Kg8 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.exd5 Bf5 31.Bxg4 Rg7 32.Bxf5 Qxf5 33.Qf3 Qc2 34.Rhc1 Qxc1 0-1 (34)

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B2) 11...f4 12.b4 g5 13.c5 Rf6 14.a4 *(14.Qc2 Rg6 15.Bd2 Nf6 16.Nb5 Ne8 17.Rac1 a6 18.Na3 h5 19.Nc4 b5 20.Na5 g4 21.a4 Nf6 22.Kh1 g3 23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Rfe1 Qf8 25.h3 Kh7 26.Nc6 bxa4 27.Qxa4 Ng4 28.Kg1 Qf6 29.fxg4 hxg4 30.Nxe7 Qxe7 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.hxg4 Rc4 33.Bf3 Rd4 34.Qxa6 Rxd3 35.Qxd3 Qa7+ 36.Be3 fxe3 37.Qxe3 Qa2 38.Bd1 Bh6 39.Qxg3 Kg7 40.g5 Bxg5 41.Bg4 Qd2 42.Rf1 Bf4 43.Qf3 Rh6 44.Bh3 Rf6 45.Kh1 Bg5 46.Qd1 Rxf1+ 47.Qxf1 Qxb4 48.Qf3 Qe1+ 49.Kh2 Qe3 50.Qxe3 Bxe3* ½-½ (50) Komododragon (3587)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 14...Rg6 15.a5 Nf6

B2a) 16.Nf2 h5 17.a6 b6 18.g4 hxg4 *(18...Bf8 19.c6 hxg4 20.fxg4 Rh6 21.Kg2 Ng6 22.Rh1 Qe7 23.Kf1 Qh7 24.h3 Be7 25.Ke1 Bd8 26.Kd2 Rb8 27.Kc2 Kg7 28.Ra3 Ne7 29.Kb3 Qg8 30.Kb2 Ng6 31.Qc2 Ne8 32.Bd2 Qh7 33.Qd3 Kf7 34.Rc1 Nh8 35.Qc2 Ra8 36.Qd3 Ng6 37.Nb5 Nh8 38.Rf1 Kf8 39.Nc3 Rb8 40.Rfa1 Kg8 41.Be1 Ra8 42.Bf1 Qe7 43.Qc4 Qh7 44.Nb1 Nf7 45.Nd2 Kg7 46.Nf3 Nf6 47.Qe2 Kh8 48.Bg2 Qg7 49.Ng1 Kg8 50.Nd1 Qh7 51.Rc1 Kg7 52.Ra2 Qh8 53.Kb1 Kg8 54.Kb2 Rb8 55.Nc3 Ne8 56.Raa1 Kf8 57.Bf2 Qh7 58.Nf3 Be7 59.Rh1 Bd8 60.Rag1 Be7 61.Nd2 Bd8 62.Bf3 Qg7 63.Qe1 Qg6 64.Be2 Qg7 65.Rg2 Qh7 66.Qg1 Qg7 67.Nf3 Rh8 68.h4 Rg8 69.Rhh2 Qg6 70.Qh1 Qg7 71.hxg5 Bxg5 72.Bh4 Nf6 73.Nxg5 Nxg5 74.Bxg5 Qxg5 75.Rh8 f3 76.Bxf3 Bxa6 77.Qh6+ Qg7 78.Rxg8+ Kxg8 79.Qe3 Rf8 80.g5 Nh7 81.Bg4 Qg6 82.Bf5 Rxf5 83.exf5 Qxf5 84.g6 Nf6 85.Rf2 Qxg6 86.Qh3 Ng4 87.Rg2 Bc8 88.Qh4 Qf5 89.Qd8+ Kh7 90.Qxc7+ Kg6 91.Qxd6+ Kh5 92.Qe7 Qf3 93.Qe8+ Kh4 94.Qh8+ Kg5 95.Qxc8 Qxg2+ 96.Kb3 a5 97.bxa5 bxa5 98.Qg8+ Kh5 99.Qe8+ Kh4 100.c7 a4+ 101.Qxa4 Qg1 102.c8Q Qb6+ 103.Ka3 Qc5+ 104.Qxc5 e4 105.Qxe4 Kh5 106.Qf5+ Kh4 107.Qg1 Nh6 108.Qe1#* 1-0 (108) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 19.fxg4 Bd7 20.c6 Be8 21.Kg2 Rh6 22.Ra3 Ng6 23.Rh1 Bf8 24.Kf1 Kg7 25.Bd3 Nh8 26.Nb5 Be7 27.Ke1 Rh7 28.Kd2 Bf7 29.Kc3 Rh6 30.Bc4 Ng6 31.Kb2 Nh7 32.Qe2 Nhf8 33.Bd2 Rh8 34.Be1 Rh6 35.Nd1 Nh4 36.Ndc3 Nh7 37.Bd3 Qc8 38.Bc2 Qd8 39.Nb1 Bg6 40.Nd2 Qc8

41.Rg1 Kh8 42.Qf1 Bf6
43.Rh3 Kg7 44.Bf2 Qd8
45.Rc3 Qc8 46.Bxh4 gxh4
47.g5 Nxg5 48.Bd1 Qd8
49.Qe1 Kh8 50.Bg4 Bh7
51.Bd7 Rg6 52.Qd1 Rh6
53.Qe2 Bg6 54.Nf3 Nh7
55.Bh3 Qe7 56.Rcc1 Nf8
57.Rg2 Bh5 58.Rcg1 Nh7
59.Qd3 Bf7 60.Be6 Bxe6
61.dxe6 d5 62.Qxd5 h3
63.Rg4 Nf8 64.Nxc7 Qxc7
65.Rg8+ Kh7 66.e7 Qxe7
67.Rh8+ Bxh8 68.Qg8#
1-0 (68) Stockfish Dev16 (3611)-Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B2b) 16.a6 bxa6 17.Nf2 Rb8
18.c6 *(18.Bxa6 Bxa6 19.Rxa6 dxc5 20.Na4 cxb4 21.Nc5 Nd7 22.Ne6 Rxe6 23.dxe6 Nc5 24.Rxa7 Qxd1 25.Rxd1 Nxe6 26.Nd3 Nc6 27.Ra6 Ncd4 28.Bb2 c5 29.Bxd4 Nxd4 30.Nxc5 b3 31.Kf1 Bf8 32.Nd7 Rb7 33.Nxe5 Nc2 34.Rb1 Na3 35.Rxa3 Bxa3 36.Nc4 Bc5 37.Na5 Ra7 38.Nxb3 Be3 39.Ra1 Rb7 40.Ra3 h5 41.h3 g4 42.Ke2 gxh3 43.gxh3 Kg7 44.h4 Rb4 45.Ke1 Rc4 46.Ra5 Rc3 47.Rb5 Kh6 48.Ke2*
½-½ (48) Stoofvlees Ii B1 (3511)-Stockfish Dev16 (3611) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)*
18...h5 19.Bxa6 g4 20.Kh1 Bh6 21.Nd3 Qe8 22.b5 Kh8
23.Bxc8 Nxc8 24.Bd2 Qe7
25.Be1 Nh7 26.Ra2 Nb6
(26...Rg7 27.Ne2 Kg8 28.Bc3 Rf7 29.Nb4 Ra8 30.Qd3 Kh8 31.Nc2 Nb6 32.Be1 Qg5 33.Bf2 Qg6 34.Bxb6 cxb6 35.Ng1 Rg8 36.Na3 Bg5 37.Nc4 Bd8 38.Qe2 Rgg7 39.Re1 Kg8 40.Rc1 Kh8 41.Rca1 Kg8 42.Ra4 Ng5 43.R4a2 Qf6 44.Ra4 Qg6 45.R1a2 Kh8 46.R4a3 gxf3 47.Nxf3 Nxe4 48.Qd3 Kh7 49.Kg1 a5 50.bxa6 Ra7 51.Rb3 Nc5 52.Qxg6+ Rxg6 53.Rbb2 h4 54.Kf1 h3 55.gxh3 e4 56.Nd4 f3 57.Nf5 Rf6 58.Nfe3 Rg6 59.Rb1 Rxa6 60.Rxa6 Nxa6 61.Nxb6 Rh6 62.Nbc4 Rxh3 63.Kg1 Rh6 64.Rb7+ Nc7 65.Rb8 Bh4 66.Rf8 Kg7 67.Rc8 Nxd5 68.Nf5+ Kg6 69.c7 Nxc7 70.Nxh6 Nb5 71.Ng4 Kf7 72.Nce3 Be1 73.Kf1 Bh4 74.Rh8 Be7 75.h4 Nd4 76.h5 Bh4 77.h6 Ne2 78.Nf5 Ke6 79.Nxh4 Kd5 80.h7 Nd4 81.Ne3+ Kc6 82.Rb8 Kc5 83.h8Q Nb5 84.Qc8+ Kd4 85.Rxb5 Kxe3 86.Qc1+ Kd4 87.Nf5+ Kd3 88.Rb3#
1-0 (88) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 27.Ne2 Rbg8
28.Bc3 Nf6 29.Rxa7 Nc4
30.Qe1 gxf3 31.gxf3 Rg2
32.Rg1 Rxg1+ 33.Nxg1 Qg7
34.Ra2 Qh7 35.Qe2 Ne3
36.Ra4 Qf7 37.Be1 Qe8
38.Bf2 Qb8 39.Ne1 Qb6
40.Ng2 Qc5 41.Bxe3 fxe3
42.Qc4 Qxc4 43.Rxc4 Rb8
44.Rb4 Kg7 45.Nh4 Ra8
46.b6 cxb6 47.Rxb6 Ne8
48.Nf5+ Kg6 49.c7 Bf8

50.Rb7 Nxc7 51.Rxc7 Ra3 52.h4 Kf6 53.Rc2 Kf7 54.Re2 Be7 55.Rxe3 Ra7 56.Nxe7 Kxe7 57.Ne2 Kd8 58.Ng3 Kc7 59.Rc3+ Kb6 60.Rc6+ Kb5 61.Nf5 Ka4 62.Nxd6 Rd7 63.Nc4 Kb5 64.Rc8 Ra7 65.d6 Ra1+ 66.Kg2 Rd1 67.Kf2 Kb4 68.Ke3 Rd4 69.f4 Rd1 70.fxe5 Re1+ 71.Kd3 Rd1+ 72.Nd2 Rg1 73.d7 Rg3+ 74.Kc2 Rg8 75.Rxg8 Kc5 76.d8Q Kb5 77.Qd6 Ka5 78.Rb8 Ka4 79.Qa6# 1-0 (79) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Komododragon (3587) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

10...f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5

[12...b6 13.b4 g5

A) 14.Nd3 h5 15.a4 *(15.c5 Ng6 16.Rc1 Nf6 17.Nb5 g4 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Nc7 Rb8 20.Nb5 Rf7 21.Rc6 Bf8 22.Qc2 Ne8 23.a4 Bd7 24.Nxa7 g3 25.hxg3 fxg3 26.Bxg3 Qg5 27.Kh2 h4 28.Bf2 Rg7 29.Rh1 Nf4 30.Nxf4 Rb7 31.Nb5 Qxf4+ 32.Kg1 h3 33.g4 Bxg4 34.fxg4 Rbf7 35.Rh2 Rxg4+ 36.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 37.Kh1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Qg4+ 39.Kh1 Qf3+ 40.Kg1 Qg4+* ½-½ (40) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491)-Komododragon (3568) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 15...Nf6 16.a5 bxa5 17.Rxa5 a6 18.b5 g4 19.bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rxa6 Bxa6 21.Qc2 Bxc4 22.Nc5 Bxe2 23.Ne6 Qa8 24.Qxe2 Rc8 25.Nb5 Qa6 26.Qb2 Ne8 27.Ra1 Qb7 28.Ra7 Qb8 29.fxg4 hxg4 30.Qe2 Ng6 31.Kh1 f3 32.gxf3 gxf3 33.Qf1 Nf4 34.Nxf4 exf4 35.Ra3 Qb7 36.Rxf3 Rb8 37.Qh3 Qxb5 38.Qe6+ Kf8 39.Rxf4+ Nf6 40.Bd4 Qe2 41.Rxf6+ Bxf6 42.Qxf6+ Ke8 43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Qe6+ Kf8 ½-½ (45) Igel (3502)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 14.a4 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Nd3 Nf6 17.Kh1 Ng6 *(17...Bd7 18.Be1 Ng6 19.Nb5 g4 20.Nb4 gxf3 21.gxf3 Qc8 22.Rg1 Ra8 23.Nc6 Qb7 24.a5 Bxc6 25.dxc6 Qxc6 26.a6 Kh8 27.Bf2 Rfb8 28.Qd3 Bh6 29.a7 Rf8 30.Bf1 Qd7 31.Qa3 Rfc8 32.Nc3 c6 33.Qa6 Bf8 34.Bg2 Qd8 35.Na4 Rc7 36.Bxb6 Qc8 37.Qxc8 Rcxc8 38.Bh3 Re8 39.Bf2 Re7 40.Nc3 c5 41.Nb5 Ne8 42.Bf5 Kg7 43.h4 Kh6 44.Bg4 Nh8 45.Ra6 Rf7 46.Rga1 Nc7 47.Nxd6 Bxd6 48.Rxd6+ Ng6 49.Bxc5 Ne8 50.Rc6 Rf6 51.Raa6 Kg7 52.h5 Rxc6 53.Rxc6 Ne7 54.h6+ Kf7 55.Bh5+ Ng6 56.Kg2 Rd8 57.Rb6 Rd2+ 58.Kh3 Ra2 59.Bxg6+ hxg6 60.Rb7+ Kg8 61.Rb8 Kh7 62.Rxe8 Kxh6 63.a8Q Rxa8 64.Rxa8 Kg7 65.Ra7+ Kf6 66.Rh7 g5 67.Kg4 Kg6 68.Re7 Kf6 69.Kh5 g4 70.fxg4 f3 71.g5#* 1-0 (71) Komododragon (3568)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 18.Be1 Ra8 19.Nf2 h5 20.a5 bxa5 21.Nb5 a4 22.Rxa4 Rxa4 23.Qxa4 g4 24.Ba5 gxf3 25.Bxf3 Bd7 26.Qa2 Bxb5 27.cxb5 Qa8 28.Qd2 Qb7 29.Qb4 Nh4 30.Rc1 Rf7 31.Nh3 Bh6 32.Qc4 Nxf3 33.gxf3 Ne8

34.Qc6 Qc8 35.Nf2 Qd8 36.Kg2 Bg5 37.Be1 Bh4 38.Ra1 Rf8 39.Ra8 Qe7 40.Kf1 Kh8 41.Ra7 Qf6 42.Qd7 Qg6 43.Qh3 Qg5 44.Qe6 Rg8 45.Ke2 Qf6 46.Qxf6+ Nxf6 47.Rxc7 Rb8 48.Rc6 Rxb5 49.Bc3 Rb3 50.Nd1 Rb7 51.Rxd6 Nd7 52.Nb2 Bf6 53.Nc4 Kg8 54.Re6 Ra7 55.Nxe5 Ra2+ 56.Kf1 Rxh2 57.d6 Rc2 58.Nxd7 Bxc3 59.Nb6 Rd2 60.Nd5 Kf7 61.Re7+ Kg8 62.Ra7 Rd1+ 63.Kg2 Be1 64.Kh3 Rxd5 65.exd5 Bf2 66.d7 Bb6 67.d8Q+ Bxd8 68.Ra8 Kf7 69.Rxd8 Ke7 70.Rh8 Kd6 71.Rxh5 1-0 (71) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

13.Rc1

[13.Nd3 Nf6 14.c5 Ng6 15.Kh1 h5 16.Nb5 g4 17.Rc1 Rf7 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Nxa7 Bd7 20.Qb3 Nxe4 21.fxe4 f3 22.Be3 fxe2 23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Qxb7 Kg8 25.Nc6 Qe8 26.Re1 Rxa2 27.Rxe2 Nf4 28.Qb3 Ra1+ 29.Re1 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 Qa8 31.Kg1 Kh7 32.g3 Nh3+ 33.Kf1 Qa6+ 34.Qd3 Qa2 35.Qb5 Be8 36.Ke2 Bg6 37.Ne7 Bxe4 38.Qe8 Qa6+ 39.Kd1 Qa1+ 40.Ke2 Qa6+ 41.Kd2 Qa5+ 42.Kd1 Qa1+ 43.Ke2 Qa6+ ½-½ (43) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025]

13...Ng6 14.c5 Nxc5 15.b4 Na6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.a4 Rf7 18.Nb5 b6 19.Be1 h5 20.Nf2 Bf6 21.Na3 Bc8 22.Qc2 Qf8 23.Qc6 Rb8 24.Nb5 Bd7 25.Qc3 Ra8 26.Na3 Bc8 27.Qc6 Rb8 28.Nb5 Bd7 29.Qc4 Ra8 30.Kh1 Kh8 31.Rc3 Rg7 32.Na3 Bc8 33.Nb5 Bd7 34.Rg1 Bd8 35.Bd2 Ne7 36.Na3 Nb8 37.Nb5 Na6 38.Qb3 Ng6 39.g3 Rf7 40.g4 hxg4 41.fxg4 Bc8 42.Ra1 Rh7 43.Kg1 Ne7 44.Rh3 Ng8 45.Rxh7+ Kxh7 46.Kg2 Bb7 47.Rg1 Ne7 48.Rc1 Qf7 49.h4 Ng6 50.h5 Ne7 51.Bc3 Ng8 52.Qc4 Nf6 53.Bf3 Ne8 54.Nd3 Bf6 55.Ba1 Qg7 56.Bb2 Kh6 57.Qc2 Qd7 58.Qc4 Qg7 59.Qc2 Bd8 60.Re1 Be7 61.Ra1 Qf8 62.Rc1 Bf6 63.Ba1 Qg8 64.Qc4 Qg7 65.Qb3 Kh7 66.Bb2 Qh8 67.Qc2 Qg8 68.Ba1 Qg7 69.Bb2 Kg8 70.Qc4 Kf8 71.Ba1 Kg8 72.Bb2 Kh7 73.Qb3 Qd7 74.Qc2 Kg8 75.Qc4 Kg7 76.Nf2 Kf8 77.Nd3 Qg7 78.Ba1 Qh8 79.Bb2 Qh7 80.Ba1 Qg7 81.Bb2 Qh8 82.Ba1 Kg8 83.Nf2 Kh7 84.Nd3 Be7 85.Bb2 Bf6 86.Ba1 Kg8 87.Bb2 Kf8 88.Ba1 Qg7 89.Qc3 Bd8 90.Rh1 Bf6 91.Rc1 Bd8 92.Rh1 Qh6 93.Qc2 Bf6 94.Rc1 Kg8 95.Bb2 Qh8 96.Qb3 Qh7 97.Qc4 Qd7 98.Nf2 Qh7 99.Na3 Nb8 100.Nb5 ½-½ (100) Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

7.Be3 Re8

[7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3

A) 9...Nc6 10.Qd2 Nh5 11.Nc2 *(11.0-0-0 Nf4 12.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 bxc6 14.Bd4 f6 15.h4 Be6 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.h5 c5 18.Be3 f5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Bd2 fxe4 21.fxe4 Bg4 22.Nc3 Bxd1 23.Qxd1 Qe6 24.Qe1 Qg4 25.Qg1 Re5 26.Nd5 Rxe4 27.Bc3 Rae8 28.Qf2 Qg5+ 29.Kb1 Re2 30.Qf3 Qf5+ 31.Qxf5 gxf5 32.Bxg7 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Kc2 Kxg7 35.Nf4 c6 36.g3 Kf6 37.Kd3 Kg5 38.Kd2 Re4 39.Nh3+ Kg4 40.Nf2+ Kf3 41.Nxe4 fxe4* 0-1 (41) Bluebaum,M (2642)-Naroditsky,D (2616) chess.com INT

2022) 11...a6 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Rad1 f5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ne3 Bd7 18.f4 Qe7 19.Ned5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Na7 21.Kh1 Nb5 22.Nxb5 Qxe2 23.Nxc7 Qxd2 24.Rxd2 Re4 25.h3 Rf8 26.Rdf2 Rc8 27.Ne6 Bxe6 28.dxe6 Rxe6 29.f5 gxf5 30.Rxf5 Rc7 31.R1f2 Kg7 32.Rd5 Rc5 33.Rd4 Rce5 34.Kh2 h5 35.b3 Re2 36.Rxe2 Rxe2 37.Rxd6 Rxa2 38.Rb6 a5 39.Kg3 a4 40.Rxb7+ Kg6 41.Rb6+ Kg7 42.bxa4 Rxa4 43.Kf3 h4 44.Re6 Ra3+ 45.Re3 Ra2 46.Re4 Ra3+ 47.Kf2 Ra2+ 48.Kg1 Kg6 49.Rxh4 Kg5 50.Rg4+ Kh5 51.Kh2 Rb2 52.Ra4 Rc2 53.h4 Rd2 54.Kh3 Rd3+ 55.g3 Rd5 56.g4+ Kh6 57.Ra6+ Kg7 58.h5 Rd1 59.Kh4 Rd4 60.h6+ Kh7 61.Kh5 Rd5+ 62.g5 Rd7 63.g6+ 1-0 (63) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Chigaev,M (2623) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9...c6

B1) 10.Qd2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5

B1a) 12.c5 Nc6 13.0-0 Rxe3 14.Qxe3 Qf8 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Kh1 Nd7 17.Na4 Rb8 18.Rab1 Rb4 19.b3 h5 20.Bd3 Rxa4 21.bxa4 Nxc5 22.Rb8 Nd7 23.Ra8 c5 24.Bb5 Nb6 25.Rxa7 Be6 26.Rb7 d4 27.Qg5 Nd5 28.Bc6 Qd6 29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.a5 Bxb7 31.Rb1 Qe6 32.h4 Ba6 33.Qxc5 d3 34.Qb6 d2 35.Rd1 Qe1+ 0-1 (35) Hansen,E (2609)-Carlsen,M (2835) chess.com INT 2023;

B1b) 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.g4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 dxc4 15.h4 *(15.Bxc4 Qc7 16.Bb5 Rd8 17.Qg5 h6 18.Qc5 Qf4+ 19.Rd2 Bxg4 20.fxg4 Ne4 21.Be3 Qf3 22.Rf1 Qxg4 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qe7 Rc8 25.Qxf7+ Kh7 26.Bd4 Qg5+ 27.Rf4 Nf6 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Bxf6+ Qxf6 30.Rxf6 Kxf6 31.Kd2 Ke5 32.Bd3 g5 33.Ke3 g4 34.Be4 b6 35.Nb5 a6 36.Nd4 Rc1 37.Nc6+ Kf6 38.Nb4 a5 39.Nd5+ Ke5 40.Nc3 Re1+ 41.Kd2 Rxe4 42.Nxe4 Kxe4 43.Ke2 h5* 0-1 (43) Grandelius,N (2639)-Sychev,K (2542) chess.com INT 2025*)* 15...Be6 16.h5 Qe7 17.h6 Bh8 18.Rhe1 Rad8 19.Bxc4 Qc7 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxe6 fxe6 22.Qe3 Qc6 23.Qe5 Kf7 24.Qf4 g5 25.Qe3 b5 26.Bxf6 Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1 Bxf6 28.Qd3 Bxc3 29.Qxh7+ Kf8 30.bxc3 Qxf3+ 31.Kc1 Qxc3+ 32.Kb1 Qe1+ 33.Kc2 Qe2+ 34.Kc1 Qe1+ 35.Kc2 Qe2+ 36.Kc1 Qe1+ 37.Kc2 ½-½ (37) Lysyj,I (2589)-Saric,I (2689) chess.com INT 2024;

B1c) 12.0-0

B1c1) 12...Nc6 13.Rad1 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Be6 16.Bb5 Rf8 *(16...Re7 17.Qf2 Qa5 18.Qh4* 1-0 (18) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Leitao,R (2592) chess.com INT 2023*)* 17.Qf2 a6 18.Bb6 Qc8 19.Ba4 Bd7 20.Bxd7 Nxd7 21.Nd5 Kh8 22.Bd4 Qc4 23.Qh4 Bxd4+ 24.Rxd4 Qc5 25.b4 Qa7 26.Kh1 a5

27.Rfd1 axb4 28.Nc7 Rad8 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7 Qxa2 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.h4 Qc4 33.Nd5 h5 34.Ne7+ Kh7 35.Nxg6 1-0 (35) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Sychev,K (2542) chess.com INT 2025;

B1c2) 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 bxc6 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.g4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rac1 Nd7 20.Ne4 Bxb2 21.Rxc6 Rac8 22.Rd6 Nc5 23.Bg5 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Rc2 25.Rd2 Rec8 26.Rxe6 Rxd2 27.Bxd2 Bd4+ 28.Be3 Rc1+ 29.Kg2 Rc2+ 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Re4 Bxe3 32.Rxe3 Rxa2 33.h4 a5 34.Rb3 a4 ½-½ (34) Ivanchuk,V (2632)-Van Foreest,J (2697) Melilla ESP 2024;

B2) 10.Bf2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.c5

B2a) 13...Nh5 14.Qd2 Be5

B2a1) 15.g3 Ng7 16.Rfd1 Bf5 *(16...a6 17.Bf1 Ne6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Qf6 21.Kg2 Rac8 22.Rab1 Red8 23.Qe4 Bd4 24.Bxd4 Nxd4 25.b4 Nf5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Re1 Qc3 28.Bc4 Kg7 29.Qe5+ Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rd4 31.Bb3 Rxb4 32.Kf2 Kf8 33.Re4 Rb5 34.Rc4 Ne7 35.Ke3 Nc6 36.Ba4 Ra5 37.Ke4 Nd8 38.Bb3 Ke7 39.Ke3 Kd7 40.Rd4+ Kc7 41.Re4 Rxc5 42.Bxf7 Nxf7 43.Re7+ Kc6 44.Rxf7 Rc2 45.Rxh7 Rxa2 46.Rh6 b5 47.Rxg6+ Kc5 48.h4 b4 49.Kd3 a5 50.Rg5+ Kb6 51.h5 b3 52.Kc4 a4 53.h6 Rc2+ 54.Kd3 Rc8 55.Rg4 Ka5 56.Rg7 b2 57.Rb7 a3 58.Kd4* 0-1 (58) Socko,B (2591)-Iskandarov,M (2577) Sharjah UAE 2023*)* 17.Bb5 Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Ne6 19.Be3 d4 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Bxd4 Nxd4 22.Qf2 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Qa5 24.Qxc6 Rac8 25.Qd5 Qb4 26.Qd2 Qxc5+ 27.Qf2 Bh3 28.Re1 Qc6 29.Rad1 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Rd8 31.Qe2 h5 32.Ne4 Bf5 33.Nf2 a5 34.b3 a4 35.Qe7 Rc8 36.bxa4 Qxa4 37.a3 Ra8 38.Rd1 Kg7 39.Rd8 Rxd8 40.Qxd8 Qxa3 41.Qd4+ Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Qd2 Qc5 44.Qf4 Kg7 45.Kg2 Be6 46.h4 Bd5+ 47.Kf1 Qb5+ 48.Ke1 Qb1+ 49.Kd2 Qb2+ 50.Kd3 Qb5+ 51.Kc3 Qa5+ 52.Kd4 Be6 53.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 54.Kxe5 Bf5 55.Nd1 f6+ 56.Kf4 Kf7 57.Ne3 Bc8 58.Nc4 Be6 59.Ne3 Kg7 60.Ke4 Kh6 61.Kf4 g5+ 62.hxg5+ fxg5+ 63.Ke5 Bc8 64.Ke4 Kg6 65.Kf3 Bb7+ 66.Kf2 Kf6 67.Nc4 Bd5 68.Ne3 Ke5 69.Nf1 Ke4 70.Ne3 Be6 71.Nf1 Bd7 72.Nd2+ Kf5 73.Nf3 Bc8 74.Nd4+ Kg4 75.Nf3 Bb7 76.Ne5+ Kh3 77.Nf7 g4 78.Nd6 h4

79.gxh4 ½-½ (79) Sarana,A (2663)-Grischuk,A (2777) Moscow RUS 2019;

B2a2) 15.Rfe1 Nf4 16.Bf1 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Rxe1 18.Rxe1 Ne6 19.Bf2 d4 20.Ne4 b6 21.cxb6 axb6 22.Bc4 Ra5 23.Bg3 Ne5 24.Bb3 d3 25.Qc3 Nd4 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Qxd3 Re7 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.Kf2 Bb7 30.Qc3 Bxe4 31.fxe4 Qf6+ 32.Ke1 Kg7 33.g3 Qe5 34.Kf1 Qxe4 35.Kf2 Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Qe5 37.Kg2 Rd6 38.Bc4 Qe4+ 39.Kg1 Kg8 40.Rf1 Rd7 41.Qd3 Qe5 42.Qc3 Kg7 43.Qc1 h5 44.Bd3 b5 45.Qd1 Qd5 46.Qe1 Qc5 47.Qf2 Qd5 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Bxg6 fxg6 50.Qxg6+ Rg7 51.Qe8+ Kh7 52.Qe3 Ne6 53.Rf6 Ng5 54.h4 Ne4 55.Rf4 Rxg3+ 0-1 (55) Muradli,M (2555)-Giri,A (2762) chess.com INT 2024;

B2b) 13...Be6 14.Qd2 Bf8 15.Kh1 Nd7 16.Na4 Nde5 17.Rfe1 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc6 19.Bb5 Nxd4 20.Bxe8 Bg7 21.Bxf7+ Bxf7 22.Qf2 Qa5 23.Nc3 Nc6 24.a3 Bd4 25.Qd2 Qxc5 26.Rad1 Rd8 27.Qg5 Kg7 28.h3 Bf6 29.Ne4 Bxg5 30.Nxc5 Bf6 31.Nxb7 Rb8 32.Nd6 d4 33.Rc1 Ne7 34.Rc7 Rd8 35.Ne4 Nf5 36.Rxa7 d3 37.g4 Nh4 38.Rd1 h6 39.Nc5 Re8 40.Ne4 Rd8 41.Nc5 Re8 42.Ne4 Rc8 43.Rxf7+ 1-0 (43) Carlsen,M (2832)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024]

[7...Qe7 8.d5 *(8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Bg3 Qe7 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Rad1 Re8 17.h3 a5 18.Nh2 Nf8 19.Bg4 Ne6 20.Bxe6 Bxe6 21.Ng4 Qc5 22.Ne3 c6 23.Rd3 Red8 24.Rfd1 Rd4 25.b3 Rad8 26.Kh2 h5 27.f3 b5 28.Bf2 Qd6 29.Rxd4 exd4+ 30.Kh1 Qc5 31.Nf5 Bxf5 32.exf5 Bf6 33.Qd3 h4 34.Re1 a4 35.cxb5 cxb5 36.bxa4 bxa4 37.Rd1 Qd5 38.Rd2 Qe5 39.Re2 Qc5 40.Rc2 Qd5 41.Rd2 Kg7 42.Rc2 Re8 43.Rd2 Rd8 44.Rc2 Rd7 45.Rd2 Qc5 46.Rc2 Qd6 47.Rd2 Qf4 48.Rd1 Be5 49.Kg1 Re7 50.Kf1 Rd7 51.Qe4 Kf6 52.Qxf4 gxf4 53.Bxh4+ Kxf5 54.Ke2 Rb7 55.Kd3 Rb2 56.Rd2 Rb1 57.Bf2 a3 58.Bxd4 Bxd4 59.Kxd4 Ra1 60.Kc3 Rb1 61.Kc4 Kg5 62.Rd5+ Kh4 63.Ra5 Rb2 64.Rxa3 Rxg2 65.Kd4 Kxh3 66.Ra7 Kg3 67.a4 Kxf3 68.Rxf7 Re2 69.Kc5 Rc2+ 70.Kb5 Ke3 71.a5 Rb2+ 72.Kc6 Ra2 73.Kb6 f3 74.a6 f2 75.a7 Ke2 76.Rxf2+ Kxf2 77.Kb7 Ke3 78.a8Q Rxa8 79.Kxa8* ½-½ (79) Bluebaum,M (2655)-Salem,A (2630) chess.com INT 2024*)*

8...Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 h5 11.Nd2 Na6 *(11...b6 12.h3 Nh6 13.f3 a5 14.Bd3 g5 15.Bf2 f5 16.Qe2 f4 17.Bc2 Na6 18.0-0-0 Nc5 19.Rdg1 Nf7 20.g4 h4 21.Kd1 Kh7 22.Ke1 Bd7 23.Kf1 Ra6 24.b3 Rfa8 25.Kg2 Be8 26.Ndb1 Bf6 27.Na3 Qf8 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.Nab5 Raa8 30.a3 Nd7 31.b4 Qe7 32.Rhc1 Qd8 33.Na4 Be7 34.Nb2 Nf8 35.Ba4 Rcb8 36.Qd1 Ra6 37.Nc3 Rba8*

38.Bc6 Bxc6 39.dxc6 axb4 40.axb4 Qc8 41.Nba4 Bd8 42.Ra1 Kg7 43.Ra3 Qb8 44.Rca1 Nh8 45.R1a2 Ne6 46.b5 Ra5 47.Qa1 Nd4 48.Nd5 Ng6 49.Be1 R5a7 50.Naxb6 Rxa3 51.Nxa8 Nc2 52.Rxa3 Nxa1 53.Rxa1 Kf7 54.b6 cxb6 55.c7 Bxc7 56.Naxc7 Ne7 57.Nb5 Nc8 58.Bb4 Ke6 59.Ra8 Qb7 60.Be1 Qxa8 61.Nbc7+ Kf7 62.Nxa8 Na7 63.Naxb6 Nc6 64.Nc8 Ke6 65.Bb4 Nd4 66.Nxd6 Nc2 67.c5 Nd4 68.Nc4 Nc6 69.Na5 Nb8 70.c6 Nxc6 71.Nxc6 Kd7 72.Nxe5+ Ke6 73.Nc6 Kf7 74.Nc7 Kg6 75.e5 Kf7 76.e6+ Kg7 77.e7 Kf7 78.e8Q+ Kg7 79.Qd7+ Kg8 80.Bc3 Kf8 81.Qg7# 1-0 (81) Komododragon3 (3592)-Rubichess20240420 (3531) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 12.a3 c5 13.Nf1 Bd7 14.f3 Nh6 15.Ne3 Nf7 16.Bd3 Nc7 17.Bf2 b6 18.h4 Bh6 19.b4 Rab8 20.Qe2 f5 21.exf5 e4 22.fxe4 gxf5 23.exf5 Rbe8 24.Rh3 Qf6 25.Rc1 Ne5 26.Kf1 Nxd3 27.Rg3+ Kh8 28.Qxd3 Bxf5 29.Nxf5 Bxc1 30.Rf3 Bxa3 31.b5 Qg6 32.Bg3 Rd8 33.Ne4 Rxf5 34.Qxa3 Ne8 35.Qxa7 Nf6 36.Qa1 Kg7 37.Nxd6 Rxf3+ 38.gxf3 Qd3+ 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Kf1 Qd3+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Kf1 Qd3+ ½-½ (42) Rubichess20240420 (3531)-Komododragon3 (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[7...h6 8.0-0 *(8.h3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Bd7 12.g4 Nb4 13.Qb1 c5 14.Ndb5 Bxb5 15.cxb5 d5 16.exd5 Rxe3 17.fxe3 Qe7 18.e4 Qe5 19.a3 Rc8 20.Rd2 h5 21.Kd1 Bh6 22.Rf1 Qg5 23.Qc1 hxg4 24.hxg4 Nxg4 25.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 26.Ne2 Nd3 27.Qc4 Ne5 28.Qc2 Bxd2 29.Kxd2 Qg2 30.Rd1 Qg5+ 31.Ke1 Kg7 32.Qc3 Rh8 33.Ng3 f6* 0-1 (33) Deac,B (2700)-Naroditsky,D (2622) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

A) 8...Ng4 9.Bc1 Nd7 10.h3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ngf6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bf1 *(13.Bd3 Ne5 14.Bf1 Nc6 15.Nc2 g5 16.g4 Ne5 17.Nd4 c6 18.Be3 a6 19.a4 Be6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.a5 Qe7 22.b3 Nfd7 23.Rc1 Rf8 24.Bg2 Ng6 25.Re2 Nde5 26.Rd2 Rad8 27.Ne2 Nh4 28.Kh1 Nxg2 29.Kxg2 Nf3 30.Rd3 Be5 31.Bb6 Nh4+ 32.Kf1 Rd7 33.Ng1 Qh7 34.Qe1 Rdf7 35.Rc2 Rf4 36.Re2 h5 37.Be3 Qxe4* 0-1 (39) Mikhalevski,V (2519)-Niemann,H (2695) Philadelphia USA 2023 *)* 13...Nc5 14.f3 Nh5 15.Be3 Ne6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Rad1 b6 19.Nd5 a5 20.b3 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qh4 22.Bf2 Qe7 23.Rc1 Be5 24.Rc2 Ra7 25.Rec1 Rf8 26.Be3 g5 27.Rc6 f6 28.R1c4 Bf4 29.Bxf4 gxf4 30.Qc2 Qe5 31.Rxc7+ Rxc7 32.Rxc7+ Kg6 33.Kh2 Ng3 34.Bb5 Kh5 35.Bd7 Nf1+ 36.Kg1 Ne3 37.Bg4+ Kg6 38.Bf5+ Kh5 39.Qc3 Qxc3 40.Rxc3 Kh4 41.Rc6 Rg8 42.Kf2 Rxg2+ 43.Ke1 Kg3 44.Bg4 Rxa2 45.Rxd6 b5 46.Rxf6 a4 47.bxa4 bxa4 48.Ra6 a3 49.d6 Ra1+ 50.Ke2 Nc4 51.d7 Ra2+ 52.Kd3 Ne5+ 53.Kc3 Nxd7 54.Bxd7 Kxf3 55.Bg4+ Ke3 56.Kb3 Ra1 57.Rxa3 Rxa3+ 58.Kxa3 Kxe4 59.Kb3 Ke3 60.Kc2 f3 61.Kd1 Kf2 62.Kd2 Kg2 63.Ke3 f2 64.Be2 Kxh3 65.Kxf2 Kh4 66.Kg2 h5 67.Kh2 Kg5 68.Bxh5 ½-½ (68) Ragger,M (2603)-

Niemann,H (2703) chess.com INT 2024;
B) 8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nd2 c5
B1) 11.Rb1
B1a) 11...a5 12.a3 b6 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Ne8 15.Na4 *(15.bxc5 bxc5 16.f3 f5 17.Qb3 fxe4 18.Ncxe4 Nf5 19.g4 Nd4 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Bd1 Rf7 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Ne4 Qd8 24.Rf2 Rfa7 25.Kg2 Ra6 26.Rfb2 Bd7 27.Rb7 Ra2+ 28.R1b2 R8a3 29.Qd2 Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Ba4 31.Bxa4 Rxa4 32.Qd3 Kh7 33.Bf2 Qa8 34.h4 Ra3 35.Rb8 Qa7 36.Rb7 Qxb7 37.Qxa3 Bf8 38.Qc1 Qf7 39.Bxd4 exd4 40.Qb1 Kg8 41.Kg3 Kg7 42.g5 Qe7 43.Qd3 Qe5+ 44.f4 Qf5 45.Qb1 Be7 46.Qd3 Bf8 47.Qb1 Kh8 48.Qe1 Kg7 49.Nf2 hxg5 50.hxg5 Qc2 51.Qe6 Qb3+ 52.Kg4 Qb1 53.Qf6+ Kg8 54.Kf3 Qb3+ 55.Kg2 Qc2 56.Kg3 Qb3+ 57.Kh2 Qb1 58.Qe6+ Kh8 59.Kg3 Qb3+ 60.Kg2 Qc2 61.Qe4 Qc1 62.Kg3 Kg7 63.Qe6 Kh7 64.Qe8 Kg7 65.Qe6 Kh7 66.Qe8 Kg7 67.Qe2 Qg1+ 68.Kf3 Qc1 69.Nd1 Qb1 70.Kg2 Qc1 71.Kg3 Qa3+ 72.Kh4 Qc1 73.Kg4 Qa1 74.Qd3 Qc1 75.Qe2 Qa1 76.Qd3 Qa2 77.Kg3 Qa1 78.Nf2 Qg1+ 79.Kf3 Qc1 80.Qe2 Qa3+ 81.Kg4 Qc1 82.Ne4 Qb1 83.f5 gxf5+ 84.Kxf5 Qb7 85.Ng3 Qe7 86.Qh2 Kg8 87.Kg4 Qd7+ 88.Nf5 Qe8 89.Qc2 Qe1 90.Qd3 Qg1+ 91.Ng3 Bg7 92.Qg6 Qd1+ 93.Kh3 Qe1 94.Kg4 Qd1+ 95.Kh3 ½-½ (95) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 15...Ra6 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Rfd1 g5 18.Nc3 f5 19.f3 fxe4 20.Ndxe4 Nf5 21.Re1 Nf6 22.Bd3 Nxe4 23.Nb5 Qd8 24.Bxe4 Kh8 25.Qd3 Qf6 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Nc3 Ra3 28.Bc1 Ra8 29.Bd2 Nd4 30.h3 Rf7 31.Ra1 Rfa7 32.Rxa7 Rxa7 33.Rb1 Qe7 34.Nb5 Ra8 35.Nc3 Ra7 36.Kh2 Bf8 37.Rb8 Qc7 38.Rb1 Qf7 39.Bg6 Qg7 40.Rb8 Qc7 41.Rb2 Qg7 42.Nb5 Ra8 43.Be4 Qe7 44.Nc3 Ra3 45.Qb1 Ra7 46.Nb5 Rb7 47.Qa1 Bd7 48.Qa6 Be8 49.Rb1 Rb8 50.Be3 Bf7 51.Qa2 Qd7 52.Qf2 Qd8 53.Qf1 Be8 54.Bd3 Bd7 55.Nc3 Rxb1 56.Qxb1 Bc8 57.Ne4 Qd7 58.Bd2 Qc7 59.Be1 Kg8 60.Ng3 Qb7 61.Qa1 Qa6 62.Qc1 Qb7 63.Qa1 Qb3 64.Bg6 Qb7 65.Qa5 Be7 66.Bf2 Kg7 67.Bh5 Nf5 68.Ne4 Bd7 69.Qa3 Nd4 70.Ng3 Nf5 71.Nf1 Qb8 72.Qd3 Qf8 73.Bg4 Qc8 74.Qb1 Qf8 75.Kg1 Qc8 76.Kh2 Qf8 77.Kg1 Qc8 78.Kh1 Qf8 79.Kh2 Bc8 80.Kg1 Qf7 81.Qb8 Qf8 82.Nd2 Kg6 83.h4 gxh4 84.Ne4 Kg7 85.Be1 Kg6 86.Ba5 Bd7 87.Qb7 Bc8 88.Qc6 Kg7 89.Qc7 Kg6

90.Qc6 Kh7 91.Bh3 Kg7 92.Qc7 Kg6 93.Bb6 Bg5 94.Qb8 Be7 95.Bc7 h5 96.Ba5 Kg7 97.Qc7 Kg8 98.Bd2 Qd8 99.Qb8 Bd7 100.Qa7 Bc8 101.Ba5 Qe8 102.Qb8 Qf8 103.Bd2 Bd7 104.Qa7 Qd8 105.Ba5 Qe8 106.Bd2 Qd8 107.Ba5 Qe8 108.Kh2 Bc8 109.Qb8 Qf8 110.Qc7 Qe8 111.Kg1 Bd7 112.Kf2 Bc8 113.Qa7 Qf8 114.Kg1 Qe8 115.Qb8 Qf8 116.Qc7 Qe8 117.Bc3 Qf8 118.Ba5 Qe8 119.Kf2 Bd7 120.Ke1 Qc8 121.Qa7 Qe8 122.Kf2 Bc8 123.Qb8 Qf8 124.Ke1 Bd7 125.Qa7 Bc8 126.Bd2 Qd8 127.Kf2 Qf8 128.Kg1 Qd8 129.Kh2 Qf8 130.Qb6 Bd7 131.Kg1 Qd8 132.Ba5 Qxb6 133.Bxb6 Kg7 134.Kf2 Bc8 135.Bc7 Kg6 136.Kg1 Bf8 137.Kf2 Kf7 138.Ke1 Be7 139.Kd2 Bd7 140.Kc3 Kg6 141.Bb8 Bf8 142.Kd2 Kf7 143.Bxf5 Bxf5 144.Nxd6+ Bxd6 145.Bxd6 h3 146.gxh3 Bxh3 147.Bxc5 Kf6 148.Bf2 Bf1 ½-½ (148) Stockfish Dev16 (3611)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B1b) 11...h5 12.h3 Kh7 13.b4 b6 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Qc1 Nfg8 16.Nf3 Bh6 17.Ng5+ Kg7 18.f4 f6 19.fxe5 fxg5 20.Rxf8 Kxf8 21.Bxg5 Bg7 22.Qf4+ Ke8 23.e6 1-0 (25) Giri,A (2760)-Niemann,H (2688) chess24.com INT 2022;

B1c) 11...b6 12.b4 Nd7 *(12...Ne8 13.f3 f5 14.Bf2 Bd7 15.a4 a5 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Qb3 Nc8 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Kh1 Ned6 20.Be3 Qf6 21.Rbe1 h5 22.g3 Bh6 23.Nd1 Ra7 24.Rg1 Qh8 25.f4 e4 26.Bxh5 Rf6 27.g4 Bg7 28.g5 Rf8 29.Be2 Be8 30.Rg3 Bd4 31.g6 Bxe3 32.Qxe3 Qd4 33.h4 Bxa4 34.Nc3 Qxe3 35.Rxe3 Bd7 36.Ndb1 Kg7 37.Rg3 Ne8 38.Na3 Kh6 39.Rb1 a4 40.Kg2 Rb7 41.h5 Ncd6 42.Nd1 Ng7 43.Ne3 Nde8 44.Kf2 Nf6 45.Rg5 Rbb8 46.Rbg1 Nfe8 47.Ke1 Nd6 48.Kd2 Nb7 49.Kc3 Na5 50.Nb5 Rf6 51.Bd1 Nb7 52.Kb2 Rff8 53.Be2 a3+ 54.Ka2 Rh8 55.Nc7 Nd6 56.Ne6 Rbe8 57.Bg4 Bxe6 58.dxe6 Rhf8 59.Bxf5 Ngxf5 60.g7 Nxe3 61.gxf8Q+ Rxf8 62.e7 Rf7 63.Rg6+ Kh7 64.Rxd6 Rxe7 65.Rgg6 Nf5 66.Rxb6 Nd4 67.Rh6+ Kg8 68.Rbg6+ Rg7 69.Rxg7+ Kxg7 70.Rg6+ Kh7 71.f5 Nxf5 72.Re6 e3 73.Re5 Nd6 74.Re7+ Kg8 75.Rxe3 Kg7 76.Re7+ Kf6 77.Rc7 Ne4 78.Kxa3 Ke6 79.h6 Kf6 80.h7 Kg6 81.h8Q Kf5 82.Rf7+ Kg4 83.Qf8 Ng5 84.Rg7 Kh4 85.Qf4+ Kh3 86.Qxg5 1-0 (86) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.f3 f5 15.Qa4 g5 16.Bf2 Nf6 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Bd3 Nd4

19.Bg6 Bd7 20.Qa3 Qc7 21.Kh1 Rab8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Nce4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rb6 25.Rb1 Qb7 26.Rxb6 axb6 27.Bd3 Bf6 28.Qc1 Qa7 29.Qb1 Kf8 30.Bh7 Be8 31.Bg6 Bd7 32.h3 Qa5 33.Be1 Qa6 34.Bh7 Be8 35.Bf2 Qa5 36.Be3 Qc3 37.Bd3 Bg6 38.Bxg6 Qxe3 39.Ne4 Be7 40.Bh5 Ne2 41.Kh2 g4 42.hxg4 Bg5 43.g3 Nd4 44.Qf1 Ke7 45.Bg6 Qxf3 46.Qxf3 Nxf3+ 47.Kh3 Nd4 48.Nc3 Nf3 49.Ne4 Nd4 50.Nc3 ½-½ (50) Igel (3502)-Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B2) 11.a4 a5 12.Nb5 b6 13.Kh1 Nh7 14.f4 f5 15.g4 *(15.Qc2 Bd7 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Bf2 Qg5 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Rae1 Ng5 21.Bd3 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxb5 23.axb5 Qg5 24.Bg1 Qh4 25.Bf2 Qg5 26.b3 Rf6 27.Bg1 Raf8 28.Qd3 Nd6 29.Rxf6 Rxf6 30.Qd1 Rf8 31.Bc2 Kh7 32.Re3 Nf5 33.Rf3 Qg4 34.Bf2 Nh4 35.Bxh4 Rxf3 36.Qxf3 Qxh4 37.g3 Qg5 38.Be4 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qd2+ 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Qe2 Qxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Bf8 44.d6 Bxd6 45.Kd3 Kg7 46.Bg2 Kf8 47.Ke4 Ke7 48.Kd5 Kd7 49.Be4 g5 50.Bf5+ Kc7 51.Bg6 Kd7 52.Bh5 Kc7 53.Bd1 Bf8 54.Kxe5 Bg7+ 55.Ke6 Bd4 56.g4 Bb2 57.Ke7 Bc3 58.h3 Be5 59.Bc2 Bf4 60.Bd3 Bh2 61.Be2 Bd6+ 62.Ke6 Bh2 63.Bf3 Bf4 64.Bg2 Bc1 65.Be4 Bf4 66.Bd3 Bc1 67.Ke5 Bf4+ 68.Kd5 Bc1 69.Bf5 Bd2 70.Ke6 Bf4 71.Kd5 Be3 72.Ke6 Bg1 73.Be4 Bh2 74.Bg2 Bg1 75.Ba8 Bd4 76.Bd5 Bc3 77.Ke7 Be1 78.Bc6 Bg3 79.Ke6 Bf4 80.Be8 Kd8 81.Bg6 Kc8 82.Bd3 Kc7 83.Bf1 Bh2 84.Bg2 Bg3 85.Ba8 Bh2 86.Bc6 Bf4 87.Bf3 Bh2 88.Be2 Kb8 89.Bf3 Kc7 90.Bd5 Bf4 91.Be4 Bc1 92.Bf5 Bb2 93.Kd5 Bc3 94.Bd3 Bd2 95.Ke6 Bf4 96.Bf1 Bc1 97.Be2 Bb2 98.Bd1 Bc1 99.Ke7 Bb2 100.Ke6 Bc1 101.Be2 Bb2 102.Bf3 Bc1 103.Bd1 Bb2 104.Be2 Bc1 105.Bf1 Bd2 106.Bg2 Bc1 107.Be4 Bf4 108.Kf7* ½-½ (108) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491)-Stockfish Dev16 (3611) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 15...g5 16.fxg5 f4 17.gxh6 fxe3 18.hxg7 Rf4 19.Nf3 Ng6 20.Qb3 Kxg7 21.Qxe3 Ba6 22.Na3 Qf6 23.Rg1 Ng5 24.Nxg5 Qxg5 25.Nc2 Raf8 26.Rg3 Nh4 27.Qd3 Qg6 28.Kg1 Qxe4 29.Qxe4 Rxe4 30.Re3 Ref4 31.b3 Bc8 32.h3 Kg6 33.Ne1 Kg5 34.Kh2 Bd7 35.Kg3 Bf5 36.Nf3+ Nxf3 37.Rxf3 Be4 38.h4+ Kh6 39.Rxf4 Rxf4 40.Re1 Kg7 41.h5 Kh6 42.Kh4 Rf2 43.g5+ Kg7 44.Bg4 Rf4 45.Kg3 Bf5 46.Be2 Be4 47.Rf1 Rxf1 48.Bxf1 Bc2 49.Bh3 Kf8 50.Be6 Kg7 51.Kg4 Bd1+ 52.Kh4 Bc2 53.Kg3 Bd3 54.Kf3 Bc2 55.Ke3 Kh7 56.Bh3 Bxb3 57.Bf5+ Kg8 58.h6 Bxc4 59.Kf2

Bxd5 60.g6 Kf8 61.Kg3 e4 62.Kf4 e3 63.Kxe3 c4 64.Kf4 c3 65.Kg5 c2 66.Bxc2 b5 67.axb5 Ke8 68.h7 Kd7 69.h8Q Kc7 70.Qd4 a4 71.Qa7+ Bb7 72.g7 d5 73.Qc5+ Bc6 74.Qxc6+ Kb8 75.Qb6+ Kc8 76.Bf5# 1-0 (76) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Igel (3502) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 *(8...Qe8 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 c6 11.Re1 Na6 12.Qd2 Nf6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Qxh6 Qe7 16.h4 Bg4 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Bc8 19.g3 Rd8 20.Kg2 Qf8 21.Rad1 Be6 22.Qxf8+ Kxf8 23.f3 Nb4 24.Kf2 a5 25.b3 Na6 26.Ke3 Ke7 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rh8 29.Bf1 Rh2 30.Ne2 Nb4 31.Rd2 Rh1 32.Kf2 Rh2+ 33.Kg1 Rh5 34.f4 Bg4 35.Nc3 Bf3 36.Rh2 Rxh2 37.Kxh2 Nc2 38.Kg1 Kd6 39.Kf2 Bg4 40.Bd3 Nb4 41.Ke3 Na6 42.Bc2 Nb4 43.Bb1 Na6 44.Na4 Bd7 45.Bc2 Nb4 46.Bb1 Na6 47.Bd3 Nb4 48.c5+ Ke7 49.Bb1 Na6 50.fxe5 Nc7 51.Bd3 Ne6 52.Bc4 Nxg5 53.Nb6 Be6* 0-1 (53) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Kamsky,G (2649) chess.com INT 2021*)* 9.Bh4 *(9.Bc1 Nc6 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 f5 13.Qd5+ Rf7 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.h3 Ne5 16.Be3 c6 17.Qd2 Qh4 18.Bg5 Nxc4 19.Qc1 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 21.Na4 Qa5 22.Bxc4 d5 23.Bb3 Re8 24.Nc3 Be6 25.Be3 Qd8 26.Qd2 Be5 27.Ne4 Rf5 28.f4 Bb8 29.Ng5 Bd7 30.Re1 Ref8 31.g3 Qc7 32.h4 h6 33.Nf3 g5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Re2 gxf4 36.Bxf4 Qb6+ 37.Be3 Qd8 38.Nd4 Rh5 39.Rh2 Rxh2 40.Qxh2 Qf6 41.Bc2 Rf7 42.Qg2 c5 43.Nb3 d4 44.Bd2 Bc6 45.Qh2 Qf3 46.Bd1 Qe4 47.Bh5 Rg7 48.Re1 Bxg3 49.Rxe4 Bxh2+ 50.Kxh2 Bxe4 51.Nxc5 Rg2+ 52.Kh3 Rxd2 53.Nxe4 Rxb2 54.Bd1 Kg7 55.Bb3 a5 56.Nc5 b5 57.Nd3 Kf6 58.Nxb2 a4 59.Bc2 Ke5 60.Nd3+ Ke4 61.Kg2 Ke3 62.Kf1 Kd2 63.Nb4 Kc3 64.a3 Kb2 65.Ke2 Kxa3 66.Nc6 Kb2 67.Nxd4 a3 68.Bb3 Kc3 69.Ke3 Kb2 70.Kd3 a2 71.Bxa2 Kxa2 72.Nxb5* ½-½ (72) Shankland,S (2674)-Aronian,L (2723) chess.com INT 2023 *)*

A) 9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne7 *(10...Nb8 11.Nd2 Nh6 12.f3 Nf7 13.b4 a5 14.a3 Na6 15.Rb1 Bh6 16.Bf2 f5 17.c5 Qg5 18.Nf1 axb4 19.axb4 fxe4 20.h4 Qe7 21.Nxe4 Bf5 22.Nfg3 Bf4 23.c6 bxc6 24.dxc6 d5 25.Qxd5 Nxb4 26.Qc4 Rfb8 27.0-0 Be6 28.Qc5 Nd5 29.Bc4 Rxb1 30.Rxb1 Qxc5 31.Nxc5 Nc3 32.Nxe6 Nxb1 33.Nxc7 Ra1 34.Kh2 Nd2 35.Bb5 Nf1+ 36.Bxf1 Rxf1 37.Nd5 Rxf2 38.c7 Nd6 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.Ne4 Nxe4 41.fxe4 Kf7 42.Kf1 Bg3 43.Ne3 Rxc7 44.Nd5 Rc2 45.Ne3 Rf2+ 46.Kg1 Bxh4 47.Ng4 Rf4 48.Nxe5+ Ke6 49.Nd3 Rxe4 50.Nc5+ Kd5 51.Nd3 Kd4 52.Nb4 Bg3 53.Nc2+ Kd3 54.Kf1 Kxc2 55.Kg1 Re1#* 0-1 (55) Bluebaum,M (2663)-Kamsky,G (2664) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.Nd2

A1) 11...Nh6 12.f3 Nf7 *(12...g5 13.Bf2 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 c5 16.a3 Nc6 17.b4 Nd4 18.Nd5 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Ne4 g4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.Bd3 gxf3 23.Qxf3 Kh8 24.Qf4 Ng4 25.h3*

Be5 26.Qxf5 Rxf5 27.Rxf5 Ne3 28.Rh5 Nxd5 29.cxd5 c4 30.Ng5 Qf6 31.Rf1 cxd3 32.Rxf6 Bxf6 33.Ne4 Be5 34.Kf2 Rc8 35.Ke1 Rc2 36.Rxe5 dxe5 37.d6 Rc8 38.Nc5 Rd8 39.d7 e4 40.Kd2 Kg8 41.Nxe4 Kf7 42.Nc5 Ke7 43.Kxd3 Rg8 44.g4 Rf8 45.Kxd4 Rf3 46.a4 Rxh3 47.b5 Rh4 48.a5 Rxg4+ 49.Kd5 Rb4 50.Kc6 h5 51.Kc7 Rd4 52.b6 axb6 53.axb6 Rd5 54.b7 Rxc5+ 55.Kb6 Kxd7 56.b8Q Rc6+ 57.Kb5 Rd6 58.Qb7+ Ke6 59.Qe4+ Kd7 60.Qf5+ Re6 61.Kc5 Ke7 62.Kd5 Rd6+ 63.Ke5 Ra6 64.Qh7+ Kd8 65.Qb7 Rg6 66.Qf7 Rb6 67.Kd5 h4 68.Kc5 Ra6 69.Qb7 Rg6 70.Qe4 Rf6 71.Kd5 Ra6 72.Qxh4+ Kc7 73.Qc4+ Kb7 74.Qb5+ Rb6 75.Qa4 Rf6 76.Qd7+ Ka6 77.Qc8+ Ka7 78.Qc7+ Ka6 79.Qc8+ Ka7 80.Qd7+ Ka6 81.Kc5 Rg6 82.Qc8+ Ka7 83.Qc7+ Ka6 84.Qd8 Rh6 85.Qa8#

1-0 (85) Socko,B (2642)-Amin,B (2680) Abu Dhabi UAE 2021*)*

13.b4 h5 14.c5 g5 15.Bf2 Ng6 16.Nc4 f5 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Nb5 fxe4 19.fxe4 Nf4 20.0-0 a6 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Nc7 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 Bg4 24.Qd3 Rac8 25.h3 Bd7 26.a4 g4 27.hxg4 Bxg4 28.Ne6 Bxe6 29.dxe6 Qxe6 30.Ne3 Nh6 31.Rad1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Kh7 33.Rd1 Ng4 34.Qxd6 Qxd6 35.Rxd6 Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rc6 37.Ba7 Nxe3 38.Bxe3 Rc4 39.Bc5 b6 40.Bxb6 Rxb4 41.a5 Rxe4 42.Rd7 Ra4 43.Ra7 e4 44.Rxa6 Bd4+ 45.Bxd4 Rxd4 46.Re6 Ra4 47.a6 Ra2 48.Kh2 Ra3 49.g3 Ra2+ 50.Kh3 e3 51.Kh4 e2 52.Kxh5 Ra5+ 53.Kh4 Rxa6 54.Rxe2 Ra4+ 55.g4 Kg6 56.Re6+ Kg7 57.Kh5 Ra5+ 58.g5 Ra7 59.Rc6 Rb7 60.Rg6+ Kh7 61.Rh6+ Kg7 62.Ra6 Rc7 63.Rb6 Rd7 64.Rc6 Ra7 65.Rg6+ Kh7 66.Re6 Kg7 67.Re5 Rb7 68.Rc5 Rd7 69.Kg4 Rf7 70.Rb5 Re7 71.Rb6 Rd7 72.Kf4 Rf7+ 73.Ke5 Re7+ 74.Kf5 Rf7+ 75.Kg4 Rc7 76.Ra6 Rb7 77.Kh5 Rc7 78.Ra5 Rd7 79.g6 Rc7 80.Kg5 Re7 81.Ra1 Rb7 82.Ra5 Rc7 83.Rd5 Rb7 84.Rf5 Rc7 85.Rb5 Rd7 86.Kf5 Ra7 87.Rc5 Rb7 88.Rd5 Rc7 89.Rd6 Rc5+ 90.Kf4 Ra5 91.Kg4 Rb5 92.Ra6 Rc5 93.Kh4 Rd5 94.Kg4 Rc5 95.Rb6 Rd5 96.Rc6 Ra5 97.Kf4 Rb5 98.Ke4 Ra5 99.Kf4 Rb5 100.Re6 Ra5 101.Rd6 Rb5 102.Ra6 Rc5 103.Re6 Rb5 104.Re5 Rxe5 105.Kxe5 Kxg6 ½-½ (105) Bluebaum,M (2660)-Samadov,R (2521) chess.com INT 2025;

A2) 11...h5 12.h3 Nh6 13.f3 *(13.g4 hxg4 14.hxg4 Nf7 15.f3 c6 16.Qc2 Ng5 17.0-0-0 Bh6 18.Kb1 c5 19.Bg3 Nf7 20.Rh2 Kg7 21.Rdh1 Rh8 22.Nb3 Bd7 23.Qd1 Qc7 24.Qf1 Bf4 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.Rxh8 Nxh8 27.Be1 Nf7 28.Nc1 Qd8 29.Nd3 Be3 30.Qh1 a6 31.a4 Bd4 32.Bd2 Bxc3 33.Bxc3*

Bxa4 34.f4 g5 35.fxe5 fxe5 36.Ne1 Ng6 37.Ng2 Nf4 38.Bf3 Qh8 39.Qxh8+ Kxh8 40.Ne3 Bb3 41.Ba5 Ba4 42.Ka2 Bd7 43.b3 b5 44.Kb2 Kg7 45.Bc7 Kf6 46.Ba5 Ke7 47.b4 cxb4 48.Kb3 Nd3 49.Kc2 Ne1+ 50.Kb3 Nxf3 51.Kxb4 bxc4 52.Nxc4 Bxg4 53.Nb6 Bd7 54.Na8 g4 55.Nb6 g3 56.Na8 g2 57.Bb6 Nd4 58.Bxd4 exd4 59.e5 Nxe5 60.Ka5 g1Q 61.Kb6 d3+ 62.Kb7 Qc5 63.Nb6 Nc4 64.Ka7 Qxb6+ 65.Ka8 Qd8+ 66.Ka7 Qc7+ 67.Ka8 Nb6# 0-1 (67) Bluebaum, M (2651)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2022) 13...Nf7 14.b4 f5 15.c5 g5 16.Bf2 f4 17.Nc4 Ng6 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Nb5 Nh4 20.0-0 Nxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd7 22.Rh1 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Nxa7 Rxa7 25.Nb6 gxf3+ 26.Bxf3 Qd8 27.Nxc8 Ra3 28.Bg4 Ng5 29.Bh4 f3+ 30.Kf1 Rf4 31.Be6+ Kf8 32.Qc1 Rd3 33.Nxd6 Qxd6 34.Qc8+ Ke7 35.Bxg5+ Rf6 1-0 (35) Bluebaum,M (2668)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh6 11.dxe5 fxe5 *(11...dxe5 12.0-0 g4 13.Ne1 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 c6 15.c5 Nf7 16.Bc4 Na6 17.Na4 Rb8 18.f4 gxf3 19.Nxf3 Bg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Nc7 22.Rd7 Nb5 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.Rfxf7 Rxf7 25.Rxf7 Kh8 26.Bxb5 cxb5 27.Nc3 b4 28.Nd5 a5 29.Kh2 h6 30.h4 h5 31.b3 Kh7 32.Kh3 Rc8 33.Ne7 Rc7 34.g4 hxg4+ 35.Kxg4 Rd7 36.h5 Rd2 37.Nf5 Rg2+ 38.Kf3 Rxa2 39.Rxg7+ Kh8 40.h6* 1-0 (40) Yu Yangyi (2709)-Amin,B (2686) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.h4 g4 13.Ng5 Nc6 14.c5 Nd4 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.0-0 Qb4 18.Bb3 Nxb3 19.Qxb3 Qe7 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Rad1 c6 22.Nf4 Qe7 23.Nfe6 Bxe6 24.Nxe6 Rf6 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.Bxe5 Raf8 27.Qc3 Kg6 28.Bxf6 Rxf6 29.e5 Re6 30.Rd6 Rxd6 31.exd6 Qxd6 32.Qc2+ Nf5 33.Rd1 Qe7 34.Qc4 h5 35.Qg8+ Ng7 36.Qd8 Qf7 1-0 (36) Bluebaum,M (2661)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 9...Nh6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.Nxc7 Rb8 14.Rd1 g5 15.Ne6 Re8 16.Nxg7 Kxg7 17.Bg3 Nf7 18.Nd2 Nc5 19.f3 Ne6 20.Bf2 Nf4 21.Bf1 b6 22.Nb1 g4 23.Be3 gxf3 24.gxf3 Ng5 25.Kf2 Ngh3+ 26.Ke1 Be6 27.Nc3 Ng5 28.Bxf4 exf4 29.Kf2 Rbc8 30.b3 Red8 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.exd5 Re8 33.Rd4 Re3 34.Rxf4 Rc3 35.h4 Rc2+ 36.Kg3 Nf7 37.Rh2 Rxh2 38.Kxh2 Nd6 39.Kg3 f5 40.Rd4 Kf6 41.Rd2 Nf7 42.Re2 Ne5 43.f4 Rg8+ 44.Kf2 Nd3+ 45.Kf3 Nc5 46.Re5 Ne4 47.Bd3 Rg3+ 48.Ke2 Nc3+ 49.Kd2 Nxa2 50.Rxf5+ Ke7 51.Rg5 Rh3 52.Rg7+ Kd6 53.Rxh7 Nb4 54.Bf5 a5 55.h5 Rxb3 56.h6 Rb2+ 57.Ke3 Rh2 58.Rd7+ Kc5 59.h7 a4 60.Rd8 a3 61.h8Q Rxh8 62.Rxh8 Kxc4 63.Ra8 Nxd5+ 64.Kd2 Kb4 65.Bd7 Nxf4 66.Ra4+ Kb3 67.Rxf4 a2 68.Be6+ 1-0 (68) Sarana,A (2695)-Henriquez Villagra, C (2591) chess.com INT 2024;

D) 9...Qe8 10.h3 Nh6 11.0-0 Nc6

12.c5 dxc5 13.Bc4+ Kh8 14.dxc5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Qd6 17.Qe2 g5 18.Bg3 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Rfd1 f5 21.Ne3 Qg6 22.Nxg4 Qxg4 23.Bd5 f4 24.Bh2 Rf6 25.Bxc6 Rg6 26.g3 bxc6 27.Rc3 Rf8 28.Rcd3 Rgf6 29.Kg2 Nf7 30.Ng1 Qg6 31.Kh1 Ng5 32.gxf4 exf4 33.f3 Qh5 34.Qg2 Rg6 35.Qe2 Ne6 36.Rd7 Rg8 37.Rf7 Rxg1+ 38.Rxg1 Qxf7 39.Qc4 Bd4 40.Rxg8+ Kxg8 41.Qa6 h6 42.Qxa7 Bxa7 43.Bxf4 Nxf4 44.b4 Qh5# 0-1 (44) Bluebaum,M (2655)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024]

[7...c6 8.d5 *(8.Qd2 Na6 9.Rd1 Qe7 10.Bg5 Bg4 11.d5 c5 12.h3 Bd7 13.h4 Bg4 14.Ng1 Bxe2 15.Ngxe2 Qd7 16.f3 h5 17.Kf2 Nh7 18.Bh6 Nc7 19.g4 hxg4 20.h5 gxf3 21.Ng3 Ne8 22.Rdg1 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 g5 24.Nf5 f6 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.h6 Qf7 27.Qxf7 Rxf7 28.Kxf3 a6 29.Rb1 Rc7 30.Nd1 b5 31.Nde3 b4 32.a3 a5 33.Ra1 a4 34.Rhb1 Rb7 35.b3 axb3 36.axb4 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 b2 38.Rb1 Rxb4 39.Nd1 Rxc4 40.Rxb2 Rb4 41.Ra2 Rb8 42.Nde3 g4+ 43.Kxg4 Ng5 44.Ra7 Nxe4 45.Ne7 Ng5 46.Ng6+ Kg8 47.h7+ Nxh7 48.Nf5 e4 49.Nh6#* 1-0 (49) Lysyj,I (2591)-Perez Ponsa,F (2539) chess.com INT 2024 *)*

A) 8...Na6 9.Nd2 Ne8 *(9...Bd7 10.a3 Rc8 11.b4 cxd5 12.exd5 Ne8 13.Nb3 f5 14.Bxa7 b6 15.0-0 Ra8 16.Nb5 Rf7 17.a4 Nxb4 18.Qd2 e4 19.a5 bxa5 20.Rxa5 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rfxa7 22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Qxb4 Qb6 24.Nd2 Ra2 25.Nc4 Qd4 26.Qe1 Nf6 27.b6 Nd7 28.b7 Qc5 29.Kh1 Qc7 30.f3 Qxb7 31.fxe4* ½-½ (31) Rapport,R (2752)-Mamedov,R (2648) Budva MNE 2019 *)* 10.0-0 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.f4 exf4 13.Rxf4 Bh6 14.Kh1 Bxf4 15.Bxf4 Qh4 16.Qf1 Nc5 17.Bg3 Qh6 18.Bf4 Qh4 19.Bg3 Qh6 20.Bf4 ½-½ (20) Onischuk,A (2640)-Guseinov,G (2661) Jerusalem ISR 2022;

B) 8...c5 9.h3 *(9.Nd2 Kh8 10.g4 Ng8 11.h4 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bh6 14.Nde4 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Bxf5 16.Ng5 Na6 17.Bg4 Qd7 18.Ne6 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 Nc7 20.Rg1 Nf6 21.Qg5 Rf7 22.Qh6 Nxe6 23.dxe6 Qxe6 24.Ne4 Qe7 25.Ng5 Rg7 26.0-0-0 Rg6 27.Qxg6 hxg6 28.Rxd6 Nh7 29.Re6 Qg7 30.Ne4 Rg8 31.h5 Qf7 32.Ng5 Nxg5 33.Rd6 Qxc4+ 34.Kb1 Ne4 35.Rd7 Rg7 36.Rd8+ Kh7 37.hxg6+ Rxg6 38.Rh1+ Kg7* 0-1 (38) Bluebaum,M (2642)-Piorun,K (2640) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 9...Nh5 10.g3 Na6 11.a3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Nc7 13.Nh2 Nf6 14.Ng4 Nfe8 15.h4 Bxg4 16.Bxg4 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Bh3 b5 20.cxb5 Nxb5 21.Nxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe2 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 h6 24.Bd2 e4 25.Rab1 Nc7 26.b4 Nxd5 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Rhc1 Bd4 29.Bxh6 Rf7 30.Rb3 Re8 31.Rb5 Kh7 32.Bg5 f4 33.Rbxc5 Bxc5 34.Rxc5 Re5 35.Rc4 f3+ 36.Kd2 Kg7 37.Be3 Nxe3 38.Kxe3 Rb7 39.Kf4 Rbe7 40.Rc3 Ra5 41.Re3 Rf7+ 42.Kg4 Re7 43.Kf4 Rf7+ 44.Kg4 Re7 45.Kf4 ½-½ (45) Sarana,A (2675)-Kamsky,G (2661) chess.com INT 2022;

C) 8...Ng4 9.Bg5 *(9.Bc1 f5*

10.Bg5 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Qd2 cxd5 14.Nxd5 Nc6 15.Rd1 Ne4 16.Qh6 Rf7 17.Bd3 Qf8 18.Qxf8+ Rxf8 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Ng5 Bf5 21.Ne3 Bg6 22.h4 Nd4 23.h5 h6 24.Ne6 Nxe6 25.hxg6 Nd4 26.Rxh6 b5 27.cxb5 Kg7 28.Rh4 Rac8 29.Rxe4 Nxb5 30.Rd5 a6 31.a4 Nd4 32.Rxd6 Rc1+ 33.Kd2 Nb3+ 34.Ke2 Nd4+ 35.Kd3 Rxf2 36.Rxe5 Nc6 37.Ree6 Nb4+ 38.Ke4 Rf8 39.Re7+ Kg8 40.g7 Rf7 41.Rxf7 Kxf7 42.Rd7+ Kg8 43.Nf5 Re1+ 44.Kf3 Kh7 45.Nh6 Rf1+ 46.Ke4 1-0 (46) Martirosyan,H (2708)-Theodorou,N (2619) Budva MNE 2023 *)* 9...f6 10.Bh4 Na6 11.0-0 c5 12.Ne1 *(12.a3 h5 13.Ne1 Nh6 14.f3 Nf7 15.Nd3 Bh6 16.Bf2 f5 17.b4 b6 18.Rb1 Nc7 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qa4 Ne8 21.Qc6 Bd7 22.Qb7 Nf6 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Qc6 Qa5 25.Be1 Qxa3 26.Rb7 Nd8 27.Qc7 Rf7 28.Nb5 Rxc7 29.Rxc7 Qa2 30.Nc3 Qc2* 0-1 (30) Nesterov,A (2601)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024*; 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.a3 Nf7 14.Rb1 h5 15.f3 Bh6 16.b4 b6 17.Kh1 Nc7 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nb3 Ne8 20.Na4 Bg5 21.Bf2 f5 22.Naxc5 dxc5 23.Nxc5 Nf6 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Ne6 Bxe6 26.dxe6 Nh8 27.c5 Ng6 28.Bc4 Qe7 29.c6 Rab8 30.Qc2 e4 31.Bd4 Rfc8 32.Rxb8 Rxb8 33.fxe4 Nxe4 34.Rxf5 Nd6 35.Rf7 Nxf7 36.Qxg6+ Kf8 37.Qg7+* 1-0 (37) Lazavik,D (2578)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024*)* 12...Nh6 13.Nc2 *(13.f3 Nf7 14.Nd3 Bh6 15.Bf2 f5 16.Rb1 Nc7 17.b4 b6 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nxc5 dxc5 20.Bxc5 Re8 21.Bf2 Rf8 22.c5 Ne8 23.d6 Be6 24.Qa4 Nf6 25.Bc4 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 Rc8 27.Rfd1 Kh8 28.Qa4 Qd7 29.Qxd7 Nxd7 30.Nd5 fxe4 31.Rb5 e3 32.Nxe3 Rxc5 33.Rb7 Rd8 34.Ng4 Rc1 35.Rxc1 Bxc1 36.Rxa7 Nxd6 37.Rc7 Bd2 38.Kf1 Nf5 39.Ke2 Ba5 40.Ra7 Bc3 41.a4 h5 42.Ne3 Bd4 43.Rc7 Nb6 44.Nxf5 gxf5 45.Bxd4 Rxd4 46.a5 Nd5 47.Rf7 Nf4+ 48.Kf1 Rd1+ 49.Kf2 Rd2+ 50.Kf1 Ra2 51.Rxf5 Ra1+ 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.h4 Ra2+ 54.Kf1 Ra1+ 55.Kf2 Kg6 56.Rg5+ Kf6 57.Rg8 Ra2+ 58.Kf1 Rxa5 59.g3 Ra1+ 60.Kf2 Ra2+ 61.Kf1 Ne6 62.Rh8 Nd4 63.Rxh5 Nxf3 64.Rh8 e4* 0-1 (64) Eljanov,P (2672)-Guseinov,G (2665) Tornelo INT 2021*; 13.Nd3 g5 14.Bg3 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bf3 Nc7 17.Be4 b5 18.cxb5 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxb5 20.Qc1 g4 21.b4 cxb4 22.Nxb4 Nd4 23.Qd1 Rc8 24.Nc6 Nxc6 25.dxc6 d5 26.Qb3 Nf5 27.Nc3 Rxc6 28.Nxd5 Kh8 29.Ne3 Nd4 30.Qa4 h5 31.Nc4 Qd5 32.Ne3 Qe4 33.Qxa7 Rc3 34.Rae1 Ra8 35.Qf7 Qh7 36.Nd5 Rc5 37.Nf6 Qh6 38.Nxh5 Nc6 39.Nxg7 Qxg7 40.Qxg7+ Kxg7 41.Rc1 Rxc1 42.Rxc1 Ra6 43.f3 gxf3 44.gxf3 Kf6 45.Rc2 Nd4 46.Rf2 Ra3 47.Kg2 Kf5 48.h4 Ra8 49.Rd2 Ra3 50.Rf2 Ra8 51.Bh2 Rg8+ 52.Kh3 Ra8 53.Bg3 Ra3 54.h5 Nxf3 55.h6 Kg6 56.Kg4 e4 57.Kf4 Ng5 58.Rc2 Ne6+ 59.Ke5 Rxg3 60.Kxe6 Kxh6 61.Re2 e3 62.Kf5 Rg5+ 63.Kf4 Ra5 64.Kxe3 Kg6 65.Rf2 Ra4 66.Kd3 Kg5*

67.Kc3 Ra8 68.Kb3 Rb8+ 69.Kc2 Ra8 70.Kb2 Rb8+ 71.Ka1 Ra8 72.Rf3 Kg4 73.Rf1 Kg5 74.Rf2 Kg4 75.Rf1 Kg5 76.Rf3 Kg4 77.Rd3 Kf4 78.Kb2 Ke4 79.Rb3 Kd5 80.Rc3 ½-½ (80) Vogel,R (2462)-Carlsen,M (2852) chess.com INT 2023*)* 13...Nc7 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5 bxc5 16.Rb1 Qe7 17.Ne3 Nf7 18.Bg4 Ba6 19.h3 Bh6 20.Qa4 Bf4 21.Bd7 Bxe3 22.fxe3 g5 23.Bg3 Bxc4 24.Rf2 a6 25.Rb7 Bb5 26.Qa5 Qxd7 27.Qxc7 Qxc7 28.Rxc7 Kg7 29.a4 Bd3 30.Rb2 Rab8 31.Rbb7 Rxb7 32.Rxb7 Kg6 33.a5 h5 34.Be1 h4 35.g3 hxg3 36.Bxg3 g4 37.hxg4 Ng5 38.Rb6 Nxe4 39.Nxe4 Bxe4 40.Rxd6 Kg5 41.Rxa6 Kxg4 42.Kf2 Bxd5 43.Rd6 Be4 44.a6 Rb8 45.Rd2 Rb1 46.Ra2 c4 47.a7 c3 48.Ra4 Rb2+ 49.Ke1 Kxg3 50.Rxe4 Ra2 51.Rc4 Kf3 52.Rxc3 Rxa7 53.Rb3 Ra2 54.Kd1 Re2 55.e4+ Kf2 56.Rb6 Rxe4 57.Rxf6+ Ke3 58.Ra6 Rd4+ 59.Ke1 Rd3 60.Ra2 e4 61.Re2+ Kf3 62.Rf2+ Ke3 63.Re2+ Kd4 64.Ra2 Rb3 65.Ke2 Re3+ 66.Kd2 Rd3+ 67.Ke2 Rh3 68.Ra4+ Ke5 69.Ra8 ½-½ (69) Bluebaum,M (2650)-Jacobson,B (2583) New York USA 2024]

[7...Bg4 8.dxe5 *(8.d5 a5 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nh5 11.g3 Na6 12.0-0-0 Qe8 13.Kb1 f5 14.f3 b6 15.Rdg1 f4 16.Bf2 fxg3 17.hxg3 Bh6 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qd7 20.Ne2 b5 21.f4 bxc4 22.f5 Rab8 23.Nxc4 Rb4 24.Rc1 Nc5 25.g4 Nf4 26.Nxf4 exf4 27.Qd4 Qe7 28.Rhe1 f3 29.e5 f2 30.Re2 dxe5 31.Rxe5 Rxc4 32.Qxc4 Qxe5 33.Qxc5 Qe4+ 34.Qc2 gxf5 35.gxf5 Qxf5 36.Rf1 h5 37.a4 Qxc2+ 38.Kxc2 h4* 0-1 (38) Jacobson,B (2570)-Sosa,T (2498) Ciutadella de Menorca ESP 2025 *)* 8...Bxf3 9.exf6 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Qxf6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rad1 Rfe8 13.f3 Qd8 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.b3 Qd7 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Bh6 Bh8 18.exf5 Qxf5 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.Bg5 Nc6 21.Qf4 Ne5 22.Qxf7+ Nxf7 23.Nxc7 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rc8 25.Ne6 Re8 26.Bh4 Bc3 27.Re4 Ba5 28.Bf2 a6 29.Ng5 Rxe4 30.Nxe4 Kf8 31.Nf6 h5 32.Nd5 Ke8 33.h4 Kd7 34.Nf4 Ne5 35.Bd4 Bd2 36.Bxe5 dxe5 37.Nxg6 Ke6 38.g4 hxg4 39.fxg4 Kf6 40.h5 e4 41.Kf2 Kg5 42.Ne5 Bf4 43.Nf7+ Kf6 44.Nd8 b5 45.cxb5 axb5 46.a4 bxa4 47.bxa4 Kg5 48.Ne6+ 1-0 (48) Bluebaum,M (2640)-Ivic,V (2592) chess.com INT 2024]

[7...a5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Bg5 Rd6 12.c5 Nxc5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nxc7 Rb8 15.Ne8 Rb6 16.Nxf6+ Rxf6 17.Nxe5 Nxe4 18.0-0 Rd6 19.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Be6 21.a3 Rc8 22.Bf3 Nc5 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Na4 25.h4 Nc3 26.Rd3 Na2 27.Rd4 Rc7 28.h5 Kg7 29.g3 g5 30.Kg2 h6 31.Nd3 b6 32.Rd6 Rc3 33.Be4 Rc4 34.Bb7 Nxb4 35.Ne5 Rc7 36.Rxb6 Rxb7 37.Rd6 Rb5 38.f4 gxf4 39.gxf4 Nd5 40.Kf3 Rb3+ 41.Ke4 Rb4+ 42.Kd3 Nxf4+ 43.Kc3 Re4 44.Nc6 Kf6 45.Nd4 Re3+ 46.Kc2 Ke5 47.Rd8 Rh3 48.Nc6+ Kf6 49.Kd2 Rxh5 50.Ke3 Nd5+ 51.Kf3 Rh3+ 52.Kf2 Nf4 53.Nd4 h5 54.Rh8 h4 55.Nf3 Nd3+ 56.Kg2 Rg3+ 57.Kh2 Rxf3 58.Rxh4 Ne5 59.Rh6+ Kg5 60.Rh8 Ng4+ 61.Kg1 Ra3 62.Kg2 Kf4 63.Kf1 Kf3 64.Rh3+ Kf4 65.Rxa3

Bd5 66.Ke2 Be4 67.Ra7 f5 68.Ra5 Bf3+ 69.Kd2 Nf6 70.Rxf5+ Kxf5 71.Ke3 Be4 72.Kd4 Kf4 73.Kc4 Ke5 74.Kc5 Bd5 75.Kb4 Kd4 76.Kb5 Ne8 77.Kb4 Nd6 78.Ka3 Kc3 79.Ka4 Bc4 80.Ka3 Bd3 81.Ka2 Nf5 82.Ka3 Nd4 83.Ka2 Be4 84.Ka3 Bb1 85.Ka4 Ne6 86.Ka3 Bd3 87.Ka4 Bc4 88.Ka3 Nd4 89.Ka4 Nc2 90.Ka5 Kd4 91.Kb6 Nb4 92.Kc7 Kc5 93.Kd8 Kd6 94.Ke8 Nc6 95.Kf8 Ne5 96.Kg7 Ke7 97.Kh7 Kf6 98.Kh6 Bg8 99.Kh5 Kf5 100.Kh6 Kf6 101.Kh5 Bh7 102.Kh6 Be4 103.Kh5 Nd7 104.Kh6 Nf8 105.Kh5 Ne6 106.Kh6 Bf5 107.Kh5 Kg7 108.Kh4 Kg6 109.Kg3 Nd4 110.Kf4 Kf6 111.Ke3 Ke5 112.Kd2 Kd5 113.Kc3 Kc5 114.Kb2 Kc4 115.Ka2 Kc3 116.Ka1 Nc2+ 117.Ka2 Nb4+ 118.Ka3 Be6 119.Ka4 Bf7 120.Ka3 Nc2+ ½-½ (120) Bluebaum,M (2643)-Urazayev,A (2467) chess.com INT 2025]

8.d5 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Nh6 11.Nd2 c5

[11...Na6 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Rb1 Nc7 15.b4 Kh8 16.Nb3 Ne6 17.b5 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Nf4 19.Re1 Bf8 20.Bf1 Be6 21.Nc3 g5 22.Bg3 Re7 23.Nd2 Rg7 24.Nd5 f5 25.exf5 Nxd5 26.cxd5 Bxf5 27.Rc1 Bg6 28.Nf3 Be7 29.Rc6 Bf6 30.Nd2 Nf5 31.Ne4 Be7 32.h3 Rb8 33.a4 Qa5 34.Bb5 Rf8 35.Bh2 Qb4 36.Nc5 Nd4 37.Ne6 Nxc6 38.dxc6 Rc8 39.Rxe5 dxe5 40.Bxe5 Kg8 41.Nxg7 Qe4 42.Qb3+ Bf7 43.Qg3 a6 44.Bd3 Qxc6 45.Nf5 Bf6 46.Nh6+ Kf8 47.Bd6+ Kg7 48.Nf5+ Kg8 49.Nh6+ Kg7 50.Nf5+ Kg8 51.Nh6+ Kg7 ½-½ (51) Seer (3542)-Berserk (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[11...g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.f3 *(13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Bd3 Rf8 15.f3 b6 16.Bf2 Na6 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Nde4 Nc5 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.h3 Rb8 21.Qe2 Qd7 22.0-0-0 h6 23.Kb1 Bf6 24.a3 Be7 25.Rd3 Bg6 26.Rdd1 Kg7 27.Ka1 Rb6 28.Ka2 a6 29.Rb1 Qf5 30.Na4 Rb7 31.Nac3 Rb6 32.Qd2 Rfb8 33.Na4 Rb3 34.Nac3 Qf4 35.Qd1 h5 36.Qxb3 Rxb3 37.Kxb3 Qf8 38.Rbd1 Qb8+ 39.Ka2 a5 40.g4 Qf8 41.Rd3 Qf7 42.Ne2 Kf8 43.Rhd1 Ke8 44.Re3 Kd7 45.Rdd3 h4 46.a4 Qf8 47.Rb3 Qa8 48.N2c3 Qf8 49.Nb5 Qa8 50.Kb1 Qa6 51.Rec3 Kc8 52.Rd3 Be8 53.Rd1 Kd7 54.Kc2 Qa8 55.Nbc3 Bg6 56.Rb5 Qf8 57.Rf1 Kc8 58.Rxa5 Qf4 59.Rb5 Qh2+ 60.Kc1 Qxh3 61.Nd2 Be8 62.Rb3 Bxa4 63.Nxa4 Qg2 64.Re3 h3 65.Ree1 e4 66.Rg1 Qh2 67.Nxe4 Bf8 68.Rh1 Qg2 69.Reg1 Qxf3 70.Nd2 Qd3 71.Rf1 Bg7 72.Rf3 Qd4 73.Rhxh3 Qg1+ 74.Kc2 Qxg4 75.Nc3 Qd7 76.Rh7 g4 77.Rf8+ Bxf8 78.Rxd7 Kxd7 79.Nde4 Bg7 80.Ne2 Ke7 81.Nf2 Bf6 82.Nxg4 Bh4 83.b4 cxb4 84.Nd4 Bg5 85.Ne6 Bh4 86.Nxc7 Kd7 87.Nb5 Bd8 88.Kb3 Bb6 89.Nf6+ Ke7 90.Ne4 Kf7 91.Nbxd6+ Kg6 92.c5 Bd8 93.c6 Kg7 94.Nb7 Bc7 95.d6 Bb6 96.c7 Kg6 97.c8Q Bd4 98.Nbc5 Be3 99.d7 Bxc5 100.d8Q Bf8 101.Qg5+ Kf7 102.Qgf5+ Ke7 103.Qfxf8#* 1-0 (103) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-Ethereal (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 13...g4 14.Bf2 gxf3 15.Bxf3 Nd7 16.Qe2 Rf8 17.h3 Nf6 18.0-0-0 Bd7 19.g4 fxg4 20.hxg4 Nfxg4 21.Rdg1 Nxf2 22.Rxh6 Nh3 23.Rg3

Ng5 24.Rh1 Rf4 25.Qg2 h6 26.Be2 Qf6 27.Nf3 Nxf3 28.Bxf3 Rf8 29.Rg6 Rxf3 30.Rxf6 R8xf6 31.Rg1 Rf7 32.Qg6 Be8 33.Qe6 Bd7 34.Qg6 Be8 35.Nd1 Kf8 36.c5 dxc5 37.d6 R3f6 38.dxc7 Rxc7 39.Qg2 Rg6 40.Qf2+ Kg8 41.Ne3 b6 42.Rg2 Rf7 43.Nf5 Rff6 44.Kd1 Rxg2 45.Qxg2 Bg6 46.Qc2 h5 47.Ke2 Bxf5 48.exf5 Rh6 49.Qc4+ Kh8 50.b3 h4 51.Kf1 e4 52.Qxe4 h3 53.Qa8+ Kh7 54.Kg1 h2+ 55.Kh1 a5 56.Qe4 Kg8 57.Qd5+ Kh7 58.Qf7 Kh8 59.a3 Bd4 60.Qf8+ Kh7 61.Qe7+ Kg8 62.Qg5+ Kh7 63.Qe7+ Bg7 64.Qe8 Bd4 65.Qd7+ Kg8 66.Qe8+ Kh7 67.Qd7+ Kg8 68.Qd8+ Kh7 69.Qc7+ Kh8 70.Qf4 Bg7 71.Qd2 Kh7 72.Qg2 Bd4 73.Qb7+ Kh8 74.Qd5 Bg7 75.Qd8+ Kh7 76.Qd7 Kg8 77.Qe8+ Kh7 78.Qe7 Kh8 79.Qg5 Kh7 80.Qe7 Kh8 81.Qe8+ Kh7 82.Qd8 Bd4 83.Qg5 Bf6 84.Qg4 Be5 85.Qe4 Bf6 86.Qe3 Bd4 87.Qe4 Kh8 88.Qf4 Kh7 89.Qe4 Kg7 90.Qe7+ Kh8 91.Qf7 Bf6 92.Qe8+ Kh7 93.Qd7+ Bg7 94.Qc7 Kg8 95.Qd8+ Kh7 96.Qd7 Kg8 97.Qd2 Kh7 98.Qe1 Bd4 99.a4 Kg8 100.Qe7 Kh8 101.Qe4 Kg8 102.Qe7 Kh8 103.Qf8+ Kh7 104.Qf7+ Bg7 105.Qc7 Kg8 106.Qf4 Kh7 107.Qg5 Bf6 108.Qd2 Bd4 109.Qg5 Ba1 110.Qg3 Bd4 111.Qg5 Bf6 112.Qe3 Bg7 113.Qf3 Bd4 114.Qg3 Bg7 115.Qb8 Bd4 116.Qb7+ Kg8 117.Qc8+ Kf7 118.Qb8 Bg7 119.Qf4 Kg8 120.Qg3 Kf7 121.Qe3 Bf8 122.Qg5 Bg7 123.Qf4 Bf8 124.Qc7+ Kg8 125.Qd8 Kf7 126.Qc7+ Be7 127.Qd7 Kf8 128.Qc8+ Kg7 129.Qc7 Kf7 130.Qb8 Bf8 131.Qa7+ ½-½ (131) Ethereal (3532)-Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

12.h3 Nf7 13.Bg4 Bxg4 14.hxg4 Bh6 15.Ke2 Qd7 16.f3 Kg7 17.Qa4 Qxa4 18.Nxa4 Bxd2 19.Kxd2 Nd7 20.Nc3 b6 21.Bf2 a5 22.Be3 h6 23.Kc2 Nb8 24.Na4 Nd7 25.Nc3 Nb8 26.Kb3 Na6 27.Ka4 g5 28.g3 Re7 29.Nb5 Rg8 30.Bd2 Nc7 31.a3 Na6 32.Rh2 Nb8 33.Rf1 Rc8 34.Nc3 Na6 35.Nb5 Nb8 36.Rfh1 Kg6 37.Nxd6 Nxd6 38.Rxh6+ Kg7 39.Bxg5 Rf7 40.Bd2 Rg8 41.Bc3 Nd7 42.g5 Kf8 43.gxf6 Nxc4 44.Kb5 Nd6+ 45.Kc6 Nc8 46.d6 Nxf6 47.Rh8 c4 48.a4 Na7+ 49.Kxb6 Nc8+ 50.Kxa5 Nxd6 51.Bxe5 Rxh8 52.Rxh8+ Ke7 53.Kb4 Nfe8 54.Bf4 Rg7 55.Rh6 Nf7 56.Rb6 Nf6 57.a5 c3 58.Kxc3 Nd7 59.Rb5 Rg8 60.b4 Ra8 61.Kb3 Kd8 62.Rf5 Ke7 63.Rd5 Ke6 64.Rd3 Nd8 65.Rd6+ Ke7 66.Rh6 Nf7 67.Rc6 Kf8 68.Re6 Kg8 69.a6 Nf8 70.Rb6 Nd7 71.Rb7 Rxa6 72.Rxd7 Rb6 73.Rxf7 Ra6 74.Rd7 Ra1 75.b5 Kf8 76.Kc4 Ra4+ 77.Kd5 Kg8 78.b6 Ra5+ 79.Ke6 Ra6 80.Rd8+ Kh7 81.Rd5 Rxb6+ 82.Kf7 Rb7+ 83.Kf8 Rb6 84.Rh5+ Kg6 85.Rh6# 1-0 (85) Berserk (3589)-Seer (3542) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8

[8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b4 Re8 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.b5 c6 12.a4 Nc5 13.Ba3 Nfd7 14.Rfd1 Bf8 15.a5 Qf6 16.h3 Ne6 17.a6 Bxa3 18.axb7 Bxb7 19.Rxa3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.bxc6 Bxc6 22.Nd5 Qe5 23.Bf3 Nc5 24.Ra5 Ne6 25.Qd2 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Ng5 27.Qxd4 Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Qg5+ 29.Kf1 Qh5 30.Kg2 Qg5+ 31.Kf1 Qh5 32.Ke2 Rac8 33.Ra2 Rcd8 34.d6 Rd7 35.Rxa7 Rxa7 36.Qxa7 Rxe4+ 37.Kd2 Qd5+ 38.Kc3 Rc4+ 39.Kb2

Qb5+ 40.Ka3 Qb4+ 41.Ka2 Rc2+ 0-1 (41) Riazantsev,A (2616)-Salem,A (2639) Samarkand UZB 2023]

[8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0 c6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bd2 Nh5 12.Rfe1 Nc5 13.Rad1 Qf6 14.g3 Bg4 15.Kg2 Ne6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.h3 Bxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Ne2 Qe5 21.Nc1 Nf6 22.Nd3 Qe7 23.Kh1 Nd7 24.Bg2 Nc5 25.e5 Nxd3 26.Qxd3 f5 27.exf6 Qxf6 28.Re2 Rde8 29.Be4 Re6 30.Rde1 Rfe8 31.Kg2 h5 32.h4 Bf8 33.c5 Kg7 34.b4 b6 35.Bf3 bxc5 36.bxc5 Bxc5 37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Qxe6 39.Qe4 Qxe4 40.Bxe4 Bb6 41.Bxc6 d3 42.Kf3 d2 43.Ba4 Kf6 44.Ke2 Bc5 45.Bc2 Bb6 ½-½ (45) Dubov,D (2701)-Dragun,K (2528) chess.com INT 2024]

8...Rxd8 9.Bg5

[9.Nd5 Nxd5 ½-½ (9) Radjabov,T (2747)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha AZE 2022 10.cxd5 c6 11.Bc4 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.Bg5 Rd7 14.Rc1 a5 15.a4 h6 16.Be3 cxd5 17.exd5 bxa4 18.Bxa4 Rxd5 19.0-0 Na6 20.Nd2 Rad8 21.Nc4 Nc5 22.Nxa5 Nxa4 23.Nxb7 Rb8 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 Rxc5 26.Bxc5 Rxb2 27.Rd1 f5 28.h4 Bf6 29.Rd6 Be7 30.Rd5 Rb5 31.Rxe5 Bxc5 32.Re2 Rb4 33.g3 Bd4 34.Re6 Kf7 35.Rd6 Be5 36.Ra6 f4 37.h5 fxg3 38.hxg6+ Kg7 39.fxg3 Bxg3 40.Kg2 Be5 41.Kh3 Bf6 42.Ra3 Kxg6 43.Rg3+ Bg5 44.Ra3 Kh5 45.Rg3 Rb2 46.Ra3 Re2 47.Kg3 Bh4+ 48.Kh3 Bf6 49.Rg3 Re4 50.Rf3 Be5 51.Rf5+ Kg6 52.Rf8 Re2 53.Kg4 h5+ 54.Kf3 Ra2 55.Ke4 Bf6 56.Kf3 Kf5 57.Kg3 Ra3+ 58.Kh2 Kg5 59.Rg8+ Kh4 60.Kg2 Be5 61.Rg6 Bg3 62.Rg8 Ra2+ 63.Kf3 Rf2+ 64.Ke3 Kh3 65.Ra8 h4 66.Ra1 Kg2 0-1 (66) Nakamura,H (2736)-Fedoseev,V (2676) chess.com INT 2020]

9...Re8

[9...Na6 10.Nd5 Rd6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.0-0-0 *(12.b4 Bd8 13.c5 Re6 14.a3 Re8 15.h4 Nb8 16.Bc4 h6 17.h5 Kg7 18.Rd1 Bg4 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Ne3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nc6 22.Bb5 a5 23.Nc4 axb4 24.axb4 Bg5 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Na5 Reb8 27.Nxc6 Rb7 28.0-0 Ra6 29.Nxe5 Bf4 30.Rd7+ Kf6 31.Nd3 Kg5 32.Rd5+ Kf6 33.Nxf4 Rxb4 34.Rd7 c6 35.e5+ Kf5 36.Nd3* 1-0 (36) Maghsoodloo,P (2716)-Demchenko,A (2654) chess.com INT 2022*)* 12...Bg4 13.b4 c6 14.c5 cxd5 15.cxd6 dxe4 16.Ng1 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Nxb4 18.Kb1 Nd3 19.Rhf1 Rd8 20.Nc3 Rxd6 21.Nxe4 Rb6+ 22.Ka1 Nb4 23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Rd7 e4 25.f3 e3 26.Kb2 Rb6 27.Kc3 Nxa2+ 28.Kd4 Rb3 29.Re1 Rb2 30.Rxe3 Rd2+ 31.Rd3 Rxg2 32.Rxb7 Rxh2 33.Ra3 Rh4+ 34.f4 Rxf4+ 35.Ke3 Rb4 36.Rc7 Rb2 37.Raxa7 Kg7 38.Rxf7+ Kh6 39.Rxh7+ Kg5 40.Ra5+ Kf6 41.Ra6+ Kg5 42.Rg7 Nb4 43.Raxg6+ Kf5 44.Rg5+ Kf6 45.R7g6+ Kf7 46.Rd6 Nc2+ 47.Ke4 Rb4+ 48.Kd3 Ne1+ 49.Ke2 Re4+ 50.Kf2 Nc2 51.Rc5 Nb4 52.Rc7+ Re7 53.Rc4 Rb7 54.Re4 Rb5 55.Rh4 Ke7 56.Rhh6 Rd5 57.Rb6 Nd3+ 58.Ke3 Kd7 59.Rh7+ Kc8 60.Rc6+ Kb8 61.Rg6 Rd8 62.Rg5 Ne1 63.Rb5+ Kc8 64.Rc5+ Kb8 65.Rc3 Rf8 66.Rb3+ Kc8 67.Rc3+ Kb8 68.Rb3+ Kc8 69.Ke4 Ng2 70.Rc3+ Kb8 71.Rb3+ Kc8 72.Rc3+ Kb8 73.Rh2 Rf4+ 74.Ke5 Rg4 75.Kf5 Rg7 76.Rh8+ Kb7 77.Rh1

Rf7+ 78.Ke6 Rc7 79.Rb3+ Ka8 80.Ra1+ Ra7 81.Rxa7+ Kxa7 82.Kf5 Ne1 83.Ke4 Ng2 84.Rg3 Ne1 85.Ra3+ Kb6 86.Ra2 1-0 (86) Karjakin,S (2743)-Firouzja,A (2804) Warsaw POL 2021]

[9...c6 10.Nxe5 Re8 11.f4 Na6 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.Bf3 Ne6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd3 Nd4 16.e5 Be7 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Rd2 Rad8 19.b3 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.h3 Nxb3+ 22.axb3 Bxc3 23.Rc2 Bd4 24.hxg4 Be3+ 25.Kb1 Rxe4 26.Rd1 Red4 27.Rc3 Bxf4 28.Kc2 Bg5 29.b4 b6 30.Kb3 Rxg4 31.Ne5 Rxd1 32.Nxg4 Rb1+ 33.Kc2 Rc1+ 34.Kb3 Rxc3+ 35.Kxc3 h5 36.Nf2 Kf7 37.Ne4 Bf6+ 38.Kd3 Ke6 39.b5 cxb5 40.cxb5 Bg7 41.Kc4 Ke5 42.Ng5 Bf6 43.Nf3+ Ke6 44.Nd2 g5 45.Ne4 g4 46.Nf2 Bh4 47.Nd3 Bg3 48.Kd4 Kf5 49.Ke3 h4 50.Nb4 Bd6 51.Nc6 Bc5+ 52.Ke2 Kf4 53.Nxa7 h3 54.gxh3 gxh3 55.Kf1 Kg3 56.Ke2 h2 0-1 (56) So,W (2767)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2774) chess.com INT 2019]

10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.Bc4 b5

[12...cxd5 13.Bxd5

A) 13...Nd7

A1) 14.0-0-0 Nb6 *(14...Nf6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Kb1 Rb8 17.Rc1 Bd8 18.h4 Bg4 19.Ng5 Re7 20.Rc3 h6 21.Nf3 Kg7 22.Nh2 Bd7 23.h5 Bb6 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.f3 Bd4 26.Rc2 Bb5 27.Rd1 h5 28.Bc4 Ba4 29.Bb3 Bc6 30.Nf1 Rd8 31.Ng3 Red7 32.Rcd2 Be3 33.Rxd7+ Rxd7 34.Rxd7+ Bxd7 35.Bd5 b6 36.Bc4 Kf6 37.Nf1 Bd4 38.Kc2 Kg5 39.b4 Kf4 40.Be2 h4 41.a3 h3 42.gxh3 Bxh3 43.Kd1 Bg2 44.Nd2 Be3 45.Nc4 Bd4 46.Nd2 Bb2 47.Nc4 Bc3 48.Kc2 Bd4 49.Nd2 Ke3 50.Kd1 Bc3 51.Nb1 Bb2 52.Nd2 Kd4 53.a4 Bc3 54.Nb3+ Ke3 55.b5 Bd4 56.Nd2 g5 57.Nc4+ Kf2 58.Nd6 Bxf3 59.Bxf3 Kxf3 60.Kd2 g4 61.Kd3 g3 62.a5 g2 63.axb6 axb6 64.Nf7 g1Q 65.Ng5+ Kf4 66.Kc4 Qe3 67.Ne6+ Kf3 68.Nc7 Qxe4 69.Nd5 Qe2+ 70.Kb4 Qxb5+ 71.Kxb5 e4 72.Nb4 e3 73.Nc2 e2 74.Nxd4+ Kf2 75.Nxe2 Kxe2 76.Kxb6* ½-½ (76) Yilmaz,M (2630)-Kovalev,V (2637) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.b3 Bf6 18.Be3 Rc8+ 19.Kb2 Kf8 20.Rc1 Rec6 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.a4 Nc8 23.Nd2 Nd6 24.Bxa7 Bg5 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.fxe3 f5 27.exf5 Nxf5 28.Nc4 e4 29.Rf1 Ke7 30.Rf4 Nd6 31.Nxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxe4+ Kf6 33.Rd4 Re6 34.Rf4+ Kg5 35.Rb4 Rxe3 36.Rxb7 h5 37.a5 Re2+ 38.Ka3 Rxg2 39.a6 Rg1 40.Ka2 Rg2+ 41.Kb1 Rg1+ 42.Kb2 Rg2+ 43.Ka3 Rg1 44.a7 Ra1+ 45.Kb2 Ra6 46.b4 Kg4 47.b5 Ra5 48.b6 Kh3 49.Rb8 1-0 (49) Yilmaz,M (2630)-Jones,G (2677) lichess.org INT 2021;

A2) 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Ke2 Rec6 19.Rxc6 Rxc6 20.b3 Bf8 21.Be3 Bb4 22.a3 Bxa3 23.Ra1 Bc5 24.Rxa7 Bxe3 25.Kxe3 Rc7 26.Nc4 Nxc4+ 27.bxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxb7

Rc3+ 29.Ke2 Rc2+ 30.Ke3 Rc3+ 31.Ke2 Rc2+ 32.Ke3 Rc3+ ½-½ (32) So,W (2770)-Carlsen,M (2862) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 13...Na6 14.0-0 Nb4 15.Bc4 Be6 16.Rfc1 Bxc4 17.Rxc4 Nc6 18.Nd2 f6 19.Be3 Bf8 20.Nb3 Rad8 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 Kf7 23.Kf1 Rd7 24.Rac1 Re6 25.Rd5 Red6 26.Rxd6 Rxd6 27.Ke2 Ke6 28.f3 Rd7 29.Rc4 a6 30.a4 Rc7 31.Rc3 ½-½ (31) L'Ami,E (2627)-Theodorou,N (2619) Douglas IOM 2023]

13.Bb3 a5 14.a4

[14.a3 Bb7 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Bd5 Rab8 17.0-0-0 Nd4 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Be3 b4 20.a4 b3 21.Bd2 Rc7+ 22.Kb1 Rc4 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Rc1 Rxa4 25.Rc5 Ra2 26.Rhc1 d3 27.Bc3 d2 28.Rd1 Rxe4 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.Rb8 a4 31.Bxd2 Re2 32.Bh6 Raxb2+ 33.Ka1 Ra2+ 34.Kb1 Reb2+ 35.Kc1 Rc2+ 36.Kb1 Rcb2+ 37.Kc1 Rc2+ 38.Kb1 Rcb2+ ½-½ (38) So,W (2770)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) lichess.org INT 2020]

14...bxa4 15.Bxa4 Bd7 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Ke2 Bxa4 18.Rxa4 Nc6 19.Rc1 Nd4+ 20.Kf1 Rab8 21.Rb1 Rb5 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bd2 d3 24.Rxa5 Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Bxb2 26.Rd5 Rxe4 27.Rxd3 Rd4 28.Ke2 Rxd3 29.Kxd3 f5 30.f3 Kf7 31.h3 h5 32.g4 fxg4 33.fxg4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Bf6 35.Be3 Be7 36.Bd2 Bf6 37.Be3 Be7 38.Bd2 ½-½ (38) So,W (2776)-Firouzja,A (2804) Bucharest ROU 2022

123 **7...Nbd7** 8.Bg5

[8.Qc2 Nc5 9.h3 Nh5 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 f5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Kb1 b6 16.h4 Ng4 17.Rdf1 h5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.f3 Bd7 21.Re1 e4 22.fxe4 f4 23.h5 Qg5 24.h6 Be5 25.Nf3 Qf6 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 27.Nd1 Rae8 28.Qc3 Kh7 29.Kc1 g3 30.Kd2 b5 31.cxb5 Bxb5 32.Qxc5 Ba6 33.Qa3 Rf6 34.Kc1 Bc8 35.Qf3 Qg5 36.Kb1 Bg4 37.Qd3 f3 38.gxf3 Rxf3 39.Qc2 Qe5 40.Rhg1 Rb8 41.b3 Rg8 42.Qb2 Qf4 43.Qc1 Bh3 44.Qxf4 Rxf4 45.e5 g2 46.Ne3 Rf2 47.e6 Kxh6 48.Ka1 Kg5 49.Rc1 Rg7 50.Rce1 Re7 51.Kb1 Bf5+ 52.Ka1 Bh3 ½-½ (54) Komodo (3743)-LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

8...h6 9.Bh4 g5

[9...a6 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Nd2 Nh7 12.b4 Ng5 *(12...h5 13.f3 Bf6 14.Bf2 Qe7 15.a4 Bh4 16.g3 Bg5 17.a5 h4 18.Kg2 f5 19.c5 Ndf6 20.gxh4 Bh6 21.Rg1 Nh5 22.Kh1 Nf4 23.Bf1 Nf6 24.Rb1 Bd7 25.Qc2 Kh8 26.b5 axb5 27.Nxb5 fxe4 28.Nxc7 exf3 29.cxd6 Qxd6 30.Rb6 Bf5 31.Rxd6 Bxc2 32.Rxf6 Rxf6 33.Nxa8 Nxd5 34.Nc4 Bf4 35.Nab6 Nxb6 36.Nxb6 Rd6 37.Bc4 Rd2 38.Rf1 Be4 39.Kg1 Bc6 40.Bb3 Kg7 41.Nc4 Rd3 42.Rb1 Bd5 43.Bc2 Rc3 44.Nb6 Ba2 45.Rb2 Bf7 46.Bg3 Be3+ 47.Kf1 Be6 48.Bxe5+ Kg8 49.Bxc3 Bh3+ 50.Ke1 f2+ 51.Ke2 f1Q+ 52.Kxe3 Qg1+ 53.Kd3 Qf1+ 54.Kd4 Qf6+ 55.Kc4 Qc6+ 56.Kb4 Qd6+ 57.Ka4 Qc6+ 58.Kb3 Be6+ 59.Kb4 Qd6+ 60.Ka4 Qc6+ 61.Kb4 Qd6+ 62.Ka4 Qc6+ 63.Kb4* ½-½ (63) LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642)-Stockfish Dev (3673) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 13.f3 f5

14.Bf2 b6 15.Qc2 a5 16.a3 fxe4 17.fxe4 h5 18.Nb3 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Bh6 21.Qd3 Qf7 22.Be1 Nf6 23.Nd2 Bg4 24.h3 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 Qd7 26.Qd3 Ne8 27.Ra6 Qe7 28.Nf1 Qd8 29.Nd2 Qe7 30.Qe2 Nh7 31.Nf3 Ng5 32.Nh2 Nh7 33.Nf3 Ng5 34.Nd2 Nh7 35.Nf1 Qg5 36.Ra1 Qe7 37.Bf2 Bf4 38.Ra6 Nhf6 39.Nb5 Qf7 40.Ra7 g5 41.Nc3 g4 42.h4 g3 43.Nxg3 Ng4 44.Ra8 Bxg3 45.Bxg3 Qf6 46.Nb1 Qh6 47.Nd2 Nef6 48.Ra3 Nxe4 49.Qxe4 Qxd2 50.Qg6+ Kh8 51.Qxh5+ Nh6 52.Kh2 Kh7 53.Rf3 Rxf3 54.Qxf3 Qc2 55.Qf8 Qxc4 56.Qe7+ Kh8 57.Qf6+ Kh7 ½-½ (57) Stockfish Dev (3673)-LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nd2 Nf4 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Re1 a5

[13...h5 14.h4 g4 15.Nf1 Nh7 16.Ne3 Bf6 17.Bf1 Bxh4 18.Bxh4 Qxh4 19.g3 Qf6 20.gxf4 exf4 21.Ng2 Ng5 22.e5 Nh3+ 23.Kh2 g3+ 24.fxg3 fxg3+ 25.Kxg3 Qf2+ 26.Kh2 Qg1+ 27.Kg3 h4+ 28.Kf3 Qf2+ 0-1 (28) Firouzja,A (2749)-Carlsen,M (2862) lichess.org INT 2021]

14.Nf1 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 h5 16.f3 h4 17.Bf2 Nh5 18.h3 Nf4 19.Qd2 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Ne3 Bg6 22.Ng4 b6 23.Ne4 a4 24.Rac1 Bf5 25.Rc3 Qe7 26.Be3 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Qd7 28.Bf2 Rf7 29.Ra3 Rff8 30.Ra1 Rfb8 31.Rc1 Qe8 32.Ne3 Qg6 33.Nf5 Bf6 34.Qd1 Kh7 35.Qg4 Rg8 36.Kh2 Qh5 37.Qxh5+ Nxh5 38.Ne3 Nf4 39.Ng4 Be7 40.Be3 Rgb8 41.Rc2 Kg6 42.Kg1 Bd8 43.Kf2 Be7 44.Ke1 Rf8 45.Rf2 Rfb8 46.Rc3 Bd8 47.Bd2 b5 48.c5 b4 49.Rcf3 b3 50.a3 Rb5 51.Bb4 Be7 52.cxd6 Bxd6 53.Bc3 Re8 54.Kd1 Rc5 55.Rd2 Rc4 56.Re3 Re7 57.Re1 Rxc3 58.bxc3 Bxa3 59.Ne3 Bd6 60.Kc1 a3 61.Kb1 Re8 62.Nf5 Rb8 63.Re3 b2 64.Rd1 Nxg2 65.Rf3 Nf4 66.c4 Kf6 67.Nxd6 cxd6 68.Rxa3 g4 69.hxg4 h3 70.Ra2 Rc8 71.Ra6 Rxc4 72.Rxd6+ Kg5 73.Kxb2 Rxe4 74.Rd8 Kxg4 75.d6 h2 76.d7 Ne6 77.Re8 Rd4 78.Rh1 Rxd7 79.Rxe6 Rd2+ 80.Kc3 Rf2 81.Kd3 Kh3 82.Rh6+ Kg3 83.Ke3 Rf3+ 84.Ke4 Rf2 85.Kxe5 Re2+ 86.Kd4 Ra2 87.Rg6+ Kf3 88.Rg8 Ra4+ 89.Kc3 Ra2 90.Rf1+ Ke2 91.Rgf8 Ra3+ 92.Kb2 Rh3 93.Rh1 Ke3 94.Kc2 Ke2 95.Rf7 Rh4 96.Kc3 Ke3 97.Rf8 Rh6 98.Kc4 Rh5 99.Rf7 Rh4+ 100.Kd5 Rh5+ 101.Ke6 Rh4 102.Ke5 Rh5+ 103.Rf5 Rh8 104.Kf6 Ke4 1-0 (104) Caruana,F (2796)-Saric,I (2690) Zagreb CRO 2024

7...Na6 8.Nd2

[8.Bg5

A) 8...Nc5 9.b4 Ncd7 10.Nd2 h6 11.Be3 a5 12.bxa5 *(12.a3 Nh5 13.Bxh5 gxh5 14.0-0 f5 15.f3 h4 16.h3 Nf6 17.c5 Qe8 18.Kh2 Qg6 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.Bf2 dxc5 21.Bxh4 Nh5 22.Nb3 Ra8 23.Nxc5 Nf4 24.Rg1 b6 25.Nd3 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxd5 27.Nb4 Nf4 28.Nd5 Kh7 29.Rc1 c5 30.Ne7 Qe6 31.Nxc8 Rfxc8 32.a4 Rc6 33.Qc2 Kh8 34.Rgd1 c4 35.Bg3 Nd5 36.Qb1 Rac8 37.Bf2 c3 38.Qb3 Nf4 39.Qb5 c2 40.Rd2 Qe7 41.Qb3 Qc7 42.Be3 Bf8 43.Bxf4 exf4 44.Qb2+ Bg7 45.Qb5 Bf8 46.Rcxc2 Rxc2 47.Rd7 Rxg2+ 48.Kxg2 Qc2+ 49.Rd2 Qc6 50.h4 Qg6+ 51.Kh3 Qe6+ 52.Kg2 Bg7 53.Qh5 Rf8*

54.Qb5 Rg8 55.Kh2 Bf6 56.Rd6 Qa2+ 57.Rd2 Qe6 58.Rd6 Qa2+ 59.Nd2 Qa1 ½-½ (59) Stockfish2021061923 (3632)-AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 12...Rxa5 13.Nb3 Ra8 14.a4 Ne8 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.f3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.0-0 Ndf6 19.Bd3 Nh5 20.g3 Kg8 21.Bxh6 Rf7 22.Ra2 Bd7 23.Bg5 Bf6 24.Bh6 Bg7 25.Qc1 Bxh6 26.Qxh6 Rh7 27.Qc1 Rg7 28.Rg2 Qe7 29.Qc2 e4 30.Be2 exf3 31.Bxf3 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Nef6 33.Ne2 f4 34.Nbd4 fxg3 35.Ne6 Bxe6 36.dxe6 Ra5 37.Nxg3 Nxg3+ 38.Rxg3 Rxg3 39.hxg3 Rg5 40.Qf2 Qxf2 41.Rxf2 Kf8 42.Bxb7 Ke7 43.Ra2 Ra5 44.Bd5 Nxd5 45.cxd5 Rxd5 46.a5 Kxe6 47.Kg1 Rg5 48.Ra3 d5 49.Re3+ Kd6 50.Ra3 c5 51.a6 Rg8 52.Kf1 Ra8 53.Ke2 c4 54.Ke3 Kc5 55.Ra1 d4+ 56.Kd2 Ra7 57.g4 c3+ 58.Kd3 Kd6 59.Ra3 Ra8 60.Ra5 Ke6 61.Ra3 Kd6 62.Ra5 Ke6 ½-½ (62) AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543)-Stockfish2021061923 (3632) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B) 8...Qe8 9.Nd2 Bd7 10.0-0 Nc5 11.b4 Na4 12.Qc2 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 ½-½ (13) Hakobyan,A (2612)-Guseinov,G (2661) chess.com INT 2023]

8...Bh6

[8...Ne8 9.Rb1 f5 10.b4 Nf6 11.0-0 Kh8 12.Re1 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.b5 cxb5 15.cxb5 Nc5 16.Ba3 Be6 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qc2 c4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 Rc8 21.Nxe5 Ng4 22.Nc6 Qd6 23.e5 Nxe5 24.Rbd1 Qc7 25.Nd5 Qb7 26.Rxe5 Bxe5 27.Qc5 Bg7 28.a4 Rf7 29.h4 f4 30.Qc4 Qd7 31.Nc3 Qf5 32.Ne4 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Ng5 h6 35.Nf3 Qf5 36.Qe2 Rc7 37.Kh2 Kh7 38.Qe8 Bf6 39.Qf8 Rg7 40.a5 g5 41.Ncd4 Qg6 42.Ne6 g4 43.Nxg7 gxf3 44.gxf3 Qxg7 45.Qc8 Bd4 46.Qf5+ Kh8 47.Qc8+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kh8 49.h5 Bxf2 50.Qc8+ Qg8 51.Qc3+ Qg7 52.Qc8+ Qg8 53.Qc3+ Qg7 ½-½ (53) Swiercz,D (2612)-Aryan,C (2630) Saint Louis USA 2024]

[8...h5 9.a3 *(9.0-0 Nh7 10.a3 c5 11.Nf3 Nc7 12.Kh1 Ne8 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Bd2 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.g3 Bf6 17.Rg1 Ng7 18.Raf1 Kh8 19.Bh6 Rg8 20.Nh4 Bxh4 21.gxh4 Qxh4 22.f4 Raf8 23.Qd2 Rf7 24.Qe3 Qe7 25.Rg2 exf4 26.Qxf4 Nf6 27.Bd1 Qe5 28.Rfg1 Qxf4 29.Bxf4 Ng4 30.h3 Ne5 31.Bxh5 Rf6 32.Be2 Kh7 33.Nb5 Bxb5 34.Bxe5 dxe5 35.cxb5 Rh6 36.Kh2 Rd6 37.Bh5 Rf6 38.d6 Rxd6 39.Bg6+ Kh8 40.Bf7 Rd7 41.Rg6 Kh7 42.Bxg8+ Kxg8 43.Rf6 Kh7 44.Rg5 Re7 45.h4 Rd7 46.Kg2 c4 47.Kf2 e4 48.h5 b6 49.Ke3 Re7 50.a4 Rd7 51.h6 Ne8 52.Rfxf5 Rd3+ 53.Ke2 Rd6 54.Rd5 Rf6 55.Rh5 Nd6 56.Rdg5 Rf8 57.Rg7+ Kh8 58.Rxa7 Nf5 59.Rg5 Nd4+ 60.Ke3 Ne6 61.Rg6 Re8 62.h7 Nc5 63.Rg8+ Rxg8 64.hxg8Q+ Kxg8 65.a5 bxa5 66.Rxa5 Nd7 67.Kxe4 Kf7 68.Ra7 Ke6 69.Rxd7* 1-0 (69) Komododragon2747 (3582)-Igel3 (3512) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 9...c6 10.b4 Nh7 11.Rb1 Nc7 12.0-0 a5 13.Qb3 Ng5 14.bxa5 Rxa5 15.Kh1 c5 16.Qc2 Ne8 17.h4 Nh7 18.Nf3 Nef6 19.Rb3 Ng4

20.Ng5 Ngf6 21.Nxh7 Kxh7 22.Bg5 Bh6 23.Qc1 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Kg7 25.a4 Re8 26.Kg1 Ra6 27.Bd3 Rb6 28.Rxb6 Qxb6 29.Rb1 Qd8 30.Bf1 b6 31.Qd2 Nh7 32.Nb5 Qf6 33.Na7 Bd7 34.Rxb6 Bxa4 35.Ra6 Bd7 36.Nb5 Bxb5 37.cxb5 Rd8 38.g3 g5 39.hxg5 Nxg5 40.Bg2 Rb8 41.f4 Nh7 42.fxe5 Qxe5 43.Qf4 Nf6 44.Rxd6 Ng4 45.Rd7 Qd4+ 46.Kh1 Qf6 47.Bf1 Ra8 48.Qxf6+ Kxf6 49.Rd6+ Ke5 50.Ra6 Rb8 51.d6 Rd8 52.Rc6 Kd4 53.Bh3 c4 54.Kg2 c3 55.Bxg4 hxg4 56.b6 Rd7 57.e5 Kxe5 58.Rxc3 Kxd6 59.Rc4 Rb7 60.Rxg4 Rxb6 ½-½ (60) Igel3 (3512)-Komododragon2747 (3582) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

9.h4 Nc5 10.h5 Nxh5 11.Bxh5 Nd3+ 12.Kf1 gxh5 13.Qxh5 Qf6 14.Nf3 Nxc1 15.Rxc1 Kg7 16.g4 Qg6 17.g5 Qxh5 18.Rxh5 Bg4 19.gxh6+ Kh8 20.Rf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Rg8 22.c5 Rg4 23.Nb5 Rf4 24.Nxc7 Rd8 25.Ke2 Rxf5 26.c6 bxc6 27.dxc6 e4 28.Nd2 Rc5 29.Rxc5 dxc5 30.Nd5 1-0 (30) Erigaisi,A (2778)-Guseinov,G (2636) chess.com INT 2024

[124] **8.Be3** Na6

[8...Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Nh6 *(10...Na6 11.Nd2 h5 12.h3 Nh6 13.g4 g5 14.Bg3 Nc5 15.Nf1 h4 16.Bh2 a4 17.Ne3 c6 18.0-0 Bd7 19.Qd2 Qa5 20.Rab1 cxd5 21.cxd5 b5 22.f3 b4 23.Ncd1 Bb5 24.Nf2 Rfc8 25.Rfc1 Nf7 26.Kg2 Rc7 27.Bxb5 Qxb5 28.Rc4 Na6 29.Rbc1 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 a3 31.b3 Rb8 32.Nd3 Nd8 33.Bg1 Nb7 34.Nf5 Bf8 35.Qc2 Na5 36.Rc8 Rxc8 37.Qxc8 Qxd3 38.Qe6+ Kh7 39.Qf7+* 1-0 (39) Robson,R (2689)-Haddouche, M (2490) chess.com INT 2025*)* 11.Nd2 Na6 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.f3 Qe8 15.Qe2 a4 16.a3 Ra5 17.0-0-0 b5 18.Bf2 bxc4 19.Nxc4 Bb5 20.Bxc5 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Rxc5 22.Qxa4 Qb8 23.Rd3 Nf7 24.b4 Bh6+ 25.Kb1 Bd2 26.Ne2 Bh6 27.Nc3 Bd2 28.Rxd2 Rxc3 29.Rd3 Rxd3 30.Bxd3 Qb6 31.Rc1 Rb8 32.Qc6 Qe3 33.Rc3 Qg1+ 34.Kb2 Qxg2+ 35.Bc2 Qxh2 36.Qxc7 Rf8 37.b5 h5 38.b6 Qf2 39.b7 Qa7 40.Qd7 Qb6+ 41.Ka2 Nd8 1-0 (41) Robson,R (2702)-Sevian, S (2687) Saint Louis USA 2023]

9.Nd2 Bd7

[9...Nd7 10.Nb3 *(10.g4 Ndc5 11.h4 f5 12.f3 fxg4 13.fxg4 c6 14.a3 Bd7 15.Qc2 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rc8 17.g5 a4 18.Qd1 Qb6 19.Nc4 Qc7 20.Nd2 Qb6 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.Rf1 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Nb3 24.Bb6 Bh3+ 25.Kg1 Qd7 26.Rb1 Nd4 27.Ne3 Rf8 28.Kh2 h5 29.gxh6 Bxh6 30.Bg4 Qe7 31.Bxh3 Bxe3 32.Qg4 Nf3+ 33.Kg3 Bxb6 34.Rf1 Nxh4 35.Qe6+ Qxe6 36.Bxe6+ Kg7 37.Rxf8 Kxf8 38.Kxh4 Nc5 39.Bg4 Bd8+ 40.Kh3 Ba5 41.Nb5 Nxe4 42.Bc8 b6 43.Kg2 Ke7 44.Na7 Bd2 45.Kf3 Ng5+ 46.Ke2 Bc1 47.Ba6 Bxb2 48.Nc8+ Kf6 49.Nxb6 Bxa3 50.Nxa4 e4 51.Nb6 Bc5 52.Nd7+ Ke7 53.Nxc5 dxc5 54.Ke3 Kd6 55.Kf4 Kxd5 56.Kxg5 c4 57.Kf4 Kd4 58.Bxc4 g5+ 59.Kf5 g4 60.Bf1 Ke3 61.Kxg4 Kf2 62.Kf4 Kxf1 63.Kxe4* ½-½ (63) Robson,R (2704)-Asis Gargatagli,H (2519) Sharjah UAE 2023 *)* 10...b6 11.h4 f5 12.h5 f4 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.Nc1 Nc5 15.Qc2 Rf7 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.f3 Nfd7 18.Nd3 Bf6 19.0-0-0 Bh4 20.Rdf1 Nxd3+

21.Bxd3 ½-½ (21) Vallejo Pons,F (2704)-Jones,G (2672) Baden Baden GER 2022]
10.g4 Ne8 11.h4 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nde4 Nf6 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.Qd2 Ng4 17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.Bxg4 Qxg4 19.Qe2 Qf5 20.Rg1 Kh8 21.0-0-0 Bf6 22.f3 Rg8 23.Rg4 Raf8 24.a3 Be7 25.Rdg1 Rxg4 26.fxg4 Qf3 27.g5 Qxe2 28.Nxe2 Rf3 29.Kd2 Rh3 30.Rg4 Kg7 31.Ng3 Rh2+ 32.Kc3 Kg8 33.h5 Nc5 34.g6 hxg6 35.Nf5 Bd8 36.Rxg6+ Kf8 37.Bxc5 dxc5 38.h6 e4 39.Re6 Kf7 40.Rxe4 Bf6+ 41.Kd3 Rxb2 42.Rf4 Be5 43.Rf1 Kg6 44.a4 Rh2 45.Ke4 Re2+ 46.Kd3 Rh2 47.Rf3 Bf6 48.Ne3 Bg5 49.Ng4 Rd2+ 50.Kc3 Rd4 51.Ne5+ Kxh6 52.Nf7+ Kg6 53.Nxg5 Kxg5 54.Rf7 c6 55.dxc6 bxc6 56.Ra7 Rh4 57.Rxa5 Rh3+ 58.Kc2 Rh2+ 59.Kd3 Rh3+ 60.Ke4 Rh4+ 61.Ke5 Rxc4 62.Kd6 Kf6 63.Ra8 Rc1 64.a5 c4 65.a6 Ra1 66.Rf8+ Kg7 67.Rf4 Rxa6 ½-½ (67) Erigaisi,A (2727)-Chigaev,M (2621) Samarkand UZB 2023

8.h3 Qe8
[8...Ne8 9.g4 Na6 10.Be3 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qd2 Kh8 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.Bg4 Nf6 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Ne6 Rf7 18.Rg1 Rg8 19.0-0-0 b6 20.Rg5 Qxh3 21.Rdg1 Bh6 22.Rxg8+ Nxg8 23.Ne4 Qh2 24.Qd1 Rxf2 25.Nxf2 Bxe3+ 26.Kb1 Qxf2 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Qg4+ Kh8 29.Qg7# 1-0 (29) Kornev,A (2500)-Chigaev,M (2624) chess.com INT 2024]
9.Be3 Na6 10.g4 Nd7 11.Nd2 Ndc5 12.f3 Qe7 13.h4 f5 14.g5 fxe4 15.fxe4 Rf4 16.a3 a4 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.0-0-0 Raf8 19.Rdg1 Be8 20.Kb1 c6 21.h5 gxh5 22.Bxh5 Bg6 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.Rg2 Qf7 25.Rgh2 Rg4 26.Qd1 Rg3 27.Qe1 Rg4 28.Rh3 cxd5 29.cxd5 b5 30.Qe2 Rf4 31.Qh2 Qd7 32.Rh8+ Kf7 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Bxf4 exf4 35.Qxf4+ Kg8 36.Qh4 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Qg7 38.e5 Nc7 39.Qh3 Qxe5 40.Qh7+ Kf8 41.Rf1+ Ke8 42.Qg8+ Kd7 43.Rf7+ 1-0 (43) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Sychev, K (2547) chess.com INT 2023

[125] **8...Na6** 9.Nd2 Bd7
[9...Qe8 10.a3 Bd7 11.b3 Kh8 12.0-0 Ng8 13.Rb1 f5 14.f3 Nc5 15.Qc2 Bh6 16.Bxh6 Nxh6 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Na4 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Qe7 21.Nc4 Nb6 22.Na5 Rab8 23.Qd2 Ng8 24.Rfc1 Rf7 25.Qe3 Nf6 26.Rc2 Nh5 27.Rbc1 Nf4 28.Bf1 Rbf8 29.Rxc7 Qg5 30.Qxb6 fxe4 31.Rxf7 Rxf7 32.Kh1 exf3 33.gxf3 Nxd5 34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.Qf2 Ne3 36.Nc4 Nf5 37.b6 Kh6 38.Rc7 Re7 39.Qd2 Qxd2 40.Nxd2 Kg5 41.Bh3 Re8 42.Rxb7 Nd4 43.Rxh7 Rb8 44.b7 d5 45.Bc8 Kf4 46.Rd7 Ke3 47.Nf1+ Kf2 48.Ng3 Nxf3 49.Rxd5 Ke3 50.Rd6 g5 51.h3 Kf4 52.Kg2 Nh4+ 53.Kf2 e4 54.Rd4 Ke5 55.Rxe4+ Kd5 56.Rg4 Kd6 57.Rxg5 Kc7 58.Rh5 Ng6 59.Ne2 Nf4 60.Nxf4 Kb6 61.Rc5 Ka7 62.Nd5 Rxc8 63.Rxc8 Kxb7 64.Rc5 Ka6 65.h4 Kb7 66.h5 Ka6 67.h6 Kb7 68.h7 Ka6 69.h8Q Kb7 70.Qg7+ Ka6 71.Qf6+ Ka7 72.Rc7+ Kb8 73.Qd8# 1-0 (73) Maghsoodloo, P (2701)-Robson,R (2676) chess.com INT 2022]
[9...Nc5 10.h4 *(10.g4 c6 11.h4 a4 12.a3 Qa5 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.f3 cxd5 15.exd5 e4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Ndxe4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 b5 19.cxb5 Rac8 20.Rh3 Rfe8 21.Qd2 Qb6 22.0-0-0*

Bxb5 23.Bxb5 Qxb5 24.Kb1 Qb3 25.Rc1 Rb8 26.g5 Bg7 27.Rd3 Qxa3 28.Qc2 Qb4 29.Ka2 Rec8 30.Rdd1 Qc4+ 31.Ka1 a3 0-1 (31) Firouzja,A (2728)-Naroditsky, D (2621) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 10...c6 11.h5 a4 12.a3 Qa5 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.0-0-0 cxd5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5 Bg7 18.Nf3 Nb3+ 19.Kb1 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Ne7+ Kf7 22.Rxh7 Rh8 23.Rxh8 Rxh8 24.Nd5 Qd8 25.c5 dxc5 26.Bc4 Be6 27.Nf4 Bxc4 28.Qxc4+ Ke8 29.Qe6+ Qe7 30.Qxe7+ Kxe7 31.Nxg6+ Ke6 32.Nxh8 Bxh8 33.f4 c4 34.Rh1 Bg7 35.Rh7 Kf6 36.e5+ Kg6 37.Rxg7+ Kxg7 38.f5 b5 39.e6 d3 40.g4 Kf6 41.g5+ Ke7 42.g6 Kf6 43.Kc1 b4 44.Kb1 c3 45.axb4 d2 46.Kc2 cxb2 0-1 (46) Firouzja,A (2728)-Naroditsky, D (2621) lichess.org INT 2020]

10.a3 Qb8 11.b3 c6 12.0-0 cxd5 13.cxd5 Rc8 14.Nb5 Nc5 15.f3 Nh5 16.g3 f5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Na6 20.Qb2 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Qa7+ 22.Kg2 h6 23.Be7 Qb6 24.Bd7 Ra8 25.Nc4 Qc7 26.Be6+ Kh7 27.Bxd6 Qxc4 28.exf5 g5 29.Rc1 Qb5 30.Bxe5 Nxb4 31.Bxg7 Ra2 32.Rc7 Nxg7 33.Rxg7+ Kh8 34.Rg8+ Kh7 35.Rh8# 1-0 (35) Indjic,A (2631)-Fedoseev,V (2688) chess.com INT 2022

8...Qe8 9.Nd2 h6 10.Be3 Na6 11.g4 Nc5 12.h4 Nh7 13.h5 g5 14.Nf1 Nf6 15.Ng3 c6 16.dxc6 Qxc6 17.0-0 Nfxe4 18.Ncxe4 Nxe4 19.Bf3 Nxf2 20.Rxf2 Qxc4 21.Rc1 Qxa2 22.Bd5 1-0 (22) Carlsen,M (2863)-Mamedov,R (2654) lichess.org INT 2020

[126] **9.Bh4** Na6 10.Nd2 Bd7 [10...Qe8 11.g4 Nh7 12.f3 *(12.a3 Bd7 13.h3 a4 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.f3 f5 16.0-0-0 Kh8 17.Bf2 Qe7 18.Be3 Qh4 19.Kb1 b6 20.Rdg1 Rf7 21.Ka2 f4 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Nb5 Be8 24.Nb1 Qf2 25.h4 Bf6 26.N1c3 Bd8 27.Nd1 Qxg1 28.Rxg1 Bxh4 29.Rh1 Bg5 30.Ndc3 Kg7 31.Nxa4 Nf6 32.Nac3 Rc8 33.b4 Nd7 34.Na7 Ra8 35.Ncb5 Nb6 36.Kb3 cxb4 37.axb4 c5 38.Ra1 Bxb5 39.cxb5 c4+ 40.Bxc4 Rc7 41.Qf2 Nxc4 42.b6* 1-0 (42) Firouzja,A (2728)-Salem,A (2682) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 12...Ng5 13.h3 f5 14.a3 Nc5 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.0-0-0 fxe4 17.fxe4 a4 18.Rdf1 Qe7 19.Bf2 Rf4 20.h4 Nh7 21.Be3 Raf8 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.e5 Bxe5 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Re1 Rf6 26.Qc2 Rf8 27.Nf3 Nf6 28.Nxe5 dxe5 29.g5 Ng4 30.Bxg4 Bxg4 31.Qg6 Nb3+ 32.Kb1 Bf5+ 33.Qxf5 Rxf5 34.Ne4 f3 35.Rhf1 Rf4 36.Rf2 Nc5 37.Nc3 Nd3 0-1 (37) Firouzja,A (2728)-Salem,A (2682) chess.com INT 2020]

11.0-0 Qe8 12.b3 [12.Nb5 Nh7 13.f3 Bf6 14.Bf2 Qe7 15.a3 Bg5 16.Rb1 c6 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Nc3 Rfb8 19.Nb3 Nc7 20.Na1 Ne6 21.Nc2 a4 22.Nb4 Nd4 23.Bd3 Qd8 24.c5 dxc5 25.Na6 Rxa6 26.Bxa6 Be6 27.Qd3 Bb3 28.Rfd1 Qa5 29.h4 Bf4 30.Be1 c4 31.Bxc4 Qc5 32.Bf2 Bxc4 0-1 (32) Dudin,G (2546)-Saric,I (2673) Veli Losinj CRO 2024]

[12.f3 h5 13.Bf2 Bh6 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nc1 Nh7 16.Nd3 f5 17.a3 a4 18.Nb5 fxe4 19.fxe4 Nf6 20.Nc3 Nc5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Kh1 g5 23.Bg1 g4 24.Qc2 Qg6 25.Bd3 h4 26.Nb5 Nh5 27.g3 hxg3 28.Nxc7

Rf3 29.Nxa8 Nf4 30.hxg3 Rxg3 31.Bh2 Rh3 32.Nb6 g3 33.Rg1 Bg4 34.Rxg3 Rxg3 35.Bxg3 Bf3+ 36.Kh2 Qh5+ 37.Kg1 Qh1+ 38.Kf2 Nh3# 0-1 (38) Nguyen,N (2645)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2023]
12...Nh7 13.f3 h5 14.a3 Bh6 15.Rb1 Nc5 16.Qc2 Be3+ 17.Bf2 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Qe7 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Na4 21.Nd1 h4 22.g3 f5 23.f4 hxg3 24.hxg3 fxe4 25.Nxe4 exf4 26.gxf4 Bf5 27.Bd3 Rae8 28.Ng3 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 Bxd3 30.Qxd3 g5 31.f5 Nf6 32.Qd2 Qxd2 33.Rxd2 Nb6 34.Rc1 Re1 35.Rcc2 Ng4 36.Kf3 Ne5+ 37.Kf2 Rxd1 38.Rxd1 Nbxc4 39.Rd4 b5 40.Rc3 Kg7 41.Kg2 Ra8 42.Ne4 Ra2+ 43.Kg3 g4 44.Rc1 Ne3 45.Nf2 Nxf5+ 46.Kg2 Nxd4 47.Rxc7+ Kg6 0-1 (47) Nguyen,N (2645)-Shevchenko,K (2694) chess.com INT 2023

[127] **11.g4** Nd7 12.h4 Ndc5 13.h5 Bd7 14.Nb3 cxd5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.cxd5 Rc8 17.Qd2 b5 18.f3 b4 19.Nb5 Qb6 20.a4 bxa3 21.bxa3 f5 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Rb1 fxe4 24.Nc3 Qd8 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.fxe4 Kh7 27.Rb7 Rf7 28.Qb2 Bf6 29.Rg1 Bg5 30.Bxg5 hxg5 31.Kd2 Kh6 32.Qb6 Qxb6 33.Rxb6 Rf6 34.Rf1 Rcf8 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.Rxf8 g4 37.Rd8 Kxh5 38.Bb5 g3 39.Bxd7 g2 40.Be8+ Rg6 41.Bxg6+ Kh6 42.Bf7 1-0 (42) Sindarov,J (2710)-Aravindh,C (2749) Tashkent UZB 2025

[128] **3...d5** 4.cxd5 Nxd5
[4...c5 5.e4 cxd4 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Ne2 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.Nxe6 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Qxe6 14.fxg4 Rxf1+ 15.Qxf1 Nc6 16.Nc3 Rf8 17.Qg1 Ne5 18.Be3 Nxg4 19.Bxa7 Be5 20.h3 Nf6 21.Bd4 Nh5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qe3 Ng3+ 24.Kg1 Nf5 25.Qd3 Qc5+ 26.Kh1 Ne3 27.Rg1 Qg5 28.Nd5 Nxd5 29.Qxd5+ Qxd5 30.exd5 Rf2 31.d6 Kf8 32.Re1 Rd2 33.Re7 Rxb2 34.Rxh7 Rxa2 35.Rxb7 Rd2 36.d7 Ke7 37.Rb6 Kf7 38.Rb7 Kf6 39.Kh2 Rd3 40.Kg1 Rd2 41.Kf1 Ke7 42.Ra7 Kd8 43.Ra6 g5 44.Rg6 Rd5 45.Rg7 Rf5+ 46.Kg1 Kc7 47.Kh2 Rd5 48.Kg3 Kd8 49.Kg4 Rd2 50.g3 1-0 (50) Firouzja,A (2759)-Dubov,D (2710) lichess.org INT 2021]
5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0
[7...Nc6 8.d5 *(8.Bb5 0-0 9.Nge2 e5 10.d5 Na5 11.Bxb6 axb6 12.b4 c6 13.Bd3 b5 14.bxa5 b4 15.Nb1 cxd5 16.0-0 Qxa5 17.Nd2 Be6 18.Nb3 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Rfd8 20.Qe1 Qe3 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxd1 23.Qxd1 Rxa2 24.Nec1 Rb2 25.Bd5 Bf5 26.Bc4 b5 27.Qd8+ Bf8 28.Bd5 Bh3 29.f4 exf4 30.Nd3 Re2 31.Bf3 Bf5 32.Nbc1 Rd2 33.Bd5 Rxd3 34.Nxd3 Qxd3 35.Re1 Be4 36.Bxf7+ Kxf7 37.Qc7+ Be7 38.Qxf4+ Bf5 39.Qc7 Qd6 40.Qb7 Qc5 41.h3 b3 42.Qf3 Qb4 43.Rb1 b2 44.g4 Qe4* 0-1 (44) Firouzja,A (2759)-Dubov,D (2710) lichess.org INT 2021*)* 8...Ne5 9.f4 *(9.Bd4 0-0 10.f4 Ng4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Nf3 e6 13.Qd4+ Nf6 14.0-0-0 exd5 15.e5 Nh5 16.f5 Bxf5 17.g4 c5 18.Qg1 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 d4 20.Rg1 Kh8 21.Ne4 Nd5 22.Qg5 Qxg5+ 23.Nfxg5 Ne3 24.Rd2 Rae8 25.Nd6 Re7 26.Rf2 Kg7 27.Be2 f6 28.Ngf7 fxe5 29.Bxh5 e4 30.Bd1 Rexf7 31.Nxf7 Rxf7 32.Rxf7+ Kxf7 33.Bc2 Nxc2 34.Kxc2 Kf6 35.Rf1+*

Ke6 36.Rf8 h5 37.a4 g5 38.a5 Ke5 39.Rf7 e3 40.Rxb7 Ke4 41.Rxa7 1-0 (41) Ding,L (2799)-Svidler,P (2714) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 9...Ng4 *(9...Nec4 10.Bxc4 Nxc4 11.Qa4+ c6 12.Qxc4 0-0 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 Rc8 16.Rd1 Qa5 17.Bd4 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Qb4 19.Bxg7 Rfd8 20.Qxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxg7 22.Rd2 Qc5+ 23.Rff2 b5 24.a3 a5 25.g3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Nd1 Qc4 28.Rfe2 e6 29.Nf2 h5 30.Kg2 Qc5 31.Rd3 Qc4 32.b3 Qc5 33.Red2 Qc6 34.Rd4 Qb6 35.Rc4 h4 36.Rdd4 Qa6 37.Rxb4 Qa2 38.gxh4 Qe2 39.Rbc4 Qh5 40.Kg3 Qe2 41.Rd3 Qf1 42.Rcc3 Qg1+ 43.Kf3 Qxh2 44.b4 e5 45.fxe5 Qxe5 46.Rc5 Qf6+ 47.Kg3 Qa1 48.Kg2 Qf6 49.Rf3 Qxh4 50.b5 Qe7 51.Rd5 Qe6 52.Rb3 Qb6 53.Kf3 f5 54.exf5 Qb7 55.Rbd3 gxf5 56.Nh3 Kf6 57.Nf4 Kg5 58.Kg3 Qh7 59.Nh3+ Kf6 60.Rd6+ Ke5 61.R3d5+ Ke4 62.Ng5+ Ke3 63.Re5#* 1-0 (63) Tang,A (2502)-Nihal,S (2669) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10.Bb5+ c6 11.dxc6 0-0 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.c7 Rf8 14.Bc5 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Bd7 16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Bd8 Rxe4+ 19.Ne2 Ne3 20.Kd2 Nc4+ 21.Kc2 Rxe2+ 22.Kd3 Re6 23.Kxc4 Rc6+ 24.Kd5 Nb6+ 25.Kd4 Rc8 26.Rab1 Rd6+ 27.Ke4 Na4 28.Kf3 Nc5 29.Rhe1 Re6 30.Rxe6 Nxe6 31.Rxb7 Nxd8 32.cxd8Q+ Rxd8 33.Ke2 Rc8 34.Kd3 Rd8+ 35.Kc2 Re8 36.c4 Kf8 37.Rxa7 Re2+ 38.Kb3 Rxg2 39.a4 Rxh2 40.a5 Rh1 41.a6 Kg7 42.Rd7 Rb1+ 43.Ka2 Rb8 44.a7 Ra8 45.Kb3 h5 46.Kb4 1-0 (46) Xu,X (2623)-Dubov,D (2708) Shenzhen CHN 2024]

8.Qd2 Nc6

[8...e5 9.d5 c6 10.h4 cxd5 11.exd5 N8d7 12.h5 Nf6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.d6 e4 17.fxe4 Ng4 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.Nf3 Rf7 20.Qe1 *(20.Bd3 Be6 21.e5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Rhe1 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Qd7 25.Ka1 Nc4 26.Qe2 Bg4 27.Qc2 Bxd1 28.Rxd1 Nxd6 29.Be4 Kh8 30.Be3 Qe7 31.Bd4+ Kg8 32.Bd5 Nf5 33.Bxa7 Kf8 34.Bxf7 Qxf7 35.g4 Ne7 36.Qe2 Kg8 37.Rd7 Re8 38.Rxb7 Nd5 39.Rxf7 Rxe2 40.Rf3 Re4 41.g5 Rg4 42.Bd4 Rxg5 43.a4 h5 44.a5* 1-0 (44) So,W (2767)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2019*)* 20...Rxc3 *(20...Rc5 21.Bd2 Be6 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Bd3 Na4 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Qh4 Rh5 26.Qg3 Nxc3+ 27.Bxc3 Qa4 28.d7 Rd5 29.Bc2 Qxd7 30.Bb3 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Qc8 32.Qh4 Nf6 33.Rd6 Bxb3 34.Rxf6* 1-0 (34) Ding,L (2805)-Mamedyarov,S (2774) Stavanger NOR 2019*)* 21.bxc3 Na4 22.Rd4 b5 23.Bd2 Qc8 24.e5 Nc5 25.Rxg4 Bxg4 26.Nd4 Qe8 27.Be2 Bxe2 28.Qxe2 Qxe5 29.Qxe5 Bxe5 30.Kc2 a6 31.Nf3 Bxd6 32.Rd1 Re7 33.Nd4 Re4 34.Bh6 Rg4 35.Rd2 Ne4 36.Re2 Kf7 37.Nf3 Kf6 38.Be3 Bc5 39.Bd4+ Bxd4 40.cxd4 Kf5 41.Kd3 h5 42.Rc2 Kf4 43.Rc8 Kg3 44.Ne5 Nf2+ 45.Kc3 Rg5 46.Rc6 a5 47.Rxg6 Rxg6 48.Nxg6 Ne4+ 49.Kd3 Nf6 50.Ke3 Kxg2 51.Nf4+ Kg3 52.d5 h4 53.d6 Kg4 54.Nd3 b4 55.Kd4 Kg3 56.Ke5 Nd7+ 57.Ke6 Nb6 58.Ne5 h3 59.Nc4 h2 60.Nxb6 h1Q 61.Nc8 Qh3+ 0-1 (61) Oparin,G (2653)-Zemlyanskii,I (2543) New York

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9.0-0-0 Qd6
[9...e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.f4 c5 12.fxe5 Bg4 13.Re1 Bxe5 14.h3 Qh4
A) 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.Rf1 *(16.Kb1 Bh5 17.Bg5 Qg3 18.h4 f6 19.Bh6 Rf7 20.Re3 Qg4 21.Nf3 Nd7 22.Nb5 Nxb5 23.Bxb5 Bf4 24.Bxf4 Qxf4 25.Qc3 Nb6 26.Rd1 c4 27.Qd4 Kg7 28.a4 a6 29.Qxb6 Bxf3 30.gxf3 axb5 31.axb5 Qxh4 32.Rc3 Qf4 33.Qe6 Ra8 34.Qg4 Qd6 35.Rxc4 h5 36.Qg1 Rc7 37.Rxc7+ Qxc7 38.Rc1 Qa5 39.Qc5 Qd2 40.Qc3 Qe2 41.d6 Qxb5 42.Qd4 Kh6 43.Rd1 Kg7 44.Rc1 Kh6 45.Qe3+ g5 46.Rc5 Qf1+ 47.Kc2 b6 48.Rd5 Rc8+ 49.Qc3 Rxc3+ 50.bxc3 Qxf3 51.d7 Qxe4+ 52.Rd3 Qa4+ 53.Kc1 Qa1+ 54.Kd2 Qb2+ 55.Kd1 Qb1+ 56.Ke2 Qb2+* ½-½ (56) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 16...Bh5 17.Bf2 Bg3 18.Nf3 Bxf3 19.Bxg3 Qxg3 20.gxf3 f5 21.Rhg1 Qd6 22.exf5 Nxf5 23.h4 c4 24.Be4 Nxh4 25.f4 Rf7 26.f5 Rcf8 27.Qg5 Qf6 28.Qg4 Rg7 29.fxg6 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 31.Kd2 Nxg6 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.d6 Rf2+ 34.Kc1 Nf8 35.Qh3 Rf6 36.Qe3 Nc8 37.Qd4 Nd7 38.Bxb7 Nxd6 39.Bc6 Rf1+ 40.Nd1 Nf5 41.Qxa7 Nf8 42.Qb6 Rgg1 43.Bf3 Rg6 44.Qb7 Nd4 45.Bg2 Ne2+ 46.Kd2 Rd6+ 47.Kxe2 Rfxd1 48.Be4 Nd7 49.a4 Kg7 50.a5 Kf6 51.Qb4 R1d4 52.Ke3 Ne5 53.Qb8 Ng4+ 54.Kf3 Ne5+ 55.Ke3 ½-½ (55) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

B) 15.Kb1 Rfe8 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Nf3 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rac8 19.f4 Bd4 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.Nb5 Qe7 22.d6 Qe6 23.e5 Qd5 24.Nc7 Rxc7 25.dxc7 Rc8 26.Be4 Qb5 27.Qxd4 Rxc7 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Qe2 30.h4 h5 31.b3 Qg4 32.Bxb7 Qxh4 33.a4 Qg3 34.Kb2 Be6 35.Rc3 Qh2+ 36.Ka3 Qh4 37.Bc6 Qe1 38.a5 Nc8 39.Kb4 Kg7 40.Qd8 a6 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.f5 gxf5 43.Qg5 h4 44.Qh5+ Kg7 45.Qg5+ Kh7 46.Qh5+ Kg7 47.Qg5+ ½-½ (47) Topalov,V (2728)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) Zagreb CRO 2022]
[9...f5 10.e5 *(10.Nh3 fxe4 11.fxe4 Bg4 12.Be2 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Nc4 14.Qc3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 e5 16.Ng5 Bh6 17.h4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Rxd4 Qe7 20.Kb1 c5 21.Rd5 Rae8 22.Re1 b6 23.Qb3 Bxg5 24.Rxc5+ Qe6 25.Rxg5 Qxb3 26.axb3 Rf4 27.h5 Kg7 28.hxg6 h6 29.Rd5 Rfxe4 30.Rd7+ Kxg6 31.Rxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxa7 Rg4 33.Rb7 Rxg2 34.Rxb6+ Kg5 35.b4 h5 36.Rb8 Rf2 37.Ka2 h4 38.Rh8 Kg4 39.Ka3 h3 40.b5 Kg3 41.b4 h2 42.b6 Rf6 43.Rxh2 Kxh2 44.b7 Rb6 45.Ka4 Rxb7 46.b5 Rxb5* ½-½ (46) Koneru,H (2543)-Muzychuk,A (2526) Stavanger NOR 2025*; 10.h4 fxe4 11.h5 gxh5 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Qd6 15.Qg5+ Ng6 16.Qxh5 Rf7 17.Nxe4 Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Bf5 19.Nh3 Qe5 20.Nhg5 Rg7 21.Ne6 Na4 22.Rd2 Nf4 23.Nxf4 Qxf4 24.Rc2 Rf8 25.Bd3 Nb6 26.Nc5 Rg5 27.Qh4 Qxh4 28.Rxh4 Bxd3 29.Nxd3 Nxd5 30.Nc5 Ne3 31.Ne6 Re5 32.Nxf8 Nxc2 33.Kxc2 Kxf8 34.Kd3 Kg7 35.Rb4 b6 36.Ra4*

a5 37.Rc4 c5 38.a4 h5 39.Rh4 Kg6 40.g4 hxg4 41.Rxg4+ Kf5 42.Rh4 e6 43.Rh8 Rd5+ 44.Kc3 Kf4 45.Re8 e5 46.Rf8+ Ke3 47.Rf5 Ke2 48.Kc2 Rd2+ 49.Kb1 Rd5 50.Kc2 Ke3 51.Kc3 Rd3+ 52.Kc2 Rd2+ 53.Kc3 Rd5 54.Kc2 Ke2 55.b3 Rd2+ 56.Kc1 Rd1+ 57.Kb2 Rd5 58.Kc2 Rd2+ 59.Kc1 Kd3 60.Rxe5 Rf2 61.Kb1 Kc3 62.Re3+ Kb4 63.Kc1 Ka3 64.Rc3 Re2 65.Rd3 Kb4 66.Kb1 b5 67.axb5 Kxb5 68.Rc3 Rf2 69.Rc4 Rxf3 70.Kb2 Rd3 71.Rf4 Re3 ½-½ (71) Yakubboev,N (2621)-Chigaev,M (2639) Riga LAT 2021*)* 10...f4 11.Bxf4 *(11.Bf2 Nb4 12.a3 a5 13.h4 Be6 14.Nh3 Na2+ 15.Nxa2 Bxa2 16.d5 Qxd5 17.Qxd5+ Nxd5 18.Re1 Rf5 19.Bd3 Rxe5 20.Rxe5 Bxe5 21.h5 gxh5 22.Ng5 Nf6 23.Nxh7 Rd8 24.Bc2 Bf7 25.Ng5 Bd4 26.Be1 b6 27.Bh4 Be3+ 28.Kb1 Rd2 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Bxf6 Kxf6 31.Rxh5 Rxg2 32.Rh6+ Ke5 33.Rh5+ Kd6 34.Rh6+ Ke5 35.Rh5+ Kd6 36.Rh6+* ½-½ (36) So,W (2754)-Carlsen,M (2875) Stavanger NOR 2019 *)* 11...Nb4 *(11...Be6 12.Bh6 Qxd4 13.Bxg7 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Kxg7 15.Bb5 Nb4 16.a3 a6 17.Bd3 Nc6 18.Re2 Rad8 19.Be4 Nd4 20.Re3 Nc4 21.Re1 Nb3+ 22.Kb1 Rd2 23.Re2 Rfd8 24.Bc2 Rxe2 25.Ngxe2 Ncd2+ 26.Ka2 Nd4+ 27.b3 Nxc2 28.Kb2 Ne3* 0-1 (28) Tang,A (2502)-Sindarov,J (2674) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 12.Be3 *(12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 N6d5 14.Bc4 b5 15.Bb3 a5 16.h4 a4 17.Bxd5+ Nxd5 18.Ne4 Qe8 19.Ng5 Rf7 20.Nxf7 Qxf7 21.Qd2 Ra6 22.Kb1 Bf5+ 23.Ka1 Rc6 24.Nh3 Rc2 25.Ng5 Rxd2 26.Nxf7 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Kxf7 28.Rc1 Bd7 29.Rc5 c6 30.Kb1 Nf4 31.Kc2 Nxg2* 0-1 (31) Shankland,S (2718)-Grandelius,N (2635) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 12...a5 13.Nh3 Be6 14.a3 Bb3 15.Re1 Nc4 16.Bxc4+ Bxc4 17.Nf2 c5 18.f4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Qc7 20.Qc5 Rfc8 21.axb4 Qd7 22.Qb6 axb4 23.Qxb4 Ra1+ 24.Kc2 Qf5+ 25.Nfe4 Ra6 26.h3 Bd5 27.Bd2 Rc4 28.Qxe7 Bxe4+ 29.Kd1 Bd3 30.Qd8+ Bf8 31.Re3 Ra1+ 32.Bc1 Bc2+ 33.Ke2 Rxf4 34.Rf3 Rxf3 35.gxf3 Bb3 36.Bh6 Bc4+ 37.Kf2 Rxh1 38.Ne4 Rh2+ 39.Kg1 Rh1+ 40.Kg2 Qxh3+ 0-1 (40) Tang,A (2523)-Carlsen,M (2835) chess.com INT 2023]

10.Kb1

[10.Nb5 Qd7

A) 11.Kb1 a6 12.Nc3 Rd8 13.d5 Qe8 *(13...Na5 14.Qc1 Nbc4 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 b5 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Nge2 Qd6 19.h4 Qf6 20.h5 g5 21.h6 Kh8 22.Rh5 Rg8 23.d6 Be6 24.dxe7 Qxe7 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Rad8 27.Rhxg5 Rxg5 28.Qxg5 Qxg5 29.Rxg5 Rd1+ 30.Nc1 Rd2 31.b3 Na3+ 32.Ka1 Nc2+ 33.Kb2 b4 34.Rd5 Rxd5 35.exd5 Ne3 36.Nd3 Nxd5 37.Nc5 a5 38.Nb7 f5 39.Nxa5 Kg8 40.Nc6 Kf7 41.Kc2 Ke6 42.Kd3 Kd6 43.Nd4 Ke5 44.g3 f4 45.g4 c5 46.Ne2 Ne3 47.g5 Nf5 48.Kc4 Nh4 49.Kxc5 Kf5 50.Nd4+ Ke5 51.Kxb4 Kxd4 52.a4 Kd5 53.Kb5 Ke6 54.a5 Nxf3 55.g6 Ng5 56.g7 Kf7 57.Kc4 Ne6 58.b4 f3 59.Kd3 Nd4 60.Ke3 Nc2+ 61.Kxf3 Nxb4 62.Ke4 Kg8 63.Ke3 Na6 64.Kd4 Nb4 65.Kc4 Na6 66.Kb5 Nc7+ 67.Kb6 Nd5+*

68.Kb7 Nb4 69.a6 Nxa6 70.Kxa6 Kf7 71.Kb6 Kg8 72.Kc6 Kf7 73.Kd6 Kg8 74.Ke7 ½-½ (74) Cheparinov,I (2686)-Maghsoodloo, P (2676) Europe-Chess INT 2020*)*
14.Qc1 Na7 *(14...Na5 15.h4 e6 16.Bg5 Rd6 17.Bf4 exd5 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 b5 21.Qd2 Be6 22.Qxa5 Bxd5 23.exd5 b4 24.Ne2 Rc8 25.Qxb4 Rb8 26.Qd2 Rxb2+ 27.Qxb2 Bxb2 28.Kxb2 Qb5+ 29.Kc2 Qa4+ 30.Kb2 Qb4+ 31.Kc2 Qa4+ 32.Kb2 Qd1 33.Nc3 Qd2+ 34.Kb3 a5 35.Bc4 Qxg2 36.Re1 Qxf3 37.Re8+ Kg7 38.Ra8 Qf4 39.Rxa5 Qxh4 40.Ra8 h5 41.a4 Qf2 42.a5 h4 43.a6 h3 44.a7 h2 45.Rg8+ Kxg8 46.a8Q+ Kh7 47.Qa1 Qg1 48.Qa6 h1Q 49.Qxd6 Qe3 50.Qf6 Qhf3 51.Qxf3 Qxf3 52.Kb4 Qf4 53.Nb5 g5 54.d6 g4 55.Kc5 g3 56.Bd5 Qg5 57.Kc6 g2 58.Bxg2 Qxg2+ 59.Kc7 Qg3 60.Kc6 Qf3+ 61.Kc7 Qd5 62.Na7 Qa5+ 63.Kb7 Qd8 64.Kc6 Qa8+ 65.Kb6 Qd5 66.Kc7 Qa5+ 67.Kb7 Qd8 68.Nb5 Qd7+ 69.Kb6 f5 70.Kc5 f4 71.Nd4 Kg6 72.Kd5 Kf6* 0-1 (72) Grischuk,A (2775)-So,W (2754) Stavanger NOR 2019 *)* 15.h4 Nb5 16.Nge2 e6 17.h5 exd5 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bxb6 cxb6 20.Nxd5 Be6 21.Nef4 Bf7 22.Bxb5 axb5 23.a3 g5 24.Nc7 Qe5 25.Nxa8 Rxa8 26.Nd5 h6 27.Qc3 Qe6 28.Qb4 Kh7 29.Rd2 Rc8 30.Qe7 Qg6 31.Qxb7 Rc6 32.Qd7 Rc5 33.Ne7 Qf6 34.Nf5 1-0 (34) Ding,L (2791)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com INT 2020;

B) 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 a6 13.Nc3 Nxd4 14.f4 f6 *(14...c5 15.h4 Qc6 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.h5 g5 18.Qxf6 exf6 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Rxd4 gxf4 21.Rd6 Nd7 22.h6 Ne5 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Nxf6+ Kh8 25.Rh5 Rac8+ 26.Kb1 Ng6 27.Be2 Ne7 28.Rh4 Rc5 29.Rxf4 Rg5 30.Rf1 Rxg2 31.Rfd1* ½-½ (31) Xiong,J (2646)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2574) Chesterfield MO USA 2024*; 14...e5 15.fxe5 c5 16.Nf3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.e5 Rf8 19.Ne4 Qg7 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Rxd4 Bf5 24.b3 Rac8+ 25.Kb2 Rc2+ 26.Ka3 Rc5 27.Rb4 Ra5+ 28.Kb2 Rxe5 29.Rxb6 Rxf6 30.Rxb7+ Kh6 31.Ra7 a5 32.Bc4 Be4 33.Re1 Rf2+ 34.Kc3 Rf4 35.g3 Rf3+ 36.Kd4* 1-0 (36) Xiong, J (2636)-Mekhitarian,K (2562) chess.com INT 2024*)* 15.Nf3 e5 16.fxe5 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Qd6 18.Nf3 c5 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Nxf3 22.gxf3 Bf5 23.d6 Qg7 24.Bc4+ Kh8 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Bd5 Ra7 27.Rhe1 b6 28.Bc6 Bd7 29.Re7+ Rf7 30.Bd5 Rxe7 31.dxe7 Be8 32.Re1 Kf6 33.Re6+ Kf5 34.Rxb6 Rxe7 35.Be4+ Kf4 36.Rxa6 g5 37.Kd2 Rd7+ 38.Kc3 Rf7 39.Rh6 g4 40.fxg4 Kxe4 41.Re6+ Kd5 42.Rxe8 Rf3+ 43.Kd2 Rh3 44.Re2 Kd4 45.Kc2 c4 46.Rd2+ Kc5 47.Rf2 h6 48.a3 Rh4 49.Rf5+ Kd4 50.Rh5 Rxg4 51.Rxh6 Rg2+ 52.Kb1 c3 53.Rh4+ Kc5 54.bxc3 Kb5 55.Rb4+ 1-0 (55) Caruana,F (2794)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2731) Toronto CAN 2023]

10...a6 11.d5 Na5 12.Bd4 e5 13.Bf2 Nac4 14.Qc2 Bh6 15.Bxc4 Nxc4

16.Rd3 Bd7 17.Nge2 b5 18.h4 b4 19.Na4 Bb5 20.h5 Bg5 21.Nc5 a5 22.hxg6 Qxg6 23.f4 exf4 24.Rdh3 f3 25.Nd4 Nd2+ 26.Ka1 fxg2 27.Rg1 Bf1 28.Be3 Bxe3 29.Rxe3 Nc4 30.Re2 Ne5 31.Rexg2 Bxg2 32.Rxg2 Ng4 33.Nd7 h5 34.Nxf8 Rxf8 35.Nf5 Re8 36.Rg1 Kh7 37.Rc1 Nf6 38.Qxc7 Rxe4 39.Ne7 Qg5 40.Qc2 Qe5 41.d6 Qxd6 42.Nc6 Qd5 43.Rd1 Qc4 44.Qxc4 Rxc4 45.Nxa5 Rf4 46.Nc6 h4 47.a4 bxa3 48.b4 Ne4 49.Rh1 Nc3 50.Rc1 Nd5 51.b5 Rf2 52.Rc4 Kg7 53.Nb4 Nxb4 54.Rxb4 h3 55.b6 h2 56.Rb1 Rb2 57.Rh1 f5 58.b7 Rxb7 59.Rxh2 Kf6 0-1 (59) Aronian,L (2729)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2718) Zagreb CRO 2024

3...Nc6 4.e4

[4.d5 Ne5 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.f4 *(7.Be2 c6 8.f4 Ned7 9.Be3 cxd5 10.cxd5 b5 11.Bxb5 0-0 12.Nge2 Nc5 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.e5 Ng4 15.Qd3 c4 16.Qxc4 Ne3 17.Qe4 Qb6 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.Qd4 Nxg2+ 20.Kd2 Qxd4+ 21.Nxd4 Nxf4 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Rce1 Rfd8 24.Bc6 Rac8 25.Ke3 Ng6 26.Rhf1 e6 27.Rd1 Nxe5 28.Bb5 Ng4+ 29.Ke2 Nxh2 30.Rh1 Ng4 31.dxe6 fxe6 32.Rhg1 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Rb8 34.a4 a6 35.Bxa6 Rxb2+ 36.Kd3 Nf2+* 0-1 (36) Tang,A (2539)-Nakamura,H (2768) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 7...Ned7

A) 8.Be3 0-0 9.Be2 Qe8 *(9...e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.h4 b5 12.cxb5 Bb7 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Bf3 e5 15.Nh3 Nh5 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.f5 Nf6 18.Nf2 a6 19.b6 cxb6 20.Bxb6 Qd7 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Be3 h6 23.Rh3 d5 24.exd5 Ba8 25.Rf3 Rb8 26.Qc2 Rfc8 27.Qe2 Qf7 28.Qd2 Kh7 29.Nfe4 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 Rd8 31.f6 Bf8 32.Qc2 Kh8 33.Nc3 Rb4 34.Qf2 Bxd5 35.Bc5 Rd4 36.Bxd4 Bxf3 37.gxf3 exd4 38.Rxd4 Rb8 39.Qh2 Rb6 40.Nd5 Qe6+ 41.Qe2 Qg8 42.Kf1 Re6 43.f7 Qxf7 44.Rf4 Qg6 45.Rxf8+ Kg7 46.Qd1 Kxf8 47.Nf4 Qe8 48.Nxe6+ Qxe6 49.Qd8+ Kf7 50.Qc7+ Ke8 51.Qb8+ Kd7 52.Qb7+ Kd8 53.Qb8+ Kd7 54.Qa7+ Ke8 55.b3 Qh3+ 56.Ke2 Qxh4 57.Qb8+ Ke7 58.Qc7+ Kf8 59.Qc5+ Kg7 60.Qe5+ Kg8 61.a4 Qh1 62.Qb8+ Kf7 63.Qf4+ Ke8 64.Qb8+ Kd7 65.Qa7+ Kd8 66.Qd4+ Ke8 67.Qe5+ Kd7 68.Qd4+ Ke8 69.b4 Qg2+ 70.Qf2 Qg5 71.f4 Qd5 72.Qe3+ Kf7 73.Qa7+ Ke8 74.Qc5 Qa2+ 75.Kf3 Qxa4 76.Qxh5+ Ke7 77.Qe5+ Kf7 78.Qd5+ Kg7 79.Qd4+ Kf7 80.Qd5+ Kg7 81.Qd4+ Kf7* ½-½ (81) Aronian,L (2775)-Carlsen,M (2872) London ENG 2019 *)* 10.Nh3 e6 11.dxe6 Qxe6 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Nf2 Nxe4 14.Ncxe4 f5 15.0-0-0 Nc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Nc3 Qe3+ 18.Rd2 Qxf2 19.Bf3 Qh4 20.Nd5 c6 21.Nc7 Re1+ 22.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 23.Bd1 Rb8 24.Rd8+ Kf7 25.Ne8 Qe3+ 26.Kb1 Bf8 27.g3 Be7 28.Nd6+ Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Be6 30.b3 b5 31.Be2 b4 32.Qd1 Re8 33.Bf3 Bc8 34.Rxc6 Qc3 35.Rc7+ Kg8 36.Be2 Qe3 37.Qd5+ Be6 38.Qd3 Qg1+ 39.Bd1 Bf7 40.Qd7 Re7 41.Rc8+ Kg7 42.Qxe7 ½-½ (42) Gukesh,D (2730)-Svidler,P (2683) Malmo SWE 2023;

B) 8.Nh3 0-0 *(8...a5 9.Nf2 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0*

b6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.b3 Nfd7 17.Nb5 Nf6 18.Nc3 Nfd7 19.Nb5 Nf6 ½-½ (19) Martirosyan,H (2682)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Almaty KAZ 2022*; 8...Nb6 9.Nf2 e6 10.Be2 exd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.g4 c6 13.g5 Ne8 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.h4 Nc7 16.h5 Re8 17.a4 Ba6 18.a5 Nbd5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Ra3 Nb4 21.Kf1 Rb8 22.Kg2 Bc8 23.Rh4 c5 24.Bc4 d5 25.Nxd5 Ncxd5 26.exd5 Bb7 27.f5 gxf5 28.Qh5 Bxd5+ 29.Rf3 Nc2 30.g6 Ne1+ 31.Kh3 Bxc4 32.Rg3 Qf6 33.gxf7+ Kf8 34.fxe8Q+ Rxe8 35.Rxc4 Qe6 36.Rf4* 1-0 (36) Ding,L (2799)-Artemiev,V (2704) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 9.Be2 *(9.Nf2 Nb6 10.Be2 e6 11.0-0 exd5 12.cxd5 c6 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Rae1 d5 17.e5 Nfd7 18.a4 a5 19.f5 gxf5 20.Nh3 Rb8 21.Nf4 Nxe5 22.b3 Ng6 23.Bd3 Qb4 24.Nce2 Nd7 25.Nh5 Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Nc5 27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Bc2 Rxe2 29.Rxe2 Ba6 30.Bc3+ f6 31.Ree1 Bxf1 32.Rxf1 Ne5 33.Rxf5 Re8 34.Rf4 Ne6 35.Rh4 Ng5 36.Rf4 c5 37.Bxa5 Nc6 38.Bc3 d4 39.Bd2 Ne5 40.a5 Rb8 41.h4 Ne6 42.Rf2 d3 43.Bd1 c4 44.a6 cxb3 45.a7 Ra8 46.Be3 Nc4 47.Bf3 d2 48.Bxd2 Rxa7 49.Bc3 Ne5 50.Bd5 Nc5 51.Rf4 Rd7 52.Rd4 h5 53.Rd1 Rc7 54.Rb1 Ned3 55.Bxb3 Nxb3 56.Rxb3 Nc1 57.Ba5 Rc5 58.Rb7+ Kg6 59.Bd2 Ne2+ 60.Kf2 Nd4 61.Be3 Rc2+ 62.Kf1 Nf5 63.Bf2 Nh6 64.Rb5 Ng4 65.Bd4 Rd2 66.Bb6 Rc2 67.Ba7 Rc4 68.g3 Rc2 69.Bb8 Nh2+ 70.Kg1 Nf3+ 71.Kf1 Nd4 72.Ra5 Rb2 73.Bf4 Ne6 74.Bd6 Rd2 75.Bb8 Rd8 76.Ba7 Ra8 77.Bb6 Rxa5 78.Bxa5 Kf5 79.Kg2 Kg4 80.Bc3 f5 81.Be5 Nc5 82.Bd6 Nd3 83.Bc7 Ne1+ 84.Kf2 Nc2 85.Bb8* ½-½ (85) Ding,L (2799)-Artemiev,V (2704) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 9...c6 10.Nf2 cxd5 11.cxd5 a6 *(11...b5 12.Bxb5 Rb8 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Be2 Qb6 15.Kh1 Qb4 16.a3 Qb3 17.Rb1 Bd7 18.e5 Ne8 19.Be3 Bf5 20.Qxb3 Nxb3 21.Bd3 dxe5 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Nd3 Bg7 25.Bxa7 Rb7 26.Be3 Nd6 27.Nc5 Nxc5 28.Bxc5 Rc8 29.Bb4 Nc4 30.Rbc1 Nxb2 31.d6 Nd3 32.Nd5 Nxc1 33.Nxe7+ Rxe7 34.dxe7 Nd3 35.Bd6 Be5 36.Bxe5 Nxe5 37.Kg1 Ng6 38.Rxf5 Nxe7 39.Rf1 Ra8 40.Ra1 Ra4 41.Kf2 Nc6 42.Rc1 Ne5 43.Rc3 Kg7 44.h3 Nc4 45.Rg3+ Kf6 46.Rg4 h5 47.Rh4 Kg5 48.Rd4 Nb6 49.Rxa4 Nxa4 50.Ke3 f6 51.Ke4 Nc3+ 52.Kd3 Na4 53.Ke4 f5+ 54.Kf3 Nc3 55.Ke3 Na4 56.Kf3 Nb6 57.g3 Na4 58.Ke3 Nc5 59.Kf3 Kf6 60.Kf4 Ne6+ 61.Ke3 Ke5 62.a4 Kd5 63.a5 Kc5 64.Kf3 Kb5 65.g4 fxg4+ 66.hxg4 h4* 0-1 (66) Carlsen,M (2862)-Artemiev,V (2708) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.Be3 b5 13.0-0 Nb6 14.a3 Bb7 15.Qb3 Rb8 16.Rac1 Nfd7 17.Qd1 Rc8 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Qd2 Qb6 22.Kh1 Rfc8 23.Ng4 Nf6 24.Nxf6+ exf6 25.f5 Kg7 26.Rf3 Qd4 27.Rd3 Qe5 28.Rf1 g5 29.Qd1 a5 30.Ne2 Qxb2 31.Rb3 Qe5 32.Ng3 Rc3 33.Rg1

Ba6 34.Qb1 Kf8 35.Qd1 Ke7 36.Ne2 Rxb3 37.Qxb3 b4 38.Ng3 Qc3 0-1 (38) Wojtaszek,R (2655)-Teclaf,P (2555) Krakow POL 2025]

[4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5

A) 8.d5 Na5 9.h4 *(9.Be3 c6 10.c4 b6 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.Nh3 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 0-0 15.Nf2 Qe7 16.h4 f5 17.h5 f4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4+ 21.Kg1 cxd5 22.exd5 Rcd8 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Qc2 Bxd5 25.Qxg6+ Qg7 26.Qh5 e4 27.Rh4 Qxa1+ 28.Kh2 Rf7 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Qxd8+ Kg7 31.Qh8+* 1-0 (31) Edouard,R (2590)-Deac,B (2679) Europe-Echecs INT 2022 *)* 9...Bd7 10.Be3 Ba3 11.h5 g5 12.Qd2 h6 13.Rb1 Qe7 14.Nh3 Bc5 15.Nf2 0-0 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.c4 b6 18.Nd3 Qd4 19.Rc1 c5 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Rae8 22.Ke3 Nb7 23.Nf2 Nd6 24.Bd3 f6 25.a4 a5 26.Rb1 Rb8 27.Ra1 Kg7 28.Kd2 Kf7 29.Nd1 g4 30.Ne3 Rg8 31.Ke2 Ke7 32.Kf2 Rg5 33.Rh4 gxf3 34.gxf3 Rbg8 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Bc2 Kf7 37.Rbh1 Rbg8 38.f4 exf4 39.Rxf4 Ke7 40.Bd1 Re5 41.Bf3 Reg5 42.Rb1 Rb8 43.Bg4 Bxa4 44.Be6 Rxh5 45.Ng4 Bc2 46.Rc1 Nxe4+ 47.Ke2 Bb1 48.Rf3 f5 49.Ne5 Rh2+ 50.Ke3 Kd6 51.Nf7+ Ke7 52.Rxb1 Nd2 53.Rbf1 Nxc4+ 54.Kd3 Nb2+ 55.Ke3 Nc4+ 56.Kf4 Rg8 57.Re1 Kf6 58.Rff1 Rg4+ 59.Kf3 Nd2+ 60.Ke3 Rg3+ 61.Kf4 Rg4+ 62.Ke3 Rg3+ 63.Kf4 Nxf1 64.Rxf1 Rd3 65.Bxf5 Rxd5 66.Bg4 Rhd2 67.Nxh6 R2d4+ 68.Kg3+ Kg5 69.Nf7+ Kg6 70.Be6 c4 71.Rh1 Rc5 72.Re1 c3 73.Ne5+ Kg7 74.Nd7 Rc7 0-1 (74) Sadhwani,R (2627)-Erdos,V (2565) Sharjah UAE 2023;

B) 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Rb1 a6 10.Bc4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qf6 12.Ne2 exd4 13.cxd4 Qxf3 14.Rf1 Qxe4 15.Bxf7+ Kd8 16.Bg5+ Be7 17.Rf4 Qg2 18.Rf2 Qe4 19.Rf4 Qg2 20.Rf2 Qe4 21.Rf4 ½-½ (21) Kuzubov,Y (2627)-Korobov,A (2671) Linares ESP 2022]

4...e5 5.d5 Nd4 6.Nc3 c5 7.Be3 d6 8.Qd2 Bg7 9.0-0-0 h5 10.h4 Bd7 11.Nh3 a6 12.Ng5 b5 13.Bd3 Qa5 14.Kb1 Rb8 15.Nxb5 Qb6 16.Nc3 0-0 17.Ka1 a5 18.g4 hxg4 19.h5 Nxh5 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 Bd7 22.Nd1 Nf4 23.Qh2 Rfe8 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Nxf7 Nxd3 26.Bxd4 Nf4 27.Rxg6 Nxg6 28.Qxg6 exd4 29.Rf1 1-0 (29) Gukesh,D (2758)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) chess.com INT 2023

3...e6 4.e4 c5

[4...d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Nc3 c5 8.f4 Nc6 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ndxe5 11.Bb5 a6 12.Ba4 Bd7 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.Qxd5 Qe7+ 15.Kf2 0-0-0 16.Be3 Be6 17.Qe4 f5 18.Qc2 Nb4 19.Nd5+ Nxc2 20.Nxe7+ Bxe7 21.Bxc2 Bf6 22.Rac1 Kb8 23.b3 Rc8 24.Bd3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Kxc8 27.Bb6 Kd7 28.Ke3 Bd5 29.g3 Kc6 30.Bd4 Be7 31.Bf1 ½-½ (31) So,W (2778)-Duda,J (2756) chess24.com INT 2021]

5.d5 d6 6.Bd3

[6.Ne2 exd5 7.cxd5 Bg7 8.Nec3 a6 9.a4 Nh5 10.Qe2 Bd4 11.Kd1 0-0 12.g4 Ng7 13.Na3 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.Qg2 Nd7 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Nc4

Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.h4 Qf7 20.Be2 Kh8 21.h5 Ne8 22.f4 Bd4 23.h6 Nf6 24.e5 dxe5 25.fxe5 Bxe5 26.Bf3 Rg8 27.Qd2 Ne4 28.Bxe4 fxe4 29.Kc2 b5 30.Raf1 Bf5 31.Kc1 Qd7 32.Bf4 Bf6 33.Be3 b4 34.Nd1 Rg6 35.Rf2 Bg4 36.Bxc5 Rc8 37.Qxb4 Qxd5 38.Rc2 Bxd1 0-1 (38) Niemann,H (2645)-Puranik,A (2604) Sitges ESP 2021]

6...Bg7

[6...Nbd7 7.Nh3 Ne5 8.Nf2 Nxd3+ 9.Nxd3 Bg7 10.a4 0-0 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Nc3 f5 13.Be3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 f4 15.Bf2 e5 16.a5 Rf7 17.Qb3 g5 18.h3 Nf6 19.Rfe1 h5 20.Kf1 g4 21.hxg4 hxg4 22.Ke2 Rh7 23.Rh1 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 g3 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Nxc5 Qxa5 27.Nd3 Qb6 28.Qxb6 axb6 29.Nxe5 Ra2+ 30.Kd3 Rxg2 31.Ng6 Rf2 32.Kd4 Ng4 33.fxg4 g2 34.Rg1 f3 35.Ne5 Rd2+ 36.Ke3 f2 37.Rxg2 f1Q 38.Rxd2 Qg1+ 39.Kd3 Qg3+ 40.Kd4 Qg1+ 41.Kd3 Kf8 42.Re2 Ke7 43.Kd2 Qg3 44.Nd3 Bxg4 45.Re1 Bh5 46.e5 Qg2+ 47.Ke3 Bg6 48.Nf2 Qg3+ 49.Ke2 Qxc3 50.d6+ Ke6 0-1 (50) Santos Latasa,J (2677)-Ragger,M (2632) Munich GER 2023]

7.Ne2 Nbd7

[7...exd5 8.cxd5 Nbd7 9.Nec3 a6 10.a4 Nh5 11.0-0 Bd4+ 12.Kh1 Ne5 13.Ne2 Qh4 14.Nxd4 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Ng3+ 16.Kg1 Nxf1 17.Nc2 Nxh2 18.Qe3 0-0 19.Qg5 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qh3 21.Bf4 Qxf3 22.Nd2 f6 23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Nxf3 Bg4 25.Nd2 Be2 26.Kf2 Bd3 27.Ne1 c4 28.Bxd6 Rfe8 29.Nxd3 cxd3 30.Bc7 Kf7 31.Ra3 Rac8 32.d6 Ke6 33.Rxd3 Kd7 34.Nc4 Rxc7 35.Nb6+ 1-0 (35) Ding,L (2805)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2774) Yekaterinburg RUS 2021]

[7...0-0 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nec3 Nh5 12.g4 Bd4+ 13.Kh1 Ng7 14.Ne2 Ne5 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Be2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.g5 f4 19.Qxd4 Qxg5 20.Rg1 Qh4 21.Nd2 Bf5 22.Nc4 Rae8 23.Nxd6 Ng4 24.Rxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxe8 Rxe8 26.Bxf4 Rxe2 27.Qd3 0-1 (27) Vaibhav,S (2600)-Puranik,A (2603) chess24.com INT 2022]

8.0-0 Ne5 9.Nec3 exd5 10.cxd5 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.Nd2 Nf4 16.Qc2 b5 17.Nxb5 Rb8 18.a4 a6 19.Nc3 Rxb2 20.Qxb2 Bxc3 21.Qa2 Bxa1 22.Qxa1 a5 23.Be3 Ba6 24.Rb1 Bd3 25.Rb7 Ba6 26.Rb3 Nd3 27.Nf1 Nb4 28.Ng3 Bc8 29.Nh5 f6 30.Bd2 Nc2 31.Qb2 Nd4 32.Rb6 Qe8 33.Ng3 Qxa4 34.Bc3 Rd8 35.Ne2 f5 36.Bxd4 cxd4 37.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 38.Nxd4 fxe4 39.fxe4 Kf7 40.Kf2 a4 41.Ke3 a3 42.Rb3 Bd7 43.Rxa3 Rb8 44.Ra7 Ke8 45.Kd2 Rb2+ 46.Nc2 h5 47.Kc3 Rb1 48.Ne3 Rc1+ 49.Kd4 Kd8 50.e5 dxe5+ 51.Kxe5 Re1 52.Kd6 Rxe3 53.Rxd7+ Ke8 54.Rg7 g4 55.Rg5 Re2 56.Re5+ 1-0 (56) Duda,J (2724)-Giri,A (2768) Warsaw POL 2023

3...Nh5 4.e4

[4.Nh3 e5 5.dxe5 Nc6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Nc3 Qxe5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 d6 11.Nf2 Be6 12.e3 Qa5 13.Kb1 Nf6 14.h4 Rfe8 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Nfe4 Qe5 17.g4 Nf6 18.Qh2 Nxe4 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Nxe4 Bxg4 21.Qh6+ Qg7 22.Qf4 Bf5 23.Bd3 Ne5 24.Be2 g5 25.Qg3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Rxe4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 28.Ka1 Bxh1 29.Rxh1 Re8 30.Qf3 c6 31.a3 Re6 32.Rf1 Ke7 33.e4

Rf6 34.Qe2 Rxf1+ 35.Qxf1 Qe5 36.Qh3 Qxe4 37.Qc8 c5 38.Qc7+ Ke6 39.Qc8+ Ke5 40.Qe8+ Kd4 41.Qxf7 g4 42.Qf6+ Qe5 43.Qf2+ Kd3 44.Qf1+ Qe2 45.Qf5+ Kd2 46.Qd5+ Ke1 47.Qh1+ Kf2 48.Qh2+ Kf3 49.Qxd6 g3 50.Qd5+ Kg4 51.Qxc5 g2 52.Ka2 Kh3 53.Qf5+ Qg4 54.Qh7+ Kg3 55.Qd3+ Kf2 56.Qd2+ Qe2 57.Qf4+ Ke1 58.Qc1+ Kf2 59.Qf4+ Qf3 60.Qd2+ Kg3 61.Qg5+ Qg4 62.Qe3+ Kh2 63.Qh6+ Kg3 64.Qe3+ Kh2 65.Qh6+ Qh3 66.Qf4+ Kh1 67.Qe4 b6 68.a4 a5 69.Qd5 Qg4 70.Ka3 Kh2 71.Qd2 Qf3+ 72.b3 Kg3 73.Qg5+ Kf2 74.Qd2+ Qe2 75.Qd4+ Qe3 76.Qf6+ Ke2 77.Qb2+ Kd3 78.Qb1+ Kd4 79.Qb2+ Kd3 80.Qxg2 Qc5+ 81.Ka2 1-0 (81) Paravyan,D (2597)-Gledura,B (2637) chess.com INT 2023]

4...e5 5.Be3 Bg7

[5...d6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.d5 Nd4 8.Nge2 Nxe2 9.Bxe2 Nf4 10.Bf1 c5 11.g3 Nh5 12.Bd3 Bg7 13.0-0 Bh3 14.Re1 0-0 15.Kh1 Bd7 16.Rg1 Kh8 17.Qe2 Bf6 18.Raf1 Qe7 19.Bh6 Rfe8 20.Bd2 Bg5 21.f4 exf4 22.gxf4 Bf6 23.Qf3 Rab8 24.a4 b6 25.Rg2 a6 26.Bc2 Bd4 27.Ne2 Bxb2 28.Nc3 b5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.axb5 Bxb5 31.Nxb5 Rxb5 32.Rb1 Ng7 33.Ba4 Rbb8 34.Bxe8 Qxe8 35.Rf1 Bd4 36.f5 Rb2 37.Bf4 Rb6 38.Rg4 Kg8 39.Bh6 Nh5 40.Rh4 Nf6 41.fxg6 hxg6 42.Rf4 Rb5 43.Rxf6 Bxf6 44.Qxf6 Qxe4+ 45.Qf3 Qxf3+ 46.Rxf3 c4 47.Bg5 Rxd5 48.Bf6 Kf8 49.Rh3 Ke8 50.Re3+ Kd7 51.Re7+ Kc6 52.Rxf7 Rf5 53.Rf8 Kd5 54.Be7 Ke6 55.Rxf5 Kxf5 56.Bxd6 ½-½ (56) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

6.Nc3 d6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Bd7 10.Nh3 Kc8 11.g3 h6 12.Nf2 Be6 13.Nd3 Nd7 14.b3 c6 15.Kc2 b6 16.g4 Nhf6 17.h3 g5 18.h4 Nh7 19.c5 Kb7 20.h5 b5 21.Rh2 Rhc8 22.Rhd2 Nhf6 23.a4 a6 24.Bf2 Bf8 25.b4 a5 26.Rb1 Bc4 27.bxa5 Rxa5 28.Bg3 Bxd3+ 29.Bxd3 b4 30.Rxb4+ Kc7 31.Bc4 Bxc5 32.Rb1 Rf8 33.Rbd1 Kc8 34.Bb3 Bb4 35.Rd3 Be7 36.Be1 Ra7 37.Bf2 Ra5 38.Be1 Ra7 39.Ne2 Nc5 40.Rc3 Rd8 41.Bxf7 Rxd1 42.Kxd1 Rxa4 43.Ng3 Kc7 44.Rc2 Nfd7 45.Nf5 Bf8 46.Bc3 Ra3 47.Ne3 Na4 48.Ba5+ Kb7 49.Ke2 Nab6 50.Bc3 Bc5 51.Nf5 Bf8 52.Bb2 Ra4 53.Rc1 Kc7 54.Be6 Ra8 55.Rd1 Ra6 56.Kd2 Ra4 57.Kc2 Ra8 58.Ra1 Rxa1 59.Bxa1 Kb7 60.Bxd7 Nxd7 61.Ne3 Bd6 62.Nc4 Bc7 63.Ne3 Bd6 64.Nc4 Bc7 65.Bb2 Ka6 66.Ba3 c5 67.Ne3 Bd6 68.Nc4 Bc7 69.Kb3 Kb5 70.Bc1 Ka6 71.Bd2 Kb5 72.Bc3 Ka6 73.Na3 Bd6 74.Ba1 Bf8 75.Nc4 Bg7 76.Nd6 Bf8 77.Nf7 Kb5 78.Bb2 Bg7 79.Bc3 Kc6 80.Ba5 Kb5 81.Bc7 Nf8 82.Bxe5 Bxe5 83.Nxe5 Ne6 84.Kc2 Nd4+ 85.Kd3 Kb4 86.f4 Ne6 87.f5 Nf4+ 88.Kc2 c4 89.f6 Ne6 90.f7 Nd4+ 91.Kd1 Ne6 92.Nd7 Kb3 93.Nc5+ Nxc5 94.f8Q Nd3 95.Kd2 Ka4 96.Qb8 Nc5 97.Kc3 Nxe4+ 98.Kxc4 Nd2+ 99.Kc3 Ne4+ 100.Kd3 Ka5 101.Kxe4 Ka4 102.Kd4 Ka5 103.Kc5 Ka6 104.Qa8# 1-0 (104) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

3...d6 4.e4 e5 5.Ne2 c5 6.d5 Nbd7

[6...h5 7.Nec3 Nbd7 8.Na3 h4

9.Bg5 Be7 10.Be3 a6 11.Qd2 Nh7 12.g3 Ng5 13.Qg2 f5 14.Bd3 f4 15.Bd2 h3 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Rg1 Rf7 18.0-0-0 Qf8 19.Rdf1 Qg7 20.Nc2 Nf8 21.Kb1 Nfh7 22.Ne1 Bd7 23.Bc2 Raf8 24.gxf4 exf4 25.Nd3 Bf6 26.Bxf4 Bxc3 27.Bxd6 Bd4 28.f4 Bxg1 29.Be5 Nf6 30.fxg5 Ng4 31.Bf6 Bxh2 32.e5 Nxf6 33.exf6 Bd6 34.Nf4 Rxf6 35.gxf6 Rxf6 36.Ne6 Rxf1+ 37.Qxf1 Qh6 38.Qf6 h2 39.Be4 h1Q+ 40.Bxh1 Qxh1+ 41.Kc2 Qe4+ 0-1 (41) Duda,J (2756)-Carlsen,M (2855) chess24.com INT 2021]

7.h4 Ng8 8.Nbc3

[8.h5 gxh5 9.Rxh5 Ndf6 10.Rh2 h5 11.Nbc3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.Qd2 Nh7 14.0-0-0 Qg5 15.Qxg5 Nxg5 16.Rh4 Bd7 17.a3 Nh7 18.Kd2 0-0-0 19.b4 Ne7 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Nc1 Ng6 22.Rh1 b6 23.Nd3 Ng5 24.a4 h4 25.Ke3 f6 26.a5 Nf7 27.Be2 Kb7 28.Ra1 Rc8 29.Kf2 Nd6 30.Ra2 Nxc4 31.axb6 axb6 32.Rb1 Nd6 33.Nb2 c4 34.Nba4 b5 35.Nxb5 Bxb5 36.Nc3 Rc5 37.Rab2 Kc7 38.Nxb5+ Nxb5 39.Rxb5 Rxb5 40.Rxb5 Nf4 41.Bxc4 h3 42.gxh3 Rxh3 43.Ra5 Rh2+ 44.Kg3 Rg2+ 45.Kh4 Kd6 46.Bf1 Ng6+ 47.Kh5 Nf4+ 48.Kh6 Rg6+ 49.Kh7 Rg1 50.Ra6+ Ke7 51.d6+ Kd7 52.Bb5+ Ke6 53.Bc4+ Kd7 54.Bb3 Rg3 55.Ba4+ Ke6 56.Bd1 ½-½ (56) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

8...h5 9.Ng1 Bh6 10.g3 Nb6 11.Bd2 Kf8 12.a4 Kg7 13.b3 a6 14.Nh3 Bxh3 15.Bxh3 Qe7 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.Bxh6+ Rxh6 18.0-0-0 Nbd7 19.Kc2 Rhh8 20.Ra1 b6 21.Qe3 Rhb8 22.Qg5 Rb7 23.Rhf1 Nf8 24.Qe3 N8d7 25.Rg1 Rab8 26.Qg5 Rh8 27.Rg2 Rhb8 28.Rf2 Qd8 29.Bf1 Qe7 30.Bh3 Qd8 31.Rff1 Rc8 32.Rfb1 Qe7 33.Bf1 Rbb8 34.Bh3 Rh8 35.Rb2 Rhc8 36.Rbb1 Rh8 37.Rg1 Ra8 38.Rgd1 Rhe8 39.Rdb1 Rh8 40.Rg1 Rab8 41.Raf1 Rbe8 42.Rb1 Ra8 43.Qc1 Rag8 44.Qd2 Ra8 45.Ra1 Rab8 46.Qg5 Rb7 47.Rgd1 Rbb8 48.Rf1 Ra8 49.Qd2 Rab8 50.Ra2 Rb7 51.Qg5 Rhb8 52.Raa1 Rh8 53.Ra2 Ra8 54.Rh1 Rab8 55.Raa1 Re8 56.Bf1 Rbb8 57.Bh3 Rb7 58.Rae1 Rh8 59.Rhf1 Nf8 60.Ra1 Rb8 61.Ra3 Rg8 62.Rb1 Rh8 63.Qe3 Ne8 64.Raa1 Nd7 65.Rf1 Nef6 66.Rf2 Rbg8 67.a5 Rb8 68.axb6 Rxb6 69.Nb1 Ra8 70.Ra5 Qd8 71.Qc3 Rb4 72.Qa1 Rb6 73.Nd2 Qe7 74.Rf1 Kg8 75.Qb2 Kg7 76.Rfa1 Qf8 77.R1a2 Qh8 78.Qa1 Qc8 79.Qd1 Qe8 80.R2a3 Qf8 81.Qa1 Qc8 82.R5a4 Qb7 83.Qg1 Qb8 84.Ra5 Qd8 85.Qe1 Qf8 86.Qe2 Qe7 87.Qf1 Qf8 88.R5a4 Qe8 89.Ra5 Qd8 90.Nb1 Qc7 91.Nc3 Qb7 92.Nb1 Qb8 93.Qd3 Qd8 94.Qe3 Qe7 95.Qg5 Qe8 96.Qe3 Qe7 97.Nc3 Qd8 98.Qc1 Qc7 99.Qa1 Qb7 100.Na4 Rb4 101.Nb2 Rb6 102.Nd1 Rb8 103.Qa2 Ra8 104.Nc3 Nb8 105.Nb1 Nbd7 106.Nd2 Qc8 107.Qb2 Qd8 108.Qa1 Qc8 109.Qd1 Qd8 110.f4 Ra7 111.Ra1 Qe7 112.Qf3 Nf8 113.R5a3 Ra8 114.Qc3 N8d7 115.Qf3 Nf8 116.Ra5 Ra7 117.Qe3 N8d7 118.Qe2 Qe8 119.f5 Qd8 120.Qe3 Nf8 121.Qg1 N6h7 122.fxg6 fxg6 123.R1a4 Nf6 124.g4 Nxg4 125.Bxg4 hxg4 126.Qxg4 Nh7 127.Ra1 Nf6 128.Qg5 Qh8 129.Rb5 Rbb7 130.Rxb7+ Rxb7 131.Rg1 Qh6 132.Ra1 Ra7 133.Kb2 Nh7 134.Qxh6+ Kxh6 135.Ka3 Rf7 136.b4 Rf2 137.bxc5 dxc5 138.Nb3

Rc2 139.Na5 Nf6 140.Re1 Kh5 141.Kb3 Rh2 142.Nb7 Nd7 ½-½ (142) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021

129 **4.dxc5** e6
[4...Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Nc3 Na6 7.Be3 b6 8.cxb6 axb6 9.Nge2 e6 10.Qd2 d5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nc5 14.Nd4 Qxd5 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Rd1 Qxa2 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Qxa6 19.Qc2 Qa4 20.Qxa4 Nxa4 21.Rd2 Rd5 22.b3 Nc5 23.b4 Re8 24.Bf2 Na6 25.b5 Nc7 26.Rfd1 Red8 27.Nb3 Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Rxd2 29.Nxd2 Nxb5 ½-½ (29) So,W (2767)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com INT 2019]
5.Be3 Na6 6.Nc3 Nxc5 7.Nh3 b6 8.Bd4 Bg7 9.e4 0-0 10.e5 Ne8 11.b4 Na6 12.a3 Nb8 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Be4 Qc7 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.0-0 d6 17.exd6 e5 18.Nd5 Qxd6 19.Bb2 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Nf6 21.Re1 Rfe8 22.Qd3 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 Qf6 24.Rad1 Rac8 25.Qe4 Qe6 26.Rd5 Qxh3 27.Red1 Qe6 28.Bc1 Qc6 29.c5 bxc5 30.Rxc5 Qe6 31.Be3 a6 32.Rdc1 h5 33.Qc4 Rxc5 34.bxc5 Qc6 35.Qe4 Rc8 36.Qxc6 Rxc6 37.Kf2 Bf8 38.Ke2 f5 39.Kd3 Kf7 40.Kc4 Ke6 41.Rb1 f4 42.Bf2 g5 43.h3 e4 44.fxe4 g4 45.hxg4 hxg4 46.Bd4 g3 47.Rf1 Bd6 48.e5 Bxc5 49.Bxc5 g2 50.Rg1 f3 51.Kb4 Rxc5 52.Kxc5 f2 53.Rxg2 f1Q 0-1 (53) Ding, L (2811)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) chess.com INT 2019

130 **4...e5** 5.e4
[5.Nc3 e4 6.g4 h6 7.d6 Bg7 8.g5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 Qa5 10.Bg2 Nh7 11.Bd2 e3 12.Bxe3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qxc3+ 14.Bd2 Qf6 15.f4 Nc6 16.h4 Rg8 17.e4 Qxd6 18.Ne2 Qe7 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.Qa4 Kf8 21.e5 d6 22.0-0-0 dxe5 23.fxe5 Ng4 24.Nd5 Qxe5 25.Bc3 Qd6 26.Rd2 Nce5 27.Re1 Bf5 28.Bh3 Nf3 29.Nf6 Qxf6 30.Bxf6 Nxf6 31.Bxf5 gxf5 32.Qb5 Nxd2 33.Qxb7 Kg7 34.Qg2+ Kh7 35.Qxd2 Rg4 36.Qd6 Rxc4+ 37.Kb2 Kg7 38.Qe5 Rg4 39.Qxf5 Rh8 40.Rf1 Rg6 41.Qxc5 a6 42.Qc4 Rb8+ 43.Ka1 Rb5 44.h5 Rxh5 45.Qxa6 Rhg5 46.Qc6 Ng4 47.Qc3+ Ne5 48.Re1 Re6 49.a4 Rc6 50.Qd2 Nf3 51.Qb2+ Rf6 52.Rf1 Kg6 53.Qb8 Rg4 54.Qg8+ Kh5 55.Rh1+ Nh4 56.Qh8+ Kg5 57.Qg7+ Rg6 58.Qe5+ Nf5 59.Qb5 Kf6 60.Rf1 R4g5 61.a5 Rg8 62.a6 Kg6 63.a7 Ng3 64.Qa6+ Kh5 65.Rb1 Ra8 66.Rb8 Nf5 67.Qb7 Rg1+ 68.Kb2 Rxa7 69.Qxa7 Rg7 70.Qf2 Nh6 71.Kc3 Kg6 72.Rh8 Nf5 73.Kd3 f6 74.Ke4 Re7+ 75.Kf4 Ng7 76.Qc2+ Kf7 77.Rh6 Ne6+ 78.Kg4 Nf8 79.Qf5 Re6 80.Rh8 Re7 81.Qd5+ Ke8 82.Kf4 Re1 83.Qa8+ Kd7 84.Rxf8 1-0 (84) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Ethereal (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]
5...d6 6.Nc3
[6.g3 Na6 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.Nh3 h5 9.a3 Nc7 10.Bg5 Bh6 11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Rh8 13.f4 Qe7 14.Ng5 Nh7 15.Nf3 exf4 16.gxf4 Bg4 17.Be2 f5 18.0-0 0-0-0 19.Rae1 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Rhe8 21.Bd3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 Nf6 23.Rg3 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Qf6 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Bxg6 h4 27.Rg4 Rf8 28.Kg2 Qe7 29.Kf3 b5 30.Qe3 Qf6 31.Qc3 Qe7 32.b3 h3 33.f5 Kb8 34.a4 b4 35.Qe3 Qf6 36.Kg3 Rh8 37.Re4 Qb2 38.Qf2 Qf6 39.Kg4 Kc8 40.a5 a6 41.Qg3

Kd8 42.Qe3 Qh4+ 43.Kf3 Qf6 44.Kg3 Qb2 45.Qf2 Qf6 46.Qe3 Kd7 47.Kg4 Qh4+ 48.Kf3 Qf6 49.Kg4 Qh4+ 50.Kf3 Qf6 51.Qe1 Qb2 52.Qf2 Qf6 53.Qg3 Kc8 54.Qg4 Qc3+ 55.Re3 Qf6 56.Kg3 Kb8 57.Re4 Qa1 58.Kf4 Qf6 59.Kg3 Qa1 60.Bh5 Kb7 61.Kh4 Qf6+ 62.Qg5 Qb2 63.Qf4 Qf6+ 64.Qg5 Qb2 65.Qf4 Qf6+ 66.Kg4 Qg7+ 67.Bg6 Qf6 68.Qf2 Kc8 69.Re3 Rh6 70.Re2 Rh8 71.Re3 Rh6 72.Qg3 Rh8 73.Re4 Kd7 74.Qe1 Kd8 75.Qe3 Qh4+ 76.Kf3 Qf6 77.Ke2 Kc8 78.Qg3 Qa1 79.Kf3 Qf6 80.Qg1 Kb7 81.Qe3 Qb2 82.Qf2 Qf6 83.Re1 Rh6 84.Kg3 Qh4+ 85.Kf3 Qf6 86.Kg3 Qg5+ 87.Kf3 Rh4 88.Re4 Rh8 89.Qg3 Qf6 90.Re6 Qc3+ ½-½ (90) Berserk (3589)-Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

6...h5 7.h4 Ng8 8.Be2 Bh6 9.Bxh6 Nxh6 10.Qd2

[10.g4 hxg4 11.fxg4 f6 12.Nh3 Nf7 13.Nf2 g5 14.h5 Bd7 15.a3 0-0 16.0-0 a5 17.Qb3 Na6 18.Nfd1 Nh6 19.Ne3 b6 20.Rf2 Rb8 21.Raf1 Nc7 22.a4 Ne8 23.Rg2 Rf7 24.Kf2 Rh7 25.Qc2 Rb7 26.Ke1 Bc8 27.Qd1 Rbf7 28.Kd2 Rb7 29.Bd3 Bd7 30.Kc1 Bc8 31.Rgf2 Rbf7 32.Rg1 Kh8 33.Rgf1 Kg8 34.Rg2 Rh8 35.Kb1 Kh7 36.Rh2 Kg8 37.Rg2 Rb7 38.Qe2 Rhh7 39.Rgg1 Kh8 40.Rf2 Rbf7 41.Bc2 Kg8 42.Bd1 Rh8 43.Rfg2 Rhh7 44.Qf2 Kh8 45.Qe2 Rb7 46.Rf2 Rbf7 47.Bc2 Kg8 48.Qf1 Kh8 49.Ka2 Bd7 50.Nb5 Qa8 51.Nc3 Kg8 52.Kb1 Qc8 53.Qg2 Rh8 54.Bd1 Qd8 55.Rgf1 Bc8 56.Qf3 Kh7 57.Ka2 Rg8 58.Qe2 Rh8 59.Bc2 Kg8 60.Rg2 Rhh7 61.Rfg1 Kh8 62.Kb1 Kg8 63.Rf2 Rb7 64.Bd3 Kh8 65.Rff1 Rbf7 66.Bc2 Kg8 67.Nb5 Rb7 68.Rg2 Rbf7 69.Nc3 Kh8 70.Kc1 Rf8 71.b3 Rhf7 72.Rh2 Rh7 73.Rhf2 Qd7 74.Rg2 Qd8 75.Kd2 Rhf7 76.Bb1 Rh7 77.Rfg1 Bd7 78.Ncd1 Nc7 79.Bc2 Bc8 80.Qf3 Rhf7 81.Rf2 Bd7 82.Rh1 Rg8 83.Rg1 Qa8 84.Rgf1 Qd8 85.Nc3 Rgf8 86.Ncd1 Ne8 87.Bb1 Qc8 88.Rg1 Qd8 89.Bc2 Nc7 90.Rgf1 Ne8 91.Bb1 Qc8 92.Rg1 Qd8 93.Bd3 Nc7 94.Nc3 Qb8 95.Rff1 Rg8 96.Qe2 Ne8 97.Rf2 Qc8 98.Qf3 Nc7 99.Ncd1 Qa8 100.Rff1 Qb8 101.Rf2 Qb7 102.Bb1 Bc8 103.Qe2 Ne8 104.Qf3 Nc7 105.Rfg2 Qb8 106.Nf1 Qa8 107.Rf2 Qb8 108.Nc3 Na6 109.Re2 Bd7 110.Reg2 Nb4 111.Rh2 Qc8 112.Rhg2 Na6 113.Nb5 Qf8 114.Nc3 Nc7 115.Rf2 Qc8 116.Ne3 Qb8 117.Bd3 Na6 118.Nf5 Bxf5 119.exf5 Qd8 120.Bb1 Rh7 121.Ne4 Rf8 122.Nc3 Nc7 123.Rgf1 Ne8 124.Bd3 Kg7 125.Qd1 Rf7 126.Qe2 Rf8 127.Bc2 Rf7 128.Ne4 Kh8 129.Bb1 Qe7 130.Rg2 Qd8 131.Bd3 Rb7 132.Rfg1 Kg7 133.Qf2 Kf8 134.Re1 Kg7 135.Kd1 Kh8 136.Rgg1 Rbd7 137.Qe3 Rhg7 138.Ref1 Kh7 139.Qg3 Kh8 140.Re1 Rge7 141.Qe3 Rg7 142.Ref1 Kh7 143.Qg3 Kg8 144.Qh3 Rgf7 145.Kc1 Kh8 146.Bc2 Rh7 147.Qe3 Rhg7 148.Qf3 Rh7 149.Qe2 Qe7 150.Nd2 Ng8 151.Ne4 Nh6 152.Kd2 Qg7 153.Kd1 Qe7 154.Bd3 Qg7 155.Rf2 Qe7 156.Bc2 Rb7 157.Kd2 Qg7 158.Bd1 Qe7 159.Ke1 Qg7 160.Rff1 Rb8 161.Qe3

Rd8 162.Kd2 Rd7 163.Kc1 Nc7 164.Kb2 Rd8 165.Bc2 Ne8 166.Rf2 Rd7 167.Qf3 Qf8 168.Rd2 Qe7 169.Rgd1 ½-½ (169) Ethereal (3532)-LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2-(3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

10...Nd7 11.g4 hxg4 12.fxg4 f6 13.Nh3 Nf8 14.Nf2 g5 15.h5 Nd7 16.Rh3 0-0 17.Nb5 Nb8 18.Ra3 Na6 19.0-0-0 Rf7 20.Rg1 Kh8 21.Nd1 Qe7 22.Ne3 Qf8 23.Kb1 Bd7 24.Kc1 Bc8 25.Kd1 Bd7 26.Ke1 Be8 27.Kf2 Qe7 28.Kg2 Bd7 29.Rb3 Nb4 30.Nc7 Rc8 31.Nb5 Ra8 32.a3 Na6 33.Ra1 Be8 34.Nc3 Nb8 35.Nf5 Nxf5 36.exf5 b6 37.Ne4 Nd7 38.Rf3 a6 39.Bd3 Rg7 40.h6 Rh7 41.Raf1 Qf8 42.Rh3 Qe7 43.Bc2 Rb8 44.Kg1 Rb7 45.Rf2 Rb8 46.Qe3 Rf7 47.h7 b5 48.Rh6 bxc4 49.Ba4 Nf8 50.Bxe8 Rxe8 51.Qc1 c3 52.Qxc3 Rd8 53.Qc4 a5 54.Qa6 Qe8 55.Qxa5 Ra8 56.Nxd6 Rxa5 57.Nxe8 Nd7 58.Nd6 Rf8 59.Nc4 Rb5 60.Rd2 Rb3 61.Kg2 Re8 62.Rh3 Rbb8 63.d6 Red8 64.Rh6 Rb3 65.Na5 Rb6 66.Rg6 c4 67.Nxc4 Rb3 68.Rg8+ Rxg8 69.hxg8R+ Kxg8 70.Rc2 Kf7 71.Rc3 Rb5 72.b4 Rd5 73.a4 Nb8 74.b5 Kg7 75.Kf3 Rc5 76.Ke2 Nd7 77.a5 Rxb5 78.a6 Rb8 79.a7 Ra8 80.Ra3 Kh6 81.Kf3 Kg7 82.Ke4 Kf8 83.Kd5 e4 84.Kc6 e3 85.Nxe3 Ke8 86.Kb7 Rd8 87.a8Q Ne5 88.Kc7 Nf7 89.Ra7 Rxa8 90.Rxa8+ Nd8 91.Rxd8+ Kf7 92.d7 Kg7 93.Ra8 Kf7 94.d8Q Kg7 95.Nd1 Kf7 96.Qd7# 1-0 (96) Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677)-Berserk (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

[131] **5.e4** Bg7 6.Ne2 0-0 7.Nec3 e5 8.g4

[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.g4 Bd7 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Nd2 Rfb8 13.Qc2 Nc7 14.Nc3 Nce8 15.Bf2 Qd8 16.Be3 a6 17.a4 Nc7 18.Ndb1 Qe8 19.Qb3 b6 20.Be2 h5 21.Rg1 h4 22.Bg5 h3 23.Be3 Nh7 24.Na3 Qe7 25.g5 Ne8 26.0-0-0 Bh8 27.Qc2 Ng7 28.f4 exf4 29.Bxf4 Ne8 30.Rg3 Bd4 31.Qd2 b5 32.cxb5 axb5 33.axb5 Bxc3 34.Rxc3 Bxb5 35.Bxb5 Rxb5 36.Nxb5 Ra1+ 37.Kc2 Qxe4+ 38.Rd3 Qa4+ 39.b3 Ra2+ 40.Kc1 Ra1+ 41.Kb2 Ra2+ 42.Kc1 Ra1+ 43.Kc2 Ra2+ 44.Kb1 Ra1+ 45.Kb2 Ra2+ 46.Kb1 Ra1+ 47.Kc2 ½-½ (47) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455)-Berserk (3476) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

8...h5

[8...Ne8 9.h4 Bf6 10.Qd2 Bxh4+ 11.Kd1 g5 12.Na3 Kg7 13.Nc2 Rg8 14.a3 a6 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.b4 b6 17.Ne3 Bg3 18.Ne2 Bf2 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Nf1 Bh4 21.Neg3 Kf8 22.Ra2 a5 23.Qe3 a4 24.Rah2 Ke8 25.Qg1 Rg6 26.Bc2 h6 27.Ne2 Nbd7 28.Nc3 Nb6 29.Bd3 Rg7 30.Rb2 h5 31.Ne3 hxg4 32.fxg4 Bd7 33.Kc2 Nc8 34.Kb1 Ra6 35.Qf1 Kf8 36.Qf3 Rb6 37.Nb5 Rg6 38.Ka1 Ne7 39.Bd2 Qc8 40.Ng2 Bxg4 41.Qe3 Neg8 42.Nxh4 gxh4 43.Rxh4 Bd7 44.Be2 Qa6 45.Rh1 Rb8 46.Be1 Qb6 47.Bd1 Ke7 48.Bxa4 Ng4 49.Qc3 N8f6 50.Bc2 Ra8 51.a4 Rgg8 52.a5 Ra6 53.Ra2 Qb8 54.Ra3 Rg6 55.Qd2 Rg8 56.Bh4 Kf8 57.Be1 Ke7 58.Bh4 Kf8 59.Bg3 Qc8 60.Ka2 Qb8 61.Bd3 Rg6 62.Rh8+ Ng8 63.Be1 Kg7 64.Rh1 N4f6 65.Qe2 Kf8 66.Kb2 Ke7 67.Qd2 Bg4 68.Rh8 Qf8 69.Bc2 Qg7 70.Rh2 Nd7 71.Bh4+ Ngf6 72.Ra1 Kf8 73.Nc7 Ra7

74.Nb5 Ra6 75.Rg1 Ne8 76.Bf2 Ndf6 77.Be3 Kg8 78.Bh6 Qh7 79.Ra1 Qh8 80.Bg5 Qg7 81.Bh6 Qh8 82.Rg1 Bh5 83.Rxg6+ fxg6 84.Bg5 Qg7 85.Qe1 Qd7 86.Rg2 Ra8 87.Bd2 Kf7 88.Qe3 Kg8 89.Bd3 Qh7 90.Rg1 Bg4 91.Qf2 Qh3 92.Kc2 Qf3 93.Qh4 Qh3 94.Qxh3 Bxh3 95.Rxg6+ Kf7 96.Rg3 Bd7 97.Rg2 Ra6 98.Rh2 Ra8 99.Rh8 Kg7 100.Rh4 Kf7 101.Be2 Ra6 102.Kd3 Ra8 103.Bh5+ Nxh5 104.Rxh5 Kg7 105.Bc3 Ra6 106.Rh1 Kg8 107.Bd2 Kg7 108.Rg1+ Kf7 109.Rf1+ Kg8 110.Ra1 Kg7 111.Bg5 Bc8 112.Bd8 Bd7 113.Bb6 Kf7 114.Rh1 Kg7 115.Kc3 Ra8 116.Nc7 Nxc7 117.Bxc7 Ra6 118.Rb1 Be8 119.Rb7 Kf8 120.Rb6 Rxa5 121.Bxd6+ Kf7 122.Bxe5 Ra1 123.Rb7+ Kg6 124.Rc7 Re1 125.Kd3 Kg5 126.Bc3 Rh1 127.Rxc5 Kg4 128.Rc8 Ba4 129.Rg8+ Kf4 130.Rh8 Rb1 131.Rf8+ Kg4 132.Kd4 Rb7 133.e5 Bb3 134.d6 Rd7 135.Kc5 Rh7 136.e6 Rh5+ 137.Kb4 Kh3 138.Kxb3 Kg3 139.e7 Rh7 140.e8Q Rb7+ 141.Kc2 Rf7 142.Qxf7 Kh3 143.Rg8 Kh2 144.Qh5# 1-0 (144) Ethereal (3545)-Komododragon (3583) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

9.h3 Nh7 10.h4 Bf6 11.g5 Be7 12.Qe2 f6 13.gxf6 Bxf6 14.Qf2 Bg7 15.Be3 Rf6 16.Nd2 Qf8 17.0-0-0 Bh6 18.Ne2 a6 19.Kb1 b6 20.Nc1 Ra7

[20...Kh8 21.Rg1 Ra7 22.a3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Rg7 24.Qb3 Qd8 25.Nd3 Rf8 26.Ka2 Kg8 27.Rh1 Nf6 28.Re1 b5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Qxb5 Nfd7 31.Qb3 Nb6 32.Rc1 Ba6 33.Qd1 Qf6 34.Nf2 Qe7 35.Qe1 Bxf1 36.Qxf1 N8d7 37.Nd1 Rf4 38.Qh3 Qd8 39.Qg3 Qa8 40.Ne3 Kh7 41.Rhg1 Rf6 42.Qf2 Na4 43.Qg2 Rgf7 44.Qg5 Qb8 45.Rc2 Qc8 46.Nd1 Nab6 47.Nf2 Qa6 48.Nh3 Nf8 49.Re1 Kg7 50.Qg2 Qa4 51.Rc3 Qa6 52.Rec1 Rc7 53.Qf2 Kg8 54.Ng5 Ra7 55.f4 exf4 56.Rf3 Qa4 57.Rxf4 Rxf4 58.Qxf4 Nxd5 59.Qxd6 Nb4+ 60.Kb1 Rd7 61.Qf6 Qa6 62.Qxa6 Nxa6 63.Ndf3 Rc7 64.Rd1 c4 65.Kc2 Nc5 66.Rd4 Nce6 67.Rd6 Nc5 68.e5 Kg7 69.Rd4 Na4 70.e6 Kf6 71.Rf4+ Kg7 72.Re4 Kf6 73.e7 Rxe7 74.Rxc4 Ra7 75.b3 Nb6 76.Rc6+ Ke7 77.Rxb6 Rxa3 78.Ne5 Kd8 79.Ne6+ Nxe6 80.Rxe6 Kc8 81.Rxg6 Ra2+ 82.Kd3 Rh2 83.Rh6 Rxh4 84.Rh7 Rf4 85.Rxh5 1-0 (85) Berserk (3476)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

21.a3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Qd8 23.Nd3 Rg7 24.Ka2 Nf8 25.Qg5 Nh7 26.Qg3 Qf8 27.Rc1 b5 28.Be2 Bd7 29.Bd1 bxc4 30.Nxc4 Bb5 31.Nf2 Qd8 32.Nh3 Nd7 33.Rg1 Qe7 34.Rc3 Qf8 35.Rg2 Kh8 36.Ka1 Rgf7 37.Qe1 Qc8 38.Rh2 Rg7 39.Qg3 Qf8 40.Rc1 Qe7 41.Rh1 Qd8 42.Rc3 a5 43.Rg1 a4 44.Qf2 Qe7 45.Be2 Ba6 46.Qe1 Rf8 47.Rg2 Rf6 48.Bd1 Bb5 49.Ka2 Ba6 50.Qg3 Qf8 51.Rf2 Rgf7 52.Ka1 Qb8 53.Qh2 Qc7 54.Qg1 Qc8 55.Nd2 Bb5 56.Rg2 Ndf8 57.Rg3 Qe8 58.Nc4 Rg7 59.Qe1 Qd8 60.Rg1 Nd7 61.Qg3 Qf8 62.Rg2 Rg8 63.Rg1 Qe7 64.Rc2 Qf8 65.Be2 Ba6 66.Qf2 Rg7 67.Rc3 Qd8 68.Bd1 Bb5 69.Ka2 Qb8 70.Qe3 Qd8 71.Qe1 Qc8 72.Qg3 Qb8 73.Qf2 Rg8 74.Qe3 Qd8 75.Rc2 Qe7 76.Be2 Ba6 77.Rc3 Rf7 78.Qf2 Qf6 79.Qe1 Rfg7 80.Rg2 Rf8 81.Qg3 Kg8 82.Ka1 Kh8 83.Rc1 Kg8

84.Rf1 Rb8 85.Qe1 Bxc4 86.Bxc4 Qe7 87.Be2 Qf6 88.Bc4 Qe7 89.Qg3 Kh8 90.Rfg1 Qf6 91.Rf2 Nb6 92.Be2 Nd7 93.Bd1 c4 94.Rc2 Nc5 95.Rxc4 Rgb7 96.Rg2 Qg7 97.Qe1 Qf6 98.Rcc2 Kg8 99.Rc3 Nf8 100.Ng5 Qf4 101.Rd2 Nfd7 102.Qf2 Rb5 103.Ne6 Qf6 104.Qg1 R5b7 105.Rg2 Kh7 106.Ng5+ Kg7 107.Qe3 Kg8 108.Rc4 Nb6 109.Rxc5 dxc5 110.Ne6 Kh7 111.Nxc5 Rg7 112.Ne6 Rgb7 113.Ng5+ Kg8 114.Rc2 Nc8 115.Ne6 Nd6 116.Qh6 Nf7 117.Qc1 Nd6 118.Rg2 Nf7 119.Bxa4 Kh7 120.Qg1 Re7 121.Kb1 Reb7 122.Nc5 Nd6 123.Nxb7 Rxb7 124.Ka1 Rg7 125.Qf2 g5 126.hxg5 Rxg5 127.Ka2 Rxg2 128.Qxg2 Kh6 129.Bd7 Qf7 130.Qh3 Kg5 131.a4 Nc4 132.Qf5+ Qxf5 133.Bxf5 Kf4 134.Kb3 Nd6 135.a5 h4 136.Bd7 Kg5 137.a6 Ne8 138.a7 Nc7 139.d6 Na8 140.Bh3 Kf6 141.Kb4 Kf7 142.d7 Ke7 143.Kc5 Nc7 144.Kc6 Kd8 145.Kb7 Na8 146.Kxa8 Kc7 147.b4 Kd8 148.Kb7 Ke7 149.a8Q Kf7 150.Qh8 Kg6 151.d8Q Kf7 152.Qh7# 1-0 (152) Komododragon (3583)-Ethereal (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

[132] **6.e4** Bg7
[6...exd5 7.cxd5 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 a6 10.a4
A) 10...Re8 11.Nge2 *(11.Be2 h5 12.h4 Nh7 13.g3 f5 14.Nh3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Nf4 Nf8 17.Ne6 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Bxe6 19.Nxd6 Re7 20.Bxc5 Nc6 21.Kf2 Rd7 22.Rad1 Nd4 23.Nxb7 Rxb7 24.Bxd4 Rd7 25.Qe3 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Qxe6+ Kg7 28.Rc1 Qd6 29.Qxd6 Rxd6 30.Rc7+ Kf6 31.Bc4 Rd2+ 32.Ke3 Rxb2 33.Rc6+ Kg7 34.Bd5 Rf8 35.Rxa6 Rb4 36.Kd3 Rb1 37.Be4 Rf6 38.Rxf6 Kxf6 39.Kc4 Rc1+ 40.Kb4 Rg1 41.a5 Rg2 42.a6 Ra2 43.Kb5 Ke5 44.Bxg6 Kd6 45.Bxh5 Rb2+ 46.Kc4 Ra2 47.Kd4 Rxa6 48.Bg6 Ra4+ 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.f4+ Kf6 51.Bd3 Ra1 52.g4 Rh1 53.h5 Rh3+ 54.Ke4 Rg3 55.Be2 Rg1 56.Kf3 Rh1 57.g5+ Ke6 58.Bc4+ Ke7 59.Kg4 Kf8 60.h6 Rc1 61.Be6 Re1 62.Kf5 Rh1 63.Kf6 Rh4 64.f5 Rh3 65.Kg6 Rh4 66.Kh7 Ke7 67.g6 Kf6 68.g7* 1-0 (68) Duda,J (2738)-Naroditsky,D (2623) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 11...Nbd7 12.Ng3 Rb8 13.Be2 Ne5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.h3 b5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Rxe5 20.Bf4 Ne8 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Nge4 Nd6 23.Nxc5 Qb6 24.Qf2 Bf5 25.Rae1 Bg7 26.g4 Qxb2 27.Qxb2 Rxb2 28.Nd1 Bd4+ 29.Kh1 Rd2 30.gxf5 Bxc5 31.f6 h5 32.Rf3 h4 33.Nc3 Bb4 34.Rb1 a5 35.Rg1 Kh7 36.Rg4 g5 37.Rxg5 Bxc3 38.Rxc3 Ne4 39.Rg7+ Kh6 40.Rxc4 Nf2+ 41.Kg2 Ng4+ 42.Kh1 Rd1+ 43.Kg2 Ne3+ 44.Kf2 Nxc4 45.Rg4 Ne5 46.Rxh4+ Kg5 47.Rh8 Rxd5 48.Ke3 Kxf6 49.Ke4 Rc5 50.Ra8 Rc4+ 51.Kd5 Rxa4 0-1 (51) Duda, J (2756)-Giri,A (2774) chess.com INT 2021;
B) 10...Qc7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Re8 13.h4 Nbd7 14.Nge2 Rb8 15.h5 Ne5 16.Ng3 Qe7 17.Be2 c4 18.a5 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Ra2 Bd7 21.0-0 Reb8 22.Rfa1 Bc8 23.Nd1 Nfd7 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Rc1 Rb4 26.Rc2

Nc5 27.Ne3 Qf6 28.Nh5 Qe7 29.Ng3 Qf6 30.Nh5 Qe7 31.f4 Ned3 32.Nxc4 gxh5 33.Nxd6 Bg4 34.Bxd3 Nxd3 35.Rxa6 Nxb2 36.Qg5+ ½-½ (36) Praggnanandhaa,R (2746)-Erigaisi,A (2797) London ENG 2024]

7.Nge2

[7.Bg5

A) 7...a6 8.a4 h6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 exd5 11.cxd5

A1) 11...Re8 12.Nd1 *(12.Bc4 Nbd7 13.Be2 Ne5 14.Bxh6 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Qh4+ 16.g3 Qxh6 17.Qxh6 Bxh6 18.Nf6+ Kf8 19.Nxe8 Kxe8 20.h4 Bd7 21.h5 g5 22.Nh3 g4 23.fxg4 Nxg4 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Nf4 Kd7 26.Kf2 Bg7 27.Kg2 Bf5 28.Kf3 Bxb2 29.Rab1 Bxb1 30.Rxb1 Be5 31.Rxb7+ Ke8 32.g4 Rc8 33.g5 c4 34.g6 fxg6 35.hxg6 Kf8 36.Ne6+ Kg8 37.Ke2 c3 38.Kd1 a5 39.Kc2 Ra8 40.Rb5 Bf6 41.Rb6 Be5 42.Rb7 Bf6 43.Rc7 Be5 44.Kd3 Bf6 45.Ke4 Be5 46.Kf5 Rb8 47.Kg5 Ra8 48.Kh6 Re8 49.g7* 1-0 (49) Ding,L (2799)-Carlsen,M (2864) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 12...Kh7 13.Ne2 Nbd7 14.Nec3 Ne5 15.Be2 Rb8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.0-0 g5 19.f4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Ng6 21.Qc2 Kg8 22.Bg3 h5 23.h3 Nh7 24.Bxh5 Qg5 25.Bxg6 Qxg6 26.Bf4 Nf6 27.Ne3 Nxe4 28.Nc4 Rxb2 29.Nxb2 Bxc3 30.Ra3 Bxh3 31.Rxc3 Nxc3 32.Qxg6+ fxg6 33.gxh3 Ne2+ 34.Kg2 Nxf4+ 35.Rxf4 Re5 36.Nc4 Rxd5 37.Rf6 Kg7 38.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Nxd6 a5 40.Nb7 a4 41.Nxc5 a3 42.Kf3 a2 43.Nb3 g5 44.Kg4 Kg6 45.Na1 Kh6 46.h4 gxh4 47.Kxh4 ½-½ (47) Navara,D (2689)-Shankland,S (2711) Prague CZE 2023;

A2) 11...Nbd7 12.Nge2 h5 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Ng3 c4 15.Be2 Rb8 16.0-0 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bh6 Nc5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Bd1 Nd3 21.Bc2 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 h4 23.Nf5+ Bxf5 24.Bxd3 Bd7 25.Be2 Nh5 26.Rfd1 Ng3+ 27.hxg3 hxg3 28.Qd4+ Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Rh8+ 30.Kg1 Rh4 31.Bd1 Rbh8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 R8h2 34.f4 Rxg2+ 35.Kf3 Rxb2 36.Ne2 Rxe2 0-1 (36) Aronian,L (2729)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2718) Zagreb CRO 2024;

B) 7...h6 8.Be3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nh3 Ne5 12.Nf2 Bd7 13.a5 b5 14.axb6 Qxb6 15.Ra2 0-0 16.Be2 Bb5 17.0-0 Bc4 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Bc1 Rfe8 20.Kh1 a5 21.Qa4 Qb4 22.Nd3 Qxa4 23.Rxa4 Nd7 24.Rxc4 Nb6 25.Ra4 Bxc3 26.Ra2 Bg7 27.h3 a4 28.Bf4 Red8 29.Rb1 Ra5 30.Rc1 Rb5 31.Rc2 g5 32.Bg3 f5 33.exf5 Nxd5 34.Re2 c4 35.Nf2 c3 36.bxc3 Nxc3 37.Ne4 Nxe2 38.Rxe2 Rxf5 39.Bxd6 Rd5 40.Ba3 Rd1+ 41.Kh2 Be5+ 42.Ng3 Rh1+ 43.Kxh1 Bxg3 44.Bc5 Rd1+ 45.Bg1 a3 0-1 (45) Melkumyan,H (2645)-Firouzja,A (2785) chess.com INT 2023;

C) 7...exd5 8.cxd5 0-0 9.Qd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 *(10...Nbd7 11.Nh3 Qa5 12.Ra3 Ne5 13.Nf2 Qb4 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Bd2 Nc4 16.Rb3*

Nxd2 17.Rxb4 cxb4 18.Qxd2 bxc3 19.bxc3 Bxa4 20.c4 Nd7 21.Qb4 Nc5 22.Nd3 a5 23.Qa3 Bd7 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.Be2 Rfb8 26.Kf2 Bd4+ 27.Kg3 b5 28.cxb5 Bxb5 29.Bxb5 Rxb5 30.Qa4 Rb4 31.Qc6 Rab8 32.Re1 R4b6 33.Qa4 Bc3 34.Re2 Rb4 35.Qc6 Be5+ 36.Kh3 c4 37.g3 c3 38.f4 Rb2 39.Re1 Bd4 40.d6 c2 41.d7 Rb1 42.Qxc2 Rxe1 43.Qc8+ Rxc8 44.dxc8Q+ Kg7 45.e5 Re2 46.Qc4 Rd2 47.Qc7 Bg1 48.e6 Rxh2+ 49.Kg4 h5+ 50.Kg5 1-0 (50) Nakamura,H (2802)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024*)*
11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Ng3 Qa5 13.Be2 b5 14.0-0 b4 15.Nd1 c4 16.Bxc4 Qc5+ 17.Ne3 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rac1 Qd4 20.Rf2 Nc5 21.b3 Bd7 22.Qe1 Bg5 23.Nc2 Qe5 24.Rd1 a5 25.Nd4 f5 26.Nc6 Qc3 27.f4 Bf6 28.e5 dxe5 29.Qxc3 bxc3 30.fxe5 Bxe5 31.Nxe5 Rxe5 32.Rc1 g5 33.Re2 Rae8 34.Rxc3 f4 35.Nh5 Kf7 36.d6+ Kg6 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.g4 Bxg4 39.Ng3 fxg3 40.Rxg3 Bd7 0-1 (40) Nakamura,H (2802)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024]

[7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.Ng3 exd5 10.cxd5 h5 11.0-0 h4 12.Nh1 Nh5 13.Be3 Ne5 14.Nf2 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Bd7 16.a4 a6 17.Rab1 Qa5 18.Qd2 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bh6 b4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ncd1 b3 23.Nc3 Qb4 24.Qg5 f6 25.Qe3 Qd4 26.Qc1 f5 27.Rd1 Qf6 28.Re1 Rfe8 29.Qd2 Qd4 30.Qxd4+ cxd4 31.Ne2 Ra4 32.Ra1 Rea8 33.Rxa4 Rxa4 34.Rd1 Ra2 35.Nxd4 Rxb2 36.Nd3 Ra2 37.Nxb3 Ba4 38.Rb1 Bxb3 39.Rxb3 fxe4 40.fxe4 Nf6 41.Rb4 Ra1+ 42.Kf2 Ng4+ 43.Ke2 Ra2+ 44.Rb2 Ra4 45.Nf2 Nxh2 46.Rb6 Ra2+ 47.Ke1 Ra1+ 48.Ke2 Rg1 49.Rxd6 Rxg2 50.Rd7+ Kf6 51.Rh7 Ng4 52.Kf3 Rg3+ 53.Ke2 Rg2 54.Kf3 Rg3+ 55.Ke2 Rg2 ½-½ (55) Ponkratov,P (2593)-Giri,A (2764) chess.com INT 2022]

7...a6

[7...exd5 8.cxd5

A) 8...Nbd7 9.Ng3 h5 10.Be2 Nh7 11.Nf1 a6 *(11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qe7 13.Ne3 0-0 14.a4 Ne5 15.0-0 Bh3 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Bd2 a6 18.Ra3 Qc7 19.f4 Nd7 20.Bxh5 c4 21.Bf3 Nc5 22.Qc2 Nb3 23.Rxb3 cxb3 24.Qxb3 Kh8 25.Ncd1 f5 26.Nf2 fxe4 27.Bxe4 Bf5 28.Rc1 Qd7 29.Bf3 Nf6 30.Rc4 Qe7 31.Nxf5 gxf5 32.Kg2 Rc8 33.Rb4 Rc7 34.a5 Nd7 35.Bd1 Qf7 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Qxb7 Rb8 38.Qc6 Rxb2 39.Bc2 Bd4 40.Nd3 Qe7 41.Kf1 Rb8 42.Ne1 Nc5 43.Nf3 Bf6 44.Bxf5 Rb3 45.Qc8+ Kg7 46.Ng5 Bxg5 47.fxg5 Rf3+ 48.Kg2 Qe2+ 49.Kh3 Rxf5 50.Qxf5 Qxd2 51.Qf6+ Kg8 52.Qg6+ Kh8 53.Qxd6 Nd3 54.Qh6+ Kg8 55.Qe6+ Kg7 56.Qe7+ Kg8 57.d6 Nf2+ 58.Kh4 Qd4+ 59.Kh5 Qd1+ 60.g4 Nxg4 61.Qe8+ Kg7 62.Qd7+ Kh8 63.Qxg4 Qxd6 64.Qc8+ Kg7 65.Qc3+ Kh7 66.Qc2+ Kg7 67.h4 Qe6 68.Qc7+ Kh8 69.Qd8+ Kh7 70.Qc7+ Kh8 71.Qb6 Qc4 72.Qd8+ Kg7 73.Qe7+ Kg8 74.Kh6 Qc6+ 75.g6 Qc1+ 76.Qg5 Qd1 77.Qf4* 1-0 (77) Ding,L (2812)-Grischuk,A (2771) Shamkir AZE 2019 *)* 12.a4 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qe7

14.Ne3 Bd4 15.Nc2 Bg7 16.0-0 h4 17.Be3 0-0 18.Qd2 b6 19.Rae1 Ne5 20.Kg2 f5 21.Bf4 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Bf5 23.Ng5 Qd7 24.Ne6 Bxe6 25.dxe6 Qxe6 26.Ne3 Nf6 27.Bxe5 Qxe5 28.Nc4 Qd5 29.Qc2 Rae8 30.Nxb6 Qg5 31.f4 Qh6 32.Bxa6 Ng4 33.Qb3+ Kh7 34.Nd7 h3+ 35.Kh1 Nf2+ 36.Kg1 Bd4 37.Rxe8 Rxe8 38.Qf7+ Qg7 39.Qxe8 Ng4+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+ 41.Rxf2 Bxf2 42.Bd3 1-0 (42) Sarana,A (2713)-Kuybokarov,T (2562) Bajina Basta SRB 2024;

B) 8...a6 9.a4 Nbd7 10.Ng3 h5 11.Be2 h4 12.Nf1 Rb8 13.Ne3 Nh5 14.a5 Ne5 15.0-0 Nf4 16.Kh1 0-0 17.Rf2 b5 18.axb6 Qxb6 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Be5 21.Ne2 g5 22.Nxf4 gxf4 23.Rc2 Kg7 24.Bd2 f5 25.Bc3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 a5 27.Qe1 fxe4 28.Qxh4 Qd8 29.Qxd8 Rxd8 30.fxe4 Re8 31.Bd3 Kf6 32.Rf2 Ke5 33.Bc2 Bd7 34.h3 Ra8 35.Ba4 Bxa4 36.Rxa4 Rf8 37.Kh2 Rf7 38.Rf3 Rb8 39.Rxa5 Rb2 40.Ra8 Kxe4 41.Rg8 Kxd5 42.h4 Ke4 43.Kh3 Rbb7 44.Re8+ Rbe7 45.Rd8 d5 46.Rf1 Rd7 47.Re8+ Kd3 48.Rf3+ Kc4 49.h5 Rd6 50.g4 d4 51.cxd4 cxd4 52.Rc8+ Kd5 53.g5 Ke4 54.Kg4 d3 55.g6 Re7 56.Rc4+ Ke5 57.Rcxf4 Ke6 58.Rf6+ 1-0 (58) Duda,J (2731)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022;

C) 8...0-0 9.Ng3

C1) 9...Nh5 10.Nxh5 gxh5 11.Be2 *(11.Bd3 f5 12.0-0 f4 13.g3 Bh3 14.Re1 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 fxg3 16.hxg3 Bf2 17.Kh2 Qd7 18.Bf4 h4 19.Qd2 hxg3+ 20.Bxg3 Bxe1 21.Rxe1 Rxf3 22.Qg5+ Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.Be2 Rxg3 25.Kxg3 Bd7 26.Bd3 Na6 27.Bxa6 bxa6 28.e5 dxe5 29.Rxe5 Re8 30.Rxe8 Bxe8 31.Ne4 c4 32.Nd6 Bf7 33.Nxc4 Bxd5 34.Ne5 Bxa2 35.Nc6 Bd5 36.Nb4 Bb7 37.Nd3 Kf6 38.Kf4 h5 39.Nc5 Bc8 40.Ne4+ Kg6 41.Nd6 Be6 42.b4 h4 43.Ne4 h3 44.Kg3 Kf5 45.Nf2 Ke5 46.Nxh3 Kd4 47.Nf4 Bc4 48.Kf3 Kc3 49.Ke3 Bb5 50.Nd5+ Kc4 51.Nf4 Kc3 52.Nd5+ Kc4 53.Nf4 Kxb4 54.Kd2 Kb3 55.Kc1 Ka2 56.Nd5 Bc4 57.Nb4+ Kb3 58.Nxa6 Bxa6 59.Kb1 Bd3+ 60.Ka1 Bh7 ½-½ (60) Sjugirov,S (2675)-Jones,G (2670) chess.com INT 2020; 11.Ne2 f5 12.Nf4 Qe7 13.Be2 Bd4 14.Qc2 fxe4 15.fxe4 Na6 16.a3 Qe5 17.g3 Bg4 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.Kd1 Nc7 20.Re1 Rae8 21.Bd2 b5 22.Rb1 Re7 23.b3 Rfe8 24.Qd3 a6 25.Kc2 Rc8 26.Qe2 c4 27.bxc4 Ne8 28.Qxg4+ Kh8 29.Qxc8 Rc7 30.Qe6 Rxc4+ 31.Kd1 Nf6 32.Qxe5 Bxe5 33.Rb4 Rc8 34.Nd3 Bc3 35.Rb3 Bd4 36.Bf4 Ng4 37.Bxd6 Ne3+ 38.Rxe3 Bxe3 39.e5 Rd8 40.Ke2 Bd4 41.Kf3 Kg7 42.Ke4 Bg1 43.Rc3 Bxh2 44.Rc7+ Kg6 45.Nf4+ Kh6 46.Be7 Re8 47.Rc6+ Kg7 48.Bf6+ Kf7 49.Rc7+ Kg8 50.Rg7+ 1-0 (50) Korobov,A (2688)-Jones,G (2670) chess.com INT 2020)* 11...f5 12.0-0 f4 13.g3 fxg3 14.hxg3 h4 15.Kg2

hxg3 16.Rh1 Be5 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.Qd2 Nd7 19.f4 Bg7 20.Bh5 Re7 21.Bf3 Qf8 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Rh5 Bxg5 24.Rxg5+ Rg7 25.Rxg7+ Qxg7 26.Rh1 b5 27.Rh3 Kh8 28.Rxg3 Qf6 29.Ne2 Nb6 30.Qc3 Qxc3 31.Nxc3 Bd7 32.e5 b4 33.Nd1 Rf8 34.e6 Be8 35.Rg4 Bh5 36.Rg5 Bg6 37.Ne3 Rxf4 38.Rxg6 1-0 (38) Artemiev,V (2701)-Tomashevsky,E (2696) Sochi RUS 2022;

C2) 9...h5 10.Bg5 a6 11.a4 Qe8 *(11...Qa5 12.Be2 Nh7 13.Bd2 h4 14.Nf1 f5 15.Ne3 Qd8 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.f4 Nhf6 21.Qc2 Rae8 22.Qxf5 Ne4 23.Qxe4 Qxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Bg4 Nb6 26.Be6+ Kh7 27.f5 Bf6 28.Bf4 Rd8 29.g4 hxg3 30.hxg3 Re2 31.Rae1 Rc2 32.Rg1 Kg7 33.Rg2 Rh8+ 34.Kg1 Bd4+ 35.Be3 Bxe3+ 36.Rxe3 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Nc4 38.Rc3 Rxc3 39.bxc3 b5 40.axb5 axb5 41.g4 b4 42.cxb4 cxb4 43.g5 b3 44.Rg3 Rb8 45.f6+ Kg6* 0-1 (45) Korobov,A (2688)-Fedoseev,V (2678) chess.com INT 2020*; 11...Qb6 12.Qd2 Nh7 13.Bh4 Nd7 14.Be2 Re8 15.Nf1 Ne5 16.Ne3 Qb4 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Kh1 b5 19.f4 Qd4 20.Qc1 b4 21.Nc2 Nd3 22.Qb1 Qc4 23.Rf3 bxc3 24.Bxd3 Qb3 25.bxc3 Qxb1+ 26.Rxb1 c4 27.Bxc4 Rxe4 28.Bd3 Rxa4 29.c4 a5 30.h3 Ra2 31.Rb7 Ba4 32.Ne3 Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Be8 34.c5 dxc5 35.d6 Bc6 36.Rc7 Bxf3 37.d7 Nf8 38.Rc8 Bh6 39.Rxa8 Bxa8 40.d8Q Bxf4+ 41.Bg3 Bxe3 42.Bd6 Bh6 43.Qxa8 Rd1 44.Qf3 Rd2 45.Bc4 Ne6 46.Bxe6 fxe6 47.Qa8+ Kh7 48.Qb7+* 1-0 (48) Korobov,A (2685)-Amin,B (2673) chess.com INT 2020*)* 12.Be2 *(12.Bd3 Nh7 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.Nge2 Nd7 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Bc2 Rb8 17.a5 b5 18.axb6 Rxb6 19.Bc1 h4 20.f4 Ng4 21.h3 Ngf6 22.Ra2 Bd7 23.Qe1 Nh5 24.Be3 Rfb8 25.b3 Rxb3 26.Bxb3 Rxb3 27.Bd2 Bd4+ 28.Kh2 N7f6 29.Rf3 Rb4 30.Rxa6 Rc4 31.Ra7 Qd8 32.Qa1 Nxe4 33.Ra8 Bc8 34.Qa6 Nxd2 35.Rxc8 Nxf3+ 36.gxf3 Qxc8 37.Qxc8+ Kg7 38.Nxd4 Rxd4 39.Qd8 Rd2+ 40.Kg1 Nxf4 41.Qxd6 Nxh3+ 42.Kf1* 1-0 (42) Wojtaszek,R (2724)-Svidler,P (2739) Moscow RUS 2019 *)* 12...Nh7 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.0-0 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 h4 16.e5 dxe5 17.d6 Qd8 18.Bh6 hxg3 19.hxg3 0-1 (19) Ehlvest,J (2528)-Sjugirov,S (2690) chess.com INT 2024;

C3) 9...a6 10.a4 Nbd7 *(10...h5 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Qd2 Nh7 14.Bh6 h4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nf1 f5 17.exf5 Ne5 18.Ne3 Bxf5 19.0-0 g5 20.f4 gxf4 21.Rxf4 Qg6 22.Rxh4 Ng5 23.Nxf5+ Rxf5 24.Kh1 Raf8 25.Rg1 Qf6 26.Qe3 Ng6 27.Rg4 Qe5 28.Ne4 Nxe4 29.Rxe4 Qxb2 30.Qg3 R8f6 31.Bd3 Qf2 32.Re7+ Kf8 33.Qxf2 Rxf2 34.Rxb7 a5 35.Bxg6 Rxg6*

36.Ra7 Rg4 37.Rxa5 c4 38.h3 Rd4 39.Ra7 c3 40.Rc7 c2 41.a5 Rd1 42.Kh2 Rxg1 43.Kxg1 Rd2 44.Kh2 Rxd5 45.Rxc2 Rxa5 46.h4 Ke7 47.Rf2 d5 48.h5 d4 49.g4 d3 50.h6 d2 51.Rxd2 Kf6 52.Kg3 Kg5 53.h7 Ra3+ 54.Kg2 Ra8 55.Rd7 Kg6 56.Kg3 Rh8 57.Kh4 Kh6 58.Ra7 Kg6 59.Rb7 Kh6 60.Rb5 Kxh7 61.Kh5 Kg7+ 62.Kg5 Ra8 63.Rb7+ Kg8 64.Rb6 Kg7 65.Rb7+ Kg8 66.Kh5 Rc8 67.g5 Rc6 68.Rb8+ Kg7 69.Rb7+ Kg8 70.Rb8+ Kg7 71.Rb7+ Kg8 ½-½ (71) Duda,J (2729)-Svidler,P (2714) chess24.com INT 2021*)* 11.Be2 Rb8 *(11...Ne8 12.h4 Rb8 13.h5 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Nxb5 Ne5 16.Nc3 f5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.f4 Ng6 21.Bd3 Bxc3+ 22.bxc3 Qf6 23.Bd2 Rb7 24.Ra8 c4 25.Bc2 Re7+ 26.Kf1 Ng7 27.Rxf8+ Nxf8 28.g4 Nd7 29.g5 Qf7 30.Qf3 Nf8 31.Be3 Qe8 32.Bd4 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Rxh1 34.Qxh1 Ng6 35.Bxg7 Kxg7 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.Bxf5 Nxf4 38.Be6+ Nxe6 39.Qxe6+ Qxe6 40.dxe6 Kg7 41.Ke3* 1-0 (41) Duda,J (2756)-Giri,A (2774) chess.com INT 2021 *)*

C3a) 12.0-0 Ne8

C3a1) 13.f4 h5 14.e5 f5 15.exf6 Ndxf6 16.Nge4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Nf6 19.Ng5 Ng4 20.Ra3 Nf2+ 21.Rxf2 Bxf2 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Qf6 24.Rf3 Bd4 25.f5 Be5 26.Bd3 Qh4 27.g3 Qd4 28.e7 Rxf5 29.Qb3+ c4 30.Bxc4+ Kg7 31.Be6 Rxf3 32.Qxf3 Bf6 33.Kg2 Qe5 34.e8Q Rxe8 0-1 (34) Gupta,A (2628)-Erigaisi,A (2660) chess24.com INT 2022;

C3a2) 13.Re1 Bd4+ *(13...Nc7 14.Bf4 Qe7 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Ra5 Rb4 19.Nf1 Nb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Rxb5 Rd4 22.Qa5 f5 23.Qc7 Be5 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Ra5 Rb4 26.Ra8 Nb6 27.Raa1 fxe4 28.fxe4 Rxe4 29.Qxb6 Rxe2 30.Rxe2 Qxe2 31.Qxd6 Qxb2 32.Rd1 c4 33.Qc6 Rf8 34.Qxc4 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Bg4 36.d6+ Rf7 37.Rb1 Be2 38.Qc8+ Rf8 39.Qe6+ Kg7 40.Qe5+ Kg8 41.Ne3 Bf3 42.h3 Bc6 43.Nd5 Re8 44.Nf6+ Kf8 45.Nxh7+ Kg8 46.Nf6+ Kf8 47.Qg5 Re6 48.d7 Re1+ 49.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 50.Kh2 Ke7 51.Qc5+* 1-0 (51) Ding,L (2805)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Abidjan CIV 2019*)* 14.Kh1 Qh4 15.Rf1 Ne5 16.f4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Qe1 Nf6 19.e5 Nd7 20.Nce4 dxe5 21.f5 f6 22.Be3 Kh8 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.Rc1 gxf5 25.Nxf5 Qxe1 26.Rcxe1 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Rbc8 28.d6 Kg7 29.g4 Kf7 30.Ng5+ Kg6 31.Ne6 Rh8 32.Nc7 h5 33.Nd5 hxg4 34.Ne7+ Kf7 35.Nxc8

Rxc8 36.Kg2 d3 37.Rf2 Rc4 38.Rd2 Rd4 39.Kf2 f5 40.Rc1 f4 41.Rc7 Ke6 42.Rxb7 e4 0-1 (42) Ding,L (2811)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2776) chess.com INT 2019;

C3a3) 13.Kh1 Nc7 14.f4 b5 15.e5 dxe5 16.d6 Ne6 17.axb5 exf4 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 19.Rxf4 axb5 20.Nxb5 Bxb2 21.Bc4 Ne5 22.Be2 Qg5 23.Rfa4 Bxa1 24.Qxa1 Bb7 25.Nc3 Ra8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Qb2 Bc6 28.Nce4 Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Qe3 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.Ng4 Qd4 32.Qxd4 cxd4 0-1 (32) Iniyan,P (2533)-Dubov,D (2701) chess.com INT 2024;

C3b) 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Qd2 h5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Bh6 h4 17.Nh1 f5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f4 Nf7 20.Nf2 Nf6 21.Bd3 Re8 22.Rae1 Bd7 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Rxe8 Nxe8 25.Nh3 Qf6 26.Kh1 Nc7 27.Ng5 Re8 28.Nf3 b5 29.axb5 axb5 30.Bb1 Nh8 31.g3 hxg3 32.hxg3 b4 33.Nd1 Ng6 34.Kg2 Bc8 35.Bd3 Nxd5 36.Bb5 Ndxf4+ 37.gxf4 Re4 38.Kf2 Rxf4 39.Rg1 Qh4+ 40.Ke2 Qe7+ 41.Kf2 Qh4+ 42.Ke2 Qe7+ 43.Kf2 Qh4+ ½-½ (43) So,W (2757)-Shankland,S (2674) Saint Louis USA 2024]

8.a4 Qe7 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bg5 Nc6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nec3 Nd4 14.Bd3 0-0 15.0-0 Be6 16.Ne2 Nxe2+ 17.Bxe2 Rf7 18.Qd2 Qf8 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.Rad1 h6 21.Be3 Rc7 22.b4 cxb4 23.Qxb4 Rc6 24.a5 h5 25.Nd5 Rd7 26.Bd3 Rf7 27.Bc2 Kh7 28.Bf2 Rc8 29.Nb6 Rd8 30.c5 dxc5 31.Bxc5 Qg8 32.Rxd8 Qxd8 33.Rd1 Qg8 34.Be7 Bh6 35.Nd5 Bxd5 36.exd5 Qc8 37.Bb3 e4 38.d6 Be3+ 39.Kf1 Qf5 40.Qc4 Rg7 41.Qe6 Qb5+ 42.Bc4 Qb2 43.Be2 Ng8 44.Bf8 1-0 (44) Aronian,L (2739)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2737) Chennai IND 2024

[133] **11.Kg2** Bg7 12.e4 Nh7 13.Nh3 0-0 14.Nf4 Rb8 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Be2 Bd7 18.Rxa6 Rxa6 19.Bxa6 c4 20.Bb5 Bxb5 21.Nxb5 Qa5 22.Nc3 Rb8 23.Re1 Nf6 24.Qa4 Qc7 25.Qa3 Nfd7 26.Be3 Rb3 27.Qa8+ Kh7 28.Re2 Rb8 29.Qa7 Qc8 30.Qa3 Ra8 31.Qb4 Ra1 32.Nh3 Kg8 33.Ng5 Bf8 34.Qb5 Ra8 35.Nd1 Rb8 36.Qa4 Be7 37.Nf2 Nc5 38.Bxc5 Qxc5 39.f4 Nd3 40.Nf3 Nxb2 41.Qc6 Qxc6 42.dxc6 c3 43.Rc2 Na4 44.Ra2 Nc5 45.Ra3 Rc8 46.Rxc3 Rxc6 47.Nd3 Ra6 48.Nxc5 Ra2+ 49.Kf1 dxc5 50.Ne5 Ra4 51.Nc4 Bf6 52.e5 Be7 53.Ke2 f6 54.Kd3 fxe5 55.Nxe5 Bf6 56.Rxc5 Bxe5 57.fxe5 Kf7 58.Rc7+ Ke6 59.Rc6+ Kxe5 60.Rxg6 Ra3+ 61.Kc4 Ke4 62.Rg5 Ra8 63.Kb5 Kf3 64.Kc6 Rd8 65.Rxh5 Kxg3 66.Rd5 Rxd5 67.Kxd5 Kxh4 ½-½ (67) Aronian, L (2747)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2722) Warsaw POL 2025

[134] **5...e5** 6.d5

[6.Nge2 0-0

A) 7.d5 Nh5 *(7...c6 8.Be3 Na6 9.Qd2 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nh5 11.g4 Nf4 12.Nxf4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nc5 14.h4 Qb6 15.Be3 Bd7 16.h5*

Rac8 17.Rd1 Be5 18.Qf2 Qb4 19.Rd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Na4 21.Qd2 f6 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.g5 Qxb2 24.Qxb2 Nxb2 25.gxf6 Nc4 26.f4 Ne3 27.Kd2 Nxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Rc4 29.Kd3 Rfc8 30.Rg1 Kf7 31.Rh1 Kg8 32.Rh6 b5 33.Rxg6+ Kf8 34.Rh6 b4 35.Rh8+ Kf7 36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.Rg7+ Kf8 38.Rxd7 bxc3 39.Be3 c2 40.Bc1 Rc3+ 41.Kd2 Rf3 42.Rxd6 Rxf4 43.Ba3 Kf7 44.e5 Rd4+ 45.Ke3 Rh4 46.e6+ Kxf6 47.e7+ Kf7 48.Rd8 Rh8 49.Rxh8 Rxh8 50.Kd2 Rh3 51.Bb4 Rh4 52.Bd6 Rc4 53.Kc1 Ke8 54.Ba3 Ra4 55.Bb2 Kxe7 56.Kxc2 Rxa2 57.Kb3 Ra5 58.Ba3+ Kd7 59.d6 Kc6 60.Bb4 Rh5 61.Ka4 Kb6 62.Be1 Rd5 63.Bb4 Rd4 64.Kb3 Kb5 65.Ba3 Rd3+ 66.Kc2 Kc4 67.Bc5 a6 68.Bb4 Rd5 69.Ba3 a5 70.Kb2 Rd2+ 71.Kc1 Kc3 72.Bc5 Rd5 73.Bb6 a4 74.Bc7 a3 0-1 (74) Baum,J (2479)-Onischuk,V (2602) Chotowa POL 2025 *)* 8.Be3 f5 9.Qd2

A1) 9...Na6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.Rg1 *(11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.h3 f4 14.Bf2 Nh5 15.g4 fxg3 16.Nxg3 Nf4 17.Nce4 b6 18.b4 Qe8 19.a3 Nb8 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Ne2 a5 22.Nxf4 exf4 23.Rxg7 Kxg7 24.Bxf4 Rxf4 25.Qxf4 Qe5 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Bd3 Nc5 28.Qh4 Nxd3+ 29.Rxd3 Bf5 30.Re3 axb4 31.Qh6+ Qg7 32.Qf4 Qe5 33.Qxe5 dxe5 34.axb4 Ra4 35.Nd2 Rxb4 36.Rxe5 Bd3 37.c5 bxc5 38.Ne4 Rd4 39.Nxc5 Kf7 40.f4 Bc4 41.Rh5 Kg8 42.Ne6 Rxd5 43.Rxd5 Bxd5 44.Nxc7 Bg2 45.h4 Kf7 46.Kd2 Kf6 47.Nb5 Kf5 48.Nd4+ Kxf4 ½-½* (48) Fire Beta (3729)-LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 11...f4 12.Bf2 Bf5 13.g3 fxg3 14.Nxg3 Bg6 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Nxh5 Bg6 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.h4 Rf5 19.Ne4 Qf8 20.Ng5 Kh8 21.0-0-0 Qf6 22.b3 Nc5 23.Rg3 b6 24.Be3 Rf4 25.h5 Nd3+ 26.Kb1 Bf5 27.Rdg1 Re8 28.a4 h6 29.Ne4 Bxe4 30.fxe4 Rf1+ 31.Kc2 Rxg1 32.Rxg1 Nf4 33.Rf1 Qh4 34.Bxf4 exf4 35.Qxf4 Qxh5 36.a5 Qg5 37.e5 dxe5 38.Qe4 Re7 39.Rf8+ Kg7 40.Rf2 Kh8 41.Rg2 Qh5 42.a6 Rg7 43.d6 Rxg2+ 44.Qxg2 Qf5+ 45.Kc1 Qf4+ 46.Kc2 Qf5+ 47.Kb2 e4 48.dxc7 Qe5+ 49.Ka3 Qa5+ 50.Kb2 Qe5+ 51.Kc2 Qxc7 52.Qxe4 Qh2+ 53.Kd3 Qh3+ 54.Kd4 Qxb3 55.Qa8+ Kg7 56.Qxa7+ Kf6 57.Qb7 Qd1+ 58.Kc3 Qa1+ 59.Kb3 Qd1+ 60.Ka3 Qa1+ 61.Kb3 Qb1+ 62.Ka4 Qd1+ 63.Kb4 Qb1+ 64.Kc3 Qe1+ 65.Kc2 Qe2+ 66.Kc3 Qe1+ 67.Kc2 Qe2+ 68.Kb1 Qd3+ 69.Kb2 Qd2+ 70.Kb3 Qd3+ 71.Kb2 Qd2+ 72.Kb3 Qd1+ 73.Kb4 Qb1+ 74.Ka4 Qd1+ 75.Kb5 Qb3+ 76.Kc6 Qxc4+ 77.Kd6 Qd3+ 78.Kc7 Qg3+ 79.Kc8 Qg8+ 80.Kd7 Qg4+ 81.Kd6 Qg3+ 82.Kd5 Qg2+ 83.Kc4 Qc2+ 84.Kd5 ½-½* (84) LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809)-Fire Beta (3729) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 9...Bf6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.f4 e4 12.h3 Bh4+ 13.Kd1 Ng7 14.g4 fxg4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Bh3 Bf3 17.Rg1 Bf6 18.Kc2 Kh8 19.Nd4 Na6 20.a3 Nc5 21.Nxf3 exf3 22.Raf1 Qe7 23.Rxf3 Rae8 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Qd3 Bd4 26.Rg2 a6 27.Bg4 Qf6 28.Rh3 Nf5 29.Ne4 Qg6 30.Kb3 Rg8 31.Rgh2 Re7 32.Ng5 Qb6+ 33.Ka2 Nh4 34.Rxh4 1-0 (34) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Nd5 Ne8 10.Ne7+ Kh8 11.Nxc8 Nc6 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Rb1 Raxc8 14.Nd5 Nc2+ 15.Kf2 Bf8 16.Bd3 Nd4 17.Be3 c6 18.Nc3 Bc5 19.Rbd1 Nc7 20.Na4 Be7 21.h4 h5 22.g4 hxg4 23.fxg4 Nce6 24.h5 Kg7 25.Nc3 Bg5 26.Ne2 Bxe3+ 27.Kxe3 Nxe2 28.Bxe2 Rxd1 29.Bxd1 Rd8 30.Rf1 Nf4 31.Bc2 gxh5 32.gxh5 Nxh5 33.Rf5 Nf6 34.Rg5+ Kf8 35.c5 Nd7 36.b4 a5 37.a3 axb4 38.axb4 Re8 39.Bb3 b6 40.Rf5 Re7 41.cxb6 Nxb6 42.Rf6 Rc7 43.Ba4 Ke7 44.Rxc6 Rxc6 45.Bxc6 Kd6 46.Be8 Ke7 47.Bb5 f5 48.exf5 Nd5+ 49.Ke4 Nxb4 50.Kxe5 Nc2 51.f6+ Kf7 52.Bc4+ Kf8 53.Bd5 Ne3 54.Be6 Nc2 55.Ke4 Nb4 56.Bd7 Na6 57.Kd4 Nc7 58.Ke5 Kf7 59.Bc6 Kf8 60.Kf5 Kf7 61.Kg5 Ne6+ 62.Kf5 Ng7+ 63.Ke5 Nh5 64.Bd5+ Kf8 65.f7 Ng7 66.Bf3 Kxf7 ½-½ (66) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024;

C) 7.Bg5

C1) 7...c6 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.d5 Nbd7 *(9...a6 10.Nc1 Qc7 11.Nd3 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Nb4 Bd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Nbd5 Qd8 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bxb5 Rfc8 19.0-0 Be6 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Rfc1 Qd8 22.h3 Rb8 23.Kh2 Qa5 24.a3 Rb3 25.Rc2 Kg7 26.Rac1 Rb8 27.Qe1 Rbc8 28.Rd2 Bb3 29.Qf2 h5 30.h4 Rb8 31.Na2 Rxc1 32.Nxc1 Qc5 33.Qxc5 dxc5 34.Kg3 Be6 35.Kf2 c4 36.Ne2 f6 37.Nc3 g5 38.g3 Kf8 39.a4 Kf7 40.Ke1 Ke7 41.Kd1 g4 42.fxg4 Bxg4+ 43.Kc2 f5 44.a5 fxe4 45.Nd5+ Ke6 46.a6 Rc8 47.Nb6 Rg8 48.Nxc4 Rc8 49.Kb3 Ra8 50.Rd6+ Ke7 51.Rd5 Rxa6 52.Rxe5+ Be6 53.Kc3 Ra8 54.Rxh5 Rc8 55.b3 Rd8 56.Rh7+ Kf8 57.Ne5 Rd1 58.Rh6 Bd5 59.Kc2 Ra1 60.Rh7 Rf1 61.b4 Be6 62.Kd2 Rf5 63.Ng6+ Kg8 64.Re7 Rf6 65.Ne5 Bd5 66.h5 Kf8 67.Rc7 Kg8 68.Rc5 Rd6 69.Ke3 Kg7 70.b5 Kf6 71.Ng6 Rd8 72.g4 Ba8 73.g5+ Kf7 74.Nf4 Rd1 75.h6 Re1+ 76.Kd4 Ke8 77.g6 Kd7 78.g7 Kd6 79.h7 Rd1+ 80.Nd3 Rxd3+ 81.Kc4 Rd1 82.Rg5 Rc1+ 83.Kb4 Rb1+ 84.Ka5 Kc7 85.g8Q Ra1+ 86.Kb4 Rb1+ 87.Ka3 Ra1+ 88.Kb3 Rb1+ 89.Ka2 Rc1 90.Qd8+ Kxd8 91.h8Q+ Kc7 92.Qxa8 e3 93.Qa7+ Kd6 94.Qb6+ Rc6 95.Qxc6+* 1-0 (95) LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642)-Stockfish Dev (3673) tcec-chess.com INT 2023) 10.g4 h5 11.h3 Nc5

12.Rb1 Qc7 13.b4 Ncd7 14.Ng3 Nh7 15.Be7 Re8 16.dxc6 Rxe7 17.cxd7 Bxd7 18.gxh5 Re6 19.h4 gxh5 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Bh3 Bh6 22.Qf2 Bc6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Rg1 Kh8 25.Nc3 Qe7 26.Rd1 Nf6 27.Nge2 Kh7 28.a3 a6 29.Qh2 Be3 30.Rg2 Rf8 31.c5 Qf7 32.cxd6 Ng4 33.Qh3 Bh6 34.Rd3 Ne3 35.Rg5 Nc4 36.Nd1 Rd8 37.Ng3 Be8 38.Rxh5 Rxd6 39.Rxh6+ Kxh6 40.Rxd6 Nxd6 41.Ne3 Kh7 42.Kf2 Bc6 43.Qg4 b6 44.Kg2 Qg6 45.Qxg6+ Kxg6 46.Ngf1 a5 47.Nd2 Bb5 48.Ng4 axb4 49.axb4 Nf7 50.Nb1 Ba4 51.Na3 b5 52.Kg3 Kh5 53.Nb1 Bc2 54.Nc3 Bd3 55.Nd1 Kg6 56.Ndf2 Bf1 57.Ne3 Be2 58.Nh3 Kh5 59.Ng4 Bxf3 60.Kxf3 Kxh4 61.Nhf2 Ng5+ 62.Ke3 Nf7 63.Nh2 Kg5 64.Nd3 Kf6 65.Nf3 Ke7 66.Ndxe5 Nd8 67.Nd4 Kd6 68.Kf4 Kc7 69.Kg5 Kb6 70.Kf6 Ka7 71.Ke7 Nb7 72.Kd7 Na5 73.Kc7 Ka6 74.Nxe6 Ka7 75.bxa5 b4 76.Nc5 b3 77.Nc6+ Ka8 78.Na4 b2 79.Nb6# 1-0 (79) Stockfish Dev (3673)-LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

C2) 7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 *(8...h6 9.Be3 c6 10.Be2 Re8 11.Qd2 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bf2 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nc6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Rfd1 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Bd5 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Rc5 a6 21.Rdc1 Rad8 22.Bf1 Bc6 23.Rd1 Ba4 24.Rb1 Bc6 25.Rc4 Bb5 26.Rcb4 Bxf1 27.Rxb7 Qd5 28.Kxf1 Bxd4 29.Bxd4 Qxd4 30.Qxd4 Rxd4 31.R1b2 Ra4 32.R7b3 Re5 33.Rd2 Rea5 34.Rbb2 Ra3 35.Kf2 h5 36.Kg3 Kg7 37.h4 R3a4 38.Rbc2 Ra3 39.Re2 R3a4 40.Rb2 Ra3 41.Rec2 R3a4 42.Re2 Ra3 43.Rf2 R3a4 44.Rfe2 ½-½ (44) Tang,A (2502)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024)* 9.Nc2 Be6 10.Be2 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bf2 Ne5 13.Ne3 Ng6 14.Qc2 c6 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Kb1 b4 *(16...Nf4 17.Bf1 Rb8 18.h4 g4 19.e5 Nd7 20.Nf5 Bxe5 21.Nxh6+ Kg7 22.g3 Ne2 23.Nxe2 bxc4 24.Nd4 c5 25.Nc6 Rxb2+ 26.Qxb2 Qa8 27.Nxe5 Rb8 28.Nxc4+ Rxb2+ 29.Nxb2 Kxh6 30.Bd3 Qd5 31.Kc1 Ne5 32.Be3+ Kg7 33.Bb1 Qxf3 34.Rhe1 Qxg3 35.h5 Kh8 36.h6 f6 37.Bc2 Bg8 38.Nd3 Bh7 39.Nxe5 Qxe5 40.Bf2 Qf4+ 41.Rd2 Bxc2 42.Re8+ Kh7 43.Re7+ Kh8 44.Kxc2 g3 45.Be1 Qc4+ 46.Kb2 Qb4+ 47.Ka1 Qc4 ½-½ (47) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634)-Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024)* 17.Na4 Qe7 18.h4 Nxh4 19.g3 Ng6 20.f4 gxf4 21.gxf4 Nxf4 22.Bg3 Nxe2 23.Bxd6 Qd8 24.Nc5 Bg4 25.Be5 Nc3+ 26.bxc3 Bxd1 27.Rxd1 Qb6 28.Nf5 Rfd8 29.Rg1 bxc3+ 30.Ka1 Ng4 31.Bxg7 h5 32.Qxc3 Qxc5 33.Rf1 Kh7 34.Qc1 Rd3 35.Qg5 Rh3

36.Bd4 Qf8 37.Nd6 f6 38.Qf5+ Kh8 39.Qe6 Kh7 40.e5 c5 41.Qf5+ Kh8 42.Bb2 Rh2 43.exf6 Qxd6 44.Qg6 Qf8 45.Bc3 Rh3 46.Rf5 Rh1+ 47.Kb2 Rb8+ 48.Ka3 Rh3 49.Rxh5+ Rxh5 50.f7+ Re5 51.Qxg4 Qxf7 52.Bxe5+ Kh7 53.Bxb8 Qf6 54.Qh3+ Kg6 55.Qg3+ Kh7 56.Be5 Qa6+ 57.Kb2 Qb7+ 58.Kc2 Qf7 59.Qh3+ Kg6 60.Qg4+ Kh7 61.Qe4+ Kh6 62.Qf4+ Qxf4 63.Bxf4+ Kg6 64.Be3 Kf6 65.Bxc5 1-0 (65) Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

6...Nh5 7.Be3 f5 8.Qd2 f4 9.Bf2 Bf6 10.0-0-0

[10.g4

A) 10...fxg3 11.hxg3 Bg5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Bh3 *(13.Kd1 a5 14.Kc2 Rf7 15.Rd1 Na6 16.Kb1 Qe7 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.Bh3 Bxh3 19.Nxh3 Raf8 20.Rd3 Bh6 21.Ra3 Qd8 22.Qd1 Nc5 23.g4 Nf4 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Nxf4 Bxf4 26.Rd3 Rd7 27.Qg1 b6 28.Na7 Rf6 29.Qf1 h6 30.Qe2 Rh7 31.Nc6 Qd7 32.Rdd1 Rf8 33.a3 Ra8 34.Rdg1 Qd6 35.Rh3 Rh8 36.Rgh1 a4 37.Qd3 Kg7 38.Rg1 Bg5 39.Rhh1 Rhe8 40.Qe2 Bf4 41.Rh3 Qf6 42.Qc2 Be3 43.Rgh1 Bf4 44.Qd1 Qd6 45.Rf1 Qf6 46.Re1 Qd6 47.Ka1 Qf6 48.Reh1 Qd6 49.Qc2 Qf6 50.Qc3 Bg5 51.Qc2 Bf4 52.Qc3 Bg5 53.Re1 Bf4 54.Qd3 Bg5 55.Rg1 Bf4 56.Ka2 Bg5 57.Rb1 Bf4 58.Rbh1 Qd6 59.Qd1 Qf6 60.Rf1 Kh7 61.Rf2 Kg7 62.Qh1 Rf8 63.Ka1 Rfe8 64.Qe1 Qg5 65.Rg2 Qf6 66.Kb1 Bg5 67.Qe2 Bf4 68.Rg1 Bg5 69.Rgh1 Bf4 70.Qd1 Qd6 71.Qe2 Qf6 72.Rg1 Rf8 73.Re1 Rfe8 74.Ka2 Qd6 75.Rhh1 Rf8 76.Ra1 Bg5 77.Rae1 Qf6 78.Rhf1 Qd6 79.Qg2 Bf4 80.Rg1 Bg5 81.Rh1 Qf6 82.Qc2 Rf7 83.Rhf1 Rff8 84.Qd3 Kh7 85.Rd1 Qd6 86.b4 axb3+ 87.Qxb3 Ra6 88.a4 Bf4 89.Rd3 Bg3 90.Qc2 Bf4 91.Rb1 Raa8 92.Ka3 Ra6 93.a5 Kg7 94.Ka4 Bg3 95.Qe2 Bf4 96.Rb5 Rfa8 97.Qf1 Rf8 98.Qg2 Qd7 99.Kb3 Qd6 100.Ka4 Kh7 101.Qe2 Kg7 102.Rd1 Bg5 103.Qf2 Bf4 104.Qb2 Bg3 105.Rf1 Bf4 106.Qc3 Qf6 107.Qd3 Qd6 108.Re1 Bg3 109.Rf1 Bf4 110.Rfb1 Bg3 111.Qe3 Qf6 112.Qd3 Qd6 113.Qe3 Bf4 114.Qc3 Qf6 115.Qb2 Bg3 116.Rg1 Qxf3 117.Qb3 Qe2 118.Rxg3 Rf1 119.Qb2 Qxc4+ 120.Ka3 Qxe4 121.Qxe5+ Qxe5 122.Nxe5 Rxa5+ 123.Rxa5 bxa5 124.Kb3 Rf4 125.Nc6 Kf6 126.Re3 a4+ ½-½ (126) Rubichess (3508)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)*

13...Bxh3 *(13...a5 14.Bg4 Bxg4 15.fxg4 Ng7 16.Nh3 Nd7 17.Kd1 Qf6 18.Rh2 Rf7 19.Nxg5 Qxg5 20.Be3 Qf6 21.Kd2 Qf3 22.Rah1 Qxe2+ 23.Nxe2 Nf8 24.Nc3 h5 25.Rh3 Rf3 26.g5 Nd7 27.Ke2 Rf7 28.b3 Raf8 29.Nb1 Rc8 30.Rd1 Ra8 31.a3 Nc5 32.Nd2 a4 33.b4 Nb3 34.Nf3 Nd4+ 35.Nxd4 exd4 36.Rxd4 Re8 37.g4 hxg4 38.Rg3 Rfe7 39.Kd3 b6 40.c5 b5 41.c6 Kf8 42.Bc1 Rf7*

43.Rxg4 Ke7 44.Rh4 Nh5 45.Kc2 Rf2+ 46.Rd2 Rf1 47.Rhh2 Ref8 48.Bb2 Re1 49.Rde2 Rxe2+ 50.Rxe2 Rf3 51.Bc1 Ng3 52.Rh2 Nh5 53.Rh1 Kd8 54.Rh4 Ke7 55.Rh2 Ke8 56.Kd1 Rd3+ 57.Ke2 Rb3 58.Kd2 Rg3 59.Rh1 Rxg5 60.Kd3 Rg3+ 61.Be3 Nf4+ 62.Kd2 Rg2+ 63.Kc3 Nh5 64.Kd3 Rg3 65.Rf1 g5 66.e5 Nf4+ 67.Ke4 Nxd5 68.Kxd5 Rxe3 69.exd6 Rd3+ 70.Kc5 Rxd6 71.Rg1 Rg6 72.Rg4 ½-½ (72) Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT 2023*)* 14.Nxh3 a5 *(14...Bh6 15.0-0 a5 16.b3 Rf7 17.a3 Nd7 18.Kg2 Ndf6 19.Rh1 Qe7 20.Rad1 Kh8 21.b4 Qd7 22.c5 Raf8 23.Be1 axb4 24.axb4 Rg7 25.Rd3 Ra8 26.Nd1 Rgg8 27.Rc3 Ra1 28.Rc2 Ra3 29.Bc3 b6 30.Ndf2 Qa4 31.cxd6 cxd6 32.Bb2 Rb3 33.Nd3 Qd7 34.Nhf2 Qe7 35.Rh3 Rf8 36.Rc6 Nxg3 37.Rxg3 Nh5 38.Rg4 Nf6 39.Qc2 Nxg4 40.Nxg4 Rxd3 41.Qxd3 Bf4 42.Qc3 h5 43.Nf2 Qh4 44.Rxd6 Kg7 45.Rd7+ Kh6 46.Kf1 Kg5 47.Qc7 Qh2 48.Rd6 Rg8 49.Qe7+ Kh6 50.Rd7 Qg3 51.Qh7+ Kg5 52.Qxg8 Be3 53.Qd8+ Kh6 54.Qh8+ Kg5 55.Qxe5+ Kh4 56.Qxg3+ Kxg3 57.Be5+ Bf4 58.Bxf4+ Kh4 59.Kg2 g5 60.Bg3#* 1-0 (60) Komododragon (3569)-Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 15.Kf1 Na6 16.Kg2 Bh6 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rab1 Nc5 19.b3 Rf7 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Na4 Raf8 22.Rhf1 Nf6 23.Nb2 Bg7 24.Nd3 Nd7 25.a4 b6 26.f4 h6 27.Rh1 Qe8 28.Rbe1 exf4 29.Ndxf4 Re7 30.Ne6 Rxe6 31.dxe6 Qxe6 32.Nf4 Qf7 33.Nd5 Ne5 34.Rhf1 Qd7 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.Rd1 Qc6 37.Qd2 Ke8 38.Nc3 Qf6 39.Rf1 Qc6 40.Qd5 Qxd5 41.cxd5 Ng4 42.Kh3 h5 43.Nb5 Be5 44.Na7 Bf6 45.Nc6 Kd7 46.Rf4 Kd6 47.Kg2 g5 48.Rf3 c4 49.bxc4 Kc5 50.e5 Bxe5 51.Nxe5 Nxe5 52.Rf5 Nxc4 53.Rxg5 Kb4 54.Rxh5 b5 55.axb5 a4 56.g4 a3 57.g5 Ne3+ 58.Kf3 Nxd5 59.Rh1 Kb3 60.g6 Nf6 61.Kf4 Ne8 62.Ke5 Kb2 63.Ke6 Nd6 64.b6 c6 65.Kxd6 Kc2 66.g7 a2 67.g8Q a1Q 68.Qc4+ Kb2 69.Rh2+ Ka3 70.Rh3+ Qc3 71.Rxc3+ 1-0 (71) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-Rubichess (3508) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 10...Ng7 11.h4 c5 12.Nge2 h6 13.Nc1 a5 *(13...Kf7 14.Nd3 a5 15.h5 gxh5 16.gxh5 Kg8 17.0-0-0 Nd7 18.Nb5 Nf8 19.Rg1 Kh7 20.Be1 Rg8 21.Qh2 Ne8 22.Rxg8 Kxg8 23.Bh3 Bxh3 24.Qxh3 Qd7 25.Qg2+ Qg7 26.Qh1 Qd7 27.Rd2 Nc7 28.Rg2+ Bg5 29.a4 b6 30.Nf2 Nh7 31.Ng4 Nxb5 32.cxb5 Kh8 33.Nf2 Rf8 34.Kb1 Qf7 35.Nd1 Nf6 36.Nc3 Rg8 37.Ka1 Qxh5 38.Rh2 Qf7 39.Nb1 Kh7 40.Nd2 Ne8 41.Nc4 Qc7 42.Rg2 Rg6 43.Qh3 Ng7 44.Kb1 Bf6 45.Rh2 Bd8 46.Kc2 Kg8 47.Kd2 h5 48.Ke2 Kh8 49.Bf2 Kh7 50.Rh1 Kg8 51.Kd2 Kh7 52.Ra1 Qe7 53.Ke2 Qc7 54.b3 Kh8 55.Kd3 Kh7 56.Kc3 Qe7 57.Rh1 Qc7 58.Kd3 Kg8 59.Ke2 Kh7 60.Rg1 Rxg1 61.Bxg1 Kg6 62.Bf2 Be7 63.Be1 Kh6 64.Kf1*

Bd8 65.Kg2 Kh7 66.Bh4 Bxh4 67.Qxh4 Kg6 68.Kf1 Ne8 69.Nd2 Kh6 70.Ke1 Qg7 71.Kf2 Qc7 72.Kf1 Qd7 73.Ke2 Kg6 74.Nc4 Qc7 75.Kd3 Kh6 76.Kd2 Kg6 77.Ke2 Ng7 78.Na3 Ne8 79.Kf1 Ng7 80.Kf2 Ne8 81.Nc4 Ng7 82.Kg2 Ne8 83.Kf1 Kh6 84.Nd2 Kg6 85.Kf2 Ng7 86.Kg2 Ne8 87.Nc4 Ng7 88.Nb2 Ne8 89.Kf2 Kh6 90.Nc4 Kg6 91.Nd2 Qd7 92.Kg2 Qc7 93.Kf1 Ng7 94.Nc4 Ne8 95.Ke2 Ng7 96.Nb2 Ne8 97.Ke1 Ng7 98.Kf1 Ne8 99.Nc4 Kh6 100.Ke2 Kg6 101.Nd2 Qd7 102.Kf2 Qc7 103.Kg2 Kh6 104.Kg1 Qg7+ 105.Kf1 Qc7 106.Ke2 Kg6 107.Ke1 Kh6 108.Kf2 Kg6 109.Nc4 Kh6 110.Nb2 Kg6 111.Kf1 Qd7 112.Kg2 Qc7 113.Kg1 Nf6 114.Qh3 Qd8 115.Nc4 Kh7 116.Qe6 Ne8 117.Kf1 ½-½ (117) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 14.Be2 0-0 15.Bd1 Nd7 16.Ba4 Nb6 17.Bb5 Ne8 18.Nd3 Nc7 19.g5 Be7 20.0-0-0 Nxb5 21.cxb5 Qe8 22.a4 h5 23.b3 Rf7 24.Be1 Bd7 25.Qf2 Bd8 26.Nb2 Nc8 27.Nb1 b6 28.Bc3 Kh7 29.Nd3 Be7 30.Na3 Bf8 31.Nc4 Bg7 32.Kd2 Ra7 33.Ke1 Ra8 34.Kf1 Qh8 35.Kg2 Be8 36.Rhe1 Re7 37.Qd2 Rea7 38.Ndb2 Bf7 39.Nd3 Be8 40.Re2 Bf7 41.Rc1 Be8 42.Ree1 Bf7 43.Ndb2 Qd8 44.Red1 Qf8 45.Nd3 Re7 46.Re1 Qd8 47.Kh2 Bg8 48.Qb2 Qe8 49.Kg2 Qf8 50.Rc2 Qe8 51.Rce2 Raa7 52.Rd1 Ra8 53.Kh2 Raa7 54.Rc1 Ra8 55.Kg2 Raa7 56.Rce1 Qf8 57.Nxc5 dxc5 58.Nxe5 Re8 59.Nc4 Rd7 60.Bf6 Rf7 61.Bxg7 Qxg7 62.Qc1 Rff8 63.Rd2 Rd8 64.Rd3 Qb7 65.Qd2 Nd6 66.Kf2 Qb8 67.Nxd6 Rxd6 68.e5 Rd7 69.e6 Re7 70.Qc3 Rf5 71.Rd2 Qd6 72.Qd3 Kg7 73.Re4 Re8 74.Ke1 Rd8 75.Ree2 Kh7 76.Qe4 Kg7 77.Qc4 Kh7 78.Qd3 Re5 79.Rxe5 Qxe5+ 80.Qe4 Qc3 81.e7 Rxd5 82.Qxd5 Qe3+ 83.Re2 Qg1+ 84.Kd2 Bxd5 85.e8Q Qd4+ 86.Kc2 Bxb3+ 87.Kxb3* ½-½ (87) LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648)-Caissa (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

10...Bh4 11.Bxh4 Qxh4 12.c5 0-0 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.cxd6

[14.Qa5 b6 15.cxb6 cxb6 16.Qa3 Rd8 17.Ne2 a6 18.Kb1 Bb7 19.Nbc3 Nd7 20.Nc1 a5 21.Qb3 Nc5 22.Qc2 Nf6 23.Bc4 Bc8 24.Nd3 Bd7 25.Bb5 Rab8 26.Rc1 Rf8 27.Rhd1 Kg7 28.Ka1 Ne8 29.Bc6 Bc8 30.Nb1 Ba6 31.Nxc5 bxc5 32.Qc3 Qd8 33.Nd2 Be2 34.Rh1 Qb6 35.Rhe1 Ba6 36.Nb3 Nc7 37.Qxa5 Nb5 38.Bxb5 Qxb5 39.Qc7+ Kg8 40.Qa5 Qb7 41.Qd2 Qa8 42.Rc3 Rb4 43.a3 Rfb8 44.Qc2 Qa7 45.Rb1 Bb5 46.Nc1 Rd4 47.g3 fxg3 48.hxg3 Qa4 49.Qh2 Rf8 50.Qh3 Rf7 51.Na2 Rd2 52.Qe6 Qa6 53.Nb4 Qa8 54.Nc6 Bxc6 55.dxc6 Qxc6 56.g4 Kg7 57.g5 Qd7 58.Qxd7 Rxd7 59.a4 Ra7 60.Ra3 Rd4 61.a5 Ra6 62.Rc1 Rb4 63.Kb1 Rb5 64.Rd1 h6 65.gxh6+ Kxh6 66.Kc2 Kg5 67.Rda1 Kf6 68.b3 Kg5 69.Kd3 Kf4 70.Ke2 ½-½ (70) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

14...cxd6 15.Kb1 a6 16.Qa5 Ng7 17.Nc7 b6 18.Qxb6 Nd7 19.Qa5 Rb8 20.Ka1 Bb7 21.Bd3 Nc5 22.Bc4 Rfc8 23.Qxc5 Rxc7 24.Qb4 a5 25.Qa4 Bc8 26.Bd3 Qg5 27.Ne2 Qxg2 28.Qxa5 Ne8 29.Rdf1 Bh3 30.Qe1 Qg5 31.Rf2 Qd8 32.Nc3 Nf6 33.Rd2 Rcb7 34.Qh4 Bd7 35.Qg5 Be8 36.Rc1 Kg7 37.Ba6 Rb4 38.b3 h6 39.Qg2 Nd7 40.Na4 Qa5 41.Bc4 Nf6 42.Nb2 g5 43.Rdc2 Ra8 44.Nd3 Rb7 45.h3 Bd7 46.Nf2 Kg6 47.h4 Qa7 48.hxg5 hxg5 49.Rg1 Kf7 50.Qf1 Rg8 51.Rg2 Rbb8 52.Kb1 Qe3 53.Qe2 Qb6 54.Rc1 Rbc8 55.Rh1 Rg7 56.Bd3 Rcg8 57.Qc2 Ke7 58.Be2 Rh7 59.Rxh7+ Nxh7 60.Kb2 Nf6 61.Qd2 Rh8 62.a3 Qa7 63.Qc3 Kf7 64.Bc4 Qb6 65.Ka2 Qa7 66.Kb2 Rb8 67.Qe1 Ra8 68.Qb4 Qd4+ 69.Ka2 Rh8 70.Be2 Qxb4 71.axb4 Kg6 72.Kb2 g4 73.fxg4 Kg5 74.Kc3 Rc8+ 75.Kd2 Ra8 76.Kc3 Ra2 77.Bd3 Ra8 78.Be2 Rc8+ 79.Kd2 Ra8 80.Kc3 ½-½ (80) Caissa (3545)-LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

5...Nbd7 6.Be3 e5 7.Nge2 0-0 8.Qd2 a6 9.d5 Rb8

[9...h5 10.Nc1 Nh7 11.Nd3 f5 12.exf5 *(12.0-0-0 Ndf6 13.Be2 fxe4 14.fxe4 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.Rdg1 Bd7 17.h3 Rf7 18.g4 Qf6 19.Ne1 Kh8 20.Qe2 Raf8 21.g5 Qe7 22.Ng2 Rg8 23.Nh4 Bf8 24.b4 Qd8 25.Kb2 Be7 26.Nxg6+ Rxg6 27.Qxh5 Be8 28.h4 Rg8 29.Qe2 Nf8 30.Qd2 Rh7 31.Ne2 Bh5 32.Ng3 Qe8 33.Rf1 Rgg7 34.Rf5 Ng6 35.Rh2 Kg8 36.Rff2 Rf7 37.Nf5 Bf8 38.Qc2 b6 39.a3 Qb8 40.Ka2 Bg4 41.Rhg2 Bh5 42.Rg3 Kh8 43.c5 bxc5 44.bxc5 Qb5 45.a4 Qb4 46.Rg1 Qb8 47.c6 Qe8 48.Rb1 Ne7 49.Ba7 Qa8 50.Rb7 Bg6 51.Nxe7* 1-0 (51) Erigaisi,A (2725)-Kozul,Z (2549) Ljubljana SLO 2022*)* 12...gxf5 13.0-0-0 Nb6 14.Nf2 Nd7 15.g3 Qe7 16.Be2 Nhf6 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qg7 19.Qd2 e4 20.fxe4 Ne5 21.Rhf1 Bd7 22.Qe3 Rae8 23.c5 Nf7 24.cxd6 cxd6 25.Qd4 b5 26.a3 a5 27.Nxb5 fxe4 28.Nh3 Ne5 29.Nf4 Nf3 30.Bxf3 Bxb5 31.Be2 Bxe2 32.Nxe2 Nd7 33.Kc2 Rc8+ 34.Kb1 Nc5 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.Nd4 Kg6 37.Nb5 Rxf1 38.Rxf1 Nb3 39.Re1 Rc5 40.Nc3 Rc8 41.Re2 Kf5 ½-½ (41) Rubichess20240420 (3531)-Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37 (3657) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

10.Ba7 Ra8 11.Be3 Nc5 12.0-0-0 b5 13.b4 Ncd7 14.cxb5 Nb6 15.Bxb6 cxb6 16.bxa6 Bxa6 17.Kb2 Bc4 18.a4 b5 19.a5 Nd7 20.Nc1 f5 21.Qe3 Qb8 22.N1a2 Nc5 23.bxc5 Bxf1 24.Nb4 Bc4 25.Nc6 Qc7 26.Rb1 b4 27.Na4 fxe4 28.fxe4 Bb5 29.Nb6 Bxc6 30.Nxa8 Bxa8 31.c6 Qxa5 32.Rbf1 Rc8 33.Ra1 Qb5 34.Ra7 Rf8 35.Rc1 h5 36.Rc2 Kh7 37.h3 Qf1 38.Ra1 Qf4 39.Qe1 b3 40.Rc3 Qg5 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Qxg4 43.Rg3 Qf4 44.Ra7 Kh8 45.Rxb3 Qh2+ 46.Ka1 Qg2 47.Rg3 Qh2 48.Rga3 Bxc6 49.dxc6 Kh7 50.c7 Rc8 51.Rb3 Qc2 52.Qc3 Qd1+ 53.Rb1 Qh5 54.Rb8 Qh1+ 55.Ka2 Qf1 56.Qc2 Qg1 57.Rab7 Qf1 58.Kb2 Qa6 59.Rb3 Bf6 60.Rxc8 Qxc8 61.Rb8 Qxc7 62.Qxc7+ Kh6 63.Qxd6 Kg5 64.Rb3 Kf4 65.Qxf6+ Kxe4 1-0 (65) Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37 (3657)-Rubichess20240420 (3531) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

5...a6 6.Be3 c6 7.a4

[7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nge2 b5 9.0-0 *(9.a3 Rb8 10.b4 bxc4 11.Bxc4 a5 12.b5 Nb6 13.Bd3 cxb5 14.Nxb5 0-0 15.0-0 d5 16.e5 Ne8 17.a4 Nc7 18.Bd2 Nxb5 19.axb5 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Bxa5 Qd7 22.Nc3 f6 23.Bb4 fxe5 24.d5 e4 25.fxe4 Rxf1+ 26.Qxf1 Qc7 27.Kh1 Bd7 28.Rc1 Qe5 29.Qxc4 Qh5 30.Qe2 Qh6 31.Rb1 Be5 32.g3 Bxg3 33.Bxe7 Be5 34.Nd1 Bg4 35.Qf2 Bf3+ 36.Kg1 Qh3 37.Ne3 Bxe4 38.Rb4 Rc8 39.Rc4 Rxc4 40.Qf8#* 1-0 (40) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Kamsky,G (2674) lichess.org INT 2020*)* 9...0-0 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Rac1 e5 12.b3 Rc8 13.d5 b4 14.Na4 c5 15.a3 a5 16.axb4 axb4 17.Ra1 Ra8 18.Nb2 Nh5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Na4 Qa5 21.g4 Nhf6 22.Kg2 Ra8 23.Ng3 Qd8 24.h4 Bc8 25.h5 Nf8 26.h6 Bh8 27.g5 Ne8 28.f4 exf4 29.Bxf4 Bd7 30.Qf2 Qe7 31.e5 dxe5 32.Be3 Bxa4 33.bxa4 f5 34.gxf6 Qxf6 35.Qxf6 Nxf6 36.Bxc5 Rxa4 37.Ne4 N8d7 38.Nxf6+ Bxf6 39.Bd6 Ra2+ 40.Kh1 Rd2 41.Bb1 b3 42.c5 Rxd5 43.Be4 Rd2 44.Bc6 Nxc5 45.Rxf6 1-0 (45) Goryachkina,A (2576)-Radjabov,T (2747) Krasnogorsk RUS 2023]

7...a5 8.Bd3 e5 9.d5 Na6 10.Nge2 Nd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Bb1 c5 15.g4 Nb6 16.b3 fxg4 17.fxg4 Rxf1+ 18.Qxf1 Bxg4 19.Ne4 Qd7 20.Ng5 Rf8 21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Qg2 Bh6 23.Be4 Bh3 24.Qg3 Qg4 25.Qxg4 Bxg4 26.Ng3 Nd7 27.h3 Bxh3 28.Kh2 Bg4 29.Kg2 Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Kg7 31.Be7 Rh8 32.Bxd6 Bh3+ 33.Kf3 Kf7 34.Rh1 Rh6 35.Bf5 Rxd6 36.Rxh3 Nf6 37.Be6+ Kg6 38.Ne4 Nxe4 39.Kxe4 Rb6 40.Kxe5 Nb4 41.Rg3+ 1-0 (41) Duda,J (2731)-Rapport,R (2754) chess24.com INT 2022

5...Nc6 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 Rb8 9.g4

[9.Bh6 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nd5 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Nd4 13.Ne2 c6 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.h4 Qe5 17.g3 Re8 18.h5 g5 19.f4 Re6 20.fxe5 Rxh6 21.Rxd4 Bg4 22.Kd2 Re8 23.Be2 Bxe2 24.Kxe2 Rxe5 25.g4 Kf8 26.Rf1 Rhe6 27.Kd3 Ke7 28.a3 b6 29.b4 h6 30.Rf5 Rxf5 31.gxf5 Rd6 32.e5 Rxd4+ 33.Kxd4 b5 34.Kc3 Kd8 35.c5 Ke7 36.Kd4 Kd7 37.Ke4 Ke7 38.Kd3 Ke8 39.Kd4 Ke7 40.Ke4 Kd7 41.Ke3 Kd8 42.Kd3 Ke8 43.Ke2 Kf8 44.Kf3 Ke8 45.Kf2 Kf8 46.Ke3 Ke8 47.Kf3 Kd8 48.Ke3 Ke8 49.Kd3 Ke7 50.Ke4 Kd7 51.Ke3 Kd8 52.Kd3 f6 53.e6 Ke7 54.Kd4 Kf8 55.Ke4 Ke8 56.Kd4 Ke7 57.Ke3 Kf8 58.Kf2 ½-½ (58) AllieStein v0.6-n14.3beta (3815)-LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3840) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

9...b5 10.h4 h5 11.Nd5 bxc4 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bxc4 hxg4 14.h5 g5 15.Kb1 Bd7 16.fxg4 Rb4 17.Rc1 Qa8 18.Bd5 Rfb8 19.Rc2 R4b5 20.a3 e6 21.Bc4 Nb4 22.axb4 Rxb4 23.Rh2 c5 24.Qd3 Bb5 25.Rhe2 Bxc4 26.Rxc4 Rb3 27.Rc3 Rxc3 28.Qxc3 Qxe4+ 29.Qc2 Qxg4 30.Rg2 Qxh5 31.Rh2 Qg4 32.Rg2 Qh5 33.Rh2 Qg4 34.Nh3 cxd4 35.Nxg5 d3 36.Qc7 Rf8 37.Nh7 Be5 38.Nxf8 Bxh2 39.Nd7 Kg7 40.Qd8 Qd1+ 41.Ka2 Qa4+ 42.Kb1 Qd1+ 43.Ka2 Qa4+ ½-½ (43) LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3840)-AllieStein v0.6-n14.3beta (3815) tcec-chess.com INT 2020

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[6...Nc6 7.Nge2
A) 7...a6 8.Qd2
A1) 8...Re8 9.h4 *(9.Bh6 Bxh6 10.Qxh6 b5 11.h4 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.0-0-0 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 Nd7 15.Kb1 b4 16.Nc1 a5 17.Be2 f5 18.Nd3 Rf8 19.g4 fxe4 20.fxe4 Qe7 21.g5 Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.h5 Nc5 24.h6+ Kg8 25.Nxc5 dxc5 26.Rhe1 Bd7 27.d6 c6 28.Rf1 a4 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1 Kf8 32.Be2 Be6 33.Bd1 Ke8 34.Bxa4 Kd7 35.Bb3 Kxd6 36.a3 bxa3 37.bxa3 Bg4 38.Kb2 Kc7 39.Kc3 Kb8 40.Kd2 Ka8 41.Bc2 Kb8 42.Ke3 Be6 43.Kf2 Ka7 44.Ke2 Bg4+ 45.Kd3 Bh5 46.Kd2 Kb8 47.Bd3 Bg4 48.Bf1 Ka7 49.Kc3 Ka6 50.Kc2 Ka7 51.Kb1 Ka8 52.Ka2 Be6 53.Kb2 Ka7 54.Kc3 Bg4 55.Kc2 Be6 56.Be2 Kb8 57.Kd1 Ka8 58.Bd3 Bg8 59.Bb1 Kb8 60.Bd3 Ka8 61.Ke1 Kb8 62.Bc2 Be6 63.Bd1 Ka8 64.Kd2 ½-½ (64) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)* 9...Na5 *(9...h5 10.0-0-0 Na5 11.g4 Nxc4 12.Qe1 hxg4 13.Nf4 b5 14.e5 Qd7 15.fxg4 Bb7 16.Rh3 c5 17.e6 fxe6 18.Nxe6 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Nh7 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Rd1 Bf6 22.Re3 Rab8 23.Bh6 Bc8 24.g5 Qb7 25.Rd2 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 Nf6 27.gxf6 exf6 28.Qg1 Rxe6 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Be3 Qh7 31.Qg3 Bd7 32.Bd4 Qh6 33.Be3 Qg7 34.Qf2 Rbe8 35.Rd1 Re4 36.Rg1 ½-½ (36) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)* 10.b3 b5 11.h5 c5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Bh6 *(13.cxb5 axb5 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.Nxb5 Ba6 18.Rxc5 Bxb5 19.Rxb5 Qxd2+ 20.Bxd2 Rxa2 21.Rc5 Rc8 22.Nc1 Raa8 23.Be2 Nd7 24.Rc4 Nde5 25.Rc5 Bg7 26.Kf2 Nd4 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Rd1 Rb8 29.b4 Nc2 30.Na2 Ra8 31.Nc1 Rb8 32.b5 Nd4 33.Bb4 Nxb5 34.Bxe7 Nc3 35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Bxd8 Nxe2 37.Kxe2 f5 38.Bc7 Kf7 39.Nb3 Nd7 40.Kd3 fxe4+ 41.fxe4 ½-½ (41) Berserk (3476)-LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 13...Bh8 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.Qf4 Qa5 18.e5 Bf5 19.g4 Nh5 20.Qc1 Bxe5 21.Kf2 Bxg4 22.fxg4 Nf6 23.Bg2 Nxg4+ 24.Kf1 Nd4 25.Qg5 Nh2+ 26.Rxh2 Bxh2 27.Bxa8 Qxa8 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Nd5 Bd6 30.Qg2 Qc8 31.Qf3 Be5 32.Bd2 Qc2 33.Nb4 Qc8 34.Ke2 Bf6 35.Kd3 Rd8 36.Rh1 Qd7 37.Qc6 Qg4 38.Qe4 Qg3+ 39.Ke2 Bg5 40.Nd3 Bxd2 41.Kxd2 Qc7 42.Qh4 Qc3+ 43.Ke2 Qc2+ 44.Ke1 Qb1+ 45.Kf2 Qc2+ 46.Kg1 Qb1+ 47.Ne1 f6 48.Kf1 Qf5+ 49.Kg2 Kf7 50.Qh7+ Ke8 51.Rh4 Rd5 52.Nf3 Qc2+ 53.Kg3 Kd7 54.Qg8 Qc7+ 55.Kh3 Qc6 56.Qxd5+ Qxd5 57.Rxd4 Kc6

58.Rxd5 Kxd5 59.Nh4 g5 ½-½ (59) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Berserk (3476) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

A2) 8...Rb8 9.Rc1 Bd7 *(9...h5 10.Nd1 Nh7 11.Be3 e6 12.b3 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5 f6 15.f4 Rf7 16.g3 Bf8 17.Bg2 Bb4 18.Nec3 Ne7 19.0-0 Nf5 20.Nf2 c6 21.Nd3 Ba3 22.Rcd1 a5 23.Ne2 Nf8 24.h3 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bf5 26.Kh1 Ne6 27.Ng1 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 f5 29.Nf3 Be7 30.h4 Rf8 31.Ra1 Qb6 32.Rfb1 Kg7 33.Kh2 Ra8 34.Rf1 Nc7 35.Rfd1 Nb5* ½-½ (35) Stockfish Nn (3551)-LCZero v0.26.2-rc1_J92-100 (3543) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 10.b3 b5 11.d5 Ne5 12.f4 Nxc4 13.bxc4 b4 14.Bxf6 exf6 15.Nd1 Re8 16.g3 f5 17.Bh3 c6 18.0-0 Qb6+ 19.Rf2 Rxe4 20.Bg2 Ree8 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4 Re1+ 25.Rf1 Re2 26.Ne3 Qc5 27.Nc2 Qa5 28.Rfe1 Rbe8 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Kf1 Re4 31.Qb2 Rxc4 32.Rd1 Qc5 33.Ne1 Rc3 34.Qe2 a5 35.Rd3 Rxd3 36.Nxd3 Qc3 37.Ne1 b3 38.axb3 Qxb3 39.Qd3 Qxd3+ 40.Nxd3 a4 41.Ke2 a3 42.Nb4 Kg7 43.Kd3 Kh6 44.Kc3 a2 45.Nxa2 Kh5 46.Kd2 Kg4 47.Ke2 Kh3 48.Kf2 Kxh2 49.Nb4 Kh3 50.Kf3 Kh2 51.Nd5 h6 52.Kf2 Kh3 53.Kf3 Kh2 54.Kf2 Kh3 55.Nc7 h5 56.Kf3 h4 57.gxh4 Kxh4 58.Nd5 g5 59.fxg5 Kxg5 ½-½ (59) LCZero v0.26.2-rc1_J92-100 (3543)-Stockfish Nn (3551) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

A3) 8...Bd7 9.h4 h5 10.0-0-0 b5 *(10...Na5 11.Nf4 Nc6 12.g4 hxg4 13.fxg4 Nh7 14.Nfd5 Re8 15.Bh6 e5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.g5 c6 19.Ne3 Qe7 20.Be2 Rab8 21.Rdf1 b5 22.Kb1 b4 23.Ncd1 a5 24.Rhg1 a4 25.h5 Bh3 26.Rf2 Kg8 27.Rh2 Bd7 28.Rhg2 Be6 29.Rh1 Kg7 30.Nf2 a3 31.b3 Nxg5 32.hxg6 Rh8 33.Rxh8 Kxh8 34.gxf7 Ngxf7 35.Nd3 Nxd3 36.Bxd3 Rg8 37.Rh2+ Kg7 38.Qxb4 Qa7 39.e5 Kf8 40.Kc2 Rg3 41.exd6 Rxe3 42.Rh8+ Kg7 43.Qc3+ Re5 44.Qxe5+ Nxe5 45.Rh7+ Kf6 46.Rxa7 c5 47.Be4 Nf7 48.Rxf7+ Bxf7 49.Bf5 Bg8 50.d7 Ke7 51.Kc3 Bf7 52.b4 cxb4+ 53.Kxb4 Kd8 54.Kc5 Kc7 55.Be4 Kd8 56.Bd5 Bg6 57.Kd6 Be4 58.Be6 Bc6 59.Kxc6 Ke7 60.Bg8 Kf6 61.d8Q+ Kg6 62.Be6 Kh5 63.Bf5 Kh6 64.Qf6+ Kh5 65.Qg6+ Kh4 66.Qg4#* 1-0 (68) Stockfish (3639)-Lczero Dev (3623) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*; 10...Nh7 11.Bh6 b5 12.e5 bxc4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nf4 Qb8 15.g4 hxg4 16.h5 g5 17.Ng6 dxe5 18.h6+ Kxg6 19.Qh2 Nf6 20.h7 Kg7 21.dxe5 Nd5 22.Qh6+ Kh8 23.Nxd5 Qb5 24.Rh5 Rab8 25.Rd2 f6 26.Nxf6 Qxe5 27.Rxg5 Qe1+ 28.Rd1 Qe3+ 29.Rd2 Qe1+ 30.Rd1 Qe3+ 31.Rd2 Qe1+*

½-½ (31) Lczero Dev (3623)-Stockfish (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 11.g4 hxg4 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.f4 Be8 14.Nd5 e5 15.h5 g5 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.fxg5 Qf2 18.d5 Ne7 19.Nc3 Qf4 20.Be2 b4 21.Nb1 Qxe4 22.Bd3 *(22.Rde1 g3 23.b3 c6 24.Bd1 Qf5 25.Rhf1 Qh3 26.Qxb4 Rd8 27.Qb6 Bd7 28.Rg1 Qf5 29.Qe3 cxd5 30.Rxg3 dxc4 31.Nc3 Qf4 32.Qxf4 exf4 33.Rf3 Nc6 34.Rxf4 Be6 35.bxc4 Ne5 36.Re3 Rc8 37.Bb3 Kh8 38.Ne4 Nxc4 39.Rg3 a5 40.Kb1 a4 41.Bxa4 Rc7 42.Nc3 Rb8+ 43.Kc1 Nb6 44.Rb4 Bxa2 45.Bc2 Be6 46.Kd1 Rc4 47.Rxc4 Nxc4 48.Ne4 Bg4+ 49.Kc1 Be6 50.Bd3 Ne5 51.Be2 d5 52.Nf6 Nd7 53.Nxd7 Bxd7 54.Re3 Bf5 55.Re5 Be4 56.Kd2 Rb2+ 57.Ke3* ½-½ (57) Komododragon (3569)-Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 22...Qd4 23.Rhf1 g3 24.Rg1 Rc8 25.Bh7+ Kh8 26.Qxd4 exd4 27.Bc2 c6 28.dxc6 Nxc6 29.Rxg3 Bd7 30.Nd2 Ne5 31.Rh1 Rg8 32.g6 Be6 33.b3 d3 34.Bxd3 d5 35.Kb2 Nxd3+ 36.Rxd3 dxc4 37.Nxc4 fxg6 38.hxg6+ Kg7 39.Re1 Bxc4 40.bxc4 Rxc4 41.Rd7+ Kf6 42.Rd6+ Kg7 43.Rd7+ Kf6 ½-½ (43) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 7...Rb8 8.Qd2 Re8 9.0-0-0

B1) 9...Na5 10.b3 c6 *(10...a6 11.Bh6 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h4 h5 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd2+ 17.Rxd2 Nd7 18.e6 Nf6 19.exf7 Kxf7 20.Ng3 b4 21.Nce4 Rb6 22.Rc2 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Bf5 24.Rxc7 Bxe4 25.fxe4 Rc6+ 26.Rxc6 Nxc6 27.Bb5 Rb8 28.Bxc6 Rc8 29.Kb2 Rxc6 30.Rc1 Rxc1 31.Kxc1 Ke6 32.Kd2 Kd6 33.Kd3 Kc5 34.e5 Kd5 35.e6 Kxe6 36.Kc4 Ke5 37.Kxb4 Kd4 38.Ka4 e5 39.b4 e4 40.b5* ½-½ (40) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 11.Bh6 b5 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 e6 16.g4 h5 17.h4 Bd7 18.Nb2 hxg4 19.Ng3 gxf3 20.h5 g5 21.Qxg5+ Kh8 22.Qf4 Nh7 23.Qxf3 Rg8 24.Bd3 e5 25.Ne2 Qe7 26.Qf2 Bg4 27.Rc1 Ng5 28.Qe3 f6 29.Rhf1 Rbc8 30.d5 Nb7 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Ba6 Rf8 33.Bxb7 Qxb7 34.Ng3 a5 35.Nc4 a4 36.bxa4 Qa6 37.Nb2 Bd7 38.Rc1 Qa5 39.Qb3 Rc8 40.Rxc8+ Bxc8 41.Nc4 Qc5 42.Ne3 Bd7 43.a3 bxa3 44.Ka2 Qa7 45.Qc3 Qxa4 46.Qc7 Qb5 47.Nc4 Nf7 48.Nxa3 ½-½ (48) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 9...a6 10.Bh6 *(10.h4 Na5 11.h5 Nxc4 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 exf6 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nf4 b5 16.Bxc4+ bxc4 17.g4 g5 18.Nh5 Be6 19.d5 Bd7 20.Rd2 Qe7 21.Rdh2 Bh8 22.Ng3 Bg7*

23.Kb1 Qe5 24.Ka1 a5 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.gxf5 Rb4 27.Rc2 Qd4 28.Qe2 Reb8 29.Rd1 Qc5 30.f4 Rf8 31.Rf1 Qd4 32.Rd2 Qb6 33.Rfd1 Qc5 34.Rc2 Rf7 35.Qf3 Qa7 36.Ne2 a4 37.a3 Rb3 38.Nc3 Rf8 39.Ka2 Qb6 40.Rdd2 Qa7 41.Qf1 Qa6 42.Rf2 Rfb8 43.fxg5 hxg5 44.Rfd2 R3b6 45.Qe2 Rc8 46.Ka1 Kf8 47.Rd4 c5 48.dxc6 Rbxc6 49.Qd1 Rb8 50.Rh2 Re8 51.Rh7 Qb7 52.Rd2 d5 53.Rxd5 Qf7 54.Rd7 Re7 55.Rd8+ Re8 56.Qd7 Qxd7 57.Rxd7 Re7 58.Rxe7 Kxe7 59.Rxg7+ Kd6 60.Rf7 Kc5 61.Rd7 Rc8 62.Nxa4+ Kb5 63.Nc3+ Kc5 64.Rd5+ Kc6 65.e5 fxe5 66.Rxe5 Rf8 67.Ne4 g4 68.Ka2 g3 69.Nxg3 Kd6 70.Ra5 Kc6 71.f6 c3 72.bxc3 Kb6 73.Rf5 Rf7 74.Ne4 Rf8 75.f7 Kc6 76.Ng5 Rd8 77.f8Q Rd2+ 78.Kb3 Kb7 79.Qe7+ Kc8 80.Rf8+ Rd8 81.Rxd8# 1-0 (81) Caissa (3545)-Seer (3542) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...e5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Kb1 c5 15.Nc2 Qa5 16.Qxd6 Rbd8 17.b4 cxb4 18.Qxb4 Qxb4+ 19.Nxb4 Be6 20.Ncd5 Nfd7 21.Nc2 Nc5 22.Nce3 Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Ne6 24.Rc1 Nd4 25.h3 h5 26.Ka1 Rc8 27.f4 Nec6 28.Bd3 h4 29.Rhf1 Red8 30.Rfd1 Na5 31.Bf1 Ne6 32.Be2 Re8 33.e5 Rc6 34.Rc3 Rd8 35.g4 hxg3 36.Rxg3 Nxc4 37.f5 Nc7 38.f6+ Kf8 39.Rg4 Rxd5 40.Rxd5 Nxd5 41.Bxc4 Nc7 42.Rh4 Kg8 43.Re4 b5 44.Bb3 Ne6 ½-½ (44) Seer (3542)-Caissa (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 h6 9.Be3 exd5 10.cxd5

A) 10...Re8

A1) 11.Be2 h5 *(11...Kh7 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.b3 Na6 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Nge2 Nd7 16.0-0 Nb6 17.Ng3 a5 18.Bf2 Bd7 19.Nce2 h5 20.Qxa5 h4 21.Nh1 Qg5 22.Be1 h3 23.Nhg3 Bd4+ 24.Bf2 hxg2 25.Kxg2 Bxf2 26.Rxf2 f5 27.h4 Qh6 28.Rh1 f4 29.Nf1 Re5 30.Kg1 Rh5 31.Rfh2 Kg8 32.Kf2 Kh7 33.Ke1 Re5 34.Nd2 Qg7 35.Rg1 Rae8 36.Rg5 Nxd5 37.Rxe5 Ne3 38.Rxe8 Qa1+ 39.Kf2 Nd1+ 40.Kg2 Ne3+ 41.Kf2 Nd1+ 42.Kg2 Ne3+ 43.Kf2* ½-½ (43) Anton Guijarro,D (2697)-Ragger,M (2670) Prague CZE 2020 *)* 12.a4 Nh7 13.Bb5 Rf8 14.Nge2 Qh4+ 15.Bf2 Qe7 16.0-0 Nd7 17.f4 Ndf6 18.e5 Ng4 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Bxc5 Qxe4 22.Ng3 Bd4+ 23.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 24.Bxd4 Rd8 25.f5 h4 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Ne4 Be6 28.dxe6 Rxd4 29.Rf4 1-0 (29) Navara,D (2676)-Wagner,D (2570) Mayrhofen AUT 2022;

A2) 11.Bd3 a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Nge2 Ne5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Na4 Qb7 18.Nc1 Bb5 19.Be2 Kh7 20.Nc3 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Rf2 Nd7 23.Qc2 Ne5 24.h3 Bb5 25.Nb3 Nc4 26.Na5 Nxa5

27.Rxa5 Bd7 28.Qd3 Qb4 29.Ra1 a5 30.h4 h5 31.g3 a4 32.Ra3 Rab8 33.Kg2 Qa5 34.Qd2 Rb3 0-1 (34) Yoo,C (2583)-Firouzja,A (2760) chess.com INT 2024;

B) 10...Nbd7 11.Nh3 a6 12.Nf2 Kh7 13.a4 Ne5 14.Be2 Bd7 15.0-0 Rb8 16.h3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.f4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.e5 Nh5 21.Nfe4 dxe5 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxc5 Rg8 24.Rxf7+ Rg7 25.Rxg7+ Nxg7 26.Bd4 Qe8 27.Ra7 Bf5 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.Bxf6 1-0 (29) Carlsen,M (2837)-Injac,T (2457) chess.com INT 2025]

[6...a6 7.Qd2 Nbd7 8.Nge2 c5 *(8...b5 9.cxb5 axb5 10.Nxb5 c6 11.Nbc3 e5 12.d5 Bb7 13.dxc6 Bxc6 14.Qxd6 Qb6 15.Qd2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Nb3 17.Be3 Qb7 18.axb3 Rxa1+ 19.Kf2 h5 20.Bc4 Rxh1 21.Nxh1 Qb8 22.Ng3 Rd8 23.Qc1 h4 24.Nge2 h3 25.g4 Bf8 26.Kg3 Qb4 27.Kxh3 Be7 28.Kg2 Ne8 29.Ng3 Nd6 30.Nd5 Bxd5 31.Bxd5 Rc8 32.Qd1 Nb5 33.h4 Nd4 34.h5 Rc2+ 35.Kh3 gxh5 36.Bxd4 Rd2 37.Qc1 Qxd4 38.Qc8+ Bf8 39.Qf5 hxg4+ 40.Qxg4+ Kh8 41.Qh5+* 1-0 (41) Svidler,P (2723)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020*)* 9.Rd1 *(9.Be3 b6 10.h4 h5 11.Bh6 Rb8 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.e5 dxe5 14.d5 Kh7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.g4 b5 17.Ng3 Rh8 18.Qe3 hxg4 19.h5 e6 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Be2 gxf3 22.Bxf3 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Qe7 24.Qe3 Rbe8 25.Nce4 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Rh6 27.Qg3 Rf8 28.hxg6 Rxh1 29.Rxh1 Rh8 30.Rf1 Qh4 31.Qg2 Kg8 32.cxb5 axb5 33.Ng5 Qc4+ 34.Kb1 Rh4 35.g7 Qd3+ 36.Ka1 Qd5 37.Nf3 Ra4 38.a3 Qd3 39.Rh1 Rxa3+ 40.bxa3 Qxa3+ 41.Kb1 Qb3+ 42.Kc1 Qa3+ 43.Kd1 Qb3+ 44.Ke2 Qc4+ 45.Kf2 Qc2+ 46.Kg1 Qb1+ 47.Kh2 Qh7+ 48.Qh3 Qc2+ 49.Kg3 Qg6+ 50.Qg4 Qxg4+ 51.Kxg4 Kxg7 52.Rb1 b4 53.Nd2 Nf6+ 54.Kf3 Nd5 55.Rc1 Kf7 56.Rxc5 Kf6 57.Ke4 Nc3+ 58.Kd3* 1-0 (58) LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809)-Rofchade (3661) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 9...Qa5 10.h4 b5 11.h5 bxc4 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nf4 Nb6 15.Nfd5 cxd4 16.Qh6 Rf7 17.Nxf6+ exf6 18.Rxd4 Qc5 19.Qd2 Be6 20.Rxd6 Rd7 21.Rxd7 Nxd7 22.Kd1 Rb8 23.Kc1 Qb6 24.Na4 Qc6 25.Nc3 Qb6 26.Be2 Nc5 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Qc2 Rb7 29.Kb1 h5 30.Ka1 Qa5 31.Kb1 h4 32.Rd2 Bf7 33.Qc1 g5 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Rxd5 c3 36.b3 Qb4 37.Qc2 Nd7 38.Bxa6 Ra7 39.Be2 Ne5 40.a4 Rc7 41.Ka2 Qb6 42.Bb5 Qe3 43.a5 Kh6 44.b4 h3 45.gxh3 Nxf3 46.Rd1 Rc8 47.Kb3 Rc7 48.a6 Rc8 49.h4 Nd4+ 50.Rxd4 Qxd4 51.hxg5+ fxg5 52.Qd3 Qxd3 53.Bxd3 g4 54.Kc2 g3 55.Bf1 Rf8 56.Bh3 Rb8 57.Kxc3 Rb6 58.e5 Rxa6 59.b5 Re6 60.Bg2 Kg5 61.Kd3 Kg4 62.Kd4 Kf4 63.Bh1 Rh6 64.Bd5 Rg6 65.Bh1 Re6 66.Bg2 Rh6 67.Bd5 Rg6 ½-½ (67) Rofchade (3661)-LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

7.Qd2 a6

[7...e5 8.d5

A) 8...cxd5 9.Nxd5 Be6 10.Ne2

A1) 10...Nbd7 11.Nec3 Rc8 12.Be2 Bxd5 *(12...a6 13.0-0 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Nc5 15.Nc3 Ne6 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Bd3 Ne8*

18.Kh1 Nc7 19.b3 Qd7 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.a4 a5 22.Rb2 Nce6 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qd1 Kh8 25.Bc2 Rbe8 26.Bb1 Nc6 27.Rbf2 Rd8 28.Rd2 Rde8 29.Nc3 Nd4 30.f4 Ncxb3 31.Rb2 Nc5 32.f5 Bf6 33.Rbf2 Qd8 34.Nd5 Bg5 35.fxg6 hxg6 36.Qg4 Bxe3 37.Rxf7 Bg5 38.Qh3+ Bh4 39.Nf6 Rxf7 40.Qxh4+ Kg7 41.Qh7+ Kf8 42.Qxg6 Ke7 43.Nd5+ Kd7 44.Rxf7+ Kc8 45.Qf6 Qxf6 46.Rxf6 Nxa4 47.g4 Nc5 48.g5 Nde6 49.g6 Rh8 50.Kg2 a4 51.Kg3 Ng7 52.Rf7 Nce6 53.Ba2 Rf8 54.Nb6+ Kd8 55.Rd7+ Ke8 56.c5 dxc5 57.Rxb7 Rf1 58.Kg2 Re1 59.Bxe6 Nxe6 60.Rb8+ Ke7 61.Nd5+ Kd7 62.Rb7+ Kd8 63.Rb6 Ng7 64.Rb8+ Kd7 65.Rb7+ Ke6 66.Re7+ Kd6 67.Rxg7 Rxe4 68.Nf6 Rf4 69.Rd7+ Kc6 70.g7 Rxf6 71.g8Q Kxd7 72.Qd5+ Rd6 73.Qxc5 Rd2+ 74.Kf3 Rd3+ 75.Ke4 Rh3 76.Qxe5 1-0 (76) Komododragon (3522)-Scorpionn (3496) tcec-chess.com INT 2020) 13.Nxd5 Nc5 14.Nc3 Ne6 15.Be3 Nd4 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Kh1 Nc5 18.Nb5 Qb6 19.Rad1 Nce6 20.Nc3 Qd8 21.b3 a6 22.Bd3 Qd7 23.Nd5 Rb8 24.Rc1 Nc7 25.Nb6 Qc6 26.Qb4 Rfe8 27.Qa5 Nce6 28.Nd5 Qd7 29.Qd2 Nc7 30.Nb6 Qc6 31.Qb4 Kh8 32.Qa5 Nce6 33.Nd5 Qd7 34.Qb4 Rf8 35.Qd2 Nc7 36.Nb6 Qc6 37.Qa5 Nce6 38.Nd5 Qd7 39.Qb4 Nc7 40.Nb6 Qc6 41.Bg5 Rfe8 42.Nd5 Nxd5 43.cxd5 Qd7 44.Qa4 Qxa4 45.bxa4 Rbc8 46.Bd2 Bf8 47.Rb1 Re7 48.h4 Kg8 49.Kh2 Rd7 50.Rfc1 Rdc7 51.Rd1 Be7 52.Kh3 h5 53.Ba5 Rc5 54.Bd2 R5c7 55.Rb2 Rd7 56.Rdb1 Rcc7 57.Ba5 Rc5 58.Bb4 Rcc7 59.Rf1 Kg7 60.g3 Rc8 61.a5 Bf6 62.Rbf2 Bd8 63.f4 Bf6 64.Rh1 Bd8 65.Rb1 Bf6 66.Rbf1 Rcc7 67.Re1 Kh7 68.a3 Kg8 69.Ra2 Kg7 70.Rd1 Rc8 71.Rb1 Kh6 72.Rh2 Kh7 73.Rg2 Kg7 74.Rf2 Be7 75.Rfb2 Bf6 76.Rg2 Bd8 77.Ra2 Bf6 78.Rab2 Bd8 79.a4 Kh8 80.Rd2 Kh7 81.Rg2 Bf6 82.Re1 Rcc7 83.Reg1 Kg7 84.Rb1 Kh7 85.Re1 Bg7 86.Rf1 Bf6 87.Rgf2 Bg7 88.Rg1 Bf6 89.Rh1 Bg7 90.Re1 Kg8 91.Kg2 Kh8 92.Kh2 Kg8 93.Kh3 Kh7 94.Rg1 Bf6 95.Rb1 Bg7 96.Re1 Rc8 97.Kh2 Bf6 98.Ref1 Rcc7 99.Kh3 Bg7 100.Rb1 Rc8 101.Bd2 Rcc7 102.Bb4 Rc8 103.Kh2 Bf6 104.f5 g5 105.hxg5 Bxg5 106.Kh1 Kh6 107.Rh2 Nf3 108.Rhb2 Bc1 109.Ra2 Nd4 110.Be2 Nxe2 111.Rxe2 Rc4 112.Kg2 Bg5 113.Kf3 Rd4 114.Rb3 Rd1 115.Re1 Rd4 116.Rh1 Rc4 117.Rd1 Rd8 118.Rb2 Rd7 119.Rbb1 Rd8 120.Rb3 Rd7 121.Rb2 Rd8 122.Rbb1 Rd7 123.Rd3 Kg7 124.Rdb3 Rd4 125.R1b2 Rd1 126.Rh2 Kh6 127.Rf2 Ra1 128.Rfb2 Rf1+ 129.Ke2 Rh1 130.Rb1 Rh2+ 131.Kf3 h4

132.R1b2 hxg3 133.Kxg3 Bf4+ 134.Kg4 Rh5 135.Rh3 Rxh3 136.Kxh3 Kh5 137.Rc2 Rd8 138.Be1 Rg8 139.Rc7 Rg1 140.Bf2 Rh1+ 141.Kg2 Rb1 142.Rxf7 Rb2 143.Rh7+ Kg4 144.Rg7+ Kh5 145.Rh7+ Kg4 146.Rh4+ Kg5 147.Rh1 Be3 148.Rf1 Bd4 149.Kf3 Rb3+ 150.Ke2 Rb2+ 151.Ke1 ½-½ (151) Scorpionn (3496)-Komododragon (3522) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 10...b5 11.Nec3 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nbd7 13.Nxf6+ *(13.0-0-0 Rb8 14.Kb1 Nb6 15.Bb3 a5 16.Rc1 a4 17.Nxa4 Bxd5 18.exd5 Nxa4 19.Bxa4 e4 20.Rc2 h6 21.Bf4 Nh5 22.Bxh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 exf3 24.gxf3 Rb4 25.Bb3 Re8 26.Qc1 Rf4 27.Rf1 Kg7 28.Rc4 Qf6 29.Qc3 Qxc3 30.Rxc3 Nf6 31.Rc4 Rf5 32.Rd4 Rb8 33.Rf2 g5 34.Bc2 Re5 35.Rfd2 Nd7 36.a4 Re1+ 37.Ka2 Rf1 38.Bd1 Ne5 39.h4 f6 40.b4 Kg6 41.b5 Kf7 42.Be2 Rg1 43.hxg5 fxg5 44.a5 Nd7 45.Rb2 Re1 46.a6 Rc1 47.Rc4 Rxc4 48.Bxc4 Nb6 49.Kb3 Rc8 50.Bd3 Rc1 51.Ra2 Rd1 52.Be4 g4 53.fxg4 Re1 54.Bf5 Re3+ 55.Kb4 Kf6 56.a7 Kg5 57.Ra6 Na8 58.Rxd6 Kf4 59.Rd8 Nc7 60.a8Q Nxa8 61.Rxa8 Re2 62.d6 Rb2+ 63.Kc5 Rd2 64.d7 Kg3 65.d8Q Rxd8 66.Rxd8* 1-0 (66) SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490)-Igel (3495) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 13...Bxf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.0-0-0 Ne8 17.h4 h5 18.Qh6 Qf6 19.Kb1 Rb8 20.a3 Rf7 21.Ka2 Qg7 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Rd2 Kg7 24.Nd1 Rb6 25.Qe2 Nc7 26.Nc3 Ne8 27.Rc2 Rbb7 28.Qa6 Qd8 29.Qc4 Qe7 30.Qd3 Rd7 31.g4 Nf6 32.Re1 Kh7 33.Rg2 Rf8 34.Reg1 Qd8 35.Qb5 Qc8 36.Rd2 Rfd8 37.Qe2 Qc6 38.Rc1 Qb7 39.Rcd1 a6 40.Qe3 Rb8 41.Qg5 Rf7 42.Ka1 Qb6 43.Rg2 Rg8 44.Ka2 Qc7 45.Rgd2 Rd8 46.Ka1 Rff8 47.Rg2 Qg7 48.Ka2 Rd7 49.Rgd2 hxg4 50.fxg4 Ne8 51.Qe3 Rf4 52.Rg2 Kg8 53.Ne2 Rf8 54.Qb6 Ra7 55.h5 g5 56.Rf2 Rxf2 57.Qxf2 Rb7 58.Ng1 Nf6 59.Qe2 Qc7 60.Nf3 Nh7 61.Qxa6 Rb6 62.Qd3 Qe7 63.b4 Qe8 64.Rc1 Rc6 65.Rxc6 Qxc6 66.Kb2 Kf8 67.a4 Ke7 68.a5 Nf8 69.Kb3 Qb7 70.h6 Qc7 71.a6 Qb6 72.Nxg5 Kf6 73.h7 Ng6 74.Nxe6 Kxe6 75.Qd5+ Kf6 76.Qb7 Qg1 77.a7 Qd1+ 78.Ka2 Qe2+ 79.Ka3 Qd3+ 80.Ka4 Qd1+ 81.Ka5 Qa1+ 82.Kb5 Qf1+ 83.Kc6 Qc4+ 84.Kxd6 Qe6+ 85.Kc5 Qxg4 86.a8Q Qg1+ 87.Kd6 Qd4+ 88.Kc7 Qc4+ 89.Qc6+ Qxc6+ 90.Kxc6 Kg5 91.Qg8 Kh6 92.Kd5 Kh5 93.Qg7 Nf4+ 94.Kxe5 Ng6+ 95.Kf5 Nh4+ 96.Kf6 Ng6 97.Qxg6+ 1-0 (97) Igel (3495)-SlowChess Blitz 2.83 avx2 (3490) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B) 8...h6 9.Be3

B1) 9...h5

B1a) 10.Nge2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nbd7

B1a1) 12.h3 Nh7 13.Nb5 *(13.Nc1 Bf6 14.Nb3 a6 15.Bd3 Bh4+ 16.Kd1 Bg5 17.Bxg5 Nxg5 18.Kc2 Nh7 19.Rag1 b5 20.Kb1 Qb6 21.Rc1 Ndf6 22.Ne2 Bd7 23.Qa5 Qe3 24.Rcd1 h4 25.Qb4 Qb6 26.Qe1 b4 27.Qxh4 Ba4 28.Nec1 a5 29.g4 Rfc8 30.Qe1 Nd7 31.h4 Nhf8 32.Rd2 Bxb3 33.Nxb3 a4 34.Nc1 Nc5 35.Bc4 Nb7 36.Bd3 Nc5 37.Qe3 Qa7 38.Re1 Qa5 39.Rf1 Nb3 40.Rdd1 Rxc1+ 41.Rxc1 a3 42.Rc2 Nd4 43.b3 Nxc2 44.Kxc2 Rc8+ 45.Bc4 Nd7 46.Kd3 Nb6 47.Rb1 Kh7 48.h5 Qc5 49.Qxc5 Rxc5 50.Rh1 Rc8 51.hxg6+ Kxg6 52.Rb1 Nd7 53.Rh1 Nb6 54.Rh3 Kg7 55.Rh1 Nd7 56.Rb1 Rc5 ½-½ (56) Rofchade (3467)-Stockfish Dev15 (3612) tcec-chess.com INT 2022)* 13...Nc5 14.Qc2 b6 15.b4 Na6 16.a3 f5 17.0-0-0 Rf7 18.Kb2 Nc7 19.Nec3 Bf6 20.Qd2 Ne8 21.a4 a5 22.bxa5 bxa5 23.Na3 Nc7 24.Bb5 Nxb5 25.axb5 Rb7 26.Ka2 Bd7 27.Qd3 Rc8 28.Rb1 Bg5 29.Bf2 Bh4 30.g3 Be7 31.b6 Qf8 32.Rb2 fxe4 33.fxe4 Ng5 34.h4 Nh3 35.Be1 g5 36.hxg5 Nxg5 37.Rf1 Nf7 38.Bd2 Bh3 39.Rf2 Rcb8 40.Be3 Qg7 41.Nc4 Rd7 42.Nb5 Nd8 43.Nc7 Nb7 44.Ne6 Qg6 45.g4 Bxg4 46.Rf5 Kh8 47.Qf1 Rc8 48.Rg2 Rg8 49.Qh1 Bxf5 50.Rxg6 Bxg6 51.Qh3 Bf6 52.Nc5 Nxc5 53.Bxc5 Rdg7 54.Bxd6 Re8 55.Qf3 Rf7 56.b7 Kg7 57.b8Q Rxb8 58.Bxb8 Re7 59.Nd6 Rd7 60.Nf5+ Kh7 61.Qc3 Bxf5 62.exf5 Re7 63.Qc6 Bg7 64.d6 Rf7 65.d7 Rf6 66.Bd6 a4 67.d8Q Rh6 68.Qg2 Re6 69.fxe6 a3 70.Qe7 e4 71.Qgxg7# 1-0 (71) Stockfish Dev15 (3612)-Rofchade (3467) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B1a2) 12.Nb5 Ne8 13.Nxa7 Nc5 14.b4 Rxa7 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Bxc5 b6 17.Bb4 Qh4+ 18.Ng3 f5 19.Bb5 Nc7 20.Bc4 f4 21.Be7 Rf6 22.d6+ Ne6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.d7 Bxd7 25.Qd6 Kg7 26.Bxe6 fxg3 27.Bxd7 gxh2+ 28.Kf1 Qg3 29.Be8 b5 30.Qc5 Re7 31.Bxb5 Bh4 32.Rd1 Rb7 33.a4 Rb8 34.Rd7+ Kh6 35.Qe3+ Bg5 36.Qa7 Rh8 37.a5 h4 38.Qc5 Rb8 39.a6 Bf4 40.a7 Rh8 41.Bc6 h3 42.Qf2 Qg5 43.a8R Rxa8 44.Bxa8 Be3 45.Qe2 Bg1 46.gxh3 Bc5 47.Qd2 Be3 48.Qxh2 Bd4 49.h4 Qe3 50.Qe2 Qc3 51.Bd5 Bb6 52.Bg8 g5 53.hxg5+ Kg6 54.Rh6+ Kxg5 55.Qg2+ Kf4 56.Rf6+ Ke3 57.Qg5# 1-0 (57) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2

(3455)-Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B1b) 10.dxc6 Nxc6 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Qxd6 Qxd6 14.Rxd6 Nd4 15.Nge2 Ne8 16.Rd5 Nc7 17.Rxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Rfd8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Be2 Bd4 21.Bd2 Na6 22.Rc1 Kf7 23.Bg5 Bf6 24.Bf4 g5 25.Be3 Nb4 26.e5 Bxe5 27.Bxg5 Bf6 28.Be3 Bd4 29.Bf4 Bc5 30.Ne4 Nd3 31.Bxd3 Rxd3 32.b3 Rd7 33.Re1 Be7 34.Be3 h4 35.a4 h3 36.g3 a6 37.f4 Kg6 38.Bb6 Bb4 39.Re2 Rd1+ 40.Kc2 Rh1 41.Kd3 Rd1+ 42.Kc2 ½-½ (42) Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482)-AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

B1c) 10.h4 a6 *(10...Qa5 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Nbd7 13.g3 cxd5 14.cxd5 a6 15.Nd1 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Kh7 17.Rh2 Rac8 18.Rc1 Rxc1 19.Kxc1 Ne8 20.Rc2 f5 21.Bh3 Ndf6 22.Nf2 fxe4 23.fxe4 Bh6 24.Bg5 Kg7 25.Be6 Nh7 26.Nh3 Bxg5+ 27.hxg5 Rf1+ 28.Kd2 Nf8 29.Ke2 Rb1 30.Nf2 Nh7 31.Nh3 Nf8 32.Bc8 Kf7 33.Bxb7 a5 34.Ba6 Nd7 35.Nf2 Nc5 36.Bd3 Ra1 37.Bc4 Rg1 38.Kf3 Ke7 39.Rd2 Rb1 40.Rc2 Ra1 41.Ke3 Re1+ 42.Be2 Ra1 43.Bc4 Rg1 44.Kf3 Rb1 45.a3 Ra1 46.Kg2 Rb1 47.Ba2 Ra1 48.Bc4 Rb1 49.b4 axb4 50.Ba2 Ra1 51.axb4 Nd7 52.Bc4 Ra4 53.Rb2 Ra3 54.Rb3 Ra2 55.Kf1 Nc7 56.Nd1 Ra1 57.Ke2 Ra2+ 58.Ke3 Rg2 59.Kf3 Ra2 60.Nc3 Ra1 61.Ke3 Rg1 62.Kf2 Rc1 63.Bd3 Ra1 64.Ke2 Nb6 65.Rb1 Ra8 66.Kd2 Nd7 67.b5 Nb6 68.Kc2 Rf8 69.Rf1 Rc8 70.Kb3 Rb8 71.Rf6 Rg8 72.Bf1 Nd7 73.Rf2 Rb8 74.Ra2 Kd8 75.Kc4 Na8 76.Na4 Nc7 77.Rb2 Na8 78.Kb4 Nc7 79.Ka3 Rb7 80.b6 Na8 81.Ba6 Naxb6 82.Bxb7 Nc4+ 83.Kb3 Nxb2 84.Kxb2 Nf8 85.Ba6 Nh7 86.Nc3 Nxg5 87.Bf1 Nh7 88.Bg2 Nf6 89.Nb5 Kd7 90.Kc3 g5 91.Kd3 Nh7 92.Nc3 Nf6 93.Nd1 Ng8 94.Ne3 Nf6 95.Nf5 Ng8 96.Kc4 Nf6 97.Kb5 Kc7 98.Ka5 Ng4 99.Kb4 Nf2 100.Kc3 Nd1+ 101.Kd2 Nb2 102.Bf1 Na4 103.Ke3 Nb6 104.Ng7 Kd8 105.Nxh5 Nd7 106.Ng7 g4 107.Nf5 Kc7 108.Be2 Nf6 109.Kd3 Kd7 110.Bd1 Kc7 111.Ba4 Nh7 112.Bb3 Nf6 113.Bd1 Nh7 114.Ne3 Kb6 115.Bxg4 Kc7 116.Bd1 Nf6 117.Be2 Nh7 118.Kc2 Ng5 119.g4 Nxe4 120.Kd3 Nf2+ 121.Kc3 Nh3 122.Kb4 Ng5 123.Nd1 Nf7 124.Nc3 Ng5 125.Bc4 Nh3 126.Ka5 Nf2 127.g5 Ng4 128.Ba2 Kc8 129.Kb6 e4 130.Nxe4 Kd7 131.Nf6+ Nxf6 132.gxf6* 1-0 (132) AllieStein v0.

8-120f959_net-1 (3509)-Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp (3482) tcec-chess.com INT 2020) 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 b5 *(12...cxd5 13.cxd5 Nbd7 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Kb1 Qb8 16.Rh1 Rc8 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.g3 Nb6 19.a3 Nfd7 20.g4 Nf6 21.g5 Nfd7 22.b3 Rcb8 23.Na2 Nc5 24.Qc2 a5 25.Nc3 b4 26.Nb5 Bf8 27.a4 Rc8 28.Qa2 Nbd7 29.Rd1 Na6 30.Qd2 Be7 31.Bh3 Bf8 32.Ka2 Rd8 33.Qe2 Ndc5 34.Rc1 Rab8 35.Rhe1 Kh7 36.Qc4 Re8 37.Bg1 Kg8 38.Re2 Rbd8 39.Bf2 Rb8 40.Be3 Rbd8 41.f4 exf4 42.Bxf4 Qe7 43.e5 Qb7 44.e6 fxe6 45.Bxe6+ Kh8 46.Rce1 Nc7 47.Nxd6 Bxd6 48.Bxd6 N5xe6 49.Be5+ Kh7 50.dxe6 Rc8 51.Bb2 Nd5 52.Qb5 Qxb5 53.axb5 Kg8 54.Rd2 Nc3+ 55.Bxc3 bxc3 56.Rd6 Kf8 57.b6 Re7 58.Kb1 c2+ 59.Kc1 Ke8 60.Re2 Rb8 61.Rxc2 Reb7 62.Rcc6 Ke7 63.Rd7+ Rxd7 64.exd7 Kxd7 65.Rxg6 Rc8+ 66.Kb2 Rd8 67.Rh6 Kc8 68.Rxh5 Rd2+ 69.Ka3 Rd6 70.b4 axb4+ 71.Kxb4 Rxb6+* 1-0 (71) Stoofvlees Ii B4 (3499)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3455) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 13.Rh1 b4 14.Nd1 a5 15.Nf2 Na6 16.dxc6 Rc8 17.g4 Nb8 18.c5 Nxc6 19.Qxd6 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Bb5 Qxd6 22.cxd6 hxg4 23.fxg4 Rfd8 24.e5 Nd7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Nd3 Re8 27.0-0-0 f6 28.exf6 Bxf6 29.Kc2 Rxd6 30.Kb3 Re3 31.Ka4 Bd8 32.Rh2 Rd5 33.Kb3 Rc5 34.Ka4 Rd5 35.Kb3 Rc5 36.Rhh1 Kg7 37.h5 gxh5 38.gxh5 Kh6 39.Rhg1 Kxh5 40.Rh1+ Kg6 41.Rhg1+ Kf7 42.Rgf1+ Ke8 43.Ka4 Rd5 44.Rh1 Kd7 45.Rh8 Be7 46.Rh7 Kc6 47.Rh8 Bd6 48.Rc8+ Kd7 49.Rc2 Rh5 50.Rcd2 Kc6 51.Nc1 Rd5 52.Rxd4 Rxd4 53.Rxd4 Re5 54.a3 bxa3 55.Rxd6+ Kxd6 56.Kxa3 ½-½ (56) Obsidian (3555)-Berserk (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 9...a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Bc2 a5 13.Nge2 Bd7 14.0-0 h5 15.h3 Rb8 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Rad1 cxd5 18.cxd5 h4 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Bd3 Kh7 21.Bb5 Bh6 22.Qc2 Rc8 23.b3 Nh5 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Nb5 Rf8 26.Kh1 b6 27.Qa2 Be3 28.Na3 Rb8 29.Nc4 Bd4 30.Kh2 Qe7 31.Qd2 Rbd8 32.Rde1 Qf6 33.Rd1 Qe7 34.Nxb6 Rb8 35.Qxa5 Ng3 36.Nxg3 hxg3+ 37.Kxg3 Qf6 38.Rxd4 cxd4 39.d6 Rxb6 40.Qxb6 Qf4+ 41.Kf2 Qe3+ 42.Kg3 Qf4+ 43.Kf2 Qe3+ ½-½ (43) Berserk (3589)-Obsidian (3555) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

8.h4 Re8 9.0-0-0 Qa5 [9...b5 10.Bh6 Qa5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h5 b4 13.Nb1 e5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qg5 Ng8 16.Bd3 Nd7 17.Nd2 Ra7 18.Bb1 Qd8 19.Qg3 exd4 20.f4 Nc5 21.e5 d3 22.Ngf3 dxe5 23.Nxe5 Nf6 24.Nxc6 Qc7 25.Nxa7

Bg4 26.Rde1 Be2 27.Qh2 h5 28.f5 Qxa7 29.Qg3 Qf7 30.fxg6 Qd7 31.Qf4 b3 32.Nxb3 Re4 33.Nxc5 Qc6 34.Ne6+ Qxe6 35.Qc7+ Nd7 36.Bxd3 Bxd3 37.Rxe4 Bxe4 38.Re1 Kxg6 39.Qg3+ Kh7 40.b3 Qe7 41.Re2 Qa3+ 42.Kd1 Bf5 43.Ke1 Bg4 44.Qd3+ Kg7 45.Qd2 Qc5 46.Rf2 Nf6 47.Qf4 Qe7+ 48.Kf1 Kg6 49.c5 h4 50.Qd6 Qxd6 51.cxd6 h3 52.gxh3 Bxh3+ 53.Ke2 Kf7 54.Kd3 Bd7 55.Kd4 Ke6 56.Rf3 Bc6 57.Rh3 Kxd6 58.Rh6 ½-½ (58) LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025]

10.g4 Nbd7 11.Bh6 b5 12.Kb1 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Ra7 14.h5 e5 15.d5 b4 16.Nce2 cxd5 17.Ng3 Nc5 18.g5 Nfxe4 19.fxe4 Na4 20.Rh2 Rb7 21.Ka1 Nc3 22.bxc3 bxc3 23.exd5 Qa4 24.Re1 c2 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Ne4 Rf8 27.Nf6+ Rxf6 28.gxf6 Bf5 29.f7+ Rxf7 30.Qc1 Qb4 31.Nf3 Qc3+ 32.Qb2 Qxf3 33.Rxc2 Bxc2 34.Qxc2 Qg3 35.Rd1 Rf2 36.Be2 Qe3 37.Rd2 Qc5 38.Qd3 Rf4 39.Rb2 Qg1+ 40.Rb1 Qa7 41.a3 Kg7 42.Ka2 h5 43.Rf1 Rxf1 44.Bxf1 Qf2+ 45.Be2 g5 46.c5 Qxc5 47.Bxh5 Kh8 48.Bd1 Kg7 49.Bc2 g4 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Qf6+ Kg8 52.Qd8+ Kg7 53.Qe7+ Kg8 54.Qe8+ Kg7 55.Qc6 Qf2 56.Qd7+ Kh6 57.Qxd6+ Kg7 58.Qxe5+ Kf8 59.Qf5+ Qxf5 60.Bxf5 Ke7 61.Bxg4 1-0 (61) Stockfish Dev Cf1064 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025

6.Be3 e5

[6...Nbd7

A) 7.Nh3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.g4 Nc5 10.Nf2 c6 *(10...a4 11.Qd2 c6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Nd3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bxg4 15.fxg4 Ncxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qg2 Qa5+ 18.Ke2 Nf6 19.g5 Nxd5 20.Bd2 Qb5 21.Kd1 Rfc8 22.Qf3 Rxc1+ 23.Nxc1 Qc6 24.Bg2 Ne7 25.Rf1 Qxf3+ 26.Rxf3 e4 27.Rf2 d5 28.Bf4 a3 29.bxa3 Nf5 30.Rc2 h6 31.Rc5 hxg5 32.Bxg5 Bh6 33.Bxh6 Nxh6 34.Rxd5 Ng4 35.Kd2 f5 36.h3 Nf6 37.Rb5 Rd8+ 38.Ke3 Nd5+ 39.Kf2 Nc3 40.Rc5 Nxa2 41.Nb3 b6 42.Rc2 Rd3 43.Bf1 Rf3+ 44.Kg2 Kg7 45.Bc4 Nc3 46.Nd4 Nd1 47.Rc1 Ne3+ 48.Kh2 Rf2+ 49.Kg3 Rd2 50.Kf4 Nxc4 51.Rxc4 Kh6 52.Ne6 Rf2+ 53.Ke5 Kh5 54.Rc8 Kh4 55.Rh8+ Kg3 56.Rg8 e3 57.Rxg6+ Kh2 58.Nf4 e2 59.Nxe2 Rxe2+ 60.Kxf5 Rf2+ 61.Ke5 Ra2 62.h4 Rxa3* ½-½ (62) Scorpionn3 (3483)-Stockfish2021061923 (3632) tcec-chess.com INT 2021 *)* 11.Nd3

A1) 11...cxd5 12.cxd5 b6 13.Qd2 Bd7 *(13...Ba6 14.0-0-0 Qd7 15.Kb1 Rfb8 16.Rc1 Qb7 17.Rc2 Nfd7 18.h4 b5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd1 b4 21.Bxc5 b3 22.Rc3 bxa2+ 23.Kxa2 dxc5 24.Ne3 Bf8 25.Bxa6 Qxa6 26.Qd3 Rb5 27.Rd1 Qb7 28.Nc4 Rb8 29.Rd2 Bd6 30.Qc2 Qa6 31.h5 a4 32.f4 exf4 33.e5 Bf8 34.d6 Rb3 35.e6 fxe6 36.d7 Rxc3 37.Qxc3 Be7 38.Ne5 a3 39.b3 Qb6 40.hxg6 h6 41.Qf3 c4 42.Nxc4 Qb4 43.Rd3 Kg7 44.Qxf4 Rf8 45.Qe5+ Kxg6 46.d8Q Rxd8 47.Qxe6+ Kh7 48.Rxd8 Bxd8 49.Qf7+ Kh8 50.Qe8+ Kg7 51.Qxd8 Qd2+ 52.Qxd2 h5 53.Qd6 h4 54.Ne5*

Kh7 55.Qg6+ Kh8 56.Nf7# 1-0 (56) Stockfish2021061923 (3632)-Scorpionn3 (3483) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 14.Nxc5 bxc5 15.a4 Rb8 16.Bc4 h5 17.h3 Nh7 18.Nb5 Qh4+ 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Bd2 Kh8 24.Rag1 Rf6 25.Ke2 Rbf8 26.Bc3 Bc2 27.Rg3 Bxa4 28.Nc7 Bh6 29.Ne6 Rb8 30.Ra1 Bb5 31.Bxb5 Rxb5 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Bxa5 Nf8 34.Nxf8 Bxf8 35.Rg5 Bh6 36.Rxh5 Kg7 37.Rh4 Bf4 38.Rg4+ Kh7 39.Rh4+ Kg7 40.Rg4+ Kh7 41.b4 cxb4 42.Bxb4 Rf7 43.Kd3 Rc7 44.Rg1 Rc8 45.Ra1 Kg6 46.Ra6 Kf5 47.Bxd6 Bg5 48.Rb6 Rd8 49.Kc4 Rh8 50.Rb3 Bf6 51.Kc5 Rxh3 52.Kc6 ½-½ (52) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634)-Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

A2) 11...Na6 12.Be2 h5 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.b3 Bd7 15.g5 Ne8 16.0-0 cxd5 17.cxd5 Nec7 18.Kh1 Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Qd2 Bd7 21.Nb2 b5 22.Nd3 b4 23.Nb2 Nc7 24.Nc4 Nb5 25.Bd3 Bh3 26.Rg1 Bd7 27.Qf2 Rb7 28.Qe1 Rb8 29.Qg3 Re8 30.Rgf1 Rb7 31.Rf2 Re7 32.Rfc2 Re8 33.h4 Kh7 34.Kh2 Rf8 35.f4 f5 36.gxf6 Bxf6 37.f5 Be8 38.Rg1 Rg7 39.Rcg2 Rfg8 40.Bg5 Nd4 41.Qh3 Bxg5 42.Rxg5 Bf7 43.Qe3 Kh8 44.R1g3 Qf6 45.Kh3 Ra8 46.Nb6 Rag8 47.Qd2 Qd8 48.Nc4 Qe7 49.Qg2 Qd7 50.Nb6 Qe8 51.Ba6 Qf8 52.f6 Rh7 53.Nc8 Be8 54.Ne7 Rxe7 55.fxe7 Qxe7 56.Rxh5+ gxh5 57.Rxg8+ Kh7 58.Rg5 Bd7+ 59.Kg3 Bg4 60.Bc8 Ne2+ 61.Kh2 Nf4 62.Qc2 Qa7 63.Bxg4 hxg4 64.Rxg4 Kh6 65.Qd2 a4 66.Rxf4 exf4 67.Qxf4+ Kh7 68.Kh3 axb3 69.axb3 Qd4 70.Kg4 Qd1+ 71.Qf3 Qg1+ 72.Qg3 Qc5 73.Kh5 Kh8 74.Qg6 Qa7 75.e5 dxe5 76.Qe6 e4 77.d6 Qc5+ 78.Kg6 Qg1+ 79.Kf7 Qg8+ 80.Ke7 Qb8 81.d7 e3 82.Qh6+ Kg8 83.Qg5+ Kh8 84.Kf7 Qf4+ 85.Qxf4 Kh7 86.Qxe3 Kh8 87.Qh6# 1-0 (87) Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B) 7.Qd2

B1) 7...a6 8.0-0-0 b5 9.e5 b4 10.Na4 Ne8 11.c5 Bb7 12.f4 Bd5 *(12...Bc6 13.Qxb4 Bh6 14.Nf3 Ng7 15.Kb1 Nf5 16.Bc1 e6 17.Qc4 dxe5 18.dxe5 Qe7 19.Be2 Rfd8 20.Rhf1 Bf8 21.g4 Nh4 22.Nd4 Bd5 23.Qc2 Nxc5 24.Nc3 Bb7 25.a3 Kh8 26.Bc4 Rab8 27.Ka1 Bg7 28.Ba2 a5 29.h3 a4 30.Nxa4 Nxa4 31.Qxa4 c5 32.Ne2 Bf8 33.Bc4 Bd5 34.Qc2 Bg2 35.Rf2 Qb7 36.Rxd8 Rxd8 37.Nc3 Bc6 38.f5 gxf5 39.gxf5 Nxf5 40.Bg5 Be7 41.Rxf5 exf5 42.Qxf5 Rg8 43.Bf6+ Bxf6 44.Qxf6+ Rg7 45.h4 Bh1 46.Qd6 Qf3 47.Qxc5 Qf4 48.Ka2 Bf3 49.Bb3 h5 50.Qe7 Kh7 51.a4 f5 52.Qf6 Rg6 53.Qf7+ Rg7*

54.Qe6 Be4 55.Qf6 Qe3 56.Qd8 Qc5 57.Qd1 Kg6 58.e6 Qe5 59.Nb5 Qg3 60.Nd6 Qxh4 61.Qd2 Qg5 62.Qd4 Re7 63.Nf7 Qf6 64.Qg1+ Kh7 65.Ng5+ Kh8 ½-½ (65) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 13.Nf3 Rb8 14.b3 c6 15.Qc2 Nc7 16.h4 h5 17.Bc4 f5 18.Ng5 Qe8 19.Bxd5+ Nxd5 20.Rhe1 dxe5 21.dxe5 e6 22.g3 Qe7 23.Kd2 Rb5 24.Bf2 Rd8 25.Ke2 a5 26.Kf1 Bf8 27.Qe2 Nb8 28.Nf3 Na6 29.Nd4 Qe8 30.Rd2 Nac7 31.Nxb5 Nxb5 32.Qc4 Qf7 33.Kg2 Qb7 34.Bd4 Kg7 35.Red1 Be7 36.Kh2 Qa7 37.Nb6 Kh6 38.Rd3 Qb7 39.Bb2 Qa7 40.Qc1 Qa6 41.Kh3 Rb8 42.Qc4 Qa7 43.Rc1 Rd8 44.Rd2 Bf8 45.Qe2 Kh7 46.Rdd1 Kg8 47.Rc2 Qe7 48.Qe1 Qa7 49.Qg1 Be7 50.Kh2 Kh7 51.Rdd2 Rf8 52.Qc1 Rb8 53.Rd3 Kh6 54.Nxd5 exd5 55.Rd1 Bf8 56.Re2 Be7 57.e6 Qa6 58.Rde1 Qc8 59.Qc2 Qg8 60.Kg2 Rd8 61.Re5 Rf8 62.Qd3 Nc7 63.Ba1 Rf6 64.Bd4 Rf8 65.Bb2 Qg7 66.R5e2 Qh7 67.a3 bxa3 68.Bxa3 Rd8 69.Bb2 d4 70.Qd2 Nb5 71.Qxa5 Qh8 72.Qa4 Qe8 73.Qc4 Qh8 74.Kh3 Kh7 75.Re5 Kh6 76.Rd1 Qe8 77.Re2 Rd5 78.Bxd4 Nc7 79.Re5 Rd8 80.b4 Nd5 81.Ree1 Qf8 82.Bc3 Qg8 83.Bb2 Qh7 84.Be5 Qg8 85.b5 Qe8 86.b6 Qf8 87.b7 Bxc5 88.b8R Rxb8 89.Bxb8 Bb4 90.Be5 Bxe1 91.Rxe1 Qe8 92.Bb2 Ne7 93.Ra1 Nd5 94.Qd4 Qf8 95.Ra7 c5 96.Qxd5 Qg8 97.Qb7 c4 98.Qe7 g5 99.fxg5+ Kg6 100.Qf6# 1-0 (100) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

B2) 7...c5 8.Nge2 a6

B2a) 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 b5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Qxa5 Nxe3 13.Rc1 Nxc4 14.Qe1 cxd4 15.Nf4 Nde5 16.Nd3 *(16.Nd5 d3 17.Rc3 Be6 18.Nxe7+ Kh8 19.Bxd3 Nxb2 20.Bc2 Nec4 21.Rb3 Bf6 22.f4 Rae8 23.f5 Rxe7 24.fxe6 Rxe6 25.h4 h6 26.Rf1 Bg7 27.h5 g5 28.Rbf3 Ne5 29.Ra3 Ra8 30.Rc3 Nbc4 31.a3 Kg8 32.Ka2 Nd7 33.Rcf3 Re7 34.Qd1 Nde5 35.Rg3 Rb8 36.Bb3 Rc7 37.Rc3 Nc6 38.e5 Bxe5 39.Qd3 Bxc3 40.Qxc3 N6e5 41.Rf6 Rd8 42.Bxc4 Rxc4 43.Qd2 Rdc8 44.Kb1 Ng4 45.Rxd6 Rf4 46.Qa5 Re8 47.Rd8 Rxd8 48.Qxd8+ Kg7 49.Qd6 Ra4 50.Kc1 Nf6 51.Kd1 Nxh5 52.Ke2 Nf6 53.Qc5 Rc4 54.Qa7 Rg4 55.Kf2 Ra4 56.Qe7 Ne4+ 57.Ke3 h5 58.g3 g4 59.Qe5+ Kg6 60.Ke2 f5 61.Kf1 Nf6 62.Qc5 Rc4 63.Qe5 Rc1+ 64.Kg2 Rd1 65.Qc3 Rd6 66.a4 h4 67.axb5 h3+ 68.Kg1 axb5 69.Qb3 b4 70.Qxb4 Rd1+ 71.Kh2 Ne4 72.Qb6+ Rd6*

73.Qb8 Rd2+ 74.Kh1 Kf6 75.Qh8+ Ke6 76.Qg8+ Ke5 77.Qg7+ Kd5 78.Qd7+ Kc4 79.Qe6+ Kd4 80.Qb6+ Kd3 81.Qb8 Ke2 82.Qe5 Rd3 83.Kg1 Rxg3+ 84.Kh2 Ke3 85.Qe7 Kf2 86.Qa7+ Re3 87.Kh1 g3 88.Qa2+ Kf3 89.Qf2+ Nxf2+ 90.Kg1 Re1# 0-1 (90) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634)-Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)*
16...d5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qg3 Nc4 19.Bd3 dxe4 20.Bxe4 Be6 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.a3 Nd2+ 23.Kc2 Nb3 24.Rcd1 Rc8+ 25.Kb1 d3 26.Rxd3 Bf5 27.Ka2 Bxd3 28.Kxb3 Bd4 29.Qg5 Rc2 30.Kb4 Bxb2 31.Qd5 Bc3+ 32.Kb3 Bf6 33.Kb4 Bc4 34.Qa8+ Kg7 35.Rd1 Rxg2 36.Rd8 h5 37.f4 Rxh2 38.Rh8 Bd4 39.Qd8 Rb2+ 40.Ka5 Rd2 41.Qg8+ Kf6 42.Rxh5 Bc3+ 43.Kb6 Rd6+ 44.Kb7 gxh5 45.Qh8+ Kf5 46.Qxc3 Re6 47.Qg3 f6 48.Qf3 h4 49.Qh3+ Kxf4 50.Qxh4+ Ke3 51.Qh6+ Ke2 52.Qg6 Kd1 53.Qb1+ Kd2 54.Qb2+ Ke3 55.Qc1+ Kf3 56.Qd1+ Ke3 57.Qc1+ Kf2 58.Qf4+ Ke2 59.Qh2+ Ke3 60.Qh6+ Ke2 61.Qg6 Kf2 62.Qh7 Kf3 63.Qh5+ Kg3 64.Qg6+ Kf2 65.Qh6 Re3 66.Qf4+ Ke2 67.Qg4+ Ke1 68.Qh4+ Kd1 69.Qd4+ Rd3 70.Qg4+ Kd2 71.Qf4+ Re3 72.Kxa6 e5 73.Qf2+ Re2 74.Qc5 Bd3 75.Qb4+ Kc2 76.a4 bxa4+ ½-½ (76) Stockfishdev E608Eab (3662)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3634) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B2b) 9.Rd1 Qa5 *(9...b6 10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Ng3 Be6 14.h3 Nxc4 15.b3 Na3 16.e5 Ne8 17.Nge4 f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Rxd6 Qe7 20.Qg5 Rad8 21.Rxb6 Nc2+ 22.Kf2 Nxe4+ 23.Nxe4 Qxg5 24.Nxg5 Rd2+ 25.Be2 Bf5 26.Rd1 Rfd8 27.Rxd2 Rxd2 28.Kf1 Ne3+ 29.Ke1 Rxa2 30.g4 h6 31.gxf5 hxg5 32.Rxg6+ Kf8 33.Bd3 Ng2+ 34.Kd1 Nf4 35.Rxa6* ½-½ (35) LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631)-Stockfish Dev F7 (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.a3 Ne6 12.Nc1 Bd7 13.c5 Nxc5 14.b4 Nfxe4 15.fxe4 Qxa3 16.Nb1 Qa1 17.bxc5 Qxb1 18.Bd3 Qb2 19.Qxb2 Bxb2 20.0-0 dxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba4 22.Rd2 Bf6 23.Ra2 Bd7 24.Ne2 Be6 25.Ra3 Rfd8 26.Rb1 Rac8 27.Bb6 Rd7 28.Nf4 Bc4 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.exd5 Rxd5 31.Kf1 Bd4 32.Bxd4 Rxd4 33.Rxb7 Rcd8 34.Bxa6 R8d7 35.Rb8+ Kg7 36.Be2 Rd8 37.Rb1 R8d7 38.Kf2 e6 39.Bf3 Rc4 40.Ra8 h5 41.h3 Rdc7 42.Rbb8 Kf6 43.Rh8 Kg7 44.Kg1 R4c5 45.Kh2 Rc4 46.Bd1 Rc1 47.Rag8+ Kf6 48.Rd8 Kg7 49.Rdg8+ Kf6 50.Be2 Re1 51.Bf3 Rec1

52.Rf8 Kg7 53.Rfg8+ Kf6 54.Rf8 Kg7 55.Ra8 R1c4 56.Rag8+ Kf6 57.Rb8 Kg7 58.Rbg8+ Kf6 59.Kg3 R4c5 60.Rf8 Kg7 61.Rfg8+ Kf6 62.Rf8 Kg7 63.h4 Rc4 64.Rhg8+ Kf6 65.Rh8 Kg7 66.Rfg8+ Kf6 67.Ra8 Kg7 68.Rag8+ Kf6 69.Ra8 Kg7 70.Rhg8+ Kf6 71.Kh3 Ke7 72.Rge8+ Kf6 73.Rh8 Kg7 74.Rag8+ Kf6 75.Rf8 Kg7 76.Rfg8+ Kf6 77.Rb8 Kg7 78.Rhg8+ Kf6 79.Rh8 Kg7 80.Rhg8+ Kf6 81.Kg3 Ke7 82.Rbe8+ Kf6 83.Rh8 Kg7 84.Rhg8+ Kf6 85.Rb8 Ke7 86.Rge8+ Kf6 87.Rh8 Kg7 88.Rhg8+ Kf6 89.Rh8 Kg7 90.Rhg8+ Kf6 91.Ra8 Ke7 92.Rge8+ Kf6 93.Rg8 Ke7 94.Rge8+ Kf6 95.Rab8 Kg7 96.Rh8 Ra7 97.Rhg8+ Kf6 98.Rh8 Kg7 99.Rhg8+ Kf6 100.Rbd8 Rac7 101.Rh8 Kg7 102.Rhg8+ Kf6 103.Rh8 Kg7 104.Ra8 Rb4 105.Rhg8+ Kf6 106.Rgc8 Rbc4 107.Rcb8 Kg7 108.Rg8+ Kf6 109.Kh3 Ke7 110.Rge8+ Kf6 111.Kg3 Rc1 112.Reb8 R1c4 113.Kh3 ½-½ (113) Stockfish Dev F7 (3662)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[6...Nc6 7.Nge2

A) 7...e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd2 *(9.g4 Ne8 10.Nc1 f5 11.g5 c5 12.Nd3 b6 13.Qd2 Bh8 14.0-0-0 h5 15.gxh6 f4 16.Bf2 Kh7 17.Bh4 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Rg1 a6 20.Ne2 Bd7 21.Nexf4 exf4 22.Nxf4 Rg8 23.Bh3 Nh5 24.Be6 Nxf4 25.Bxg8+ Nxg8 26.Qxf4 Qf6 27.Qxf6 Nxf6 28.h4 Kxh6 29.b3 Kg7 30.Kd2 Rh8 31.Rh1 b5 32.a3 Kf7 33.Rb1 Ra8 34.Ke3 Rc8 35.Kd2 Ra8 36.Ke3 Re8 37.Ra1 Rc8 38.Rac1 a5 39.Rb1 Rb8 40.Kd2 Ra8 41.Kd3 Rb8 42.Kc3 Rf8 43.Kd2 Ra8 44.Kc3 Rf8 45.Rh2 Ra8 46.Kd3 Rb8 47.Rbb2 Nh5 48.Rhf2 Kf6 49.Ke3 b4 50.a4 Rh8 51.Rg2 Ng7 52.Rh2 Kf7 53.Rbg2 Nh5 54.Rg5 Nf6 55.Rhg2 Rh6 56.f4 Bh3 57.Rg1 Rxh4 58.e5 Bf5 59.exf6 Kxf6 60.R5g3 Rh2 61.R1g2 Rh1 62.Rb2 Rf1 ½-½ (62) LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642)-Stockfish Dev (3673) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 9...c6 10.a4 Bd7 11.h4 h5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Qxd6 Na5 14.Nc1 Rc8 15.b3 Nc6 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Qxd8 Rfxd8 18.Bg5 Re8 19.Bd3 Nd7 20.Rb1 a5 21.Nd5 f6 22.Be3 Bf8 23.Kf2 Kf7 24.Rd1 Bc5 25.Bf1 g5 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.Nd3 Bxe3+ 28.Kxe3 h4 29.Be2 Rh8 30.Rg1 Rh6 31.Rbf1 Nf6 32.Rb1 Nd7 33.Rbd1 Ncb8 34.Rh1 Na6 35.Rb1 Nac5 36.Nf2 Na6 37.Nd3 Rhh8 38.Rhd1 Nac5 39.Nf2 Na6 40.Nd3 Nac5 41.Nf2 Na6 42.Rd2 Ndc5 43.Rf1 Nb8 44.Rb2 Nc6 45.Rg1 Nb4 46.Bd1 Rcf8 47.Rd2 Rd8 48.Rh1 Ke8 49.Nf6+ Ke7 50.Nd5+ Ke8 51.Bc2 Kf7 52.Ra1 Rhg8 53.Rh1 Rh8 54.Rg1 Ke8 55.Bd1 Rh6 56.Nc7+ Ke7 57.Nd5+ Ke8 58.Rf1 Kf7 59.Rh1 Rhh8 60.Rg1 Rh6 61.Rf1 Ke8 62.Bc2 Rh8 63.Rfd1 Kf7 64.Rh1 Kf8 65.Re1 Kf7 66.Bd1 Ke8 67.Rh1 Kf7 68.Rg1 Rh7 69.Re2

Rf8 70.g3 Nc6 71.Rd2 Rfh8 72.Nb6 h3 73.Nd5 Nd4 74.Rh1 h2 75.Nc7 Bd7 76.Ra2 Kf8 77.Nb5 Nxb5 78.axb5 b6 79.Rd2 Ke7 80.Rd5 Be6 81.Rxe5 Rg8 82.Rxc5 bxc5 83.Bc2 Rhh8 84.e5 a4 85.bxa4 Bxc4 86.Ng4 Ke6 87.Rxh2 Rxh2 88.Nxh2 Kxe5 89.Ng4+ Ke6 90.Nf2 Re8 91.f4 gxf4+ ½-½ (91) Stockfish Dev (3673)-LCZero 0.31-dag-e429eeb-BT3-2 (3642) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 7...a5 8.Qd2 Nd7 9.d5 Nce5 10.Nd4 a4 *(10...Nb6 11.b3 a4 12.Rc1 c5 13.Ndb5 f5 14.Be2 axb3 15.axb3 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf7 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Nbc3 Ra3 19.Qb2 Ra7 20.Bf2 Na8 21.b4 b6 22.Ra1 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Bf5 24.Ng3 e6 25.Ra7 Nc7 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Qb3 exd5 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.f4 Bxc3 30.Qxc3 Qb8 31.Qa1 d4 32.Bh4 Qb6 33.h3 d5 34.Bf1 Nd6 35.cxd5 h6 36.Be2 Ne4 37.Bc4 Nd6 38.Be2 Ne4 39.Be7 Re8 40.Bc4 Kg7 41.Bh4 Kh8 42.Qa5 Qxa5 43.Rxa5 d3 44.Bxd3 Nxd5 45.g3 Rc8 46.Kg2 Nb4 47.Bxe4 fxe4 48.Bf6+ Kg8 49.Kf2 Kf7 50.Bc3 Rd8 51.Rb5* ½-½ (51) LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2-(3598)-Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11.Rc1 c5 12.Ndb5 f5 13.exf5 Nb6 14.b3 Bxf5 15.h3 Bd7 16.Be2 Nf7 17.0-0 axb3 18.axb3 Nc8 19.Qc2 Na7 20.Nxa7 Rxa7 21.f4 Ra3 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Qd7 24.Qc4 b6 25.Bg4 Qe8 26.Rcd1 Kh8 27.Be2 Ra2 28.Rde1 Qa8 29.Bd3 Nh6 30.g4 Qc8 31.Be2 Ng8 32.Rf2 Qa8 33.g5 e5 34.dxe6 d5 35.Qd3 Ne7 36.Bd1 Ra3 37.Bc1 Bd4 38.Be3 Bg7 39.Kh2 c4 40.Qd2 cxb3 41.Qb4 Qa5 42.Qxa5 Rxa5 43.Bxb3 Rxb5 44.Ba4 Rb4 45.Bc2 Bc3 46.Rd1 Rc8 47.Re2 Kg8 48.Bd3 Bd4 49.Ba6 Bxe3 50.Bxc8 Bxf4+ 51.Kg2 Nxc8 52.e7 Nxe7 53.Rxe7 Bxg5 54.Re8+ Kf7 55.Re5 Rb2+ 56.Kf3 Rb3+ ½-½ (56) Stockfish dev-20230409-b36d39 (3639)-LCZero 0.30-dag-a9b25c2b-BT2- (3598) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

C) 7...a6

C1) 8.h4 Na5 9.b3 b5 10.h5 bxc4 11.b4 Nc6 12.a3 e5 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.d5 Na7 15.a4 Nh5 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.g4 Nf6 18.Ng3 Rf7 19.Bxc4 Qb8 20.Rb1 Nc8 21.Nf5 gxf5 22.gxf5 Nb6 23.Bb3 Qe8 24.a5 Na4 25.Ne2 Bb5 26.Ng3 Kh8 27.Kf2 Qd7 28.Rh3 Rg8 29.Rbh1 Bf8 30.Qc2 Rfg7 31.R1h2 Qe8 32.Bh6 Rf7 33.Be3 Be7 34.Qc1 Rfg7 35.Qh1 Qf7 36.Nh5 Nxh5 37.Rxh5 Nb2 38.Bh6 Nd3+ 39.Ke3 Rg1 40.Qxg1 Rxg1 0-1 (40) Ehlvest,J (2531)-Firouzja,A (2763) chess.com INT 2025;

C2) 8.Rc1 Bd7 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.Nd1 Re8 11.Nf2 b5 12.c5 dxc5 13.Rxc5 e5 14.d5 Ne7 15.Nc1 *(15.Rc1 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Nd3 Qe7 18.Nc5 Red8 19.Nxa6 Rb7 20.a3 Be6 21.Qc3 Nd4 22.Qb4 Rd6 23.Nc5 Nc6 24.Qc3 b4 25.Qc2 Rb8 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.Ng3 bxa3 28.bxa3 Nd4 29.Qc7 Qb3*

30.Rc3 Qb1+ 31.Rc1 Qb3 32.Rc3 Qb1+ 33.Rc1 Qb3 ½-½ (33) Vidit,S (2707)-Amin,B (2707) Danzhou CHN 2019*)* 15...c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Ncd3 Rc8 18.Be2 Be6 19.0-0 Bf8 20.Rc3 Nd4 21.Nxe5 Nxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Qc7 24.Bd4 Bd6 25.Nfd3 Bc8 26.f4 Bb7 27.Nf2 Nh5 28.g3 f5 29.exf5 Qc6 30.Nfg4 gxf5 31.Nh6+ Kf8 32.Nxf5 Qh1+ 33.Kf2 Qxh2+ 34.Ke1 Qxe2+ 35.Kxe2 Ba3 36.Kd2 Bc8 37.Rh1 Nxf4 38.gxf4 Bxf5 39.Rh6 Re6 40.Rh5 Bb1 41.f5 Re7 42.f6 Re6 43.Rg5 Bxa2 44.f7 Rxe5 45.Bxe5 Bxf7 46.Bc7 Be7 47.Rf5 Ke8 48.Ba5 h5 49.Bb4 Bd8 50.Rc5 Kd7 51.Rf5 Ke6 52.Rf1 h4 53.Ra1 h3 54.Rxa6+ Kf5 55.Bd6 Bg5+ 56.Ke1 Bh4+ 57.Kf1 Bc4+ 58.Kg1 Bf6 59.Ra3 Kg4 60.Kh2 Bg7 61.Bg3 Bf6 62.Bd6 Bg7 63.Ra1 Bxc3 64.Rg1+ Kf5 65.Kxh3 b4 66.Rc1 Be6 67.Kg3 Ke4 68.Re1+ Kd5 69.Be7 b3 70.Ba3 Bxe1+ 71.Kf3 Bb4 72.Bb2 Kc4 73.Ke3 Bf5 74.Ke2 Bc2 0-1 (74) Edouard,R (2645)-Amin,B (2690) Europe-Chess INT 2020;

C3) 8.Qd2

C3a) 8...e5 9.d5 *(9.0-0-0 Rb8 10.d5 Na5 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bh6 b4 13.Nb1 Ne8 14.h4 f5 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Nh5 Qf7 18.Nxg7 Nxg7 19.Bd3 Bd7 20.h5 Nb7 21.Qxb4 Nc5 22.Qd2 f4 23.Nc3 Nf5 24.Rde1 Nd4 25.Kb1 Rb4 26.Ne4 Rfb8 27.Nxc5 Rxb2+ 28.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 29.Kxb2 dxc5 30.Rxe5 Qf8 31.Rhe1 Qb8+ 32.Ka1 Qb4 33.Re8+ Bxe8 34.Rxe8+ Kf7 35.Re7+ Kf8 36.Bxh7 Qxc4 37.Kb1 Qb4+ 38.Kc1 Qc3+ 39.Kd1 Qa1+ 40.Kd2 Qxa2+ 41.Kd3 Qxg2 42.Bf6 Qxf3+ 43.Kc4 Qxh5 44.Kxc5 Nf5 45.Rxc7 Qh6 46.Be5 Ne7 47.d6 Qxh7 48.dxe7+ Ke8 49.Rc8+ Kxe7 50.Rc7+ Ke6 51.Rxh7 Kxe5 52.Re7+ Kf5 53.Kd4* 1-0 (53) Duda,J (2743)-Caruana,F (2823) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9...Na5 10.Nc1 c5 11.Rb1 *(11.a3 b6 12.g4 Bd7 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nd3 h5 15.g5 Nh7 16.Rg1 Be8 17.Kf2 f5 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Kg2 a5 20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Kh1 Bh4 23.Bh3 Rxf3 24.Bf5 Kh8 25.Bxg6 Rxe3 26.Bxh7 Bg5 27.Bf5 Ra7 28.Nb5 Rg7 29.Raf1 Rf3 30.Qe2 Rxf1 31.Rxf1 Bf4 32.Rf2 a4 33.Rg2 Rxg2 34.Qxg2 Qh4 35.Qg1 Qf6 36.Qf2 Bf7 37.Qc2 Kg7 38.Qxa4 Qh4 39.Qc2 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Be3 41.Nxd6 Bd4 42.Qd3 Qf2+ 43.Kh3 Be3 44.Qd1 Bf4 45.Qh1 Qe3+* ½-½ (45) LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599)-Stockfish Dev16 (3625) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...Nd7 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Be3 Bg7 16.a3 b6 17.Be2 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.0-0 Qh4 20.b3 Qf6 21.Bd1 Rb8 22.a4 f4 23.Bf2

Qh6 24.Bc2 Nf6 25.Kh1 Kh8 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Nxd6 Bxc2 28.Qxc2 Nxd5 29.cxd5 Qxd6 30.Rd1 Qg6 31.Qxg6 hxg6 32.Na2 Nb7 33.Nc3 Nd6 34.a5 Rfc8 35.axb6 Rxb6 36.Na4 Rb5 37.Rbc1 Rxb3 38.Bxc5 Nf7 39.d6 Rb7 40.d7 Rd8 41.Nb6 Bf6 42.Bf2 Kg7 43.Rc8 a5 44.g4 fxg3 45.hxg3 Ra7 46.Rc4 Rb7 47.Rc8 Ra7 48.Bc5 a4 49.Rd3 Rb7 50.Rxd8 Bxd8 51.Nxa4 Rc7 52.Be3 Rc6 53.Kg2 Kf6 54.Nc5 Be7 55.Ne4+ Ke6 56.Bc5 Rc7 57.Bxe7 Kxe7 58.Ng5 Nd8 59.Rd5 Rxd7 60.Rxe5+ Kf8 61.Ra5 Nf7 62.Ne6+ Ke7 63.Nf4 Rd2+ 64.Kf1 Kf6 65.Nd5+ Kg7 66.Nf4 Kf6 67.Ke1 Rd6 68.Nd5+ ½-½ (68) Stockfish Dev16 (3625)-LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496 (3599) tcec-chess.com INT 2022;

C3b) 8...Bd7 9.Rb1 *(9.h4 h5 10.Nc1 e6 11.Nb3 a5 12.0-0-0 a4 13.Na1 e5 14.d5 Nd4 15.Nc2 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Bxd4 Be6 19.Be2 a3 20.b3 d5 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qxd5 24.Bc4 Rac8 25.Qc2 Qb7 26.Rhe1 Kh7 27.g4 Rfd8 28.gxh5 Nxh5 29.Bxg7 Nxg7 30.Qc3 Qb6 31.h5 gxh5 32.Rxd8 Qxd8 33.Kc2 Ne6 34.Rd1 Qc7 35.Rd5 Qh2+ 36.Rd2 Qc7 37.Rd5 Qh2+ 38.Rd2 Qc7 39.Rd5* ½-½ (39) Stockfish (3796)-AllieStein v0.7_dev-net_14.3 (3761) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*; 9.Ng3 e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.Nge2 Nxe2 12.Bxe2 Nh5 13.0-0-0 Nf4 14.Bf1 f5 15.Kb1 b6 16.g3 Nh5 17.Be2 Qe7 18.Rhg1 Rae8 19.a3 a5 20.Ka2 Kh8 21.Rde1 Qf7 22.Bd1 Re7 23.exf5 gxf5 24.f4 Nf6 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Rgf1 Ne8 27.Bg5 Bf6 28.Bxf6+ Qxf6 29.g4 Nd6 30.Ne4 Nxe4 31.Rxe4 f4 32.Qc3 Qg7 33.Bf3 a4 34.Rfe1 Rfe8 35.h3 h6 36.Rd1 Qf6 37.Ka1 Kg8 38.Rde1 Kf8 39.Bd1 Kg7 40.Rg1 Kf8 41.Rf1 Rf7 42.Bf3 Kg8 43.Rh1 Rg7 44.Rhe1 Rge7 45.R1e2 Kg7 46.Qe1 c6 47.h4 cxd5 48.cxd5 Qd6 49.g5 Bf5 50.Rxa4 Bd3 51.Rg2 e4 52.Bh5 f3 53.gxh6+ Kxh6 54.Qe3+ Kh7 55.Bxf3 Qh6 56.Rg5 Bc2 57.Rh5 Qxh5 58.Bxh5 Bxa4 59.d6 Re5 60.Bxe8 Bxe8* 1-0 (60) Melkumyan,H (2663)-Guseinov,G (2665) chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9...Re8 10.h4 Rb8 11.g4 b5 12.h5 b4 13.Nd1 b3 14.h6 bxa2 15.Ra1 Bh8 16.Rxa2 e5 17.d5 Nb4 18.Ra3 Bxg4 19.fxg4 Nxe4 20.Qc1 Nc5 21.Qd2 Ne4 22.Qc1 Nc5 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.Bg2 e4 25.0-0 Nd3 26.Qe3 Qh4 27.Qh3 Bd4+ 28.Nxd4 Qxh3 29.Bxh3 cxd4 30.Nf2 Nxb2 31.Re1 Nxc4 32.Ra4 Nd6 33.Bg2 f5 34.Rxd4 Nf7 35.Nh3 Nxh6 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Rc4 Re7

38.Rc6 Rb6 39.Rd1 Rd7 40.Rdc1 Rxc6 41.dxc6 Rd2 42.Nf4 Kf7 43.Rc5 Ke7 44.Re5+ Kf6 45.Rc5 Rd1+ 46.Bf1 ½-½ (46) AllieStein v0.7_dev-net_14.3 (3761)-Stockfish (3796) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

C3c) 8...Na5

C3c1) 9.Nf4 b5 10.h4 Nxc4 *(10...h5 11.g4 hxg4 12.h5 gxf3 13.h6 Bh8 14.h7+ Kg7 15.d5 Bg4 16.Bd4 c5 17.Qh2 f2+ 18.Kxf2 Bh5 19.Nxh5+ gxh5 20.Qxh5* 1-0 (20) Iniyan,P (2495)-Nihal,S (2698) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.h5 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nfd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 c6 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 18.Rxd2 Be6 19.Rc2 f5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Nxc4 fxe4 22.fxe4 Rf7 23.b3 Bf6 24.Kb2 Rd7 25.Na5 Rd3 26.Bc5 Bd7 27.Rhc1 Kg7 28.Rc3 Rd2+ 29.R1c2 Rd1 30.Nc4 Re1 31.Bd6 Re8 32.Re3 Rd1 33.Ree2 Bg4 34.Red2 Re1 35.Bc5 Rxe4 36.Nd6 Rh8 37.Nxe4 Bf5 38.Nxf6 1-0 (38) Goryachkina,A (2544)-Kosakowski,J (2522) chess.com INT 2025;

C3c2) 9.Nc1 Nd7 10.b4 *(10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bxb5 c6 14.Be2 Qb6 15.Qd2 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.b3 Rd8 18.f4 Nd7 19.Rb1 Nb7 20.b4 Nf6 21.a4 Re8 22.a5 Qa7 23.a6 Nd8 24.Qxd6 Ne6 25.f5 Qd4 26.Qxd4 Nxd4 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Bf3 Bxa6 29.Kf2 Nb5 30.N1e2 Nxc3 31.Nxc3 Bd3 32.Rbe1 Nd7 33.Ke3 Ne5 34.Ra1 Rab8 35.Rhd1 Bc4 36.Rdb1* ½-½ (36) Defenchess Dev2 (3663)-Scorpionn (3706) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 10...Nc6 11.Rb1 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.Rxb3 f5 15.Bd3 Qh4+ 16.Bf2 Qh5 17.h4 Nf6 18.Qg5 Bh6 19.Qxh5 Nxh5 20.c5 Bd7 21.0-0 Nf6 22.Ra1 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Ba4 25.Ra3 Bd7 26.g3 Bd2 27.Rb1 Kg7 28.Rd3 Bh6 29.Kg2 Bb5 30.Rc3 Rf7 31.Rc2 Ba4 32.Re2 Bb5 33.Reb2 Raf8 34.Rg1 Ba4 35.Re2 Rb8 36.Ra1 Rbf8 37.Rb1 Bd7 38.Rh1 Bb5 39.Rb2 Ba4 40.Ra1 Kh8 41.Rab1 Kg7 42.a3 Bb5 43.Rd1 Rd8 44.Ra1 Bc4 45.Rc2 Bb3 46.Rc3 Ba4 47.cxd6 cxd6 48.Bb6 Rdf8 49.Ra2 Kg8 50.Re2 Rg7 51.Kg1 Rgf7 52.Rb2 Bd1 53.Rf2 Ba4 54.Kf1 Kh8 55.Ke1 Kg7 56.Bc7 Rd7 57.Rh2 Kg8 58.Bb6 Rdf7 59.Ke2 Bd7 60.Rh1 Bb5+ 61.Kf2 Kg7 62.g4 Bf4 63.Be3 Kh6 64.Bxf4+ Rxf4 65.Kg3 R4f7 66.Rhc1 Kg7 67.g5 Ba4 68.Rc7 Rxc7 69.Rxc7+ Rf7 70.Rc8 Rf8 71.Rc3 Bb5 72.Rc7+ Rf7

73.Rc8 Rf8 74.Rc3 Rf4 75.Rc1 Rf8 76.h5 gxh5 77.Rc7+ Rf7 78.Rxf7+ Kxf7 79.Bxh7 Kg7 80.Bf5 b6 81.f4 exf4+ 82.Kxf4 Be2 83.Kg3 a5 84.Kh4 Bd1 85.Be4 Kf7 86.Kg3 Kg7 87.Bd3 Bg4 88.Kh4 Bf3 89.Bc4 Kg6 90.Bb5 Kf5 91.bxa5 bxa5 92.Bd3+ Ke5 93.Bc2 Be2 94.Bg6 Bf3 95.Bf7 Kf5 96.Be8 Ke5 97.Bd7 Bxd5 98.Kxh5 Bc4 99.Be8 d5 100.Bf7 Bd3 101.Kh6 Kd4 102.Kg7 Bb1 103.Kf6 a4 104.Be6 Kc3 105.Bxd5 Kb2 106.Be6 Kxa3 ½-½ (106) Scorpionn (3706)-Defenchess Dev2 (3663) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

C3d) 8...b5 9.cxb5 Na5 10.Nc1 axb5 11.Bxb5 c6 12.Be2 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Qe2 Qa8 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Nd3 Nc4 17.Bf2 Nd7 18.b3 Na3 19.Rac1 Qb7 20.h4 Rba8 21.Rfd1 Nb5 22.Nxb5 Qxb5 23.Rc2 Ra3 24.Nc1 Qb7 25.Be3 h5 26.Bg5 Nf8 27.Kh1 Ne6 28.Be3 Bf6 29.g3 R8a6 30.Kg2 Rb6 31.Nd3 Rba6 32.e5 Bg7 33.Nf4 Nxf4+ 34.Bxf4 Qa7 35.exd6 exd6 36.Rdd2 Qd7 37.Qe3 Ra8 38.Re2 Bf6 39.Qe4 d5 40.Qe3 Qa7 41.Be5 Re8 42.Rxc6 Bxe5 43.dxe5 Qxe3 44.Rxe3 Rxa2+ 45.Kh3 d4 46.Re4 Rb2 47.g4 Rxb3 48.Kg3 hxg4 49.Kxg4 d3 50.Rd6 Kg7 51.f4 Re7 52.h5 gxh5+ 53.Kxh5 Re6 54.Rxe6 fxe6 55.Rd4 Kf7 56.Kg5 Ke7 ½-½ (56) Korobov,A (2688)-Ponkratov,P (2631) chess.com INT 2020;

C3e) 8...Rb8 9.h4 b5 *(9...h5 10.Rc1 e6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nd4 exd5 13.cxd5 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Be2 c5 16.Nb3 Be6 17.0-0 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxb3 19.Bg5 Qb8 20.Rc2 Nc6 21.Bc4 Rb4 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Nd5 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Qxb2 26.Qxb2 Bxb2 27.Rb1 Bd4 28.Rb6 Ne5 29.Bxa6 c4 30.Rxd6 Bf2 31.Nf6+ Kg7 32.f4 Ng4 33.Nxg4 hxg4 34.Bxc4 g3 35.Rd7 Rc8 36.Be2 Rc2 37.Bf3 Rc1+ 38.Rd1 Rc5 39.f5 gxf5 40.exf5 Rc4 0-1 (40) Sjugirov, S (2703)-Shimanov,A (2581) chess.com INT 2022)* 10.h5 e5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.d5 Ne7 13.Ng3 *(13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.b4 Kh8 16.Bd3 Qe8 17.Rd1 Qf7 18.Rc1 Rfd8 19.Bg5 Qf8 20.Rb1 Rdc8 21.Rd1 c6 22.dxc6 Nxc6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Bxb5 Be6 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 26.b5 Rc5 27.Qxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Rxc3 29.Rxe6 Bg5 30.a4 Ra3 31.0-0 Rxa4 32.Ne2 Rb4 33.Rxe5 Be3+ 34.Kh2 R4xb5 35.Rxb5 Rxb5 36.Ng3 Kg7 37.Kh3 h5 38.Re1 Rb3 39.Rd1* ½-½ (39) Ethereal14 (3523)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 13...b4 14.Nb5 Ba6

15.h6 Bh8 16.Na7 Bxf1 17.Nxf1 Nh5 18.Qc2 c5 19.dxc6 Qa5 20.Rxh5 gxh5 21.a4 Ra8 22.Qf2 b3+ 23.Nd2 Bf6 24.Kf1 h4 25.Kg1 d5 26.Bc5 d4 27.Nb5 Nxc6 28.Bxf8 Rxf8 29.f4 Qd8 30.Rc1 Ne7 31.fxe5 Bg5 32.Nxd4 Ng6 33.Rf1 Nxe5 34.N2xb3 Qb8 35.Qf5 Bxh6 36.a5 Bg7 37.Kh1 Qb7 38.Qg5 h3 39.gxh3 Ng6 40.Qd5 Qa6 41.Qb5 Qc8 42.Qf5 Qa6 43.Qf3 Kh8 44.Rd1 Qa8 45.Ra1 Nh4 46.Qf4 Re8 47.Re1 Qd8 48.Rg1 Ng6 49.Qe3 Qa8 50.Nf5 Bxb2 51.Nd6 Rf8 52.Rd1 Be5 53.Nc4 Bg7 54.Nc5 Qc6 55.Nd6 Be5 56.Nf5 Qb5 57.a6 Qc4 58.Nd7 Qc2 59.Qd2 Qxe4+ 60.Qg2 Qa4 61.Qg4 Qc6+ 62.Kg1 Rg8 63.Nxe5 Qb6+ 64.Kh2 Nxe5 65.Qe2 f6 66.Ng3 Qc6 67.Rf1 Ra8 68.Ra1 Nf3+ 69.Kh1 Ne5+ 70.Kh2 Nf3+ 71.Kh1 Ng5+ 72.Kh2 Nf3+ ½-½ (72) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628)-Ethereal14 (3523) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[6...a6

A) 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 *(8.Nge2 Nc6 9.d5 Na5 10.Nf4 b5 11.h4 Nd7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bxb5 Nb3 14.Qd1 Nxa1 15.Qxa1 Qa5 16.Bc6 Rb8 17.Bxd7 Bxd7 18.0-0 Rb7 19.Rc1 Rfb8 20.b3 c4 21.bxc4 Rb2* 0-1 (21) Mindlin,A (2451)-Firouzja,A (2766) chess.com INT 2025 *)* 8...b5 9.cxb5 Qa5 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Ra3 Ne5 12.h3 Bb7 13.f4 Ned7 14.Nf3 Qb4 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.bxa6 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qxb4 cxb4 21.Rd3 e6 22.Bd4 Bf4 23.Be3 Bg3+ 24.Bf2 Be5 25.Bd4 Bf4 26.Be3 Bd6 27.Rxd5 exd5 28.Bb5 Rfe8 29.Bxe8 Rxe8 30.Kd2 Be5 31.Bc5 Rc8 32.Bxb4 Ra8 33.b3 Rxa6 34.Rb1 f5 35.Kd3 Kf7 36.Bd2 Ke6 37.a5 Bc7 38.b4 Ra8 39.b5 Kd7 40.b6 Bd6 41.b7 Re8 42.a6 Bb8 43.Be3 f4 44.Bd4 1-0 (44) Duda,J (2729)-Mamedov,R (2646) Almaty KAZ 2022;

B) 7.Bd3 Nfd7 8.Nge2 c5 9.d5 Ne5 10.a4 Nbd7 11.b3 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3 f5 13.Rd1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.axb5 Ne5 16.Qc2 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Qa5+ 18.N2c3 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Kd2 Bd4 21.Ra1 Bxe3+ 22.Ke2 Bg4 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Kd3 Bd4+ 25.Kc4 Bf5 26.Qd2 Bxc3 27.Nxc3 e5 28.Re1 Rf4+ 29.Qxf4 exf4 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.Rxe4 g5 32.b6 Ra8 33.Kb5 f3 34.Re1 g4 35.Kc6 h5 36.Kxd6 Rf8 37.b7 h4 38.Rg1 f2 39.Rxg4+ Kh7 40.Rxh4+ Kg6 41.Rg4+ 0-1 (41) Ivanchuk,V (2630)-Naroditsky,D (2619) New York USA 2024]

[6...c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bxc5 Nc6 10.Rd1 *(10.Nd5 Nd7 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Nxe7+ Kf8 13.Nd5 Bxb2 14.Rb1 Be5 15.Nh3 Nc5 16.Nf2* ½-½ (16) So,W (2770)-Saric,I (2646) chess.com INT 2020*)* 10...Rxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Nd7 12.Bf2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nde5 14.Ne2 f5 *(14...Nxc4 15.Nf4 Nd6 16.Nd5 Bd7 17.Bg3 Rd8 18.Bd3 Be6 19.Kc2 Bxd5 20.exd5 Na5 21.Re1 Kf8*

22.Bf4 f6 23.h4 Ndc4 24.Re4 Nb6 25.d6 e5 26.Be3 Kf7 27.h5 Rxd6 28.hxg6+ hxg6 29.Rh4 f5 30.Rh7+ Kg8 31.Rc7 Rc6 32.Bxb6 axb6 33.Re7 Kf8 34.Rxe5 Rc5 35.Re1 Nc6 36.Rb1 Ra5 37.Bc4 Rc5 38.Bd3 Ra5 39.Bc4 Rc5 ½-½ (39) Adhiban,B (2610)-Sindarov,J (2654) Wijk aan Zee NED 2023; *14...Be6 15.Nd4 Bxc4 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bg3 Rd8+ 18.Kc2 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Nc4 20.Bf4 e5 21.Bc1 Kf8 22.Rd1 Rxd1 23.Kxd1 Ke7 24.Kc2 c5 25.Kb3 Nb6 26.g4 Kd6 27.Bh6 Ke6 28.h3 f6 29.Be3 Kd6 30.h4 a5 31.g5 a4+ 32.Kc2 fxg5 33.hxg5 Kc6 34.Kd3 c4+ 35.Ke2 Nd7 36.Bf2 Nf8 37.Bg3 Kd6 38.f4 Ne6 39.Kf3 exf4 40.Bxf4+ Kc6 41.Be3 Kd6 42.Bf4+ Kc6 43.Be3 Kd6* ½-½ (43) L'Ami,E (2621)-Efimenko,Z (2597) Bremen GER 2022 *)* 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Nd4 Rd8 17.Kc1 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 Bxd3 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Rd1 a6 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.Bd4 e5 23.Kc2 Rxd4 24.cxd4 exd4 25.c5 Kf7 26.Kd3 Ke6 27.Kxd4 Kf5 28.g3 a5 29.h4 h6 30.a3 a4 31.Kc3 Ke6 32.Kb4 Kd5 33.Kxa4 Kxc5 34.Kb3 Kd4 35.a4 Kd3 36.a5 c5 37.a6 c4+ 38.Kb4 c3 39.a7 c2 40.a8Q c1Q 41.Qe4+ Kd2 42.Qf4+ Kd1 43.Qxc1+ Kxc1 44.h5 1-0 (44) Van Foreest,J (2702)-Jones, G (2665) Chartres FRA 2022]

[6...Nfd7 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 Qa5 9.h4 *(9.Bh6 Bxh6 10.Qxh6 Qb4 11.Qd2 a6 12.f4 b5 13.Nf3 Nb6 14.b3 bxc4 15.a3 Qa5 16.bxc4 Bg4 17.Nh4 Bh5 18.Rc1 Na4 19.h3 g5 20.Nf5 gxf4 21.Nxe7+ Kh8 22.Qxf4 f6 23.Kd2 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Nd7 25.Qh6 Ne5 26.Nc6 Nxc6 27.dxc6 Bg6 28.Bd3 Qb6 29.Rb1 Qxc6 30.Rcb3 Qe8 31.Rb7 Rf7 32.g4 Qf8 33.Qxf8+ Rfxf8 34.Ke3 Rfe8 35.Kf4 a5 36.R1b6 Rad8 37.a4 h5 38.Ra6 hxg4 39.hxg4 Re6 40.Rba7 Rde8 41.Ra8 Kg7 42.Rxe8 Rxe8 43.Rxd6 Rb8 44.Rd7+ Kf8 45.e5 Bxd3 46.Rxd3 Ke7 47.exf6+ Kxf6 48.g5+ Kg7 49.Rd7+ Kg6 50.Rd6+ Kg7 51.Ke4 Rb4 52.Kd5 Rxa4 53.Ra6 Ra1 54.Kxc5 Ra4 55.Rd6 Kf8 56.Rf6+ Kg7 57.Ra6 Kf7 58.Kd5 Ra1 59.c5 a4 60.c6 a3 61.c7 Rc1 62.Kd6 Rd1+ 63.Kc6 Rc1+ 64.Kb7 Rb1+ 65.Ka7 Rc1 66.g6+ Kg7 67.Kb8 Rb1+ 68.Kc8 Rb3 69.Ra8 Rd3 70.Kb7 Rb3+ 71.Kc6 Rc3+ 72.Kd7 a2 73.c8Q Rxc8* 1-0 (73) Stockfish (3592)-LCZero v0.26.3_T60. 66740 (3575) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9...Ne5 10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 Qb4 12.h5 Qxb2 13.Rc1 g5 14.Qxg5+ Kh8 15.h6 Rg8 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 f6 18.f4 Nf7 19.Nf3 Nd7 20.Be2 Nf8 21.a4 b6 22.Rcf1 Rb8 23.Nd1 Bd7 24.Ne3 Rb7 25.Ra1 Ng6 26.g3 Nf8 27.Nf5 e5 28.dxe6 Nxe6 29.Ke1 Bc6 30.Bd3 Nf8 31.Kf2 Ne6 32.Ne1 Rc7 33.Nc2 Rb7 34.Nce3 Rf8 35.Bc2 Nd4 36.Nxd4 cxd4 37.Nf5 Rc7 38.Nxd4 Bd7 39.Bd3 Rc5 40.Nf5 Ra5 41.Be2 Rc5 42.Ne3 Ra5 43.Nd5 Nd8 44.Ke3 Bxa4 45.Bd1 Bd7 46.Rxa5 bxa5 47.Bc2 Be6 48.Ra1 Nb7 49.Kd4 Nd8 50.Ba4 Bg4 51.f5 Nf7 52.Nxf6 Bxf5 53.exf5 Nxh6 54.Ne8 Nxf5+ 55.Ke4 Nxg3+ 56.Kd5 Rf5+ 57.Kxd6 Rf3 58.c5 Rd3+ 59.Ke7 Re3+ 60.Kd8 Re4 61.Bd7 Kg8 62.c6 Re3 63.c7 Rc3 64.Ra3 Rxa3 65.c8Q Rf3 66.Qc4+ Rf7 67.Be6 Nf5 68.Bxf7+ Kf8 69.Be6 a4 70.Qc5+ Ne7 71.Qxe7# 1-0 (71)

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7.d5

[7.Nge2 c6 8.Qb3 Na6 9.Rd1 *(9.0-0-0 exd4 10.Nxd4 Qe7 11.g4 Nc7 12.Be2 a6 13.Qc2 d5 14.Nb3 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Nd7 16.Kb1 a5 17.a4 b5 18.axb5 a4 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Nxc6 Nxc6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 a3 23.Bxc6 axb2 24.Bxa8 Qa3 25.Qd3 Qxa8 26.Bc5 Qa1+ 27.Kc2 Qa2 28.Rb1 Re8 29.Qb3 Qa5 30.Qb4 Qc7 31.b6 Qc6 32.Rhd1 Bf8 33.Rxb2 Bb7 34.Qb5 Qxc5+ 35.Qxc5 Bxc5 36.Rd7 Rb8 37.h3 Kf8 38.Kd2 h6 39.h4 Ba6 40.Ra7 Bf1 41.Ke1 Bxb6 42.Rxb6 Rxb6 43.Kxf1 f5 44.gxf5 gxf5 45.Kf2 fxe4 46.fxe4 Rb3 47.Kg2 h5 48.Ra5 Re3 49.Rxh5* ½-½ (49) Komodo (3505)-Stockfish Nn (3551) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 *)* 9...Qe7 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nh5 12.Nb5 f5 13.Nec3 b6 14.Qc4 Bb7 15.b4 Rfc8 16.Qb3 Nc7 17.g3 Nxb5 18.Bxb5 a6 19.Be2 b5 20.a4 Nf4 21.gxf4 exf4 22.Bd4 Qh4+ 23.Kf1 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Rc7 25.Qb2 Qf6 26.Rd3 Rac8 27.Nd1 Qh4 28.Qd4 bxa4 29.Rg1 Rc2 30.exf5 Qh3+ 31.Ke1 Qxh2 32.Qf2 Qh5 33.fxg6 h6 34.Qd4 Qh4+ 35.Kf1 Qh3+ 36.Ke1 Qh4+ 37.Kf1 Qh3+ 38.Ke1 Qh4+ ½-½ (38) Stockfish Nn (3551)-Komodo (3505) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

7...Nh5

[7...c6 8.Qd2 a6 9.g4 *(9.Bd3 b5 10.Nge2 b4 11.Na4 c5 12.Bc2 Nbd7 13.g4 h5 14.Rg1 hxg4 15.fxg4 a5 16.h3 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.a4 bxa3 19.bxa3 a4 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.Ke2 Qa6 22.Qd3 Nh7 23.Raf1 Bf6 24.g5 Bd8 25.h4 Qc8 26.Bd2 Ba5 27.Qf3 Qa6 28.Kd3 Rab8 29.Rg2 Rb2 30.Bc1 Qb6 31.h5 Bxc3 32.Kxc3 Ra2 33.h6 Kh8 34.Bd1 Ra1 35.Bc2 Qb8 36.Qe3 Ra2 37.Rgf2 Qb6 38.Bd1 Ra1 39.Kd2 Rb8 40.Qc3 Qb1 41.Bc2 Ra2 42.Ke3 Qb6 43.Rxf7 Qd8 44.Ke2 Rb1 45.Qd2 Bg4+ 46.Kd3 Rba1 47.Qf2 Rxa3+ 48.Bxa3 Rxa3+ 49.Bb3 Qe8 50.Rb1 axb3 51.Kc3 b2+ 52.Kxb2 Rh3 53.Kc1 Rh1+ 54.Kb2 Rxb1+ 55.Kxb1 Bf5 56.Rxh7+ Kxh7 57.exf5 Qb8+ 58.Ka1 Qb4 59.f6 Qa3+* ½-½ (59) Stoofvleesii D2 (3479)-Rubichess20240420 (3531) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 9...cxd5 10.cxd5 h5 11.g5 Ne8 12.Nh3 Nd7 13.Nf2 a5 14.Be2 Nc5 15.0-0 Nc7 16.Kh1 Rb8 17.Nd3 b6 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.a4 Qd7 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Nxa6 22.Nb5 Nb4 23.Qe2 f5 24.gxf6 Rxf6 25.Bg5 Rf7 26.Rg1 Kh7 27.b3 Rbf8 28.Raf1 Bh6 29.Bxh6 Kxh6 30.Na3 Qc7 31.Nc4 Rf6 32.Rg3 Kh7 33.Rfg1 Qa7 34.Rg5 Qf7 35.f4 exf4 36.Qf3 Re8 37.R1g2 Re7 38.Re2 Qe8 39.h4 Qa8 40.Kg1 Qd8 41.Kf1 Rg7 42.Reg2 Qa8 43.Rd2 Re7 44.e5 dxe5 45.Nxe5 Qa6+ 46.Kg2 c4 47.Nxg6 Rxg6 48.d6 Nd3 49.Rxd3 Rxg5+ 50.hxg5 cxd3 51.dxe7 Qg6 52.Qb7 Qe8 53.Qe4+ Kg8 54.Qd5+ Kg7 55.Qd8 Qc6+ 56.Kh2 d2 57.Qf8+ Kh7 58.Qf7+ Kh8 59.e8Q+ Qxe8 60.Qxe8+ Kg7 61.Qe7+ Kg6 62.Qf6+ Kh7 63.Qf7+ Kh8 64.g6 d1Q 65.Qf8# 1-0 (65) Rubichess20240420 (3531)-Stoofvleesii D2 (3479) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[7...Nbd7 8.Qd2
A) 8...Nh5 9.0-0-0 *(9.g4 Nf4 10.0-0-0 Qh4 11.Nge2 h5 12.Rg1 Nb6 13.Nxf4 exf4 14.Bf2 Qxh2 15.gxh5 Qxh5 16.Bd3 Nd7 17.Rh1 Qxf3 18.Rh2 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ne5 20.Bd4 Bd7 21.Rdh1 Rfe8 22.Bc2 a5 23.Qe1 Qg3 24.Bf2 Qg4 25.Rh4 f5 26.Rxg4 fxg4 27.Bd4 g3 28.Rh4 g5 29.Rh5 Kg7 30.Qf1 Kf6 31.Qh1 Rg8 32.Bd1 Be8 33.Rh6+ Bg6 34.Bh5 Ke7 35.Bxg6 Raf8 36.Rh7+ Kd8 37.Qh3 g2 38.Qe6 Rf7 39.Bxf7 Rf8 40.Qf6+ Kc8 41.Be6+ Kb8 42.Qxf8# 1-0 (42) LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614)-AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)*
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33.Rg1 Reg8 34.Rf1 Ne8 35.Rg1 a5 36.Qc1 Neg7 37.Nxg7 Kxg7 38.Rf1 Kf8 39.Qd2 Ke8 40.Rh1 Ng7 41.Ne4 Kd8 42.Rh2 Ne8 43.Rf2 h5 44.Rf1 Kc7 45.Qe2 Qf7 46.Rg1 Ng7 47.Bf2 Nf5 48.Qf1 R8g7 49.Nd2 Nh6 50.Kb2 Qe8 51.Kb1 Qg8 52.Kc1 Qh8 53.Kb2 Qb8 54.Rhh1 Qg8 55.Rh2 Qe8 56.Kb1 Qh8 57.Kb2 Qb8 58.Kc2 Bf6 59.Kc1 Qd8 60.Kc2 Nf5 61.Qd3 e4 62.Nxe4 Bd4 63.Kb1 Qg8 64.Qd2 Re7 65.Ka2 Be3 66.Qb2 Bxf2 67.Qxf2 Ng3 68.Re1 Nxe4 69.Qc2 Qe8 70.fxe4 Rg4 71.Rhh1 Re5 72.Ka3 Kd7 73.Re2 Qe7 74.Qc3 Rg3 75.Qe1 Kd8 76.Rh3 Rxh3 77.gxh3 Kc7 78.Qg1 Qf6 79.Qg8 f3 80.Re1 Kb7 81.Rg1 Rxe4 82.Qg7+ Qxg7 83.Rxg7+ Kc8 84.Rf7 Re3 85.Kb2 Kd8 86.Kc2 f2 87.Rf8+ Ke7 88.Rxf2 Rxh3 89.Rf4 Kd8 90.Re4 Kd7 91.Rf4 Ke8 92.Re4+ Kd8 93.Rf4 Ke8 ½-½ (93) AllieSteinv0.8-120f959_PS1.7 (3543)-LCZero0.28.0-rc1_69146 (3614) tcec-chess.com INT 2021;

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144.Qb7 e4 145.d6 Qd2 146.d7 Qa5+ 147.Kb3 Qc3+ 148.Ka4 Qd4+ 149.Ka3 Nd6 150.Qb4 Qa7+ 151.Na4 Qe3+ 152.Ka2 Qe2+ 153.Nb2 Bxb2 154.Kb3 Qe3+ 155.Kxb2 Qe2+ 156.Kc1 Qf1+ 157.Kd2 Qd3+ 158.Ke1 Qe3+ 159.Kf1 Qd3+ 160.Kf2 ½-½ (160) Stoofvleesii A18 (3532)-Komododragon2747 (3582) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 10.h4 h5 11.g5 Ne8 12.Nge2 f6 13.0-0-0 fxg5 14.Bxg5 Nf6 15.Ng1 Qe8 16.Be2 c6 17.b4 Ncd7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Qxd6 Rb8 20.Nh3 Rf7 21.Qxc6 Bf8 22.a3 a5 23.c5 axb4 24.Bc4 Nxc5 25.Qxf6 Be6 26.Qxg6+ Bg7 27.Be3 Nd3+ 28.Rxd3 Bxc4 29.Ng5 Rc7 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.axb4 Bxd3 32.Bc5+ Rxc5 33.Qf5+ Kg8 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.bxc5 Bc4 36.Nd5 Ra8 37.Qf5+ Kg8 38.Re1 Ra5 39.Kd2 Ra2+ 40.Ke3 Rb2 41.c6 Rc2 42.Qd7 Qa8 43.Qf7+ Kh8 44.Qxh5+ Kg8 45.Qh7+ Kf8 46.Ne6+ Kf7 47.Qxg7+ Kxe6 48.Qf6# 1-0 (48) Komododragon2747 (3582)-Stoofvleesii A18 (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2021]

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8...Qh4+

[8...f5 9.0-0-0

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16.Bh3 Bxh3 17.Nxh3 Rf7 18.Rhg1 Bh6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Nc5 21.Ng5 Rg7 22.b4 Nd7 23.f4 Nf8 24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.Nf3 Qe7 26.g4 Nf6 27.c5 bxc5 28.bxc5 g5 29.Nd4 Qe5 30.Nf5 Ng6 31.c6 h6 32.Nxg7 Kxg7 33.Kc2 a6 34.Rb1 Rf8 35.Rb7 Rf7 36.Rg3 Nf4 37.Ra7 Qe8 38.Rxa6 Re7 39.Qa7 Qg6 40.Kb2 Nxe4 41.Qd4+ Nf6 42.Re3 Rxe3 43.Qxe3 Nd3+ 44.Ka1 Ne5 45.Ra7 Ne8 46.a4 Qf7 47.Qd4 h5 48.gxh5 Qxh5 49.a5 Qf3 50.Ka2 g4 51.Rb7 Qf1 52.Qe3 Qc4+ 53.Kb2 Kf6 54.Kc2 Qf1 55.Rb1 Qc4 56.Rb8 Kf7 57.Qe4 Qc5 58.Qh7+ Ng7 59.Rg8 Qf2+ 60.Kb3 Qf6 61.a6 Nf3 62.a7 Nd4+ 63.Ka4 Nxc6 64.Rxg7+ Qxg7 65.Qxg7+ Kxg7 66.dxc6 g3 67.a8Q g2 68.Qa7 Kf6 69.Qg1 d5 70.Nxd5+ Kf5 71.Qxg2 1-0 (71)

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150.h3 Bg3 151.Rgb1 Rb8
152.Rd1 Kg6 153.Rd5 Kh5
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166.Rh1 Qd8 167.Kc3 Qa5+
168.Kc2 Qd8 169.Kc3 Qa5+
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184.Qd1 Rb8 185.Qd3 Kh5
186.Qc3 Qc8 187.Rh1 Qg8
188.Rha1 Qe6 189.Rh1 Qf7
190.Rd1 Qe6 191.Rh1 Qf7
192.Rg1 Qf6 193.Qd3 Qg6
194.Rga1 Qf7 195.Kc3 Qg8
196.Qd1 Qc8 197.Qd5 Qg8
198.Qxg8 Rxg8 199.Kb3 Kh4
200.Rd2 Rb8 201.a5 Rd8
202.Kc2 Rd7 203.Kd3 Rb7
204.Nc3 Rb3 205.Re2 Rb7
206.Nb5 Rf7 207.Rc2 Rb7
208.Rca2 Kh5 209.Ke2 Kh4
210.Kd3 Kh5 211.Rg1 Kh4
212.Rh1 Rd7 213.Rha1 Rb7
214.Rd2 Rd7 215.Kc3 Kh5
216.Kb3 Kh4 217.Rda2 Rh7
218.Rg1 Rb7 219.Rd1 Rb8
220.Rf1 Rh8 221.Rh1 Rb8
222.Rd1 Kh5 223.Rg1 Rb7
224.Ka4 Rb8 225.Kb3 Rd8
226.Rh1 Kh4 227.Rd1 Rb8
228.Rf1 Rb7 229.Kc2 Rb8
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236.Nb5 Rba8 237.Rfa1 Rb8
238.Kc3 Rc8 239.Rh1 Rb8
240.Kd3 Rb7 241.Rg1 Rb8
242.Rd1 Rba8 243.Rda1 Rc8
244.Nc3 Rca8 245.Nd5 R8a7
246.Nc3 Rb7 247.Rh1 Rb8
248.Rd1 Rb7 249.Rf1 Rb3
250.Kc2 Rb7 251.Ra3 ½-½ (251) Ethereal14 (3523)-Rubichess20240420 (3531) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B) 9...a6 10.Bd3 fxe4 *(10...f4 11.Bf2 Nd7 12.Bc2 b6 13.Ba4 Nc5 14.Bc6 Nb7 15.b4 Rb8 16.Kc2 Qe7 17.Nge2 Nf6 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Nc1 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Nd8 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qd5 Kg7 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7 25.b5 g5 26.Ne2 h5 27.h3 Ne6 28.Nc3 Ra8 29.Kb3 Rg8 30.Nd5 Bd8 31.Rbd1 Rb8 32.Rhg1 Rc8 33.Nb4 a5 34.Nd5 Rf8 35.Kc2 Rb8 36.Kc3 h4 37.Kd2 Ng7 38.Nc3 Ke6 39.Ne2 Rf7 40.Nc1 Kf6 41.Kc2 Be7 42.Kb1 Ne6 43.Rh1 Rh7 44.Nb3 Rg7 45.Nd2 Rf7 46.Kc2 Ng7 47.Nb1 Ke6 48.Nc3 Nh5 49.Rd3 Nf6 50.Nd1 Rg7 51.Be1 Bd8 52.Bc3 Be7 53.Nb2 Rgg8 54.Rdd1 Ra8 55.Nd3 Ra7 56.c5 bxc5 57.a4 Rb8 58.Nb2 Ng8 59.Nc4 Nf6 60.Rd3 Ne8 61.Rhd1 Bf6 62.Kb3 Rba8 63.b6 Rb8 64.Bxa5 Bd8 65.Kc2 cxb6 66.Nxd6 Be7 67.Nxe8 Rxe8 68.Bxb6 Rxa4 69.c7 Rc8 70.Rd8 Ra2+ 71.Kc3 Rxc7 72.Bxc7 Bxd8 73.Rxd8 Rxg2 74.Rd6+ Ke7 75.Kc4 Kf7 76.Kd5 Rb2 77.Kxe5 Rb7 78.Bd8 g4 79.hxg4 h3 80.g5 Rb8 81.g6+ Ke8 82.Ke6 Kf8 83.Bf6 h2*

84.Rd1 c4 85.e5 c3 86.Rh1 Rb2 87.Kf5 Ra2 88.e6 Ra5+ 89.Kg4 Ra2 90.Rd1 Rg2+ 91.Kf5 Rd2 92.Rxd2 cxd2 93.g7+ Kg8 94.e7 Kf7 95.g8Q+ Kxg8 96.e8Q+ Kh7 97.Qh8# 1-0 (97) LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628)-Seer2 (3499) tcec-chess.com INT 2024; *10...b5 11.cxb5 Nf4 12.Bc4 axb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.g3 Nh5 16.Nge2 Qd7 17.Kb1 Rfb8 18.Rhe1 Nf6 19.Nc1 Nb4 20.Re2 Qc8 21.a3 fxe4 22.fxe4 c5 23.dxc6 Nxc6 24.Qxd6 Kh8 25.Rc2 Ra6 26.Qc5 Qb7 27.Rd3 Bf8 28.Qc4 Ng4 29.Bg1 Bxa3 30.Na4 Be7 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.Bxc5 Rba8 33.b4 Ra1+ 34.Kb2 R1a4 35.Rcd2 Nxb4 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Rxd8+ Kg7 38.Qg8+ Kh6 39.Qb3 Qxe4 40.Bf8+ Kh5 41.Qxa4 Nd3+ 42.Ka3 Qxa4+ 43.Kxa4 Nxc1 44.Rd2 Nf6 45.Kb4 Ne4 46.Rd7 Kg4 47.Kc4 h5 48.Rd5 Kf3 49.Rxe5 Nd2+ 50.Kd4 Kg2 51.Kc3 Nf3 52.Re3 Kf2 53.Bc5 Ne2+ 54.Kd3 Neg1 55.Re2+ Kf1 56.Bxg1 Nxg1 57.Ra2 Nh3 58.Ke4 Kg1 59.Ke5 g5 60.Kf5 Kh1 61.Kg6 h4 62.gxh4 g4 63.h5 g3 64.hxg3* 1-0 (64) Ethereal14 (3523)-Stoofvleesii D2 (3479) tcec-chess.com INT 2024) 11.Nxe4 Nd7 12.Kb1 *(12.Bc2 b5 13.c5 Ndf6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Ng5 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Ne6 Bxe6 18.dxe6 Kh8 19.Qxd6 Qa5 20.e7 Rfe8 21.Kb1 Ra7 22.Nh3 Rd7 23.Qxf4 Rdxe7 24.Rhf1 Re2 25.Rf2 Qb6 26.Rxe2 Rxe2 27.Rd2 Re1+ 28.Bd1 h6 29.Qd6 Qxd6 30.Rxd6 Ne8 31.Rd7 Be5 32.f4 Bc7 33.Kc2 Re6 34.Bg4 Rc6+ 35.Kd2 Nf6 36.Bf3 Ba5+ 37.Kd1 Re6 38.Ra7 Rd6+ 39.Ke2 Re6+ 40.Kf1 Re1+ 41.Kf2 Re6 42.Ra8+ Kg7 43.b3 Bb4 44.Ra7+ Kf8 45.Rc7 a5 46.Ng1 Rd6 47.Rc2 a4 48.bxa4 bxa4 49.Ne2 a3 50.Ke3 Ba5 51.Rc8+ Kg7 52.Nc3 Bb6+ 53.Ke2 Rd4 54.Rb8 Bc5 55.Rb7+ Kf8 56.Rb5 Bb4 57.Nd1 Be7 58.g3 h5 59.Nc3 Kg7 60.Ke3 Rd7 61.Nd5 Nxd5+ 62.Bxd5 Bd6 63.Be4 Rf7 64.Kf3 Rf6 65.Ra5 Be7 66.Bd5 Kf8 67.Ra8+ Kg7 68.Rg8+ Kh7 69.Re8 Bd6 70.Ke4 Kg7 71.Rg8+ Kh7 72.Ra8 Kg7 73.Kd4 Be7 74.Rg8+ Kh7 75.Re8 Bd6 76.Ra8 Kg7 77.Ra7+ Kf8 78.Rh7 Be7 79.Ke4 Bd6 80.Ra7 Bc5 81.Ra8+ Kg7 82.Ra5 Bd6 83.Bc4 Bb4 84.Ra7+ Kf8 85.Ra8+ Kg7 86.Rc8 Bd6 87.Rd8 Be7 88.Rg8+ Kh7 89.Rc8 Kg7 90.Ke5 Bd6+ 91.Kd4 Be7 92.Rg8+ Kh6 93.Re8 Bd6 94.Ra8 Kg7 95.Ra6 Kf8 96.Ke4 Kg7 97.Bd5 Kf8 98.Rb6 Kg7 99.Rc6 Kf8 100.Ra6 Kg7 101.Bb3 Kf8 102.Ra7 Be7 103.Ra8+ Kg7 104.Rg8+ Kh7 105.Rb8 Kg7 106.Rb7 Kf8 107.h3 Bd6 108.Rh7 Ke8 109.Rh8+ Rf8 110.Rh6 Rf6 111.Rh7 Kf8 112.Bc4 Ke8 113.Kd4 Kf8 114.Bd5 Ke8 115.Bb3 Kf8 116.Kd5 Ke8 117.Bc4 Kf8 118.Kd4 Ke8 119.Ke4 Kf8 120.Ke3 Ke8 121.Bd5 Kf8 122.Kf3 Rf5 123.Ke4 Rf6 124.Ke3 Ke8 125.Kf3 Kf8 126.Ke4 Ke8 127.Kd4 Kf8 128.Bb3 Ke8 129.Ke3 Kf8 130.Kf3 Ke8 131.Rh8+ Rf8 132.Rh6 Rf6 133.Rh7 Kf8*

134.Kg2 Bb4 135.h4 Bc5 136.Rc7 Be7 137.Rc8+ Kg7 138.Rg8+ Kh7 139.Re8 Bd6 140.Rd8 Kg7 141.Kf3 Be7 142.Re8 Bd6 143.Rg8+ Kh7 144.Rd8 Kg7 145.Rd7+ Kf8 146.Rh7 Bb4 147.Ra7 Bc5 148.Ra8+ Kg7 149.Ra5 Bb4 150.Ra7+ Kf8 151.Ra8+ Kg7 152.Rc8 Be7 153.Rg8+ Kh7 154.Re8 Bd6 155.Ra8 Kg7 156.Bd5 Bc5 157.Rg8+ Kh7 158.Rc8 Bd6 159.Kg2 Kg7 160.Rg8+ Kh7 161.Rd8 Kg7 162.Rd7+ Kf8 163.Rh7 Bb4 164.Bc4 Be1 165.Rc7 Bb4 166.Rc8+ Kg7 167.Rg8+ Kh7 168.Rb8 Bd6 169.Rb7+ Kh8 170.Bb3 Bc5 171.Rc7 Bd6 172.Ra7 Bc5 173.Ra8+ Kg7 174.Rg8+ Kh7 175.Rc8 Bd6 176.Ra8 Kg7 177.Ra7+ Kf8 178.Kh2 Be7 179.Ra8+ Kg7 180.Rg8+ Kh7 181.Re8 Bb4 182.Re4 Bd6 183.Kg2 ½-½ (183) Seer2 (3499)-LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61 (3628) tcec-chess.com INT 2024) 12...Nhf6 13.Ne2 Nxe4

B1) 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bc2 Bf5 16.Bg5 *(16.Rhe1 Qd7 17.Ng3 Bxc2+ 18.Qxc2 Qf7 19.Bg5 Nd7 20.Re2 h6 21.Bd2 Rac8 22.a3 Nf6 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 h5 25.Qd3 b6 26.h4 Qf5 27.Ka2 Rf7 28.Rg1 Rcf8 29.Qc2 Kh8 30.Qa4 a5 31.Bg5 Bf6 32.Be3 Bg7 33.Qc2 Qd7 34.Bg5 Qf5 35.Qc1 Qd7 36.Qd1 Kh7 37.Qc2 Qf5 38.Bd2 Kh8 39.Qd3 Qd7 40.Qb1 Qf5 41.Bg5 Kg8 42.Be3 Qd7 43.Rd1 Kh7 44.Qc1 Rf5 45.Rg1 Qf7 46.Bd2 Rg8 47.Bg5 Qf8 48.Kb3 Bf6 49.Be3 Bg7 50.Qd2 Qf7 51.Rd1 Rf8 52.Ka2 Rg8 53.Ka1 Qf8 54.Qd3 Bh6 55.Bf2 Qf7 56.Rde1 Rf8 57.Ka2 Rf4 58.Rxf4 Bxf4 59.Kb3 Qd7 60.Re4 Bh6 61.Be1 Rf7 62.Bc3 Rf4 63.Qe2 Rf7 64.Qd3 Rf4 65.Be1 Rf8 66.Bf2 Rf7 67.Bg3 Bf4 68.Be1 Bh6 69.Qe2 Rf6 70.Bg3 Rf8 71.Qc2 Bf4 72.Bf2 Bh6 73.a4 Rf5 74.Qd3 Bf4 75.Qe2 Bh6 76.Be1 Qf7 77.Qd3 Rf4 78.Bg3 Rf5 79.Be1 Rf4 80.Ka3 Qf6 81.Qb1 Rf5 82.Qc2 Rf4 83.Kb3 Qf7 84.Qd3 Qf6 85.Qe2 Rf5 86.Bc3 Rf4 87.Qe1 Rf5 88.Ka3 Qf7 89.Qe2 Bf4 90.Be1 Bh6 91.Qd3 Rf4 92.Bg3 Rf6 93.Qd1 Bg7 94.Qb3 Qd7 95.Ka2 Rf5 96.Qd1 Bf6 97.Qc2 Kg7 98.Kb3 Qf7 99.Be1 g5 100.hxg5 Bxg5 101.Ka3 Bf4 102.Re2 Rg5 103.Qe4 Kh6 104.b4 axb4+ 105.Kxb4 Rg8 106.Qc2 Rg6 107.Kb3 Rg8 108.Qd3 Qd7 109.Bd2 Qf7 110.Be1 Bg3 111.Qe3+ Kh7 112.Bd2 Rg6 113.Qe4 Kg7 114.Ka3 Rf6 115.Be3 Bf4 116.Bf2 Bc1+ 117.Kb3 Bf4 118.Qd3 Rg6 119.Be1 Rg5 120.Kb4 Kh6 121.Qc3 Rg8 122.Qa1 Qd7 123.Qa2 c5+ 124.dxc6 Qxc6 125.Qc2 Ra8 126.Bd2 d5 127.cxd5 Qd6+ 128.Kb3 Qxd5+ 129.Kb2 Qd4+ 130.Bc3 Qxa4 131.Qxa4 Rxa4 132.Bxe5 Bxe5+ 133.Rxe5 b5 134.Re8 b4 135.Kb3* ½-½ (135) Komododragon3

(3592)-Berserk13 (3540) tcec-chess.com INT 2024; *16.h4 Qe8 17.Ng3 Bxc2+ 18.Qxc2 e4 19.Bc1 c6 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 23.fxe4 Be5 24.Rhf1 Bg3 25.Bg5 Rxf1 26.Rxf1 Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Kc2 Kf7 29.Kd2 Ke6 30.Ke3 h5 31.Kf3 Be5 32.b3 Bc3 33.Be3 Bf6 34.Bf2 Be5 35.Ke3 Ba1 36.Be1 Be5 37.Kf3 Bf6 38.Kf4 Be7 39.Kf3 Bf6 40.Ke3 Be5 41.Kd2 Bf6 42.Bg3 Bb2 43.b4 Bf6 44.Kd3 Bd8 45.Be1 Bf6 46.b5 Be5 47.Bf2 Bf6 48.Ke3 Be5 49.Kf3 Bf6 50.Kf4 Kf7 51.g3 Bc3 52.Be3 Bf6 53.bxa6 bxa6 54.c5 dxc5 55.Bxc5 Ke6 56.Bb4 Be5+ 57.Kf3 Bb2 58.Be1 Bf6 59.Bd2 Be7 60.Bh6 Bb4 61.Bg7 Ba5 62.Ke3 Bc7 63.Kf3 Ba5 64.Bd4 Bc7 65.Bb2 Bd6 66.Kf2 Bc5+ 67.Ke2 Bd6 68.Kf3 Bc7 69.Bc3 Bd8 70.Bd2 Bc7 71.Kf2 Bd6 72.Be3 Kd7 73.Bf4 Bc5+ 74.Be3 Bd6 75.Bf4 Bb4 76.Bh6 Ke6 77.Bf4 Bc5+ 78.Be3 Bb4 79.Bb6 Bd6 80.Bd8 Bc5+ 81.Kf3 Bd6 82.Kf2 Bc5+ 83.Kg2 Bd6 84.Kf3 Bb4 85.Bc7 Bc3 86.Ke3 Be1 87.Bf4 Ba5 88.Kf2 Bb6+ 89.Ke2 Bc5 90.Be3 Bf8 91.Bf4 Bb4 92.Kd1 Ba5 93.Ke2 Bb6 94.Kd3 Bc5 95.Bc7 Kd7 96.Bb8 Ke6 97.Bf4 Bf2 98.a3 Bb6 99.a4 Ba5 100.Kc2 Bb6 101.Kd3 Kd7 102.Ke2 Ke6 103.Ke1 Ba5+ 104.Kf2 Kf6 105.Ke3 Ke6 106.Bg5 Bc7 107.Kf2 Bb6+ 108.Kf3 Ba5 109.Bf4 Bc3 110.Kf2 Ba5 111.Kf3 Bb4 112.Ke3 Bc5+ 113.Ke2 Bb4 114.Kf2 Bf8 115.Bc7 Ba3 116.Bb8 Bb2 117.Ba7 Bc3 118.Ke3 Bg7 119.Bb8 Bc3 120.Kf4 Bd2+ 121.Kf3 Ba5 122.Ke2 Bb6 123.Ke1 Ba5+ 124.Kd1 Bb4 125.Ke2 Be7 126.Bf4 Ba3 127.Kd1 Bc5 128.Ke1 Bb4+ 129.Kf1 Ba5 130.Ke2 Bc3 131.Kd1 Bb4 132.Bb8 Bf8 133.Bc7 Bg7 134.Ke2 Bf8 135.Kf2 Bc5+ 136.Kf3 Bf8 137.Ke3 Bc5+ 138.Kf4 Be7 139.Ba5 Bd6+ 140.Kf3 Be5 141.g4 hxg4+ 142.Kxg4 Bf6 143.Be1 Bd8 144.Bg3 Ke7 145.Be5 Ke6 146.Bc3 Bb6 147.Kg5 Kf7 148.Be1* ½-½ (148) Rubichess20240420 (3531)-Stockfishdev-20240413-c55ae37 (3657) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 *)* 16...Qd7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Ng3 Rab8 19.h4 e4 20.Bxe4 Be5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Bc2 b5 23.c5 dxc5 24.g4 fxg4 25.fxg4 Rbe8 26.Bf5 Qd6 27.Rhe1 Kh8 28.Qc2 Re7 29.h5 a5 30.Re4 a4 31.Rde1 b4 32.Qxa4 Qxd5 33.h6 Qd6 34.Qb5 Bf6 35.Rxe7 Bxe7 36.Bc2 Bh4 37.Rd1 Qe7 38.Rd7 Qe1+ 39.Bd1 Qe3 40.Qc4 Bg5 41.Qc2 Be7 42.Be2 Rd8 43.Rxc7 Qg1+ 44.Qc1 Qxc1+ 45.Kxc1 Bg5+ 46.Kc2 Rd2+ 47.Kb3 Bxh6 48.Bc4 Be3 49.a4 ½-½ (49) Stoofvleesii D2 (3479)-Ethereal14 (3523) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B2) 14.fxe4 b6 15.a3 Nc5 16.Bc2 a5 17.Nc3 Ba6 18.b3

Qb8 19.Qe2 Bc8 20.Kb2 Bd7 21.Rb1 *(21.Rdg1 Rf7 22.h3 Na6 23.Rf1 Rxf1 24.Rxf1 Qb7 25.Bd3 Nc5 26.Bc2 Na6 27.Qe1 Re8 28.g4 Qc8 29.g5 Rf8 30.h4 Rxf1 31.Qxf1 Bf8 32.Bd1 Nc5 33.Be2 Be7 34.Qg2 Bh3 35.Qg3 Bd7 36.Qg1 Kg7 37.Qg2 Nb7 38.Nd1 Nd8 39.Nf2 Nf7 40.Ng4 Qf8 41.Kc3 Qd8 42.Bd2 Be8 43.Kb2 Kg8 44.Nh2 h5 45.Nf1 Qc8 46.Ne3 Nd8 47.Qf3 Nb7 48.b4 Bd7 49.Qg2 axb4 50.axb4 Nd8 51.Qf3 Nf7 52.Bf1 Kf8 53.Qg2 Kg8 54.Nd1 Kf8 55.Nc3 Kg7 56.Na2 Nd8 57.Qf2 Nf7 58.Be3 Bh3 59.Bg2 Bg4 60.Nc3 Bh3 61.Bf3 Bd7 62.Be2 Qa8 63.Kb3 Qc8 64.Kb2 Qa8 65.Bd2 Qc8 66.Na2 Qa8 67.Nc3 Qc8 68.Be1 Bd8 69.Qg3 Be7 70.Qe3 Kf8 71.Na2 Bg4 72.Bf1 Kg7 73.Nc3 Bd7 74.Bf2 Kf8 75.Be1 Kg7 76.Qf2 Bd8 77.Qg1 Be7 78.Qe3 Kf8 79.Qf2 Ke8 80.Bd2 Kf8 81.Be1 Kg7 82.Bg2 Bd8 83.Bd2 Be7 84.Bf1 Kf8 85.Be3 Kg8 86.Be2 Kf8 87.Qf3 Kg8 88.Bd1 Kg7 89.Be2 Kf8 90.Qf2 Kg8 91.Qg3 Kf8 92.Qg2 Kg7 93.Bd2 Kg8 94.Qg3 Nd8 95.Bf1 Kg7 96.Nd1 Nb7 97.Ne3 Kg8 98.Qf3 Bf8 99.Bd3 Be7 100.b5 Nc5 101.Bc2 Qa8 102.Bb4 Nb7 103.Bd1 Qc8 104.Be2 Qa8 105.Qg3 Nc5 106.Bxc5 dxc5 107.Nc2 Bf8 108.Bf1 Qc8 109.Ne3 Be7 110.Qf3 Kg7 111.Kb3 Kg8 112.Kb2 Kg7 113.Kb3 Kg8 114.Bg2 Bg4 115.Qg3 Qf8 116.d6 Bxd6 117.Nxg4 hxg4 118.Qxg4 Qf2 119.Bf3 Qe3+ 120.Kc2 Qf2+ 121.Be2 ½-½ (121) Berserk13 (3540)-Komododragon3 (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2024)* 21...Na6 22.Qd2 Qd8 23.Bg5 Bf6 24.Be3 Bg7 25.Kc1 Qb8 26.Bd1 h5 27.Rg1 b5 28.cxb5 Bxb5 29.g4 h4 30.g5 Bd7 31.Be2 Rf4 32.Bc4 Bh3 33.Rb2 Qc8 34.Rc2 Qb7 35.Qd3 Rf3 36.Na4 Bd7 37.Rf1 Rh3 38.Qe2 Bxa4 39.bxa4 Qc8 40.Rf3 Rxf3 41.Qxf3 Kh8 42.Rc3 Kh7 43.Qg2 Kg8 44.Be2 Qe8 45.Bg4 c5 46.dxc6 Bf8 47.c7 Qf7 48.c8R Rxc8 49.Bxc8 Nc7 50.Qf2 Ne8 51.Qxf7+ Kxf7 52.Bb7 Ke6 53.Bd5+ Kd7 54.Bc6+ Ke7 55.Rb3 Nf6 56.Rb8 Nxe4 57.Bxe4 d5 58.Bxd5 Kd6 59.Rxf8 Kxd5 60.Rf6 Kc4 61.Kd2 Kb3 62.Rb6+ Kxa3 63.Bc5+ Kxa4 64.Kc3 e4 65.Rb3 h3 66.Kc4 e3 67.Ra3# 1-0 (67) Stockfishdev-20240413-c5 5 a e 3 7 (3657) - Rubichess20240420 (3531) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

9.g3

[9.Bf2 Qe7 10.Nge2 f5 11.0-0-0 Bf6 12.Kb1 b6 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Bg5 15.Qe1 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.Nc3 Bxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Nf6 20.Qd1 h5 21.a3 Qg7 22.Re1 a6 23.Ka2 Rae8 24.Re2 Qd7 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Rxe4 Bf6 27.Be1 Qf7 28.Bc3 Re7 29.Rde3 Rfe8 30.Kb1 Bg5 31.Re2 Bf6 32.Qc2 g5 33.Qa4 a5 34.Ka2 Qg6 35.Kb3 Kh7 36.Qc6 Qf7 37.Rf2

Qg6 38.Rfe2 Bg7 39.Ka2 Qf7 40.Qa4 Bf6 41.Qc2 Kg8 42.Rd2 Rf8 43.Rf2 Qh7 44.Rfe2 Qg6 45.R2e3 Rfe8 46.Bd2 Rf8 47.Re1 Kh8 48.Kb1 Kg8 49.Ka2 Kg7 50.Rh1 Rfe8 51.Rf1 Rf8 52.Bc3 Kg8 53.Rc1 Rg7 54.Rh1 h4 55.Bd2 hxg3 56.Rh3 Re8 57.Rxg3 Kf7 58.Qa4 Qf5 59.Qc6 Re7 60.Kb3 Rh7 61.Rgg4 Rh1 62.Be1 Rg1 63.Ka4 Qh7 64.Bc3 Qh1 65.Re2 Qh7 66.Qb5 Qd3 67.Rd2 Qf5 68.Re4 Rh1 69.Rde2 Rh4 70.c5 dxc5 71.Kb3 Bg7 72.Qc4 Ke8 73.Rd2 Rh6 74.Kc2 Rd7 75.Qd3 Re7 76.b4 axb4 77.axb4 cxb4 78.Bxb4 Rd7 79.Bc3 Kf8 80.g4 Qh7 81.Qa6 Bf6 82.Qc8+ Rd8 83.Qe6 Qd7 84.Bxe5 Qxe6 85.dxe6 Rxd2+ 86.Kxd2 Bxe5 87.Rxe5 Rg6 88.e7+ Ke8 89.Kd3 Rg7 90.Kd4 Rxe7 91.Rxg5 Rd7+ 92.Ke4 Kf7 93.Rf5+ Kg8 94.Rb5 Re7+ 95.Kf4 Rf7+ 96.Kg3 ½-½ (96) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

9...Qe7

[9...Nxg3 10.Qf2 Nxf1 11.Qxh4 Nxe3 12.Qf2 Nxc4 13.b3 Nb6 14.Qd2 Na6 *(14...Bd7 15.Nge2 a5 16.Ng3 Nc8 17.Nce2 b6 18.0-0 Ne7 19.a3 Bb5 20.Rfc1 Rc8 21.Nc3 Be8 22.b4 Kf8 23.Rab1 Ng8 24.Rc2 h5 25.Qe2 Nf6 26.Nh1 Kg8 27.h4 Bf8 28.Kg2 Be7 29.Nf2 Nh7 30.Rh1 Kg7 31.Nd3 Nf6 32.Rhc1 Rd8 33.Qd2 Rc8 34.Kh1 Na6 35.Rb1 Nb8 36.b5 Nbd7 37.Nd1 Kg8 38.a4 Kh7 39.Rbc1 Nc5 40.Nxc5 bxc5 41.Ne3 Bf8 42.Nf5 Rd8 43.Rg1 Bd7 44.Rb2 Rab8 45.Ne3 Bh6 46.Qc3 Bxe3 47.Qxe3 Kg7 48.Qd2 Ne8 49.Rgb1 Rbc8 50.Qc3 Kh7 51.Qe3 Nf6 52.Qd2 Ra8 53.b6 cxb6 54.Rxb6 Bxa4 55.Ra1 Be8 56.Rxa5 Rac8 57.Raa6 Nd7 58.Rxd6 Rb8 59.Qg5 Rb1+ 60.Kg2 Rdb8 61.Ra2 R1b7 62.Rda6 f6 63.Qc1 Rb1 64.Qd2 Kg7 65.Ra8 Kf8 66.Rxb8 Rxb8 67.Ra7 c4 68.Qc1 Kg7 69.Qxc4 g5 70.Rxd7+ Bxd7 71.Qc7 Rb2+ 72.Kg3 gxh4+ 73.Kxh4 Rh2+ 74.Kg3 Rh1 75.Qxd7+ Kg6 76.d6 h4+ 77.Kg2 Rd1 78.Qe8+ Kg5 79.d7 Rd2+ 80.Kh3 Kf4 81.d8Q Rxd8 82.Qxd8 f5 83.Qxh4+ Ke3 84.exf5* 1-0 (84) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 15.Nge2 Nc5 16.h4 *(16.Rc1 Bd7 17.h4 h5 18.b4 Na6 19.a3 Nc4 20.Qa2 Nb6 21.Ng3 Bh6 22.0-0 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 f6 24.Kh2 Kf7 25.Rf1 Rac8 26.Qf2 Nc4 27.Qe2 Nb6 28.Qd3 Ke7 29.f4 Nb8 30.a4 Nxa4 31.Nxa4 Bxa4 32.f5 Be8 33.Qe3 Rg8 34.Qxa7 Nd7 35.Rg1 g5 36.Ne2 b5 37.Nc1 g4 38.Nb3 Nb6 39.Qb7 Bd7 40.Na5 Rgd8 41.Ra1 Ke8 42.Kg2 Nc4 43.Nc6 Bxc6 44.Qxc6+ Rd7 45.Qxb5 Nb6 46.Qc6 Rb8 47.Qc1 Rh7 48.Kg1 Kd8 49.Qc6 Rg7 50.Qc1 Rh7 51.Ra6 Ra8 52.Ra5 Rb8 53.Qc6 Nc8 54.b5 Rg7 55.Qc1 Rh7 56.Qc3 Nb6 57.Qc6 Rf7 58.Ra1 Rh7 59.Kf2 Rg7 60.Qc2 Rh7 61.Qc3 Nc8 62.Qc6 Rb6 63.Qc4 Rb8 64.Kg2 Nb6 65.Qc1 Nc8 66.Qc6 Nb6 67.Ra2 Rg7 68.Ra1 Rh7 69.Ra6 Rg7 70.Kh1 Nc8 71.Ra3 Rh7 72.Ra2 Rb6 73.Qc4 Rb8 74.Qb4 Nb6 75.Qc3 Nc8 76.Qc4 Nb6 77.Qc6 Re7 78.Ra6 Nc8 79.Ra1 Nb6 80.Ra7 Nc8 81.Ra2 Rg7 82.Kh2 Re7 83.Kg1 Rg7 84.Ra1 Nb6 85.Kf1*

Re7 86.Ra5 Rg7 87.Ra3 Nc8 88.Ra2 Rh7 89.Kf2 Nb6 90.Ra7 Rg7 91.Kf1 Re7 92.Ke1 Rg7 93.Qc3 Rh7 94.Qc6 Nc8 95.Ra8 Rxa8 96.Qxa8 Rd7 97.Kf1 Rg7 98.Kg2 Re7 99.Kf1 Rg7 100.Ke1 Rd7 101.Kf2 Rf7 102.Qb8 Re7 103.Kg2 Rh7 104.Qb7 Rg7 105.Kg1 Rd7 106.Qb8 Re7 107.Qa8 Rd7 108.Kh2 Rf7 109.Qb8 Re7 110.Qb7 Rf7 111.b6 Nxb6 112.Kg2 Nc8 113.Qb1 Nb6 114.Qc1 Rh7 115.Qa3 Rh8 116.Kf2 Ke7 117.Qc1 Kd8 118.Qa3 Nc8 119.Qa8 Rh7 120.Kg2 Rg7 121.Qb7 Rh7 122.Qc6 Nb6 123.Qb7 Nc8 124.Qb8 Re7 125.Kh2 Rd7 126.Kh1 Re7 127.Kh2 Rd7 128.Kh1 Rf7 129.Qb5 Nb6 130.Qc6 Re7 131.Kh2 Rg7 132.Qc1 Rh7 133.Qc6 Nc8 134.Qc1 Nb6 135.Qc6 Rh8 136.Qb7 Rf8 137.Qb8+ Nc8 138.Qb3 Nb6 139.Qc2 Rh8 140.Kg2 Kc8 141.Qc6 Kd8 142.Kg1 Nc8 143.Qc1 Rh7 144.Kg2 Nb6 145.Qc6 Rh8 146.Qc3 Nc8 147.Qa3 Rh7 148.Kf2 Nb6 149.Qc1 Nc8 150.Kg1 Nb6 151.Kf2 Nc8 152.Qc3 Rh8 153.Qc1 Ne7 154.Qc4 Rh7 155.Kg2 Nc8 156.Qc1 Rh8 157.Kf2 Ne7 158.Qa3 Rh7 159.Kg1 Nc8 160.Qa8 Rg7 161.Qb8 Ke8 ½-½ (161) Berserk Dev10 (3509)-Stockfish Dev16 (3611) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 16...h5 17.b4 Nc4 18.Qc2 Ne3 19.Qb1 Nd7 20.Nb5 Bh6 21.Nxc7 Rb8 22.Nb5 Nb6 23.Nxd6 Rd8 24.Nxc8 Rbxc8 25.Kf2 Nc2 26.Qb3 Nxa1 27.Rxa1 Nc4 28.a4 Nd6 29.Ra2 b6 30.Rc2 Rxc2 31.Qxc2 Rc8 32.Qb2 Nc4 33.Qa2 Bf8 34.Qb3 Nd6 35.a5 Be7 36.Kg3 Rc7 37.Kh3 Rc4 38.a6 Kg7 39.Qb2 f6 40.Nc3 f5 41.Qb3 Rc7 42.exf5 gxf5 43.Na4 e4 44.Qb2+ Kg8 45.Qe5 exf3 46.Kg3 f2 47.Kxf2 Bf8 48.Kf3 Kf7 49.Nc3 Re7 50.Qxd6 Re3+ 51.Kxe3 Bxd6 52.Nb5 Bb8 53.Nd4 b5 54.Nxf5 Bc7 55.Nd4 Bd8 56.Nxb5 Bb6+ 57.Ke4 Bf2 58.Ke5 Bxh4 59.Nxa7 Bf6+ 60.Ke4 Bd8 61.Nc8 h4 62.a7 h3 63.a8Q h2 64.Qa1 Kg6 65.Qh1 Bc7 66.d6 Bxd6 67.Nxd6 1-0 (67) Stockfish Dev16 (3611)-Berserk Dev10 (3509) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

10.Nh3

[10.g4 Nf4 11.h4 *(11.Nge2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.h3 Bh6 14.0-0-0 Nxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 f4 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.h4 a5 19.Bd3 Nc5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 b6 22.Kb1 Kh8 23.a3 Bd7 24.Rde1 Rg8 25.h5 h6 26.Ka2 Rg5 27.Bb1 Rf8 28.Qd3 Rgg8 29.Qc3 Qg5 30.Bg6 Be8 31.Be4 Bf7 32.Re2 Rg7 33.Reh2 Qe7 34.Qc2 Bg8 35.a4 Rg5 36.Re1 Bh7 37.Bxh7 Qxh7 38.Re4 Rfg8 39.Rhe2 Qf7 40.Qd1 Re8 41.Re1 Kg7 42.Qd3 Re7 43.Rc1 Kf6 44.Rh1 Kg7 45.Kb3 Kh8 46.Rc1 Qh7 47.Rce1 Qg7 48.Qd1 Qf7 49.Rh1 Rg7 50.Qd2 Rg5 51.Rd1 Kh7 52.Ra1 Kh8 53.Rae1 Kg8 54.Rf1 Kg7 55.Qe1 Kh8 56.Qd1 Qh7 57.Rfe1 Qf7 58.Kc3 Kg7 59.Rh1 Re8 60.Qd3 Kh8 61.Qc2 Reg8 62.Qd2 Qh7 63.Qd3 Qd7 64.Qc2 Ra8 65.Qd1 Rf8 66.Rhe1 Qf7 67.Rf1 Re8 68.Qd2 Qd7 69.b3 Qf7 70.Rfe1 Ra8 71.Ra1 Rag8 72.Rae1 Ra8 73.Kb2 Kg8 74.Kc3 Kh8* ½-½ (74) Rofchade (3486)-SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 11...f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.0-0-0 Na6 14.h5 Kh8 15.Nh3 Nxh3 16.Bxh3 f4 17.Bf2

Bxh3 18.Rxh3 Bf6 19.a3 b6 20.b4 Nb8 21.h6 Rg8 22.Kb2 Rg6 23.Rh2 Qd7 24.Qd3 a5 25.Nb5 Be7 26.bxa5 Rxa5 27.Rg1 Ra8 28.Nd4 Na6 29.Nf5 Bf6 30.Qb3 Qc8 31.Ka2 Qg8 32.Rgh1 Nb8 33.Rb1 Qc8 34.Qb4 Nd7 35.Qb5 Nc5 36.Bxc5 Ra5 37.Qb4 Rxc5 38.Kb3 Kg8 39.a4 Kh8 40.Rhb2 Qe8 41.Rc1 Kg8 42.Ra2 Ra5 43.Qd2 Kh8 44.Rca1 Qd7 45.Qc3 Qe8 46.Qc2 Bg5 47.Rh1 Bf6 48.Raa1 Rg8 49.Rhc1 Qa8 50.Kb4 Qa6 51.Ra2 Rg6 52.Kb3 Rg8 53.Qd3 Rg6 54.Ra3 Bg5 55.Rg1 Bf6 56.Rga1 Bd8 57.R1a2 Qc8 58.Qe2 Bg5 59.Qd1 Bf6 60.Ra1 Qe8 61.R3a2 Be7 62.Rb2 Bf6 63.Qe2 Qa8 64.Raa2 Qf8 65.Qh2 Qe8 66.Qc2 Rg1 67.Rb1 Rg5 68.Raa1 Qh5 69.Rf1 Ra8 70.Qe2 Rag8 71.Rh1 Qg6 72.Ra2 Rg1 73.Qh2 Rg5 74.Qb2 Ra8 75.Qc3 Ra5 76.Qc2 Qg8 77.Qf2 Rc5 78.Qe2 Ra5 79.Qh2 Rg6 80.Rd1 Qa8 81.Rg1 Qe8 82.Rgg2 Qg8 83.Qh5 Ra8 84.Rg4 Rxg4 85.Qxg4 Qxg4 86.fxg4 Kg8 87.g5 Bd8 88.Rg2 Kf7 89.Nh4 Rc8 90.Kc3 c6 91.Nf5 Kg6 92.Nxd6 Rc7 93.Kd3 Bxg5 94.Rb2 cxd5 95.cxd5 Ra7 96.Nc4 Rxa4 97.Nxe5+ Kxh6 98.d6 Kg7 99.d7 Ra3+ 100.Kd4 Bf6 101.Rxb6 Ra4+ 102.Kc5 Ra5+ 103.Kb4 Ra8 104.Nc6 Bd8 105.Rb5 Kf6 106.Kc4 Ke6 107.Rd5 f3 108.Kd3 h5 109.Ke3 ½-½ (109) SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2 (3491)-Rofchade (3486) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

10...f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.0-0-0 Na6

[12...Nd7 13.Rg1 Nhf6

A) 14.Nf2 Kh8 *(14...a6 15.Bh3 e4 16.f4 Nb6 17.Bf1 Bd7 18.Be2 Ng4 19.Nxg4 fxg4 20.Qc2 Rae8 21.Rh1 h5 22.Qb3 Qf7 23.c5 dxc5 24.Bxc5 Bxc3 25.bxc3 Ba4 26.Qb4 a5 27.Qa3 Bxd1 28.Rxd1 Rd8 29.c4 Rfe8 30.Bd4 Rd7 31.Bb2 Qf5 32.Qb3 a4 33.Qc3 Qg6 34.Qe3 a3 35.Bxa3 Ra8 36.Rd2 Rdd8 37.Bb4 Na4 38.c5 Qf6 39.Kb1 b6 40.c6 Nc5 41.Bc4 Rd6 42.a3 Qf5 43.Re2 Re8 44.Bc3 Kf8 45.Rd2 Na4 46.Bb4 Nc5 47.Kc1 Kf7 48.Kc2 Ra8 49.Re2 Re8 50.Rd2 Ra8 51.Rd4 h4 52.Rd1 Kf8 53.Kc1 Kf7 54.Re1 Re8 55.Bc3 b5 56.Qxc5 bxc4 57.Qd4 Rg8 58.Rd1 e3 59.Qe5 Qxe5 60.fxe5 Rdd8 61.Rd4 hxg3 62.hxg3 Rh8 63.Bb4 Rh5 ½-½ (63) LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573)-Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607) tcec-chess.com INT 2023)* 15.Re1 Qf7 16.h4 e4 17.fxe4 Ne5 18.Be2 Nfg4 19.Nxg4 fxg4 20.Ref1 Qg6 21.Rf4 b6 22.a3 Bd7 23.Rgf1 Kg8 24.Kb1 Rae8 25.Ka2 h5 26.Bd4 a6 27.Qc2 Qh6 28.a4 Rb8 29.Nd1 a5 30.Ne3 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Ng6 32.Bxg7 Qxg7 33.Ng2 Rf8 34.f5 Ne5 35.Nf4 Qh6 36.Qc3 Rc8 37.Ka3 Rb8 38.Ne6 Bxe6 39.dxe6 Qf6 40.Ka2 Kf8 41.Qd2 Ke7 42.Ka1 Ra8 43.Rd1 Kf8 44.Qe3 Re8 45.c5 bxc5 46.Qb3 Re7 47.Rf1 Nc6 48.Qd5 Nd4 49.Bd3 Re8 50.Qb7 c6 51.Kb1 Qe7 52.Qb6 Nf3 53.Ka2 Ne5 54.Be2 Qd8 55.Qb7 Qe7 56.Qb6 Qd8 57.Qb7 Qe7 58.Qb3 Qf6 59.Rd1 Rd8 60.Qb6 Ke8 61.Rf1 Ra8 62.Qb7 Rd8 63.Qh7 Kf8 64.Ka1 Re8 65.Qc7 Qd8 66.Qh7 Qf6 67.Qa7 c4 68.Qd4 Rd8

69.Bxc4 Kg7 70.Qa7+ Kh8 71.Be2 Re8 72.Qc7 d5 73.exd5 cxd5 74.Ka2 Rg8 75.Bb5 Rg7 76.Qc8+ Rg8 77.Qc5 Nc4 78.Bxc4 dxc4 79.Qxc4 Re8 80.Rd1 Rg8 81.Rd7 Rb8 82.b3 Re8 83.Rf7 Qh6 84.Qd4+ Kg8 85.Qd7 Ra8 86.e7 Qd2+ 87.Qxd2 Kxf7 88.Qd7 Re8 89.Qe6+ Kg7 90.Qg6+ Kh8 91.Qxe8+ Kh7 92.Qg6+ Kh8 93.e8Q# 1-0 (93) Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677)-Seer (3542) tcec-chess.com INT 2024;

B) 14.Be2 e4 15.f4 a6 *(15...Ng4 16.Bxg4 fxg4 17.Nf2 Nb6 18.b3 c5 19.h3 Qf6 20.Nfxe4 Qg6 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.Rde1 Nd7 23.Nf2 Nf6 24.Nb5 Rad8 25.Nxg4 Nxg4 26.Rg2 Rf7 27.Qc2 a6 28.Qxg6 hxg6 29.Na3 Re8 30.Kd2 b5 31.Kd3 bxc4+ 32.bxc4 Nxe3 33.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 34.Kxe3 Re7+ 35.Kd2 Re4 36.Re2 Rd4+ 37.Ke3 Rd1 38.Nc2 Rc1 39.Rd2 Kf7 40.Rh2 Bf6 41.Ke4 Rg1 42.Kf3 Rf1+ 43.Rf2 Rc1 44.Re2 Bg7 45.Kg4 Bf6 46.Kh3 Rh1+ 47.Rh2 Rc1 48.Kg4 Bg7 49.Rg2 Bd4 50.Rd2 Bc3 51.Rf2 Bd4 52.Rg2 Bh8 53.Kh3 Bf6 54.Rd2 Be7 55.Re2 Bf8 56.Kg4 Be7 57.Kf3 Bf6 58.Kf2 Bd4+ 59.Kg2 Bf6 60.Kh2 ½-½ (60) Seer (3542)-Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 (3677) tcec-chess.com INT 2024)* 16.g4 *(16.Nf2 b5 17.Rde1 b4 18.Ncd1 c5 19.dxc6 Nb8 20.Kb1 Nxc6 21.g4 Be6 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Nh1 Kh8 24.Rg5 Be6 25.f5 Bf7 26.Rxg7 Kxg7 27.Bg5 Kh8 28.Ne3 Qe5 29.Rd1 Rad8 30.Nf2 Bg8 31.Bh6 Rf7 32.Nfg4 Nxg4 33.Bxg4 a5 34.Bh5 Rb7 35.Qf2 a4 36.Bg5 Rg7 37.Bxd8 Nxd8 38.Ng4 Rxg4 39.Bxg4 e3 40.Qc2 a3 41.Be2 Nc6 42.Qc1 Nd4 43.Bd3 Nf3 44.bxa3 e2 45.Bxe2 Qxe2 46.axb4 Ne5 47.Qc2 Qf3 48.Ka1 Nxc4 49.b5 Bf7 50.Qd3 Qb7 51.Qd4+ Kg8 52.Rb1 Kf8 53.Re1 Qxb5 54.Qh8+ Bg8 55.Qf6+ Bf7 56.Re4 Qd5 57.Qe7+ Kg8 58.Qd8+ Kg7 59.Rg4+ Bg6 60.Qc7+ Kf6 61.Rxc4 Qe5+ 62.Rc3 Bxf5 63.h4 Kg6 64.Qc4 Kh5 65.a4 d5 66.Qb4 d4 67.Rc4 d3+ 68.Rd4 h6 69.Qd6 Qe1+ 70.Kb2 Qe2+ 71.Kb3 Qd1+ 72.Kb4 Qd2+ 73.Kb5 Qe2 74.Kb6 Qe3 75.Qf4 Qe6+ 76.Rd6 Qb3+ 77.Ka6 Bc8+ 78.Ka5 Qc3+ 79.Kb6 Be6 80.Qf3+ Kxh4 81.Qf2+ Kh3 82.Rd4 Qb3+ 83.Ka7 Qc4 84.Qh4+ Kg2 85.Rxc4 Bxc4 86.Qxc4 1-0 (86) Ethereal (3545)-Obsidian (3555) tcec-chess.com INT 2024)* 16...Nxg4 17.Bxg4 fxg4 18.Rxg4 Ne5 19.Rxg7+ Qxg7 20.Rg1 Ng6 21.Ng5 Bf5 22.Ne2 Rae8 23.Nd4 Qh6 24.Rg3 Rf6 25.Nxf5 Rxf5 26.Ne6 Qh4 27.Nd4 Ref8 28.Nxf5 Rxf5 29.Qd4 Rf6 30.Qxe4 Kf8 31.Qg2 Ne7 32.Bd2 Qh5 33.b3 Rf7 34.Qh3 Qf5 35.a4 Qxh3 36.Rxh3 c6 37.dxc6 bxc6 38.b4 Ke8 39.a5 Kd7 40.Be3 h6 41.Kd2 Nf5 42.Bf2 Ne7 43.Rxh6 d5 44.b5 cxb5 45.cxb5 axb5 46.Bc5 Nc6 47.a6 Rxf4 48.Rh7+ Ke8 49.a7 Nxa7 50.Bxa7 Rb4 51.Kd3 Kd8 52.Rh5 Kd7 53.Rxd5+ Kc6 54.Rh5 Rg4 55.h4 Kd6 56.Rh6+ Ke5 57.h5 Rb4 58.Rc6 Rb3+ 59.Rc3 Rb1 60.Be3

Rd1+ 61.Bd2 Rb1 62.Rc5+ Kd6 63.Rc1 Rb3+ 64.Ke4 Ke6 65.Be3 Rb4+ 66.Bd4 Rb3 67.Rc6+ Kd7 68.Kd5 Rf3 69.h6 Rh3 70.Rg6 Kd8 71.Rg8+ Ke7 72.Rg7+ Ke8 73.h7 Rh5+ 74.Be5 Kd8 75.Ra7 b4 76.h8R+ Rxh8 1-0 (76) Berserk (3589)-Caissa (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

[12...a5 13.Rg1 Na6 14.Ng5 *(14.Re1 Kh8 15.g4 Nf6 16.g5 Nd7 17.g6 f4 18.Bxf4 Ndc5 19.Bg5 Qe8 20.Bh6 hxg6 21.Be3 Bf5 22.Ng5 Bh6 23.f4 Qe7 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Qf2 Kg7 26.Qh4 Rh8 27.Qg3 Kg8 28.Kd1 Qd7 29.Re2 Rf8 30.Rd2 Bxg5 31.Qxg5 Rf7 32.Qg3 Qe7 33.Bg5 Qf8 34.h4 Rhh7 35.Be2 Nd7 36.Kc1 Nac5 37.Be3 Kh8 38.b3 Qe7 39.h5 Rfg7 40.Bg5 Qf8 41.h6 Rg8 42.Kb2 a4 43.Qe3 axb3 44.axb3 Rf7 45.d6 cxd6 46.Rgd1 Ne6 47.Rxd6 Nxg5 48.Qxg5 Qe7 49.Qe3 b6 50.Ne4 Rb8 51.Ng3 Be6 52.R1d2 Rbf8 53.Bd1 Rf4 54.Bc2 Rf3 55.Qe1 R8f4 56.Ne4 Nf8 57.Rd8 Kh7 58.Qg1 Kxh6 59.R8d6 Rh3 60.Rxb6 Rhh4 61.Nc3 Qg5 62.Qxg5+ Kxg5 63.Rb8 Kh6 64.c5 Nd7 65.Rb5 Rb4 66.c6 Nb6 67.Rxb4 Rxb4 68.Ka3 Rg4 69.Rd6 Bf7 70.Be4 Rg1 71.c7 Nc8 72.Rd8 Be6 73.Bb7 Na7 74.Re8 Bg4 75.b4 Rc1 76.Kb2 Rf1 77.b5 Rf6 78.Rxe5 Rb6 79.Ba6 Nxb5 80.Bxb5 Rf6 81.Re7 Bc8 82.Re8 Bg4 83.Nd5 Rf2+ 84.Kc3 Kg5 85.Re5+ Kh6 86.Re4 Bc8 87.Re8 Bg4 88.Ne3 Rf3 89.Kd4 Bh3 90.Rh8+ Kg5 91.Rxh3 Rf4+ 92.Ke5 Rf8 93.Rg3+ Kh5 94.Bd7 g5 95.c8Q Rxc8 96.Bxc8* 1-0 (96) Igel3 (3512)-Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497) tcec-chess.com INT 2021*)* 14...Nc5 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Bd3 h6 18.Nh3 Ne8 19.Nf2 Ra6 20.g4 Rg6 21.gxf5 Rxg1 22.Rxg1 Bxf5 23.Nfe4 Kh8 24.Kb1 Bh7 25.Rg3 Rf4 26.a3 b6 27.Ka2 Qf7 *(27...Rh4 28.Qf2 Nd6 29.Rg2 Rf4 30.Ne2 Rf8 31.N2g3 Qh4 32.Qe2 Qh3 33.Rg1 Ne8 34.Bb1 Qh4 35.Rg2 Qf4 36.Rf2 Rf7 37.Bd3 Bf8 38.Nd2 Bxd3 39.Qxd3 Nd6 40.Nde4 Nxe4 41.Nxe4 a4 42.Qe2 Qf5 43.Qc2 Qd7 44.Qd3 Qh3 45.Ng3 Qh4 46.Qc2 Rf4 47.Qg6 Rf6 48.Qe4 Qg5 49.Qe2 Rf7 50.Ne4 Qf5 51.Qd1 Qh3 52.Nd2 Qd7 53.Rg2 Qh3 54.Rf2 Qd7 55.Rg2 Qh3 56.Re2 Qd7 57.Qc2 Bg7 58.Qd3 Rf4 59.Ne4 Qh3 60.Rf2 Qf5 61.Qe2 Qf7 62.Rf1 Qf5 63.Qg2 Bf8 64.Ka1 Qh5 65.Qe2 Qf5 66.Rf2 Qf7 67.Qd3 Qf5 68.Ka2 Qf7 69.Rf1 Qf5 70.Qd1 Qh3 71.Rf2 Qf5 72.Qf1 Bg7 73.Qg2 Qf7 74.Rf1 Bf8 75.Qe2 Qh5 76.Ng3 Qf7 77.Ka1 Bg7 78.Kb1 b5 79.cxb5 Qxd5 80.Ne4 c4 81.Nc3 Qd3+ 82.Qxd3 cxd3 83.Ne4 Rf7 84.Ka2 Rd7 85.Rd1 Rd5 86.Nc3 Rd4 87.b3 axb3+ 88.Kxb3* ½-½ (88) Caissa (3545)-Berserk (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2024*)* 28.Qf2 Qf8 29.Qe2 Rh4 30.Rg2 Rf4 31.Nd2 Bxd3 32.Qxd3 Nd6 33.Ne2 Rh4 34.Ng3 Qf7 35.Nde4 Nc8 36.Ne2 Rh3 37.Rg3 Rxh2 38.N2c3 Rh4 39.Nb5 Rf4 40.Qd1 Qd7 41.Rg6 Ne7 42.Re6 Rf7 43.Qd3 a4 44.Qd1 Kg8 45.Qxa4 Rxf3 46.Qd1 Rf4 47.Qd3 Rf7 48.a4 Qc8 49.Qd1 Qd7 50.a5 bxa5 51.Nxc5 Qc8 52.Qg1 Nf5 53.Rc6 Nd4 54.Nxd4 exd4 55.Ne6 d3 56.Nxg7 Rxg7 57.Qe3 Qd7 58.Qxd3 h5 59.Qe4

Rg1 60.Qe2 h4 61.Qf2 Rg4 62.Qh2 Re4 63.Qd2 Rg4 64.Qxa5 Rg7 65.Rh6 Rh7 66.Ra6 Rg7 67.d6 Qf7 68.Ka3 cxd6 69.Qd8+ Qf8 70.Rxd6 Rh7 71.b4 Ra7+ 72.Kb2 Rh7 73.b5 h3 74.Qxf8+ Kxf8 75.b6 h2 76.Rd1 Ke7 77.b7 Rh8 78.c5 Rg8 79.c6 h1Q 80.Rxh1 1-0 (80) Komododragon (3583)-LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

13.Re1

[13.Rg1

A) 13...Bd7 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Re1 Rae8 16.h4 e4 *(16...h6 17.Nh3 h5 18.Ng5 e4 19.fxe4 Ng4 20.Bd4 Nc5 21.Be2 fxe4 22.Bxg4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Bxg4 24.Ncxe4 Nxe4 25.Rxe4 Qg7 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rge1 Rxe4 28.Rxe4 Rf1+ 29.Kd2 Kg6 30.Re7 Rd1+ 31.Kc3 Rc1+ 32.Kb4 a5+ 33.Kb5 c6+ 34.dxc6 bxc6+ 35.Kxc6 Rxc4+ 36.Kxd6 Rb4 37.b3 Rd4+ 38.Ke5 Rd2 39.a4 Re2+ 40.Ne4 Re3 41.Rc7 Rxb3 42.Ra7 Rf3 43.Kd4 Rf5 44.Nd6 Rf3 45.Ne4 Rf5 46.Ra6+ Kg7 47.Nd6 Rf3 48.Rxa5 Rxg3 49.Rxh5 Ra3 50.Rg5+ Kh6 51.a5 Bh3 52.Kc4 Ra4+ 53.Kb5 Rxh4 54.Rc5 Kg6 55.a6 Bg2 56.Rc1 Kf6 57.a7 Rh3 58.Rc2 Ba8 59.Rc8 Bh1 60.Rc1 Bg2 61.Rb1 Ba8 62.Nc4 Ke7 63.Kb6 Rc3 64.Re1+ Kd7 65.Rd1+ Ke7 66.Na5 Rc2 67.Ka6 Ra2 68.Rd3 Ra1 69.Rb3 Kd7 70.Kb6 Rc1 71.Rd3+ Kc8 72.Re3 Rb1+ 73.Ka6 Kd7 74.Rd3+ Kc8 75.Rc3+ Kd7 76.Nc4 Bb7+ 77.Ka5 Rf1 78.Rg3 Kc6 79.Rc3 Kd7 80.Kb6 Rb1+ 81.Kc5 Rd1 82.Kb5 Rb1+ 83.Kc5 Rd1 84.Ne5+ Kd8 85.Rh3 Ra1 86.Kb6 ½-½ (86) Ethereal13.07_NNUE-15EE (3497)-Igel3 (3512) tcec-chess.com INT 2021)* 17.Bd4 h6 18.g4 hxg5 19.gxf5 Nh7 20.Rxe4 Bxd4 21.Rxe7 Bxg1 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Nd1 Bxf5 24.hxg5 Nf8 25.g6 Bxg6 26.b4 Kf7 27.c5 Nb8 28.Qf4+ Kg7 29.Qg4 Bh2 30.Bd3 Re5 31.Nc3 Re7 32.Ne2 Nbd7 33.Qg2 Nf6 34.Bxg6 Rxe2 35.Qxe2 Bf4+ 36.Kd1 Nxg6 37.Qb5 Ne7 38.Qxb7 Nfxd5 39.a4 dxc5 40.bxc5 a5 41.Qa6 Be3 42.Qxa5 Kf6 43.Kc2 Nc6 44.Qa8 Nde7 45.Qh8+ Ke6 46.Qc3 Nd5 47.Qc4 Bd4 48.a5 Ke5 49.Kd3 Nf4+ 50.Kd2 Ne6 51.Qb5 Kd5 52.Qb3+ Ke5 53.f4+ Nxf4 54.Qb7 Kd5 55.Qxc7 Be5 56.Qc8 Nd4 57.a6 Nfe6 58.a7 Nb3+ 59.Ke3 Bf4+ 60.Kf2 Nc7 61.Qg8+ Kd4 62.Qxb3 Ke4 63.Qc4+ Ke5 64.Kf3 Bh2 65.Qe2+ Kd5 66.Qxh2 1-0 (66) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2- (3573) tcec-chess.com INT 2023;

B) 13...Nf6 14.Nf2 Bd7 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Bb1 c6 17.a3 cxd5 18.axb4 d4 19.Bg5 dxc3 20.bxc3 Ba4 21.Bxf5 a5 22.b5 Kh8 23.Bc2 d5 24.Bxa4 Qa3+ 25.Kb1 Qxa4 26.Qa2 Qxa2+ 27.Kxa2 dxc4 28.Rge1 Kg8 29.Rxe5 Nd7 30.Re3 Nb6 31.Rd6 Nc8 32.Rde6 Na7 33.b6 Nc6 34.Bh6 Bxh6 35.Rxh6 Ra6 36.Rh4 Rd8 37.Re2 Rxb6 38.Rxc4 Rb5 39.Ne4 h5 40.f4 Rd3 41.h3 Kf8 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Rd1 44.Rb2 Rxb2+ 45.Kxb2 Ke7 46.g5 Rf1 47.Ng3

Rg1 48.Re4+ Kd7 49.Re3 a4 50.Ka2 Na5 51.Rd3+ Ke8 52.Nf5 Nc6 53.Rd6 Na5 54.Rd4 Rg2+ 55.Ka3 Nc6 56.Re4+ Kd8 57.Kxa4 Nb8 58.Kb3 Nd7 59.Kc4 Kc7 60.Kd5 Rd2+ 61.Nd4 Ra2 62.Re7 Kc8 63.Ke6 Nb6 64.g6 Ra6 65.g7 Nd7+ 66.Kf5 Nf6 67.Ne6 Ng8 68.Re8+ Kd7 69.Rxg8 Ra5+ 70.Kf6 Ra4 71.Rd8+ Kc6 72.g8Q Rxf4+ 73.Nxf4 Kb6 74.Qd5 Ka6 75.Rb8 Kb6 76.Qxb7+ 1-0 (76) Berserk (3476)-Komododragon (3569) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

13...Kh8

[13...Nf6 14.Ng5 c6 15.h4 h6 16.Nh3 cxd5 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Bd7 19.cxd5 Nc5 20.Kb1 Qg7 21.Qd2 e4 22.b4 Na4 23.Nxa4 Bxa4 24.Ng5 Rfc8 25.Ne6 Rc2 26.Qe3 Nxd5 27.Nxg7 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Kxg7 29.Ra3 Rac8 30.Bh3 Bd7 31.fxe4 R8c4 32.Rxa7 Bc6 33.Bxf5 Re2 34.b5 Rb4+ 35.Ka1 Rxb5 36.Rb1 Rc5 37.h5 Rh2 38.g4 Kf6 39.Ra3 Rc4 40.Re1 Kg5 41.Ra8 Rc5 42.Rd1 Rc4 43.Be6 Rxe4 44.Rg8+ Kf4 45.Bb3 Ree2 46.g5 Ba4 47.Bxa4 Rxa2+ 48.Kb1 Rhb2+ 49.Kc1 Rg2 50.Rf8+ Kg3 51.Kb1 Rab2+ 52.Ka1 Ra2+ 53.Kb1 Rgb2+ 54.Kc1 Re2 55.Rd3+ Kg4 56.Bd7+ Kxh5 57.Rh8+ Kg6 58.Kd1 Rg2 59.Rg8+ Kf7 60.Rf3+ Kxg8 61.Be6+ Kg7 62.Bxa2 Rxa2 63.g6 Kxg6 ½-½ (63) Obsidian (3555)-Ethereal (3545) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]

14.Ng5 c6 15.f4 Nf6 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.d6 Qe8 18.c5 b5

[18...b6 19.Bd4 Nd7 20.g4 Nb4 21.a3 Qd8 22.axb4 exd4 23.Re7 dxc3 24.bxc3 Ne5 25.Bd3 Rb8 26.Re1 Rb7 27.R7xe5 bxc5 28.Nxh7 Rg8 29.R5e3 Qh4 30.Ba6 Rd7 31.Ng5 Bh6 32.Bxc8 Rxc8 33.Nf3 Bxe3 34.Rxe3 Qf6 35.Ne5 Rg7 36.Rh3+ Rh7 37.Rxh7+ Kxh7 38.Nd7 Qf7 39.Nxc5 Rd8 40.d7 f4 41.Qe1 Rxd7 42.Nxd7 Qxd7 43.Qe4+ Kg8 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.g5 c5 46.Qf6+ Kg8 47.g6 Qe8 48.Qf7+ Qxf7 49.gxf7+ Kxf7 50.Kd2 Ke6 51.Ke2 a6 52.h4 c4 53.h5 Kf6 54.h6 Kg6 55.h7 Kxh7 56.Kf3 Kg7 57.Ke4 f3 58.Kxf3 1-0 (58) Komododragon (3569)-Berserk (3476) tcec-chess.com INT 2023]

19.Bd4 Nd7 20.g4 Naxc5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Be3 b4 23.Nce4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qf7 25.Kb1 Nf6 26.Ng3 Nd5 27.Nxf5 Bxf5+ 28.Ka1 Nxe3 29.Qxe3 a5 30.Bg2 a4 31.Be4 a3 32.b3 Bxe4 33.Qxe4 Rd8 34.Kb1 Rxd6 35.Rhf1 Qd7 36.Rc1 Rd2 37.Rc2 h6 38.Kc1 Rd5 39.Rg2 Qe7 40.Kb1 Rd8 41.Rfg1 Rg8 42.Rg6 Qd7 43.Rxc6 Rf8 44.Rgc1 Qh3 45.R6c2 Qe6 46.h4 Qd7 47.h5 Qh3 48.Qxb4 Qd3 49.Qd2 Qf5 50.Qd5 Qxh5 51.Rg1 Qf5 52.Qg2 Rf7 53.Qg6 Qxg6 54.Rxg6 e4 55.Kc1 Kh7 56.Re6 e3 57.Rxe3 h5 58.Rh3 Rf1+ 59.Kd2 Rf5 60.b4 Bb2 61.Rc5 Rf4 62.b5 Kg6 63.Rb3 Bg7 64.b6 Rh4 65.b7 Bh6+ 66.Kd3 Rh3+ 67.Ke4 Rh4+ 68.Kd5 Bf4 69.Rc4 Rh2 70.Rxf4 Rd2+ 71.Rd4 Rb2 72.b8Q Rxb3 73.axb3 Kg7 74.Ke6 Kg6 75.Qg8+ Kh6 76.Kf6 a2 77.Qh8# 1-0 (77) LCZero 0.31-dag-4167c1e-BT4-6 (3648)-Komododragon (3583) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

[136] **6...Nfd7** 7.Bg5 c5 8.d5 b5 9.cxb5 a6 10.Qd2 Ne5 11.Ng3 c4 12.b6

Nbd7 13.Be3 Nxb6 14.Be2 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 cxd3 16.b3 a5 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Rac1 a4 19.Nh1 axb3 20.axb3 Nd7 21.b4 Bc4 22.Nf2 Qb8 23.Rb1 Rc8 24.Rfc1 Ra3 25.Ncd1 Ra2 26.Nb2 Bb5 27.Nfd1 Ne5 28.Nc3 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Nc4 30.Rxc4 Bxc4 31.Nxc4 Rxd2 32.Nxd2 Bc3 33.Rb3 Qc8 34.Nf1 Qc4 35.Rb1 Bd4 36.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 37.Kh1 d2 38.Nxd2 Qxd2 39.h3 Qc2 40.Ra1 f5 41.exf5 gxf5 42.b5 Kf7 43.Re1 Qb3 44.Re6 Qxd5 45.Re3 Qxb5 0-1 (45) Mishra,A (2604)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2757) Biel SUI 2024

6...c5 7.Be3 Nc6

[7...Qa5 8.Nc1 cxd4 9.Nb3 Qb6 10.Bxd4 Qd8 11.Qd2 *(11.Be2 Nc6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Nd5 Nd7 15.Qd2 a5 16.0-0 a4 17.Na1 Nc5 18.Rfd1 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Kh1 Rf7 21.b4 axb3 22.Nxb3 b6 23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 g5 26.Qe3 h6 27.Rd2 Ra8 28.Rcd1 Kh7 29.Rb2 Ra6 30.Nb4 Ra8 31.Nd5 Ra6* ½-½ (31) Rodshtein,M (2618)-Yakubboev,N (2667) Jerusalem ISR 2022*)* 11...Nc6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Nd5 Na4 17.Rc2 a5 18.Rfc1 b6 19.Kh1 Nc5 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.b3 e6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Rb2 d5 24.exd5 exd5 25.a3 dxc4 26.bxc4 Nc6 27.Nd5 Nxd4 28.Bxd4 Be6 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Qc3+ f6 31.Nxb6 Rb8 32.Qxa5 Qd4 33.Rb5 Qe3 34.Re1 Nb7 35.Qb4 Rf7 36.Bf1 Qf2 37.Nd5 Bxd5 38.cxd5 Re8 39.Rd1 Nd8 40.d6 Nc6 41.Qb2 Ne5 42.Qxf2 1-0 (42) Rodshtein,M (2604)-Sargsyan,S (2640) Krakow POL 2023]

8.d5

[8.Qd2

A) 8...e6 9.Rd1 *(9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Bxc5 Nd7 12.Be3 Nde5 13.Nf4 Nb4 14.Rc1 g5 15.Nh5 Ned3+ 16.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Ke2 Nxc1+ 18.Rxc1 h6 19.h4 gxh4 20.Nxg7 Kxg7 21.Rh1 e5 22.Rxh4 Be6 23.b3 Rh8 24.f4 exf4 25.Bd4+ f6 26.Rxf4 Rhf8 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5 Kg6 29.Kd3 f5 30.c5 Rae8 31.b4 a6 32.d6 Re1 33.Kc4 Re2 34.a4 Rxg2 35.b5 axb5+ 36.axb5 h5 37.c6 bxc6 38.bxc6 Rc2+ 39.Kd5 Rc8 40.Bc5 Ra8 41.d7 Ra5 42.Rc4 Rd2+ 43.Rd4 Rxd4+ 44.Kxd4* 1-0 (44) Grigoriants,S (2562)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 9...Qa5 10.d5 exd5 11.exd5 *(11.cxd5 Ne5 12.Nc1 Bd7 13.Nb3 Qd8 14.Be2 a6 15.0-0 b5 16.a3 b4 17.axb4 cxb4 18.Nb1 a5 19.Nd4 Qe7 20.Rc1 Rfb8 21.b3 a4 22.bxa4 Rxa4 23.Nb3 Rba8 24.Rc2 Qe8 25.Rfc1 h5 26.h3 Bb5 27.Qd1 Ra2 28.N1d2 Nd3 29.Rxa2 Rxa2 30.Rc2 Ra3 31.Bxd3 Bxd3 32.Rc6 Nd7 33.Nc4 Bxc4 34.Rxc4 Qb8 35.Kh2 Bc3 36.Nd4 Ne5 37.Nc6 Qb5 38.Rxc3 Rxc3 39.Nxe5 dxe5 40.d6 Rd3 41.Qc1 Qd7 42.Bc5 Rc3 43.Qg1 b3 44.Ba3 Rc6 45.Qa1 Rxd6* 0-1 (45) Grigoriants,S (2562)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 11...Ne5 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Be2 Qb4 *(13...h5 14.0-0 h4 15.Nge4 Qb6 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Nd7 18.Bxh4 f5 19.Ng5 Qxb2 20.Ne6 Nb6 21.Bd3 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Qxd2 23.Rxd2 Rxe6*

24.g4 fxg4 25.fxg4 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Kg2 Bd4 28.Bg3 Nd7 29.Re2 Rxe2+ 30.Bxe2 Be5 31.Bf2 Bd4 32.Bg3 Ne5 33.h4 Kg7 34.g5 Kf7 35.Bf4 Ke6 36.Kg3 d5 37.cxd5+ Kxd5 38.h5 gxh5 39.Bxh5 c4 40.g6 Nd3 41.Bh6 c3 42.Bd1 Nc5 43.g7 Bxg7 44.Bxg7 Kc4 45.Bc2 b5 46.Kf3 b4 47.Ke3 a5 48.Bf8 a4 49.Bxc5 b3 50.Bd3+ Kxc5 51.a3 Kd5 52.Bb5 Kc5 53.Ba6 Kd5 54.Kd3 Kc5 55.Kxc3 Kb6 56.Bc4 Kc5 57.Bf7 Kb6 58.Be8 Ka5 59.Bd7 Kb6 60.Bxa4 b2 61.Bc2 Ka5 62.Kxb2 Kb6 63.Kc3 Ka7 64.Kb3 Kb6 65.a4 Ka7 66.Kb4 Kb8 67.a5 Ka7 68.Kb5 Kb8 69.Kb6 Ka8 70.a6 Kb8 71.a7+ Ka8 72.Be4# 1-0 (72) Carlsen,M (2835)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 14.b3 Nh5 15.Nce4 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Ng4 17.Qxb4 cxb4 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Ne3 20.Nf6+ Kf8 21.Kf2 Nf5 22.Nxe8 Nxd4 23.Nxd6 h5 24.Bd3 Ke7 25.Nxc8+ Rxc8 26.Ke3 Nf5+ 27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.Rxh5 Kf6 29.Kf4 Re8 30.Rxf5+ Kg6 31.Re5 Rh8 32.Re7 b6 33.Rxa7 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2835)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023;

B) 8...Qa5 9.b3 e6 *(9...a6 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Be2 Be6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Nd5 Qxd2 16.Nxe7+ Kh8 17.Bxd2 Nb8 18.Bb4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Bc5 20.Bc3+ f6 21.f4 Ra7 22.f5 Rxe7 23.fxe6 Rxe6 24.Bg4 Rxe4 25.Rxf6 Rxf6 26.Bxf6+ Kg8 27.Bf3 Re8 28.Bc3 Kf7 29.b4 Be3 30.Rf1 Ke7 31.Re1 Kf8 32.a4 Bg5 33.Rf1 Ke7 34.g3 Kd7 35.b5 axb5 36.cxb5 d5 37.h4 Be3 38.Re1 Re7 39.bxc6+ Nxc6 40.Bxd5 Bc5 41.Rxe7+ Nxe7 42.Be4 Kd6 43.Kg2 Nd5 44.Bd2 Ne3+ 45.Kf3 Nc4 46.Bc3 Bb6 47.g4 Ke6 48.Bc2 Ne5+ 49.Kf4 Nc6 50.Bb3+ Ke7 51.Bd5 Bc7+ 52.Ke4 Nb8 53.a5 Nd7 54.Bc4 Nf6+ 55.Kf3 Nd7 56.a6 Bb6 57.g5 Kd6 58.Bg8 Kc6 59.Bxh7 Nf8 60.Bg8 Kb5 61.Bg7 Nd7 62.Bf7 Kxa6 63.Bxg6 Bd8 64.Kg4 Nc5 65.Bf5* 1-0 (65) Duda,J (2750)-Jones,G (2672) chess24.com INT 2022*)* 10.Rc1 Re8 11.Nb5 Nb4 12.Nec3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc6 14.Be3 d5 15.Nd6 Rd8 16.Ncb5 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.Bg5 f6 22.Be3 Bf8 23.c5 Ne5 24.Be2 Rdc8 25.b4 a5 26.a3 axb4 27.axb4 Ra3 28.0-0 Rb3 29.Rxf6 Bg7 30.Rff1 Nc6 31.Bd2 Rb2 32.Rfd1 Nxb4 33.Bf1 Bc6 34.Bf4 Rf8 35.Bd6 Rff2 36.Bg3 Rfd2 37.Rxd2 Rxd2 38.Be1 Rb2 39.Nd1 Na2 40.Nxb2 Nxc1 41.Nd3 Nb3 42.e5 Be4 43.Bc3 Bxd3 44.Bxd3 Nxc5 45.Bc4 Kf7 46.Bb5 Ne4 47.Bd4 Nd2 48.Kf2 Nb3 49.Bb2 Nc5 50.Kf3 b6 51.h4 Bf8 52.g4 Be7 53.h5 Bg5 54.hxg6+ hxg6 55.Bd4 Be7 56.Bxc5 Bxc5 57.Ke4 g5 58.Kf3 Ke7 59.Ke4 Kd8 60.Kf3 Ke7 61.Ke4 Kd8 62.Kf3 Ke7 ½-½ (62) Duda,J (2726)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023]

8...Ne5

[8...Na5 9.Ng3 a6 10.Be2 *(10.Qc1 h5 11.Bd3 h4 12.Nge2 h3 13.0-0 hxg2 14.Rf2 e5 15.Bg5 Qe8*

16.Rxg2 Bh3 17.Rg3 Bd7 18.Rg2 Nh5 19.Kh1 b5 20.b3 Kh7 21.Nd1 Rh8 22.Nf2 Nb7 23.Qd2 Kg8 24.Rag1 b4 25.f4 exf4 26.Nxf4 Nxf4 27.Bxf4 Rh7 28.Be2 a5 29.Qd3 a4 30.Bg4 Bxg4 31.Nxg4 Qe7 32.Qf3 Kh8 33.Re2 Rh5 34.Rf1 Re8 35.Bg3 Rf5 36.Bf4 Rh5 37.Rff2 Qd7 38.Qg3 Qe7 39.bxa4 Bd4 40.Rf1 f5 41.Nh6 Qg7 42.Qf3 Rxh6 43.Bxh6 Qxh6 44.exf5 Rxe2 45.Qxe2 Be5 46.Rf2 Qc1+ 47.Rf1 Qh6 48.fxg6 Qxg6 49.Qf3 Bd4 50.Qf8+ Kh7 51.Qe7+ Kh6 52.Re1 Be5 53.Qe6 Kh7 54.Qh3+ Qh6 55.Qd7+ Qg7 56.Qc8 Qf6 57.Qg4 Qg6 58.Qh4+ Qh6 59.Qe7+ Qg7 60.Qh4+ Qh6 61.Qe7+ Qg7 62.Qe6 Qg6 63.Qh3+ Qh6 64.Qd7+ Qg7 65.Qc8 Qf6 66.Qg4 Qg6 67.Qf3 Qh6 68.h3 Qd2 69.Qh5+ Qh6 70.Qf5+ Qg6 71.Qf3 Qc2 72.Qh5+ Kg8 73.Qe8+ Kh7 74.Qh5+ Kg8 75.Rg1+ Bg7 76.Qg4 Qc3 77.Rg2 Qa1+ 78.Rg1 Qc3 79.h4 Na5 80.h5 Qf6 81.Rg2 Qa1+ 82.Rg1 Qf6 83.Rg3 Qh6 84.Kg2 Kh8 85.Qe6 Kh7 86.Qf5+ Kh8 87.Qc8+ Kh7 88.Qg4 Kh8 89.Qe6 Kh7 90.Qe4+ Kh8 91.Qe7 Kh7 92.Qe6 Qd2+ 93.Kh3 Qh6 94.Rg4 Qf6 95.Qe4+ Kh8 96.Rf4 Qa1 97.Qe8+ Kh7 98.Qg6+ Kh8 99.h6 Qh1+ 100.Kg4 Qxh6 101.Qxh6+ Bxh6 102.Rf6 Kg7 103.Rxd6 Be3 104.Re6 Bg1 105.d6 Bh2 106.d7 Bc7 107.Re8 Kf7 108.d8Q Bxd8 109.Rxd8 Nc6 1-0 (109) AllieStein v0.5_timefix-n14.0 (3936)-Houdini (3854) tcec-chess.com INT 2020*)* 10...Bd7 11.0-0 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb8 14.a4 c4 15.Qc2 h5 16.Ra3 h4 17.Nh1 Bxb5 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.Nf2 Nd7 20.Rb1 Nc5 21.Bg5 Ncb3 22.Bxe7 Rfc8 23.Bxh4 Qc5 24.Ra4 Qe3 25.Bf1 Nd2 26.Rd1 Nab3 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Bg3 Ra2 29.Bxc4 Rxb2 30.Qd3 Nxc4 31.Qxc4 Nd4 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Qh3+ Bh6 34.Kh1 Rxf2 35.Bxf2 Qxf2 36.Qd7 Kg7 37.Qxd6 Nxf3 38.Qg3 Qxg3 39.hxg3 Ne5 40.Kg1 Be3+ 41.Kf1 Kf6 42.Ke2 Bc5 43.Rh1 Kg5 44.Rh8 Be7 45.Rc8 Kg4 46.Rc3 Bf8 47.Rb3 Bc5 48.Rb5 Be7 49.Ke3 Bd6 50.Kd4 f6 51.Rb6 Nf7 52.Rxd6 Nxd6 53.e5 Nf5+ 54.Kd3 fxe5 55.Ke4 Nd4 56.Kxe5 Nb3 57.d6 Nc5 58.Kd5 Nd7 59.Ke6 Nc5+ 60.Kd5 Nb7 61.d7 Nd8 62.Kd6 Kxg3 ½-½ (62) Houdini (3854)-AllieStein v0.5_timefix-n14.0 (3936) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

9.Ng3 h5

[9...e6 10.Be2 exd5 *(10...h5 11.0-0 b5 12.Nxb5 h4 13.Nh1 exd5 14.cxd5 Rb8 15.Qd2 h3 16.g3 Nxf3+ 17.Rxf3 Nxe4 18.Qc2 Re8 19.Bd3 Bg4 20.Rf4 Ng5 21.Qf2 Nf3+ 22.Kf1 Nxh2+ 23.Kg1 Nf3+ 24.Rxf3 Bxf3 25.Nc3 Rxe3 26.Kh2 Rxd3* 0-1 (26) Grigoryan,K (2658)-Korobov,A (2688) Silla ESP 2020*)*

11.cxd5

A) 11...a6 12.a4

A1) 12...h5 13.0-0 Nh7 *(13...h4 14.Nh1 Nh7 15.Nf2 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Bd3 Nh6 19.Nce4 Qe7 20.Qf3 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.g4 hxg3 24.hxg3 c4 25.Bb1 Nf6 26.Ng5 Bxb1 27.Rxb1 Nf5 28.Re1 Qb7 29.g4 Nxe3 30.Qxe3 Qxd5 31.Qh3 Qd2 32.Re7 Ra1+ 33.Kg2 Qd5+ 34.Nfe4 Rc1 35.Qf3 Rc2+ 36.Kh3 Nxe4 37.Rxe4 Bf8*

38.f5 Rxb2 39.Kh4 Rb3 40.Qf2 c3 41.fxg6 Rb2 42.Qa7 Rh2+ 43.Kg3 Rh6 44.Rf4 Qd3+ 45.Rf3 Qd5 46.Nf7 Rh3+ 47.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 48.Kh4 Qf6+ 49.Ng5 Be7 50.Qb8+ Kg7 51.Qxb5 Qxg5+ 52.Qxg5 Bxg5+ 53.Kh5 c2 54.Kxg5 c1Q+ 55.Kh5 Qh6# 0-1 (55) Ponkratov,P (2631)-Sadhwani,R (2619) chess.com INT 2022*)* 14.Qd2 h4 15.Nh1 f5 16.Nf2 Nf7 17.Rab1 Nf6 18.b4 b6 19.Rfe1 fxe4 20.Ncxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bf5 22.a5 Bxe4 23.fxe4 cxb4 24.Bxb6 Bc3 25.Qxc3 bxc3 26.Bxd8 Rfxd8 27.Rec1 Rdc8 28.Kf2 Rc5 29.Ra1 Ne5 30.Ra3 Rf8+ 31.Ke1 c2 32.Bxa6 h3 33.Rxh3 Rxa5 34.Be2 Rc5 35.Rb3 Rf4 36.Re3 Kg7 37.g3 Rf7 38.Ra3 Rb7 39.Ra4 Kf6 40.Kd2 Rb2 41.Ra6 Ke7 42.Ra7+ Kf8 43.Ra3 Rb4 44.Rxc2 Rd4+ 45.Bd3 Rxc2+ 46.Kxc2 Ke7 47.Rb3 Kf6 48.Kd2 Nxd3 49.Rxd3 Ke5 50.Rxd4 Kxd4 51.g4 Kxe4 52.h4 Kxd5 ½-½ (52) Vajolet2 2.9.0-TCEC-S17 (3592)-Komodo (3794) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

A2) 12...Bd7 13.0-0 b5 *(13...Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Ra2 Re8 17.Qd2 Bb5 18.Nxb5 axb5 19.b3 Rb8 20.Rfa1 c4 21.bxc4 bxc4 22.Bd4 Nfd7 23.Nf1 Rb3 24.Rc1 Qb8 25.Bxc4 Rxf3 26.Rb2 Qd8 27.Bb5 Ra3 28.Rbc2 Rf8 29.Kh1 Nf6 30.Bxe5 dxe5 31.Qb4 Ra8 32.Bd3 Rb8 33.Qe1 Bh6 34.Rd1 Rb4 35.Qxb4* 1-0 (35) Ivanchuk,V (2678)-Mamedov,R (2654) Europe-Echecs INT 2020*)* 14.h3 b4 15.Nb1 Re8 16.Nd2 Bc8 17.a5 Bb7 18.Re1 Ned7 19.Bc4 Ne5 20.Bf1 Ned7 21.Qc2 Rc8 22.Bg5 h6 23.Be3 Qc7 24.Bf2 Re7 25.Be2 Kf8 26.Rad1 Qxa5 27.Nc4 Qc7 28.f4 Ree8 29.Bf3 Kg8 30.h4 Qb8 31.h5 Rcd8 32.Na5 Kh8 33.Nc6 Bxc6 34.dxc6 Nf8 35.e5 dxe5 36.Rxd8 Qxd8 37.fxe5 N6h7 38.hxg6 Nxg6 39.Qxc5 Ng5 40.Bg4 Nf4 41.Bd7 Rg8 42.Qc4 Nfe6 43.Qxa6 Bf8 44.Qc4 Qa5 45.Kh1 Bc5 46.Qf1 Bxf2 47.Qxf2 Rg6 48.Nf5 b3 49.Nd6 Kg7 50.Bxe6 Rxe6 51.Rf1 Qc7 52.Qc5 Kh7 53.Qb5 Re7 54.Rf6 Qd8 55.Qc5 Rc7 56.Qd5 Rc8 1-0 (56) Komodo (3794)-Vajolet2 2.9.0-TCEC-S17 (3592) tcec-chess.com INT 2020;

B) 11...b5 12.Nxb5 Rb8 13.0-0 a6 14.Nc3 Rxb2 15.Qc1 Rb4 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Re8 18.h3 Kh8 19.Qc1 c4 20.Kh2 a5 21.Nd1 h5 22.Qc3 Kg8 23.Ne3 Qb6 24.Nxc4 Qc5 25.Rfc1 h4 26.Nf1 Ba6 27.Nxe5 Qxc3 28.Rxc3 Bxe2 29.Nc6 Bxf1 30.Nxb4 axb4 31.Rc6 Be2 32.Rxd6 Nh5 33.Rb6 Rc8 34.d6 Kg7 35.Rxb4 Nf4 36.Rab1 Rc2 37.R1b2 Rc1 38.e5 Bc4 39.d7 Ne6 40.Rd2 g5 41.Rb6 1-0 (41) Salem,A (2631)-Amin,B (2636) Budapest HUN 2024]

10.Be2 h4 11.Nf1 e6 [11...b5 12.cxb5 a6 13.Nd2 axb5

14.Nxb5 Ba6 15.0-0 h3 16.g4 Bxb5 17.Bxb5 Qa5 18.a4 Rfb8 19.g5 Nh5 20.f4 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Qb4 22.Ra3 Qxb2 23.Rb3 Qa2 24.Qb1 Qxb1 25.Rfxb1 Ng4 26.Rxh3 Bd4+ 27.Kg2 Kg7 28.Rhb3 Ne5 29.Bxe5+ Bxe5 30.Bc6 Rxb3 31.Rxb3 Rh8 32.h3 Bf4 33.Nf3 c4 34.Rc3 Rb8 35.Bb5 e6 36.dxe6 fxe6 37.Rxc4 Rb7 38.Nd4 Kf7 39.h4 d5 40.exd5 exd5 41.Rc5 Be3 42.Rxd5 Rc7 43.Nc6 Bb6 44.a5 Be3 45.Rd7+ Rxd7 46.Ne5+ Ke6 47.Nxd7 Kf5 48.Nf6 Bd2 49.a6 Be3 50.Kf3 Ba7 51.Bd3+ Ke5 52.Bxg6 1-0 (52) Iniyan,P (2495)-Tabatabaei,M (2707) chess.com INT 2024]

12.Nd2

[12.Bg5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Be6 14.Bxh4 Bxd5 15.cxd5 Qb6 16.Qd2 c4 17.Bf2 Qb5 18.Ne3 Nh5 19.Nd1 Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Nc3 Qc4 22.Rd1 b5 23.Qxd3 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Nf4 25.Rd2 Nxg2+ 26.Kf1 Nf4 27.Be3 Be5 28.Nxb5 Rac8 29.Kf2 f5 30.exf5 Rxf5 31.Nxa7 Rcf8 32.Nc6 Nh3+ 33.Ke2 Rxf3 34.Nxe5 dxe5 35.d6 R3f7 36.d7 Rd8 37.Rhd1 Nf4+ 38.Ke1 Ne6 39.Bb6 Rb8 40.d8Q+ Nxd8 41.Rxd8+ Rxd8 42.Rxd8+ Kg7 43.a4 Rf4 44.a5 Rb4 45.a6 1-0 (45) Maghsoodloo,P (2721)-Jones,G (2626) chess.com INT 2022]

12...exd5 13.cxd5 a6 14.a4 Bd7 15.0-0 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Bxb5 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Qa6 20.Na3 Rb8 21.Qc2 Rb4 22.Rb1 h3 23.Qd1 hxg2 24.Kxg2 Qd3 25.Nc2 Rb8 26.b3 Nh5 27.Nc4 Qxd1 28.Rxd1 Rxb3 29.Nxd6 Rb2 30.Rd2 Bf8 31.f4 Nxf4+ 32.Bxf4 Bxd6 33.Na3 Rxd2+ 34.Bxd2 f5 35.exf5 gxf5 36.Bc3 Nf7 37.Nc4 Kh7 38.h3 Kg6 39.Bd2 Kf6 40.Kf3 Ne5+ 41.Nxe5 Kxe5 42.h4 Kxd5 43.h5 Be5 44.h6 c4 45.h7 c3 46.Bf4 Bg7 47.Ke2 Ke4 48.Bh6 Bh8 49.Bg5 f4 50.Bh4 Bd4 51.Bf2 f3+ 52.Kd1 Be5 53.Kc2 Bf6 54.Be1 Ke3 55.Bxc3 Bxc3 56.Kxc3 f2 57.h8Q f1Q 58.Qe5+ Kf2 59.Qf6+ Kg1 60.Qxf1+ Kxf1 ½-½ (60) So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) chess.com INT 2023

6...Na6 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 Re8 9.h4

[9.g4 Nb4 10.h4 h5 11.gxh5 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxh5 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Kb1 Qa5 15.Rg1 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc5 18.Qxc5 dxc5 19.Rd5 Kf8 20.Rxc5 b6 21.Rd5 Bb7 22.Rd7 Bc6 23.Rd2 e6 24.a4 Rad8 25.Kc2 Rxd2+ 26.Kxd2 a5 27.Rg5 Nf6 28.c5 Nh7 29.Rg1 bxc5 30.Bb5 Rc8 31.Bxc6 Rxc6 32.Nb5 Nf6 33.Na3 Nd7 34.Nc4 Ra6 35.b3 Nb6 36.Ne5 Ra7 37.Kd3 Rc7 38.Kc3 Ke7 39.Rh1 Rc8 40.Rd1 Rc7 41.Ra1 Kd6 42.f4 f5 43.Kd3 Rb7 44.exf5 gxf5 45.Rh1 Rh7 46.Ke3 Nd5+ 47.Kf3 Nf6 48.Nc4+ Kc7 49.Nxa5 Rh8 50.Nc4 Rb8 51.Nd2 Rd8 52.Ke2 Nh5 53.Ke3 e5 54.fxe5 f4+ 55.Kf3 Rxd2 56.Kg4 Ng3 57.Rh3 Rd3 58.Kxf4 Ne2+ 59.Kg4 Rd4+ 60.Kf5 Rf4+ 61.Kg5 Re4 62.h5 Rxe5+ 63.Kf6 Kd6 64.h6 Re6+ 65.Kg5 Re5+ 66.Kg4 Re4+ 67.Kf3 Re8 68.Kg4 Nd4 69.h7 Rh8 70.Kg5 Ne6+ 71.Kf5 Nf8 72.Rh6+ Kd5 73.Rh5 Kd4 74.Kf6 ½-½ (74) Scorpionn (3514)-Lczero Dev (3586) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

[9.Rd1 Qa5 10.g4 Nb4 11.g5 cxd4 12.Bxd4 Nh5 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nd5 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Rb8 17.f4 Kh8 18.b4 Rf8 19.Kc3 Bg4 20.Rd3 Rbc8 21.Rg1 Bd7 22.Bh3 Be6 23.Re3 Nh5 24.Kb3 Ng7

25.Rd1 Rfd8 26.Nec3 Rb8 27.Nb5 Re8 28.Bf1 Red8 29.h4 a6 30.Nbc3 Bg4 31.Be2 Bc8 32.Kb2 e5 33.Red3 Be6 34.R3d2 Nd4 35.fxe5 dxe5 36.c5 Nxe2 37.Nxe2 a5 38.Nec3 Bg4 39.Rf1 axb4 40.axb4 Be6 41.Rff2 h6 42.Nc7 hxg5 43.hxg5 Rxd2+ 44.Rxd2 Rf8 45.N3d5 Rc8 46.Nf6 Bc4 47.Kc3 Bf1 48.Rf2 Nh5 49.Rxf1 Rxc7 50.Kc4 Ng3 51.Rd1 Rc8 52.Kb5 Rb8 53.Kb6 Kg7 54.Ka7 Rh8 55.Kxb7 Nf5 56.exf5 gxf5 57.c6 Kg6 58.c7 Kxg5 59.Nd5 f4 60.c8Q Rxc8 61.Kxc8 e4 62.Nxf4 Kxf4 1-0 (62) Stoofvlees Ii A16 (3513)-Rofchade (3423) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

[9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 Be6 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nd4 a6 13.g4 b5 14.Nd5 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.h4 h6 18.Be2 Rec8 19.Rc1 b4 20.h5 g5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.axb3 Be5 24.Rc2 e6 25.Rc7 exd5 26.exd5 f5 27.Bf2 Kf8 28.Kc2 Kg8 29.Kd3 a5 30.Kc2 Kf8 31.Bb6 Bf6 32.Bg1 Be5 33.Bf2 Kg8 34.Bb6 Kf8 35.Bf2 Kg8 36.Be3 Bg7 37.Kb1 Bh8 38.Bg1 Be5 39.Kc2 Kf8 40.Kb1 Kg8 41.Be3 Bf6 42.Bf2 Be5 43.Bg1 Kf8 44.Be3 Kg8 45.Bf2 Kf8 46.Be3 Kg8 47.Bb6 Rb8 48.Bf2 Ra8 49.Bg1 Kf8 50.Ka2 Kg8 51.Bb6 Bf6 52.Kb1 Kf8 53.Bf2 Be5 54.Ka2 Kg8 55.Bb6 Bf6 56.Ra7 Rxa7 57.Bxa7 Bd8 58.Bb8 Kg7 59.Bxd6 Bb7 60.Bc4 Bc8 61.gxf5 Bxf5 62.Be5+ Kf8 63.d6 Bb6 64.Bb5 Kf7 65.Ba4 Be3 66.d7 Bb6 67.Bc6 Bd8 68.Bd5+ Kf8 69.Bd6+ Kg7 70.Be5+ Kf8 71.Bd6+ ½-½ (71) Rofchade (3423)-Stoofvlees Ii A16 (3513) tcec-chess.com INT 2020]

9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 h5 11.0-0-0 Nc5 12.Bh6 Ne6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nc2 Qa5 15.Be2 Qe5 16.Rdf1 Qf4 17.Ne3 Bd7 18.Bd3 Rac8 19.Kb1 Qe5 20.f4 Qa5 21.Ned5 Nd4 22.f5 Nxd5 23.cxd5 f6 24.Rh3 Nb5 25.Bxb5 Bxb5 26.Rg1 Qb6 27.Qd1 Rc4 28.g4 Rec8 29.Rgg3 Qd4 30.Rd3 Qf2 31.gxh5 gxf5 32.Rd2 Qb6 33.Rc2 Kh7 34.Qf1 Bd7 35.Rg3 fxe4 36.Qg2 Bf5 37.Rg7+ Kh6 38.Rg5 Kh7 39.Rxf5 Rg8 40.Qe2 Qd4 41.Rf4 b5 42.a3 Qe5 43.Rxe4 Rxe4 44.Qxe4+ Qxe4 45.Nxe4 b4 46.Rc7 Rg7 47.axb4 a6 48.Nc5 Kh6 49.Nxa6 Rg1+ 50.Ka2 Rg8 51.b5 Rg4 52.Kb3 Rg3+ 53.Ka4 Rg4+ 54.b4 f5 55.b6 Rg8 56.b7 Kxh5 57.Rc8 Rg2 58.b8Q Ra2+ 59.Kb5 Rg2 60.Rc4 Rg4 61.Qh8+ Kg6 62.Rc8 f4 63.Qg8+ Kf6 64.Qe6+ Kg7 65.Rg8+ Kh7 66.Qxg4 Kh6 67.Qg6# 1-0 (67) Lczero Dev (3586)-Scorpionn (3514) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

6...c6 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 a6 9.c5 dxc5 10.dxc5 Qa5 11.a3 Ne5 12.Nd4 Rd8 13.b4 Qc7 14.Rd1 Nh5 15.Qc2 a5 16.b5 cxb5 17.Ncxb5 Qb8 18.Be2 Bd7 19.0-0 Nc6 20.f4 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 e5 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxh5 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 gxh5 25.Qf2 Be5 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Nf3 Bc6 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.Nxe5 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qxe4 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ 1-0 (32) Tang,A (2502)-Nihal,S (2669) chess.com INT 2024

[137] **7...b5** 8.Ng3

[8.cxb5 axb5 9.Nxb5 c6 10.Nbc3 Nbd7 11.Nf4 *(11.Ng3 e5 12.Be2 d5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0 Re8 15.Qd2 h5 16.h4 Nh7 17.Bf2 d4 18.Rfd1 c5 19.Nd5 Be6 20.b4 Bxd5 21.exd5 cxb4 22.Bb5 Re7 23.Qxb4 Rb7*

24.a4 Qxd5 25.Rac1 Nf8 26.Rxd4 Qe6 27.Re4 Qd5 28.Qc5 Rd8 29.Qxd5 Rxd5 30.Rce1 Ne6 31.f4 Nd3 32.Bc6 Rdd7 33.Bxd7 Rxd7 34.Rd1 Rd6 35.f5 1-0 (35) Grigoriants,S (2572)-Melkumyan,H (2645) chess.com INT 2023*; 11.Nc1 e5 12.Be2 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Nb3 Re8 16.0-0 Qb6 17.Re1 Ra4 18.Bf2 exd4 19.Bf1 Rxe1 20.Qxe1 Nf8 21.Qc1 Bf5 22.Nc5 Ra8 23.g4 Bc8 24.a4 Nd7 25.Nd3 Ba6 26.a5 Qd8 27.b4 Rc8 28.Qd1 Qe7 29.Rb1 Bb5 30.Ne1 Rb8 31.Bxb5 Rxb5 32.Nc2 Ne5 33.Nxd4 Rxb4 34.a6 Bf8 35.Rxb4 Qxb4 36.a7 Qb7 37.Qa1 Qa8 38.Nb5 Nxf3+ 39.Kh1 Bd6 40.Nxd6 d4 41.Qa6* 1-0 (41) Maghsoodloo,P (2721)-Mihok,O (2545) Mayrhofen AUT 2022*)* 11...e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Be2 Re8 14.0-0 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Qe2 Qa8 17.b3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nfxd5 cxd5 20.Nb5 Rc6 21.Rad1 Qc8 22.Rd2 Rce6 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.bxc4 Rxe3 25.Nd6 Qc5 26.Rxd5 Qa7 27.Nxe8 Re1+ 28.c5 Rxd1 29.Rfxd1 Bh6 30.Kh1 Qe7 31.c6 Bf4 32.g3 Qe2 33.gxf4 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Kg2 Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Qe3+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg3 Qe3+ 39.Kg4 Qe2+ 40.Kg5 Qh5+ 41.Kf6 Qh4+ 42.Ke5 Qe7+ 43.Kd4 Qxe8 44.Rc1 Qe2 45.Rc4 Qd2+ 46.Kc5 Qa5+ 47.Kd4 Qd2+ 48.Ke5 Qe3+ 49.Kd6 Qe6+ 50.Kc5 Qe7+ 51.Kb5 Qc7 52.Rd7 Qb8+ 53.Rb7 Qc8 54.Kb6 Kg7 55.c7 Qe6+ 56.Rc6 Qe3+ 57.Rc5 Qe6+ 58.Ka7 Qxa2+ 59.Kb8 Qf2 60.c8Q Qxf4+ 61.Rcc7 Kh6 62.Qf8+ Kh5 63.Qxf7 Qe4 64.Qxh7+ Kg5 65.h4+ Kf6 66.Qf7+ Ke5 67.Re7+ Kd4 68.Rxe4+ Kd3 69.Qxg6 Kd2 70.h5 Kd1 71.h6 Kd2 ½-½ (71) Dreev,A (2623)-Swiercz,D (2656) chess.com INT 2022]

8...bxc4 9.Bxc4 a5 10.0-0 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Na4 Nd7 13.Rc1 c5 14.Ne2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Ndc5 16.Nc3 Qd7 17.Nd5 Qb7 18.Nc6 Rfe8 19.Nxa5 Qxb2 20.Rf2 Qb5 21.Nc4 Rab8 22.Rd2 Na4 23.h3 Nc3 24.Nxc3 Qxc4 25.Nd5 Qb5 26.a4 Qb3 27.Rc6 Qxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Nb4 29.Nxb4 Rxb4 30.a5 Ra4 31.a6 Ra8 32.Rdc1 f5 33.Rc8+ Rxc8 34.Rxc8+ Kf7 35.a7 f4 36.Bb6 1-0 (36) Maghsoodloo,P (2721)-Guseinov,G (2661) Shusha AZE 2022

7...c5 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Bxc5 Nc6 11.Ba3 Be6 12.Nd5 b5 13.Nxe7+ Nxe7 14.Bxe7 Rd7 15.Bb4 a5 16.Bc3 b4 17.Be5 Bxc4 18.Nf4 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Re8 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Bxb2 23.Kc2 Be5 24.Nd5 Rc8+ 25.Kb3 Rc5 26.h3 f5 27.Rf2 fxe4 28.fxe4 Kg7 29.Ka4 h5 30.Nb6 Bc7 31.Nd5 Be5 32.Nb6 Bc7 33.Nd7 Rc3 34.e5 Re3 35.Rc2 Bxe5 36.Kxa5 Bd6 37.Rb2 g5 38.Kb5 g4 39.hxg4 hxg4 40.Nb6 Rd3 41.Kc6 g3 42.Nd5 Be5 43.Re2 Bc3 44.Kc5 Rd1 45.Nxb4 Be1 46.Kc4 Bf2 47.Nd3 Rg1 48.Nf4 Kf6 49.Re8 Kf5 50.Rf8+ Ke4 51.a4 Rc1+ 52.Kb5 Rb1+ 53.Ka6 Rb6+ 54.Ka5 Rb2 55.Nh5 Ke5 56.Rf3 Be1+ 57.Ka6 Kd4 58.Nf4 Ra2 59.Kb5 Rb2+ 60.Kc6 Ra2 61.Ne6+ Ke4 62.Nc5+ Kd4 63.Rd3+ Kc4 64.Re3 Bf2 65.Re4+ Kc3 66.Ne6 Bg1 67.Nf4 Bf2 68.Kd5 Rd2+ 69.Ke6 Ra2 70.Kf5 Ra1 71.Kg4 Kd2 72.Nh5 Kd3 73.Rb4 Bc5 74.Rf4 Bd4 75.Nxg3 Be5 76.Rb4 Bd6 77.Rb3+ Kc4 78.Re3 Bc5 79.Re4+ Kd5 80.Rf4 Bd6 81.Rf5+ Ke6

82.Ra5 Bb4 83.Ra6+ Kd5 84.Nh5 Bc5 85.Nf4+ Kc4 86.g3 Bb4 87.Nh5 Rd1 88.Nf4 Rd4 89.Kf5 Rd8 90.g4 Rf8+ 91.Ke4 Re8+ 0-1 (91) Santos Latasa,J (2612)-Bortnyk,O (2608) chess.com INT 2024

7...c6 8.c5

[8.a4 a5 9.Qd2 e5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.d5 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nh5 13.g4 Nf4 14.Nexf4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5 16.Be2 Be6 17.0-0 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Qb6+ 19.Be3 Qb3 20.Ra1 Rfc8 21.Ra3 Qb4 22.Qxb4 axb4 23.Rb3 Rxa4 24.Bb5 Ra2 25.Rxb4 h5 26.gxh5 gxh5 27.Kg2 Ng6 28.Rf2 Ra1 29.Bd7 Rc7 30.Bf5 Ne5 31.Rb3 Re1 32.Bf4 Bf6 33.Rf1 Rc2+ 34.Rf2 Rc7 35.Bd2 Rd1 36.Be3 Bh4 37.Re2 Nd3 38.Kh3 Bf6 39.Rg2+ Kf8 40.Bh6+ Ke7 41.f4 Bd4 42.e5 dxe5 43.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 44.Bxd3 1-0 (44) Melkumyan,H (2663)-Firouzja, A (2728) chess.com INT 2020]

8...Nbd7 9.cxd6 exd6 10.Nf4 b5 11.Be2 b4 12.Na4 c5 13.0-0 Qa5 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Rxc5 Qxa2 18.Bc4 Qxb2 19.Nd3 Qa3 20.Bc1 Qc3 21.Bb2 Nxe4 22.fxe4 Qxb2 23.Nxb2 Bxb2 24.Rc7 Bxe4 25.Bxf7+ Kh8 26.Qe2 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Bf5 28.g4 Bc8 29.Bxg6 Bxg4 30.Rxh7+ Kg8 31.Qc4+ 1-0 (31) Tang, A (2523)-Andreikin,D (2729) chess. com INT 2023

[138] **9.cxb5** axb5 10.Nxb5 c6 11.Nbc3 e5 12.Ng3

[12.Rc1 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.b3 Re8 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Kf2 d4 18.Bxd4 Rxa2 19.Rc2 Ng4+ 20.Ke1 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Bxd4 22.fxg4 Qa5+ 23.Kd1 Bxg4 24.Qc6 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Be3+ 26.Kd3 Bf5+ 27.Kc4 Rc8 28.Qxc8+ Bxc8 29.b4 Be6+ 30.Kb5 Qe5+ 31.Ka4 Bc4 32.Nd4 Qxd4 33.Bxc4 Qxc4 34.Re1 Bd2 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.Rb8 h5 37.h3 h4 38.Rb6 Bxb4 39.Rxb4 Qa2+ 40.Kb5 Qxg2 41.Rb3 Qd5+ 42.Kb4 Qxb3+ 43.Kxb3 Kf6 44.Kc3 Kf5 45.Kd4 Kf4 46.Kd5 f5 47.Ke6 g5 48.Kf6 g4 49.hxg4 fxg4 0-1 (49) Duda,J (2729)-Chigaev,M (2632) chess.com INT 2023]

[12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nf4 g5 14.Nd3 Nc4 15.Qf2 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Qa5 17.Be2 Ba6 18.0-0 Rab8 19.Rab1 Nd7 20.Rfc1 Bxd3 21.Bxd3 Nc5 22.Kh1 Ne6 23.Bc4 Qe5 24.Qd2 Rfd8 25.b4 d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.Nxd5 Nf4 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.Nf6+ Qxf6 30.Qxd7 h5 31.Rd6 Qc3 32.Qxf7+ Kh7 33.Bd3+ Nxd3 34.Qf5+ Kh8 35.Qxd3 Rxb4 36.Rd8+ Bf8 37.Qxc3+ 1-0 (37) So, W (2773)-Makarian,R (2533) chess. com INT 2022]

[12.Rd1 Re8 13.Ng3 d5 14.Be2 h5 15.0-0 h4 16.Nh1 dxe4 17.Nf2 exd4 18.Bxd4 exf3 19.Bxf3 Ba6 20.Rfe1 Qc7 21.Qg5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Rb8 23.Qxh4 c5 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.b3 Bc8 26.Nfe4 Nxe4 27.Nd5 Qd6 28.Qxe4 Be6 29.Qf4 Qxf4 30.Nxf4 Bf5 31.Bd5 Kf8 32.Bc4 Rd8 33.Nd5 Be6 34.Nb6 Bf5 35.a4 Rd2 36.a5 Bd4+ 37.Kh1 Be4 38.Bf1 Bc6 39.a6 Ra2 40.Nc8 c4 41.bxc4 Rxa6 42.Ne7 Bd7 43.Nd5 Ra2 44.Nb4 Rd2 45.Nd5 Be6 46.Rb1 Kg7 47.h3 Bf5 48.Re1 Be6 49.Rb1 Bf5 50.Re1 Be6 ½-½ (50) Ding,L (2805)-Grischuk, A (2775) Stavanger NOR 2019]

12...d5 13.Be2 dxe4 14.Ngxe4 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.0-0 exd4 18.Bxd4 Rxb2 19.Qxb2 Bxd4+

20.Kh1 Qf6 21.Rac1 Nc5 22.Nxd5 Qe5 23.Ne7+ Kg7 24.Nc6 Bxb2 25.Nxe5 Bxc1 26.Rxc1 Nd7 27.Nc6 Re8 28.Bc4 Nb6 29.Bb3 Be6 30.Re1 Kf6 31.Bxe6 Rxe6 32.Rxe6+ Kxe6 33.Kg1 Kd5 34.Nd8 f6 35.Kf2 Na4 36.Ke3 Nc3 37.a3 Na4 38.h4 Nb2 39.Kf4 Nd3+ 40.Kg3 Nb2 41.h5 Kd6 42.hxg6 hxg6 43.Nb7+ Kc6 44.Na5+ Kd5 45.Nb3 Na4 46.Nd2 Ke5 47.Ne4 Nb6 48.Kf2 f5 49.Ng5 Kd4 50.Kg3 Ke5 51.Nh3 Na4 52.Nf4 Kf6 53.Kf2 Nb6 54.Ke2 g5 55.Nh3 g4 56.fxg4 fxg4 57.Nf2 Kf5 58.g3 Na4 59.Ke3 Nc3 60.Kd3 Na4 61.Kd4 Nb6 62.Nd1 Na4 63.Nc3 Nb6 64.a4 Ke6 65.a5 Na8 66.Nb5 Kd7 67.Kd5 Kc8 68.Kc6 Kb8 69.a6 Kc8 70.a7 Kd8 71.Kb7 Kd7 72.Kxa8 Kc8 73.Nd4 1-0 (73) Le,Q (2731)-Shankland,S (2683) Biel SUI 2024

9.Bh6 Nb6

[9...e5 10.0-0-0 Re8 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h4 h5 13.Nd5 c6 14.Ne3 Qe7 15.g4 Nb6 16.Ng3 hxg4 17.h5 exd4 18.Nxg4 Bxg4 19.hxg6 Rh8 20.fxg4 fxg6 21.Rxh8 Rxh8 22.g5 Nfd7 23.Qxd4+ Qe5 24.Qxd6 bxc4 25.Kb1 Rh2 26.Ne2 Qxe4+ 27.Ka1 Rxe2 28.Bxe2 Qxe2 29.Rh1 Qe5 30.Qxc6 Qxg5 31.a4 Qf6 32.Qc7 Qf7 33.a5 Nd5 34.Qxc4 N7f6 35.Qd4 Qc7 36.Qd2 Qf4 37.Qc2 Qf5 38.Qd2 Ne7 0-1 (38) Gupta,A (2628)-Jones,G (2671) chess.com INT 2022]

10.Ng3 b4 11.Nd1 c5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Ne3 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Nbd7 15.h4 Qb6 16.Qd2 Ne5 17.h5 Be6 18.Be2 Rh8 19.h6+ Kf8 20.f4 Nc6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Nd4 23.Rc1 b3 24.a3 Nc2+ 25.Rxc2 bxc2 26.Qxc2 Qe3 27.Rh3 Qxf4 28.b4 Qe5 29.Kf2 g5 30.Qd3 Rc8 31.Nf5 Nxe4+ 0-1 (31) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Mamedov,R (2646) chess.com INT 2023

9.Nc1 c6 10.Nb3 bxc4 11.Bxc4 d5 12.exd5 Nb6 13.Be2 Nfxd5 14.Bh6 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qd6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4 Be6 18.Nc5 Nd7 19.Nxe6+ Qxe6 20.0-0 Qd6 21.Bf3 Rab8 22.f5 Rb5 23.Be2 Rb6 24.Rae1 Nf6 25.Bc4 c5 26.Qe3 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rb7 28.Qe5 Qb6 29.Kh1 Rd7 30.Rd1 Rfd8 31.Bb3 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Qxd4 33.Qxe7 Rd7 34.Qe1 g5 35.h3 h6 36.Rf3 Rc7 37.Re3 Qf4 38.Rf3 Rc1 39.Bd1 Qd4 40.Rf1 Ne4 41.Kh2 Qd6+ 42.g3 Nf6 43.Qe2 Rc3 44.Qg2 Rd3 45.Bf3 a5 46.Rf2 a4 47.Qf1 a3 48.Kg2 Qd4 49.Qc1 Rc3 50.Qd2 Qc4 51.Qd6 h5 52.Qe5 g4 53.hxg4 hxg4 54.Bd1 Qd3 55.Bxg4 1-0 (55) Maghsoodloo,P (2730)-Makarian,R (2547) chess.com INT 2023

[139] **11.d5** Nb6 12.Bxb6 cxb6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Nb5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bf5+ 17.Ka1 Ra4 18.Nc1 Qd7 19.Bc4 Rc8 20.Qe2 e4 21.Bb3 exf3 22.gxf3 Ra5 23.Bc4 Bc2 24.Rd2 Ba4 25.Nd4 Rac5 26.Nc6 Bxc6 27.Nb3 Rxc4 28.Qxc4 Bb5 29.Qe4 Bc4 30.Rc2 b5 31.Nc1 Re8 32.Qf4 Qa7 33.Rxc4 bxc4 34.Qxc4 b3 35.Rd1 bxa2 36.Qxa2 Qf2 37.Qb3 Re3 0-1 Praggnanandhaa,R-Rapport,R/2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025